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Highland South parade is Tuesday

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

Even kids deserve their own parade.

The Highland South Fourth of July Parade, a local tradition for more than three decades, will allow local children to show they have as much red, white and blue spirit as any ol' grownup.

At least 50 entries are expected for this year's parade, which will begin at 10 a.m. Tuesday at



STALLINGS

the corner of Highland and Robb streets in the Highland South Addition.

Just about anyone can enter, said Linda Kaye Stallings, one of the event organizers.

"It's open to the whole community," Stallings said. "Not just those who live in Highland South ... Last year, we had about 50 entries and every

year, we seem to get a little more, so I think it'll be in that range."

Entrants are encouraged to be at the parade starting point at about 9:30 a.m.

Decorating categories for the parade include: Bicycles; golf carts, wagons, horses, scooters, roller blades, strollers, dogs and other pets, walkers, children's battery-operated vehicles, motorized vehicles, mail boxes and houses.

Four wheelers are allowed

only if an adult 18 years or older is driving, Stallings noted.

Judging will be held about 10 minutes before the parade's start.

The parade will wind down Highland Drive, from Robb to Goliad. Afterward, there will be refreshments and entertainment, and winners will be announced.

Stallings said the parade, which has been a local mainstay since the early 1970s, is a

fun and family-friendly way to celebrate the Fourth of July.

"I think, for most of the people ... it's a family tradition," she said. "Their kids were in it, and now their grandchildren are in it. It's just a lot of fun for everybody."

For more information, contact Stallings at 267-8427 or Shayla Seymore at 213-1056.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331, ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com.

Better safe than sorry

Fireworks safety is paramount

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

As millions of Americans prepare for the July Fourth holiday, fireworks are sure to play some sort of role in the annual Independence Day celebration.

And while they can offer a myriad of sights and sounds, from the largest productions put on by professional companies to the average backyard family gatherings, fireworks can be the best — and worst — part of the holiday, according to Big Spring Fire Marshall Carl Condray.

"When things go wrong with fireworks, they typically go very wrong, very fast," said Condray. "Far faster than any fire protection can reliably respond. Fireworks are a classic attractive nuisance for children. If children are present to watch, they will be tempted to touch. Children can't move as fast as adults and can be badly hurt if they are too close to the fireworks, as they inevitably are at home firework displays."

Condray said people wanting to have fun with fireworks this holiday should observe some simple rules to help keep themselves and their neighbors safe. The most obvious concern, according to Condray, is where you decide to "pop" your fireworks.

"It is against the law to dis-



Nicole Baum (left) makes sure safety is in mind when selling fireworks at Mr.W's firework stand on S. Highway 87.

charge fireworks in the city limits," Condray reminds the public. "If you're going to light fireworks you need to find a place in the county that you have access to and have permission to be there, especially if it is on private property."

Fireworks thrill-seekers planning to celebrate the holiday

with their collection of Roman candles, sparklers and other assorted explosive displays should also remember to keep a few simple tools around while lighting up the West Texas sky.

"Make sure to have lots of water or a shovel where you can put out a fire," he said. "Discharge the fireworks on a

hard surface like a parking lot, something paved, concrete or on a dirt road. Light them on the ground and then quickly move away and don't let children light them."

Condray said firework enthusiasts should scout out a path

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Pops Committee to honor past chairs

By **JOHN A. MOSELEY**
 Managing Editor

When the 10th annual "Pops in the Park" concert and fireworks display gets under way Tuesday night at the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater, months of hard work by dozens of people with come to fruition.

The celebration's 10th anniversary will also mark what members of the Fourth of July Foundation organizing committee

consider somewhat of a rite of passage. As a result, the committee has decided that in addition to honoring our community's military personnel currently serving in the armed forces and those that have served in the past, Tuesday night's show will also recognize a handful of people that played a pivotal role in making the celebration a mainstay in Big Spring's annual Independence Day observance.

The committee will be honoring it's past chairpersons and one coordinator — people that Jan Hansen, now in her second year as co-chair of the committee,

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777 FUN RUN/WALK SET

Stanton High School Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) is sponsoring a "777s" 7K run/walk July 7 at 7:07 p.m.

Entry fee is \$17 with pre-registration. The fee on the day of the event will be \$20.

Activities will be held at 109 E. First in Stanton, behind the Martin County Hospital.

Awards will be given for first through third places. There will be special awards for 7th, 17th, 27th place, etc.

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

GREAT RACE COMING

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

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

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

Tickets must be purchased by Tuesday, July 3.

CHAINING THEMSELVES?

REDMOND, Wash. (AP) — Seven dog lovers who oppose the chaining of pets spent part of the weekend tethered to dog houses and poles as their canine friends frolicked in an off-leash area of a park.

"We do it for the animals because they can't speak for themselves and we want people to know that it is actually a form of cruelty," said Susan Hartland, who handed out fliers to passing dog owners Saturday while roped to a lawn stake.

Hartland was in Marymoor Park as a representative for Dogs Deserve Better, the Pennsylvania-based group that organizes an annual event called "Unchain the 50." It was the fifth year for the protest.



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IN BRIEF

Lady Steers Booster Club meet Monday

The Lady Steers Booster Club will hold a meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday 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 starting Monday and lasting through July 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 begins 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.

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Loe shines again, beats Red Sox 2-1

By JIMMY GOLEN

AP Sports Writer

BOSTON — Kameron Loe and the Texas Rangers are midway through the season, and they actually have something to look forward to.

Loe won his fourth consecutive start following a miserable first two months, and Rangers All-Star Michael Young had a pair of hits on Sunday to lead the Texas Rangers over the Boston Red Sox 2-1.

"It's very big to finish the first half on a positive note," said Loe, who won just one of his first 15 starts but hasn't lost since a brief trip to the minors. "We struggled a lot and it was frustrating. Now that we're putting wins together, it's very big going into the All-Star break."

Loe (5-6) had a 7.40 ERA when he was sent to Triple-A on June 7, but he didn't even pitch there. When he returned to the Rangers on June 14, he tinkered with his arm angle and has posted a 1.95

ERA since.

He allowed one run, six hits and two walks in six innings to give the Rangers their eighth win in 11 games.

"If our starting pitching continues to perform like it has, there's light at the end of the tunnel," manager Ron Washington said.

Eric Gagne entered with two outs in the eighth when Akinori Otsuka left with stiffness in his right forearm after covering first base on Jason Varitek's grounder. Although Gagne had

the right to as many warmup pitches on the field mound as he needed, he continued to throw in the bullpen while the umpires waved futilely for him to come onto the diamond.

"I'm used to a routine coming out of the bullpen," Gagne said. "There's 40,000-50,000 people yelling at you, so the adrenaline kicks in quicker. You think you're ready, but your body's not where it should be. So today I

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All-Star teams finding a way to survive



HERALD photo/Layne Mims
Big Spring's Devin Roberson throws a pitch for the 11-year-old All-Star team in their 13-5 victory over Odessa Sherwood's All-Stars. The 11-year-olds will face Andrews at 8 p.m. today at Sherwood Park in Odessa.

Herald Staff Report

MIDLAND — Two of the five teams representing the Big Spring Little League Association faced possible elimination in the All-Star tournaments that were filling ball parks in Midland and Odessa Sunday.

Unfortunately, only one survived.

Big Spring's Junior All-Stars were eliminated by Midland North's All-Stars 13-10. It was their second loss of the tournament after they dropped their first game 13-7 to Odessa Westside.

The loss also ruined any chance of a matchup between the two Junior All-Star teams representing the Big Spring Association.

Forsan's Junior All-Stars avoided elimination by routing Midland South's All-Stars 13-2 at Christensen Stadium in Midland. They'll play Midland North at 6 p.m. today at Christensen Stadium.

The team was handed their first loss in the double-elimination tournament Saturday, falling to Odessa Eastside's All-Stars 13-4.

The loss made the game against Midland South the biggest of their season thus far.

Forsan responded to the pressure, going up on Midland South 2-0 in the first inning. Zane Herrin was the first to cross the plate, courtesy of a passed ball by South's catcher.

Foster Burchett would score after Jake Rhoton hit a single, giving Forsan a 2-0 lead.

South would respond with their only two runs of the game in the top of the second inning.

However, Forsan would take the lead for good, putting four

runs on the board in the bottom of the third.

The junior team would score seven more runs over the next two innings for a 13-2 lead, ending the game on the mercy rule after the fifth inning.

Big Spring's 11-year-old All-Stars advanced past Odessa Sherwood's All-Stars with a 13-5 victory.

They'll face Andrews at 8 p.m. today at Sherwood Park in Odessa.

Sherwood got on the scoreboard first, scoring four runs in the top of the third inning.

Big Spring responded in the bottom of the third, doubling up Sherwood's run total with an 8-run inning.

Trevor Burchett knocked in the first run, hitting a single that scored Matthew Mims.

Devin Roberson would then draw a walk that loaded the bases.

Brandon Warner took advantage of the juiced bases, hitting a triple that brought in Austin Claburn, Burchett and Roberson.

Tobyn Tannehill kept the rally going with a single, that was followed by a 3-run home run by Blaise Coffman.

Big Spring scored five more runs over the next two innings, giving them the 13-5 victory.

In other little league action this weekend, Big Spring's 9-10-year-old All Stars defeated North Central, 9-2, to avoid elimination. They will face Jim Parker's All-Stars at 8 p.m. today at Beal Park in Midland.

The 12-year-old All-Stars will play their second tournament game at 8 p.m. today against Northern at Floyd Gwin Park in Odessa.

Bonds elected as an All-Star starter

By RONALD BLUM

AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK — They go together this year: the All-Star game and Barry Bonds.

As much a fixture in San Francisco as cable cars and the Golden Gate Bridge, Bonds will be in his usual left-field spot when All-Stars take over his dazzling home ballpark by the bay on July 10.

The Giants star overcame a 119,000-vote deficit in the final days of balloting and finished 123,000 ahead of the Chicago Cubs' Alfonso Soriano on Sunday to claim the third and final starting outfield spot for the National League.

"I'm at a loss for words right now," Bonds said. "It just means more 'cause I'm at home. This is my town. This is my house. You can't say enough about being at home. It's great."

At 42, Bonds will be the oldest player to start an All-Star game. He tops Roger Clemens, who was 41 years, 11 months at the 2004 game in Houston, his hometown.

"This is the one I'll remember all time. This is the one I'll remember

forever," Bonds said.

Bonds, heading to his 14th All-Star game and 12th as a starter, was the lone Giants player chosen for the game — his first trip since 2004. Five home runs from tying Hank Aaron's record of 755, Bonds is beloved in San Francisco but booed in most other cities following years of suspicion that he used performance-enhancing drugs.

"One guy will be a lot bigger than everybody else. It's his hometown," said Cincinnati's Ken Griffey Jr., the top NL vote-getter. "He gets to have all the fun stuff and the press conferences. I just get to play."

With the game in his home park, Bonds figures to be the focus all week. He could be one of the sluggers picked to participate in Monday night's Home Run Derby.

"I don't think so. I don't have anything to prove in that," Bonds said.

Soriano wasn't bothered that fans voted Bonds to start over him. Soriano still made it as a backup.

"Going to the All-Star game means a lot to me, especially my first time with the Cubs," he said.

The Boston Red Sox and AL champion Detroit

Tigers led all teams with five players selected. Boston is sending first baseman David Ortiz, third baseman Mike Lowell, outfielder Manny Ramirez and pitchers Josh Beckett and Jonathan Papelbon.

Detroit had three players (second baseman Placido Polanco, outfielder Magglio Ordonez and catcher Ivan Rodriguez) elected to start for the first time since 1983. Pudge, a 14-time All-Star, was voted in for the 12th time. Polanco is a first-time All-Star.

Detroit's Justin Verlander, who pitched a no-hitter this season, was picked for the AL staff, and shortstop Carlos Guillen is a reserve.

The Red Sox or Tigers could gain a sixth, with Boston reliever Hideki Okajima and Detroit starter Jeremy Bonderman among five players on the Internet ballot for the final AL spot.

The New York Mets (center fielder Carlos Beltran, shortstop Jose Reyes, closer Billy Wagner and third baseman David Wright) tied the Milwaukee Brewers



MCT photo/Jose Carlos Fajardo
San Francisco Giants slugger Barry Bonds connects on career home run number 750 in the eighth inning Friday against the Arizona Diamondbacks at AT&T Park in San Francisco. Bonds was elected as an All-Star game starter Sunday, marking his first All-Star appearance since 2004.

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Obituaries

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Cordelia "Cordy" Munoz



Cordelia "Cordy" Munoz, 64, of Big Spring died Friday, June 29, 2007, at Odessa Regional Medical Center in Odessa. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with the Rev. Richard Regan and the Rev. Leslie Tomlinson officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born on Aug. 31, 1942, in Amarillo to Adele and Benny Howard. She grew up at Borger and graduated from Borger High School in 1960. She lived in Arlington a number of years, having worked for Lockheed and the University of Texas at Arlington, retiring in August of 2006 and moving to Big Spring at that time. She married Johnny Munoz on Dec. 20, 1993, in Arlington. She was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church.

She is survived by her husband, Johnny Munoz of Big Spring; four sons, Gary Hollis of Fritch, Steve Robles and his wife, Nancy, and Rick Alcantar and his wife, Jennifer, all of Big Spring, and Jonathan Alcantar of Arlington; two daughters, Ginger Hollis of Amarillo and Kristie Hernandez and her husband, Michael, of Big Spring; nine grandchildren; T.J., Alyssa, Holly, Summer, Ryan, Patrick, Oscar, Juan and Mikayla; one brother, Richard H. Smith and his wife, Sherry, of Austin; her father, Benny D. Howard of Amarillo; one niece; one nephew; and one great niece.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Adele Jackson Moore.

Pallbearers will be Charlie Mendoza, Amador Gonzales, Ben Garcia Sr., Ben Garcia Jr., Sal Diaz, Jacob Rios, Manuel Ontiveros and Sammy Reyna. Honorary pallbearers will be all of the members of the Chicano Golf Association.

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

Paid obituary

Laurie Caballero

Funeral services for Laurie Caballero, 40, of Lubbock were set for 1 p.m. today, Monday, July 2, 2007, at the Stanton Memorial Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at Mount Olive Cemetery in Big Spring.

She was born on Aug. 17, 1966, in Big Spring, and she passed away June 28, 2007, in a Lubbock hospital.

Survivors include her mother, Maria Caballero of Lubbock; her father, Rogelio Caballero of Big Spring; her grandmother, Juanita Valle of Big Spring; one sister, Norma Livella of Austin; and one brother, Peter Caballero of Lubbock.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Stanton Memorial Funeral Home & Chapel.

George W. Glass

George W. Glass, 97, of Big Spring died Monday, July 2, 2007, in a local hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Fire/EMS

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

- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 5300 block of Opal. Service was refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 300 block of Aylesford. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1000 block of E. 16th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1700 block of Yale. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1100 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 200 block of Marcy. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 300 block of Alice. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 N. Highway 87. One person transported to the VAMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1100 block of S. Gregg. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1600 block of First Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported on Garrett Ranch Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2000 block of Virginia. One person was transported to SMMC.

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 9 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today:

- **ADALBERTO E. DELEON**, 45, of 312 NE Eighth Street, was arrested Saturday on six local warrants.
- **SHANE KNOWLTON**, 20, of 509 S. Goliad, was arrested Saturday on charges of burglary of a vehicle (five counts).
- **AMBER DAWN MACKIE**, 23, of 498 Sission, was arrested Saturday on charges of parole revocation and credit/debit card abuse.
- **FRANK JACKSON**, 48, transient, was arrested Saturday on a charge of criminal trespass of a habitation.
- **JUAN GARCIA**, 53, of 108 Lockhart, was arrested Saturday on a capias warrant.
- **JEFFREY CATE**, 25, of 4102 Dixon, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **TIMOTHY WHOLEBEN**, 20, of El Paso, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **JOHNNY LARA**, 42, of 1605 Lincoln, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **TRACY GONZALES**, 21, of 608 Lancaster, was arrested Saturday on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance and a local warrant.
- **ELI ALDRIDGE**, 43, of 823 W. Eighth Street, was arrested Saturday on a local citation.
- **TERRY SPEARS**, 40, of 608 Lancaster, was arrested Saturday on a charge of delivery of a controlled substance.
- **RAMON ALVEAR**, 29, transient, was arrested Sunday on charges of public intoxication and resisting arrest.
- **MISTY DAWN RIDDLE**, 28, of Midland, was arrested on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon - family violence.
- **EPIFANIO GUZMAN JR.**, 19, of 1002 N. Main, was arrested Sunday on a charge of theft.
- **WYATT WEBSTER**, 32, of 1305 Mt. Vernon, was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **MICHAEL MENDEZ**, 33, of 2403 Carlton, was arrested Sunday on two local warrants.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 600 block of Abrams.
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported in the 600 block of Abrams.
- **DRIVING WHILE LICENSE INVALID** was reported:
 - in the 1100 block of S. Gregg.
 - in the 3000 block of FM 700.
 - in the 100 block of Washington.
 - in the 1600 block of Fifth Street.
- **DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED** was reported in the 2600 block of Wasson.
- **EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION** was reported in the 1200 block of 11th Street.
- **DELIVERY OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE** was reported:
 - in the 200 block of Third Street.
 - in the 2000 block of Fourth Street.
 - in the 400 block of Fourth Street.
- **POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA** was reported:
 - in the 2000 block of Fourth Street.
 - in the 400 block of Fourth Street.
- **PROSTITUTION- ENHANCED** was reported in the 1900 block of Fourth Street.
- **AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 10000 block of Moss Lake.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 1400 block of 18th Street.
- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 800 block of Third Street.
- **RESISTING ARREST SEARCH OR TRANSPORTATION** was reported in the 1600 block of Third Street.
- **THEFT** was reported:
 - in the 2000 block of Gregg.
 - in the 1100 block of Lamesa.

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 60 inmates at the time of this report.
- **MICHAEL CHASE WALLACE**, 22, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD Friday on charges of credit card abuse, forgery, fraud, burglary of a habitation, theft of a firearm, bondsman off bond and fugitive from justice.
 - **ECTOR DELACRUZ GONZALES**, 42, was arrested by the HCSO Friday on a charge of no liability insurance, unapproved window coating and violation of promise to appear.
 - **STEVEN RAY MCKINNEY**, 25, was arrested by the HCSO Friday on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
 - **FIDEL MARTINEZ JR.**, 31, was arrested by the HCSO Friday on a motion to revoke probation for indecency with a child by sexual contact.
 - **JEREMY STEWART LITTLE**, 24, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD on a charge of theft.
 - **PAUL MORENO JR.**, 25, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD Friday on five counts of burglary of a vehicle.
 - **CHRISTOPHER ELVIS MARTIN**, 17, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD Friday on a charges of two counts of aggravated assault of a child and indecency with a child by sexual contact.
 - **THOMAS WILLIAM MURPHY**, 28, was arrested by the HCSO Saturday on charges of driving while intoxicated - three counts or more, driving while license invalid, failure to identify, no driver's license, failure to maintain financial responsibility, operating unregistered motor vehicle and operating a motorcycle without approved headgear.
 - **MELVIN WILLIAM BIDDLE**, 44, was arrested by the HCSO Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
 - **NATHANIEL JAMAL AUSBIE**, 24, was arrested by DPS Saturday on a charges of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, driving while license invalid, no driver's license and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
 - **TIMOTHY NEIL ACUFF**, 24, was arrested by the HCSO Saturday on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
 - **MICHAEL DAVID MENDEZ**, 33, was arrested by the HCSO Saturday on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
 - **JAMES DRIVER**, 47, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
 - **PAUL COOPER MARTINEZ**, 49, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD Saturday on a charge of prostitution.
 - **ALICE RIOS GUZMAN**, 34, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD Saturday on a charge of driving while license invalid - enhanced.
 - **ANDREA LEEANN HILARIO**, 20, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD Saturday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
 - **MONICA MONIC MARTINEZ**, 24, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD Saturday on a charge of driving while license suspended.
 - **AMBER DAVIS**, 27, was arrested by the DPS Sunday on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
 - **ENRIQUE B. CALDERON**, 30, was arrested by the HCSO Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
 - **JEFFREY DON CATE**, 25, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD Sunday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
 - **JOHNNY LARA**, 42, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD Sunday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
 - **TIMOTHY COLLIN WHOLEBEN**, 20, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD Sunday on a charge of driving while license invalid.

Weather

Today — Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s. Southeast winds around 10 mph. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

Tonight — Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s. Southeast winds around 10 mph. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

Tuesday — Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s. Light and variable winds becoming southeast around 10 mph in the afternoon.

Tuesday night — Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s. Southeast winds around 10 mph.

Independence Day — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s. East winds around 10 mph.

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

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 2-15-16-24-40-41
Number matching six of six: 0.

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Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 8-21-25-33-34.
Number matching five of five: 0.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night, in order: 1-1-6

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday afternoon, in order: 4-0-4

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ALL-STARS

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(closer Francisco Cordero, first baseman Prince Fielder, shortstop J.J. Hardy and pitcher Ben Sheets) for the most players picked in the NL. The Brewers hadn't had four All-Stars since 1983.

Fans elected the starters, except for the pitchers, and a record 18.5 million votes were cast before Thursday's deadline.

Alex Rodriguez, with 3.89 million votes, led fan voting for the first time.

A-Rod was picked for his 11th All-Star appearance, his 10th as a starter.

"It's hard to think about that right now," Rodriguez said Sunday after the Yankees lost for the ninth time in 11 games. "But it's a pretty neat experience. It never gets old."

Griffey jumped past Beltran in the final days and topped the NL with 2.99 million votes, the eighth time Griffey has led his league.

Griffey is going to his 13th All-Star game, all as a starter.

The rest of the AL starting lineup has the

Yankees' Derek Jeter at shortstop, A-Rod at third, and the Los Angeles Angels' Vladimir Guerrero and Seattle's Ichiro Suzuki in the outfield.

Fielder and Los Angeles Dodgers catcher Russell Martin were elected as first-time All-Stars in the NL. Philadelphia's Chase Utley topped voting at second base.

While fans picked the starters, player voting determined eight reserves and eight pitchers in each league.

St. Louis' Tony La Russa and Detroit's Jim Leyland, the All-Star

managers, each chose four position players and three pitchers.

Some of the more notable snubs included NL MVP Ryan Howard of the Phillies, Atlanta shortstop Edgar Renteria and New York Mets pitcher John Maine.

In the AL, Detroit's Curtis Granderson and Gary Sheffield missed out despite excellent numbers.

Several perennial All-Stars will be absent because of subpar performances this year, such as Yankees closer Mariano Rivera and Braves center fielder Andruw Jones.

Rodgers catches shark



Courtesy photo

Toby Rodgers, son of Misty and Jimmie Rodgers of Big Spring, shows off a san shark he caught June 24. Toby, 13, reeled in the three-and-a-half foot shark off of the Horace Caldwell Pier in Port Aransas.

RANGERS

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wasn't sure where I had to warm up."

It was his first appearance in the eighth inning — and his longest outing — this season.

He retired Alex Cora on a soft groundout to second, then pitched a hitless ninth for his 10th save. Gagne had not gone more than three outs since 2004.

"That's the first time he's had to do anything like that, come in a game like that. He's usually out at the start of an inning," said Washington, who added that he might have

to stay away from both Otsuka and Gagne on Monday. "I had no choice, really. Just trying to save the game right there."

Julian Tavarez (5-6) was charged with two runs — one earned — seven hits and three walks in 5 2-3 innings. The Red Sox lost for the fifth time in six games; they have totaled eight runs in their last four.

"You go in cycles where it seems like scoring runs is very difficult," Red Sox manager Terry Francona said. "You go through times when it seems like you're whacking it all over the ballpark. We'll straighten it up and we'll put a bunch up."

Young, Texas' lone representative for the All-Star game, will make his fourth appearance.

"It's very humbling, considering how many great players haven't had the opportunity to go," he said. "I didn't have the strongest start in the world, but I have rebounded and I feel decent about where my season is headed. I would love to go every year in my career."

Texas took the lead in the fourth when Sammy Sosa singled and came around on back-to-back errors by Cora at shortstop and right fielder J.D. Drew. Boston tied it in the fifth on Kevin

Youkilis' RBI single, then gave the lead back in the sixth.

Frank Catalanotto walked to lead off the inning and, one out later, scored on Brad Wilkerson's double to make it 2-1.

Notes: It was the third one-run game of the series. ... Red Sox SS Julio Lugo was not in the starting lineup for the third consecutive game, though he did enter the game in the ninth as a pinch runner. He was thrown out attempting to steal third base on Saturday night, ending a club record of 21 consecutive stolen bases. ... The Rangers went 14-12 in June after a 9-20 May.

BRIEFS

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

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's division.

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

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

Magers-Powell camp scheduled

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

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

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

The fee will be \$125 per player.

Players can register online and get additional

information on the camp 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 Cloudcroft, 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.

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.

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

No-tap benefit bowling tourney set

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Advertisement for Southwestern A-1 Pest Control, Inc. featuring the company logo, name, website, and contact information for Max F. Moore, President / Certified Applicator. Includes phone numbers 432.263-0441 and 432.267.8190, and email mm@swa1pc.com.

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Advertisement for Quick Cash Rebates. Promotes 'The Quick Way to Payday' with a 21-day cash advance service. Includes requirements for service and contact information: 612 S. Gregg, Big Spring, Texas, 432-263-4400.

Advertisement for B & M Fence Co. Lists services: Chainlink, Metal, Cedar, Dog Kennels, Ornamental Iron. Contact information: 263-1613, 1-800-525-1389, 1006 Lamesa Hwy., Big Spring.

Advertisement for the Community Guide & Chamber of Commerce Member Directory. Promotes a full color, glossy magazine distributed in the Big Spring Herald, online, and at the Chamber of Commerce. Includes a deadline of June 29, 2007, and contact information: 432-263-7331.

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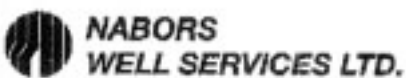
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BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

The Cancer sun and Aquarius moon perceptively point out that

intelligence isn't tied to your ability to be successful in life. Nope, to get where you're headed, you need emotional IQ. On the beach of life, listen to your belly, hold up that funky, shimmering shell to your ear and discover a new world. Find innovative patterns in the sand.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll brush yourself off and try again several times today -- proof that you're living to the limit, the way you always aspire to. Failure isn't falling down; it's staying down.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). What others need and what you need aren't matching up as neatly as you'd hoped. The answer is to stay back and observe. And in all dealings, be a little kinder than necessary.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The problem isn't working hard -- you're up for any challenge that involves effort and sweat. The problem is working hard at the things you told yourself you'd work on.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You make stellar decisions in the next 24 hours. If you're not sure

what to do, here's a hint: You help many other people by helping yourself. You'll be thanked or congratulated tonight.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Stop looking -- that special person is destined to find you. Put yourself in the way of good fortune by going to conventions, parties, fairs -- wherever the crowd is.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your mind is abuzz with wishful thinking. Be sure you're putting yourself in the present moment with your wish, enjoying it fully right now. Putting it too far away ensures that it stays out of reach.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your expertise is needed. Offer an opinion. You could rock someone's world with your tutelage. And by teaching others, you train yourself to be a true master.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Think you're alone? You're never alone. In fact, you're being evaluated. Attitude is everything. With a slight adjustment, your attitude is perfectly suited for the job you need to do.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). A small decision ripples out to great effect. Lifestyle changes allow you to renew a friendship and inject a love relationship with more excitement. Don't force the bonding process; it happens automatically.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You get a boost of publicity through word of mouth from your

encouraging friends. If you don't have encouraging friends, now is the time to make some. Start with a Leo person.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Many of the activities you face are mandatory. If you can't get out of a situation that has "deadly boring" written all over it, at least do something mischievous to perk everyone up.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It's unwise to rush forward to battle without a strategy. Talk to your Capricorn friend. An ingenious plan evolves. Also, when you respect the protocol of organizations, it respects you right back.

ASTROLOGY AND FOOD: The sun is in caring Cancer, and it's the right time to look at the way you nourish yourself. The palate is picky for a reason -- each sun sign needs to eat differently. Our life energy (the sun) thrives when we feed it the right activities and food! Aries: Your Aries sun appreciates spicy peppers of all kind: cayenne, jalapeno and chili. A diet that generates lots of heat on the tongue translates into fire in the belly, inspiring Aries to conquer the world with gusto! It's no coincidence that the root "gust" in "gusto" "gastric" and "gustatory" equates high energy and enthusiasm with food. An Aries without hot food is a sluggish Ram. Taurus: Taurus has the greenest

thumb of all -- a vegetable garden is a must, and they never forget to water! As the eco-friend of the zodiac, the Bull is an earth lover and preservationist, which means food that's gentle on the planet. Pesticide- and chemical-free fruits and veggies create a peaceable Bull. The Bull also loves comfort food, but learns to go light on the potato chips, mac 'n' cheese and other high-calorie serotonin-raising foods she loves. Come back for Gemini and Cancer.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: When Missy Elliot broke the mold in an industry that stereotyped female singers, she wasn't kidding. This unique lady was destined to reinvent the female image for all the ladies of R&B. A creative Saturn-Neptune opposition joined by feminine asteroids Vesta and Juno gives Elliot's artistic mission integrity and focus. Not only a singer, performer and lyricist, she is also a creative visionary.

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Annie's Mailbox ®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I am in my mid-20s and have a wonderful, loving boyfriend. "Jeremy" is my best friend, and I see us getting married in the future.

The problem? We've been together for a year, and Jeremy still has not met my family. I have dinner with his parents frequently and always attend his family functions. However, when my family invites him somewhere, there is always some excuse. I think it's because my family is extremely religious, and he is an atheist, and he's afraid they will try to convert him.

I've dated some real jerks in the past, and my family assumes the worst about Jeremy since they haven't had the chance to see how wonderful he is. I've tried desperately to get him to meet them, and the longer it takes, the less they think of him. This is going to cause huge problems in the future. How can I get him to come around? — Family Matters in Boston

Dear Boston: Jeremy needs to grow up. It is a sign of immaturity that he believes avoiding your family is the best way to deal with his anxieties. If he truly cares for you, he will make an effort to get to know your parents. Of course, we certainly hope they will treat him with respect and not proselytize, but if they do, he should find a way to handle it as tactfully as possible, with your support.

Dear Annie: My father passed away a few months ago, after a short but intense battle with lung cancer. Dad was a single father with no health insurance and less than \$3,000 in savings. After his money ran out, my fiancé and I stepped in and drained what we'd been saving for our wedding and a house, while we waited for Dad to become eligible for Medicaid. When it came time to



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pay for his funeral, our money was long gone and my brothers (ages 19 and 20 -- both in the military) had used up their meager savings in order to come home and spend time with Dad before he died. So I put the funeral costs on my credit card, which maxed me out.

I have no regrets, but I am angry with Dad's mother and sisters. They are all fully aware that Dad left no money and that I am a broke college student. Despite this, they did not help out one bit with his funeral. Not even flowers. And it's not because they can't afford it. My grandmother is sitting on more money than she could ever spend, and one of my aunts earns more than a quarter of a million dollars a year.

My relatives were all on good terms with Dad and me. Am I right to be upset? Would it be inappropriate to tell them how financially strained I am (although I'm sure they know) and ask for help? — Hurt, Grieving and Broke

Dear Hurt: We don't understand why your relatives did not offer to help defray the costs of the funeral, although it's possible they assumed you might be insulted and were waiting for you to ask. If you need financial assistance now, it's perfectly OK to approach the family for help. Of course, be prepared for the possibility that they will consider this a loan with interest, or turn you

down entirely.

Dear Annie: "Bewildered Gram," who suspects her daughter-in-law is stealing from her, should buy one of those fluorescent dye powders available on the market. The powder is sprinkled onto an item, and if anyone touches it, their hands will glow when exposed to UV light. I once suspected a family member of stealing from my wallet, so I used the powder and exposed the culprit. — The Enforcer

Dear Enforcer: We're glad this worked for you, but we don't recommend lighting up your relatives. It can create an entirely new set of problems that are harder to deal with than simply locking up the valuables.

Dear Annie: I was amazed to read the letter from "Jack," who was doing all the household chores, but still wasn't getting any sex from his wife, so he was having an affair. I could have written that letter.

Sex with my wife was great at first but became more infrequent until, after 10 years, we were intimate less than twice a year. We had counseling, but she refused to return after the (female) counselor suggested my point had some validity. The counselor said if I helped more around the house, sex would increase. I did laundry, cleaning, cooking and grocery shopping as my wife watched more and more TV. Sex never increased. I asked her to see a doctor or return to counseling, but she refused.

After two years of being a live-in maid, I started an affair with a woman at work. She made it clear I could have all the sex I wanted, so I left my wife and am now living with my fiancée. I never thought I was the type to have an affair, but the lack of sex reached the breaking point for me. When I told my wife why I was leaving, she was shocked. — F.M.

Dear F.M.: We heard from a lot of readers — mostly female — who were upset that we didn't specifically address "Jack's" affair. Read on for the other side:

From California: I, too, am in a sexless marriage, and my husband will tell you it's my fault. Sure, he helps with the housework, meals and grocery shopping. Why shouldn't he? He lives here. Why do men feel if they help out, they should be paid back with sex? The real reason I have no interest is because there is no affection. No romance. Every time I try for a loving hug, which could lead to my arousal, it ends up being a grope. Add to that, he's usually drinking and smells like an empty wine bottle. Whose needs are more important — the man's physical ones or the woman's emotional ones? It may be a no-win situation.

New York: Married people need to remember that if sex is an obligation, it will hardly ever be desirable. If you are doing the chores just so your wife will owe you a romp, it is hardly any wonder she is reluctant to comply. I can't imagine that telling your wife, "I did my part, now you do yours," is much of a turn on. Remember the romance. Have a date night on a regular basis with no discussion of bills, children or problems. Do not convey an expectation of sex nor initiate it. Meantime, do you bathe regularly, brush your teeth, use deodorant and mouthwash? Spend some of that energy on making yourself "sexy" to your partner.

Texas: We know nothing about "Jack." Is he unkempt? Kinky? Selfish in bed? If all avenues of resolution have been explored and the situation remains unchanged, he should get a divorce and start over.

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FIREWORKS

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for the direction of the fireworks before igniting them and remember to use some commonsense while handling explosives.

"Don't ever hold the fireworks in your hand and don't point them at other people," Condray said. "Those things can backfire and they can catch your clothes on fire."

Firework duds — pieces that have been lit but don't explode — still present a danger and Condray recommends dumping them into a tub of water.

"Fireworks can be dangerous for long time after they've been discharged," he said.

"Sparklers also can stay hot for a long time," the fire marshal added. "They reach temperatures up to 1,800 degrees. Kids shouldn't touch the lit portion of the sparkler, throw them or play games with them."

While many area resi-

dents won't be able to resist the color and beauty of fireworks this July Fourth, Condray recommends skipping the live fireworks this year and instead enjoy the warmth of friends and family.

"I wish people would choose to celebrate by sitting around with the family, friends and loved ones instead of popping fireworks," said Condray. "But if you are going to celebrate with fireworks, please be careful."

Those who do decide to light fireworks will be held responsible if their New Year's fun gets out of hand, Condray warned.

"They are liable if they start a fire whether it was an accident or not," he said. "You light the fireworks intentionally and there's culpability. You're going to be held responsible for your actions."

Firework sales will continue until midnight on July 4.

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Efforts expand to bring sea water to faucets

By LYNN BREZOSKY

Associated Press Writer

BROWNSVILLE — On a one-acre site alongside a string of docked shrimp boats and fronting the turquoise waters of the Brownsville ship channel is a \$2.2 million assembly of pipes, sheds, and whirring machinery — Texas' entree into making Gulf of Mexico sea water suitable to drink.

Plant operator Joel del Rio is its guardian, constantly checking the intake pumps, the pretreatment filters, the discharge pond, and the long pipes of the desalination unit. In an occasional moment of truth, he opens a small spigot at the end of a fat pipe and fills a plastic glass in hopes the finished product will taste "like regular bottled water."

"Sea water," he said. "It's never gonna run out."

The plant is a pilot project for the state's first, \$150 million full-scale sea

water desalination plant slated for construction in 2010.

Desalting the sea water is expensive, mostly because of the energy involved in pushing water through layers and layers of filters to strain it. Current cost estimates run at about \$650 per acre foot (326,000 gallons), as opposed to \$200 for purifying fresh water. But a glimpse around the world shows that when water needs are crucial, governments and private investors ante up.

About two-thirds of the world's desalinated water is produced in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, and North Africa, with the Persian Gulf getting some 60 percent of its drinking water through desalination. Perth, Australia, is looking to meet a third of its fresh water demand through desalination.

Israel in March showed off its plant at the Mediterranean port of Ashkelon, able to process 87 million gallons of

water a day. Singapore in 2005 opened a sea water desalination plant designed to meet at least 10 percent of the nation's water needs. General Electric Co. in May announced a \$220 million contract to build a plant in South Africa.

Global output is still relatively minute — less than 0.1 percent of all drinking water. But according to a recent report by Global Water Intelligence, the worldwide desalination industry is expected to grow 140 percent over the next decade, entailing \$25 billion in capital investment by 2010, or \$56 billion by 2015.

While the United States has hundreds of plants to purify brackish ground water, sea water desalination is just getting started. Tampa Bay's \$158 million sea water desalination plant opened in March after years of problems with design and a lawsuit with a contractor. Fawzi Karajeh, chief of

water recycling and desalination for the California Department of Water Resources, said the state is hoping to get about half a million acre feet of water a year from desalination. It seems a tiny portion of the state's yearly 70 million acre feet budget.

"You might think that, but every drop counts," he said. "In San Diego they think desalination could contribute up to 20 percent. Statewide it might be small, but for some regions it might be high."

In Texas, Gov. Rick Perry began pushing for Gulf of Mexico desalination in 2002, after a state water plan determined hundreds of communities could face water shortages in the next 50 years.

Texas leaders already have agreed to pour \$10 million more into the venture.

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POPS

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says worked "long and hard" to make the show what it is today.

Those honorees include founder and first chairperson Carrol Jennings; succeeding chairpersons Archie Kountz, Ben Bancroft, Linda Conway and Tim Blackshear; and Pam Welch, the long-time coordinator for the show.

"There's no question that we wouldn't have anything like the show we're going to see Tuesday night if it hadn't been for the efforts of these people," Hansen said. "Those of us serving on the committee now, as well as the entire community owe a debt of gratitude to these people. I'm reasonably sure nobody knows just what they went through except themselves, because there were years when it was very difficult to get this show done."

"Believe me, it's never easy getting everything organized for an event of this kind, but now that Pops in the Park is as well established as it is in our community, those of us on the committee have a lot easier time than they did," Hansen added. "They had much smaller budgets to work with and had a tougher time raising the money needed to put on the show in the early years. But somehow they always managed to pull it off and now this is an event the community looks forward to and lends its whole-hearted support to."

Only a handful of pledged donations for this year's show have yet to be received by the committee, and Hansen says she's certain enough money has been raised for the almost \$40,000 event.

"We're still getting some of the smaller donation checks," Hansen said, "and we really want to thank the people and businesses in our community. The community's response this year has been absolutely heart warming. I know I've said that before, but I don't know a better term for how the people of Big

Spring and Howard County have answered our requests for financial help."

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

A crowd of 10,000 to 15,000 is expected to pack the amphitheater and spills over into the park and along U.S. Highway 87 as the concert and fireworks show are staged.

Donations making the concert and fireworks show possible come from local businesses and individuals, as well as corporate sponsorships. More importantly, they make it possible for organizers to open the gates for all comers free of charge.

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

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

Symphony Conductor Dr. Keith Graumann's list of musical selections the Symphony and Chorus will perform during two segments of the concert begins with a performance of "Fanfare for the Common Man," followed

by "Stars and Stripes Forever," "To the Colors," "The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag," "The Star-Spangled Banner," "Salute to the Armed Forces," "Liberty Bell March," "Battle Hymn of the Republic," and "Over There."

The mood will change then with "A Cohan Salute," "A Broadway Celebration," "Best of the Beatles," "Billy Joel Medley," "Beach Boys Medley," "Fifth of Beethoven," "Summon the Heroes," "Wind Beneath My Wings," "Let There Be Peace on Earth" and "America the Beautiful."

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

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

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

Presenters of the event include the Big Spring Herald, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, the city of Big Spring, the Big Spring Symphony, Fiberod, KBYG, KBST and The Click Ranch — each providing donations of \$5,000 or more in funding or in-kind services. For those unable to

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

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

The lone "Texas Star" sponsor is the Wal-Mart Supercenter, which is featuring the evening's opening act, Los Greengos.

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"We're very excited that some of these major sponsors have increased their donations this year, plus some of them are new to the list in all the major categories," Hansen added. "We really want to thank those who support us, no matter how they are able to contribute. It is that support that has allowed us to expand and improve the show every year."

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OTHER VIEWS

Conventions should apply at Guantanamo

The war on terrorism since 9/11 has raised persistent legal problems for the Bush administration, particularly regarding the makeshift prison at Guantanamo.

The president declared war knowing this was not a traditional nation-versus-nation conflict but a fight against an amorphous band of non-state actors.

Ever since the CIA and military began seizing enemy combatants, debate has centered on whether prisoner-of-war rights under the Geneva Conventions should apply to them.

We believe they should. The Bush administration has spent far too much energy devising convoluted legal arguments to justify imprisoning hundreds of suspects at Guantanamo but denying them all of the protections of Geneva.

Now the administration is considering Guantanamo's closure, but this won't solve the broader problem. The issue isn't Guantanamo. It's human rights and the rule of law, and it won't disappear just because the prisoners are moved to other venues.

To sidestep Geneva, the administration labeled detainees as "unlawful enemy combatants" and argued that international human-rights obligations apply only to lawful (that is, state-sponsored) fighters.

Unlawful combatants qualify for heinous interrogation methods, including the simulated drowning technique known as "waterboarding." But this is not torture, the White House insists. The Pentagon describes the conditions at Guantanamo as exemplary and complying with the "spirit" of Geneva, as if this were sufficient to answer human-rights concerns. Enough.

This is a war, and these are prisoners of war. What we're fighting for goes to the heart of who we are as a nation. Do we abide by a system of laws? Do we honor our treaty obligations? Do we follow a code of conduct regarding the treatment of fellow human beings, inconvenient as that might be?

Applying the Geneva Conventions does not increase the vulnerability of U.S. personnel to war-crimes prosecution. In the Military Commissions Act of 2006, Congress decriminalized forms of degrading or humiliating treatment. But it retains Geneva's "cruel and inhuman" torture prohibitions. Geneva applies in those cases, like it or not.

Some say the Guantanamo prisoners don't deserve Geneva protections because al-Qaeda uses swords to lop off the heads of its detainees.

Nobody expects model behavior from al-Qaeda. The world is, however, watching us.

Our behavior sets the standard. The torture methods America uses today will be revisited upon our captured troops in future wars. Washington has lost the moral high ground to lecture China, Cuba, Syria and Zimbabwe about human rights.

We are troubled by the administration's record at Guantanamo. Some prisoners are being held on flimsy legal evidence. Others have been flown to countries willing to torture on our behalf.

The Pentagon deems 50 to 75 detainees to be hardened, committed al-Qaeda members who are so dangerous they cannot be freed or imprisoned elsewhere. Fine. The reality is, this group isn't going anywhere and probably will never see the inside of a courtroom.

Under U.S. law, their status will be subject to constant challenge because our legal system cannot permit indefinite detention without trial. But the Geneva Conventions do. Simply stated, Geneva allows nations at war to keep POWs until hostilities officially end. In this case, it could take decades.

We cannot simply take it on faith, because a few military and civilian officials say so, that the current process humanely dispenses justice to the guilty and grants freedom to the innocent.

The state of limbo at Guantanamo is unacceptable. It violates what this country stands for.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

When we use our ability to touch base with You, Lord, we can deal with our life.

Amen

Moore Board plan seems risky

Every so often, a decision or proposal comes down the governmental pipe that simply astonishes me.

Thursday, Frank Parker, a member of the board of directors for Moore Development, suggested the economic development corporation fund a five-year program to attract retirees and "professionals" to live in the Big Spring area.

The project would cost Moore Development a total of \$1 million — \$200,000 a year — for direct mail-outs and advertisements.

Parker led the charge on a similar project back in 2005, when he and Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen joined forces with the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce to send letters to former Big Spring residents inviting them back to the Spring City for retirement.

"We're sending them to former residents of Big Spring. They know us best," said Parker in a 2005 *Herald* interview. "The strongest point Big Spring has going for it economically is it's a good place to live. So who knows that better than people that used to live here and are now released from their jobs?"

Funding for the project was split among the Chamber, which picked up the tab for postage, and the city of Big Spring, which provided the stationary.

I have to wonder where the idea went from something that could be funded with petty cash funds from both a city government and a private entity to something that must be funded by the taxpayers at the tune of \$1 million.

Has any consideration been given to the possible success rate of such a program? What's the return on our taxpayer dollars? I have a hard time imagining making up a \$200,000 deficit right off the bat, much less \$1 million over

a five-year period.

And while I'm certainly no expert on Texas economic development law, this does seem to stretch the boundaries of 4A tax law.

On the other hand — isn't it funny how there always seems to be another hand — Moore Development recently turned down an opportunity to fund a new welding program at Howard College.

The program, which would have cost Moore Development slightly more than \$300,000 in all, could turn out welders ready to enter a market that is paying between \$35 and \$85 an hour, according to Dr. Jamie Peterson, dean of workforce development for the local community college.

"We've done a considerable amount of research on this, and there certainly is a demand for welders in Howard County," said Peterson. "And even if these people did go to work in Midland or Odessa, they would come home to Howard County at night, and that's where they would spend the majority of the money they make."

The program would also help support programs already in place at Big Spring High School and Forsan High School, according to Peterson.

"I've talked with officials from the school districts in Big Spring and Forsan, and they support this program as well," she said. "The students at those schools that are taking the welding classes they offer are learning the basics, but this program would help them achieve a much higher level of training."

Parker's response to the request was guarded, at best.

"This board is charged with creating economic development in Howard County, and I'm just not sure that's what this program would do," he told the board. "I'm also not sure if this would be allowed under 4A (economic development) law. Sure, we've done several programs similar to it in the past, but this is a lot more

money."

I wasn't completely sure what taxpayers were supposed to take away from that statement when it was made earlier this year, and it still puzzles me. Does that mean the law doesn't apply until you reach a certain dollar mark? Or is it simply a double standard, a sort of "don't do what I do, do what I say" protocol?

Either way, the college project was one that could be justified, both from an economic development standpoint — you're improving your workforce — and a fiscal standpoint.

I'm not sure how you justify \$200,000 a year for advertisements and mail-outs, especially when the project could fall flat on its face. Five years and \$1 million later, are we going to be standing around with a dozen new retired residents and only moths flopping around in the Moore Development coffers? Could we be standing here with no new residents?

On the other hand — there we go again with the hands — could Big Spring turn into the next national haven for retirees and professionals, quickly putting Miami and Arizona off the path and on to something different?

I know a few Tucson residents that seem pretty fond of cactus wrangling.

In the end, Parker has been a major player in county efforts to build a new jail, and has said several times he'd be satisfied with whatever results as long as it was put to a vote of the people and taxpayers of Howard County.

Maybe a \$1 million project deserves a spot on a ballot.

Something tells me, however, taxpayers aren't going to be overly fond of having their hard-earned dollars turned into magazine ads and mail-outs, especially to the tune of seven-figures. Of course, it's just a hunch.

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Corporate media fail to inform

Paris Hilton's Symptoms Said to be from Prescription Drug Withdrawal," was the headline on Fox News Network on June 13, 2007. This was the 56th headline on Paris Hilton covered by Fox in the previous 30 days. Even *The New York Times* got in on the Paris Hilton hoopla with a front-page story June 9 entitled "Celebrity Justice Cuts Both Ways for Paris Hilton."

Regular readers of Project Censored are familiar with our annual list of Junk Food News — in which we select a list of the dumbest, least important, most overplayed stories of the year. Almost certainly, the incarceration of Paris Hilton will feature prominently in our next year's Junk Food edition, but it will have to wait until then to be considered.

Meanwhile, here are the Junk Food News stories of Project Censored's annual April-to-April listing for 2006-07:

1. Britney Spears has a meltdown.
2. Anna Nicole has a baby.
3. Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie have a baby and adopt others.
4. Jon Benet "killer" is a fraud.
5. The rise and fall of O.J. Simpson's book.
6. The feud between The Donald and the O'Donnell.
7. Miss USA "party girl!" drinks and takes drugs.
8. Paul McCartney's divorce.
9. An astronaut wears a diaper to attack her romantic rival.
10. Madonna adopts an African



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baby.

Moving up from No. 7 last year to No. 1 on this year's Junk Food list is none other than Britney Spears herself. On Feb. 17, Spears was photographed in a Los Angeles salon receiving a buzz cut. The corporate media went into frenzied overdrive, offering incessant speculation on why poor Britney might be coming unglued. While undeniably important to 13-year-olds, adults might have been interested to hear about the newly released analysis of 2005 census figures showing that nearly 16 million Americans are currently living in deep or severe poverty.

Mainstream news anchors had enough time to wonder if Spears was too young and immature for the pressures of motherhood. Yet, they weren't able to squeeze in the fact that female-headed families with children account for the lion's share of the severely poor.

During the recent Paris Hilton exposition, the Senate Judiciary Committee passed the Habeas Corpus Restoration Act, without a peep from Fox or the *The New York Times*.

Apparently, the corporate media is too busy entertaining us to cover the most serious civil liberties issue in America.

The Military Commissions Act of last October made it legal for the president to suspend habeas corpus for any person, citizen or not. While Democrats in the Senate are trying to restore this basic legal right, the corporate media seems more concerned with keeping us up to date on how much phone time Paris gets while in jail.

On Sept. 7, 2006, Anna Nicole Smith gave birth to a baby girl and everyone held his or her breath for the ultimate piece of

the puzzle: Who was the father? For those of you who missed it, the birth certificate listed none other than Anna Nicole's personal attorney Howard K. Stern.

Now, for those of you who didn't miss the Anna Nicole goings-on, here's what you did miss: A September 2006 report found that the Iraq violent death toll for August was three times larger than the preliminary count. The final tally disproved official United States and Iraqi claims that a "security crackdown" had led to a drop in the number of deaths that month.

In the early afternoon of Feb. 8, 2006, Smith was found unresponsive in her hotel room, rushed to the hospital and pronounced DOA at 2:49 p.m. While this story filled the corporate media in the United States, that same week, the former U.S. Ambassador to Iraq failed to explain what happened to \$12 billion in newly printed, shrink-wrapped, \$100 bills that he had flown to Baghdad, and had since been misplaced.

We are now in an era of witnessing corporate media's complete failure to keep us informed on powerful issues, which concern all Americans. We deserve better and must remedy this situation by building tax-supported independent media and returning investigative reporting to the American people.

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Making a great, healthy quesadilla, California style

It took a Californian to serve this New Yorker her first truly great quesadilla. Up to that time, the Mexican food scene in New York was dominated by overstuffed burritos and fajitas made with mediocre ingredients. Whenever you found quesadillas, they oozed more cheese than a slice of fast-food pizza.

Then friends in Los Angeles insisted I try the corn and spinach quesadilla at a now defunct eatery in Santa Monica. The chef was utterly devoted to making his Mexican offerings deliciously interesting as well as sensible. This meant using just the right amount of creamy Jack cheese to hold together lightly sautéed spinach, fresh corn kernels and grilled onion, all neatly sandwiched between two tortillas. The result was a light quesadilla with a satisfying succession of warm crunch, rich cheese and tender vegetables.

Californians are veggie-mad, so the fresh spinach in this quesadilla came as no surprise. The thick, firm slices of onion, seared in a dry pan until golden and caramelized, were more unusual. But the corn was a show-stop-



per: fresh kernels sliced from an ear picked that morning so they were sugar-sweet and oozing their milk.

Most of the year, few of us have access to such fresh produce or the kind of time it takes to grill onions carefully and keep them from charring. But try your hand at it now, while locally grown corn and spinach (and maybe the onions too) are available, and you'll eat like a prince, or at least a pampered Californian. And even after summer's over, you can make this que-

sadilla with frozen corn (white, if you can get it, please) and sautéed onions, and it'll still be pretty darn good. Cut it into 8 wedges for a great hors d'oeuvre.

Spinach and Corn Quesadilla

(Adapted from the 12 Best Foods Cookbook)
2 tsp. canola oil
1/4 cup thinly sliced onion
1 jalapeño pepper, seeded and cut in thin rounds
1 bunch spinach, stemmed, with leaves cut in 1" ribbons, or one package

(10 oz.) frozen chopped spinach, defrosted and squeezed dry

1/2 cup white corn kernels, fresh or frozen

Two 10" whole-wheat tortillas

1 cup (3 oz.) shredded Jack cheese

Cooking spray (or 1/2 tsp. canola or light olive oil)

In a large, non-stick skillet, heat the oil on medium-high heat. Add the onions and jalapeño and sauté until the onions are translucent. Add the spinach, stirring until it wilts. Add corn and cook, stirring, until the corn is warmed through, about 3 minutes. Transfer the mixture to a bowl. Wipe out the pan.

Coat a tortilla with cooking spray or brush it lightly with 1/4 teaspoon of oil. Place it, sprayed/brushed side down, on a plate. Sprinkle half the cheese over the tortilla. Spread the spinach mixture over the cheese, leaving a half-inch border around the edge. Sprinkle on the onions. Top with the remaining cheese. Spray the second tortilla, or brush one side with oil and place it, coated side up, to cover the filling.

Return the skillet to the

heat. When hot, slide the quesadilla into the skillet. Cook until the bottom tortilla is crisp and lightly browned, about 2 minutes. Turn the quesadilla by first sliding it onto the plate and inverting a second plate over it. Flip the plates while pressing them firmly together. Slide the quesadilla, uncooked side down, back into the pan, and cook the second side until crisp. On a plate, cut the quesadilla into 8 wedges. Serve immediately, accompanied by your

favorite salsa.
Makes 8 wedges.

Per wedge: 90 calories, 5 g. total fat (2 g. saturated fat), 9 g. carbohydrate, 5 g. protein, 2 g. dietary fiber, 126 mg. sodium.

"Something Different" is written by Dana Jacobi, author of 12 Best Foods Cookbook and contributor to American Institute for Cancer Research's "New American Plate Cookbook: Recipes for a Healthy Weight and a Healthy Life."

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NUTRITION WISE: WEIGHT AND CANCER

Q: How does being overweight increase risk of getting cancer?

A: Researchers don't know for sure how being overweight raises our cancer risk, but studies clearly show that it does raise risk of cancers of the colon, esophagus, breast (post-menopausal), uterus, kidney, pancreas and gallbladder. Body fat is not just extra weight we carry around; it is active tissue that influences several metabolic processes related to cancer development.



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Excess body fat tends to promote insulin resistance, a condition in which higher than normal levels of insulin are needed to control blood sugar. High levels of insulin and insulin-related growth factors seem to promote the development of at least some cancers. Body fat also produces substances called cytokines, which can stimulate a generalized inflammation throughout the body. The inflammatory condition can prompt normal cells to develop into cancer cells. The connection between excess weight and esophageal cancer may lie with gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD). Excess weight is linked to GERD, which damages cells lining the esophagus and leaves them vulnerable to carcinogens. After menopause, body fat becomes a source of estrogen production. Excess fat can raise levels of estrogen, promoting development of estrogen-sensitive cancers of the breast and uterus. Other links between weight and cancer risk are also under study.

Q: What fruits besides oranges are high in vitamin C?

A: Some of the fruits most concentrated in vitamin C per serving (along with oranges) include cantaloupe,

grapefruit, guava, honeydew melon, kiwi, mangoes, papayas, raspberries, starfruit (also called carambola), strawberries and tangerines. Each serving supplies at least 25 to 30 percent of recommended amounts of vitamin C for a whole day. Lots of other fruits supply smaller amounts, and don't forget that many vegetables also provide vitamin C. It's a good idea to eat at least one fruit or vegetable each day that is a good source of vitamin C. But reaching a healthy level of vitamin C is usually not a problem if you eat a variety of the seven to ten servings of fruits and vegetables recommended for most adults.

Q: What's the difference between "multi-grain" and "whole grain"?

A: Multi-grain simply indicates that a product is made from more than

one kind of grain. For example, a multi-grain bread or cereal could be made from a combination of wheat, oats and barley. The term does not give any information about whether the grains included are whole or refined grains. Whole grain means the product includes the grain's bran and germ, which contain fiber, magnesium, vitamin B-6 and vitamin E. No matter how many grains are used in the multi-grain, if the bran and germ of the grain are removed the amount of cancer preventive nutrients and phytochemicals decreases. Check the ingredient list to see if the grains are listed as whole grains. If not, enjoy multi-grain products but be sure to include several whole grain foods each day.

AICR's Nutrition Hotline is a free service that allows you to ask a

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♠ 6 4 3
♥ 3
♦ A K Q 7
♣ Q 10 9 5 2

WEST
♠ Q 10 9 7
♥ J 10 9 8
♦ J 6 5
♣ K 3

EAST
♠ —
♥ K Q 4 2
♦ 10 9 8 3 2
♣ A 8 7 4

SOUTH
♠ A K J 8 5 2
♥ A 7 6 5
♦ 4
♣ J 6

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♣ Pass
2 ♥ Pass 2 NT Pass
4 ♠ Pass 5 ♣ Pass

Opening lead — jack of hearts.

This extraordinary deal was played in the match between Poland and Iceland in the 1963 European Championship.

When the Polish team held the North-South cards, the bidding went as shown. Obviously, something went drastically wrong with the bidding, since the Poles got to a slam with two club losers plus the possibility of losing one or two trump

tricks.

But the sun shone brightly on the South Pole that day, and he made the slam anyway! West led the jack of hearts, and a few moments later, South had 12 tricks safely tucked away.

He won the heart lead with the ace, ruffed a heart and cashed the A-K-Q of diamonds, discarding the J-6 of clubs. He then ruffed a club, a heart, a club and his last heart.

By this time, nine tricks had been played, and South had won them all. The lead was in dummy, and South's last four cards were the A-K-J-8 of spades, while West was down to the Q-10-9-7 of spades.

Declarer led a club from dummy and ruffed with the eight. West over-ruffed with the nine but had to surrender the last three tricks!

Strangely enough, even four spades could have been stopped had West been sufficiently inspired to start off with the king and another club. A club continuation by East would then have settled South's hash.

The Poles finished third that year out of the 18 countries entered in the event. Had they had a few more hands like this one, they might even have won the European Championship.

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TEXAS NEWS BRIEFS

CDC suspends Texas A&M bioweapons research

AUSTIN (AP) — The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has suspended Texas A&M University's federal research on some infectious diseases after two cases in which the school failed to report researchers' exposure to bioweapons agents.

In a memo sent Saturday, the CDC questioned whether Texas A&M meets safety standards and has an appropriate security plan. It also said federal officials will visit the campus this month to review records and interview key researchers.

The CDC letter threatened to permanently revoke A&M's authority to work with "select agents," the most serious and infectious, if researchers don't follow federal guidelines.

Miss Fort Bend County takes Miss Texas title

LAREDO (AP) — A 25-year-old student and model from southeast Texas was named Miss Texas USA at Sunday night's pageant.

Miss Fort Bend County Crystle Stewart, a student of consumer science and merchandising at University of Houston, was chosen from among 121 contestants. She will represent Texas at next year's Miss USA pageant.

Stewart's winnings include a new Ford Mustang, jewelry, clothes and the services of a professional photographer as she prepares for the national pageant.

Texas to change sex offender classification system

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Council on Sex Offender Treatment is expected to adopt a new system this week for classi-

fying sex offenders that officials say will more accurately gauge their risk to the community.

The system will include multiple tests, such as psychological evaluations, to gauge sex offenders' risk for further sexual crimes and other types of crimes, as well as determining which offenders need supervision.

It will replace the state's current risk test, which is used to determine which sex offenders must publicly declare their crime. The current test uses a point system based on factors such as age, marital status, previous offenses and the victim's gender.

Critics say the current test can be misleading and tends to overpenalize young, low-level offenders while overlooking some dangerous offenders.

Hundreds displaced by storms in Wichita Falls, Parker County

DALLAS (AP) — Hundreds of residents near the overflowing Wichita and Brazos rivers remained displaced from their homes in North Texas on Sunday, uncertain of when they could return.

Although some of the flooding was easing out of North and Central Texas, officials remained cautious because rain was still possible in both regions.

"It's a continuous up and down situation," said Shawn Scott, Parker County emergency management coordinator. "This could be ongoing for the next few days."

At least 200 people were still displaced from their homes near the Brazos River in Parker County. Some houses sustained minimal damage while up to 4 feet of water had seeped into others.

18-year-old cruise passenger jumps overboard, dies

HOUSTON (AP) — An 18-year-old man died early Sunday after he jumped from

a cruise ship into the Gulf of Mexico.

Officials with Carnival Cruise Lines said the man jumped from aboard the Ecstasy, a 70,000-ton cruise ship that sailed out of Galveston on Saturday for a five-day round-trip cruise to Cozumel, Mexico.

Vance Gulliksen, a spokesman for the cruise line, said in a statement that "an 18-year-old male passenger was seen jumping overboard from one of the ships upper decks" about 7:35 a.m. Officials aboard the Ecstasy initiated a search and notified the U.S. Coast Guard.

Gulliksen said the passenger was recovered by the crew about a half-hour later and brought on board, where he was pronounced dead. He has not been identified.

Security chief concern as state plans prison phone system

AUSTIN (AP) — Giving prison inmates in Texas greater access to phones was easy for the Legislature this year.

Now comes the hard part — making sure convicts won't be dialing numbers to harass victims or commit more crimes.

State prison officials say that is the primary challenge of equipping the nation's second-largest prison system — with more than 154,000 inmates — with a new pay telephone system that lawmakers enacted without the signature of Gov. Rick Perry.

Inmates can only call people on approved lists and all calls must be monitored under the new law.

"Monitoring calls is the key, and that's going to be a huge job, like keeping track of all the calls in a city the size of Waco," said John Moriarty, the prison system's inspector general.

Under the bill that took effect May 15, the Texas Department of Criminal

Justice must get the system up and running by September 2008. Before the bill passed, Texas was the only state in the nation that didn't have a prison phone system.

But even with the new law, state prison officials concede there is still much work to be done.

Rules are still being developed on phone use and bid requests from private contractors are still being prepared. Security procedures to monitor calls and block forbidden contacts are also being designed.

Approving the broader phone privileges signaled a marked cultural shift for Texas lawmakers, who have traditionally prided themselves on making prison conditions harsher.

Border Patrol and Mexican police reiterate cooperation

EL PASO (AP) — U.S. Border Patrol agents and police officials from the Mexican border city of Ciudad Juarez warned drug and human smugglers Saturday that they were working together to curb violence in this corner of far West Texas.

"These criminal elements, criminal enterprises, that are relying on...miscommunication, they are going to find out they are up against an ally," said Salvador Zamora, assistant Border Patrol agent in charge.

Zamora made the proclamation with Saulo Reyes, administrative chief of the Ciudad Juarez police department, at an international boundary marker dividing the two nations near the Rio Grande River.

Cooperation between the two agencies has long existed but recent attacks on Border Patrol agents, including a rocking incident that wounded an agent this week, prompted the weekend meeting to reiterate those efforts, both officials said.

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