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Highland South parade is Wednesday

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Monday's edition of the Herald, we incorrectly reported that the Highland South Fourth of July Parade was scheduled for today. Efforts to get the story corrected before it went to print were unsuccessful. Therefore we are

running the story in its entirety.

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By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Even kids deserve their own

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 STALLINGS year's parade, which

will begin at 10 a.m. Wednesday at 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 vehicles, battery-operated 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.

Pops!

Annual concert, fireworks show on tap tonight

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Managing Editor

Those planning to attend tonight's Pops in the Park concert and fireworks show at the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater need to be aware that officials are strictly enforcing traffic flow into and out of the park.

"With so many people and so many vehicles, we've just got to simplify the way people enter and exit the park," said Drew Bavin, who spearheads subcommittee charged with traffic and parking control for the Fourth of July Foundation organizing committee, in explaining that virtually all vehicles entering the park will need to use the Wasson Road park entrance, including all those wanting handicapped parking See POPS!, Page 3A

Pops!

What: Pops in the Park, music and fireworks show..

Where: Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater.

When: Gates open at 5 p.m., Los Greengos performs at 6 p.m., Symphony at 8:30 p.m., fireworks at 9:45.

Enter: Use the Wasson Road entrance.

Admission: No charge.

spots just south of the amphitheater.

"We will have limited entrance to the park off the (U.S. Highway) 87 entrance, but only by the people who have permits to do so," Bavin noted.



Russell Canney of Abilene's The Sound Shop gets a row of lights ready to be hoisted above the Comanche Trail Amphitheater for the annual Pops in the Park celebration, slated to start this afternoon at 5 p.m.

Funtastic Fourth promises fun for the entire family

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Area residents looking for fun during the July Fourth Holiday need only look toward the Heart of the City Park, as the sixth annual Big Spring Funtastic Fourth Festival gets under way.



Allan Johnson, owner of Allan's Furniture and president of the Downtown Revitalization Association, said final fund-raising totals aren't in yet, but he's fairly sure the group has met its overall goal.

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Funtastic music lineup

10 a.m. — Gospel Workshop of America

10:40 a.m. — Praise Inc.

11:25 a.m. — Holy Authority 12:05 p.m. — Restoration Ranch Ministries

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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School district says nothing wrong with Bible classes

Suit filed on behalf of parents alleges course violates individual religious rights

ODESSA (AP) — Attorneys area district in May, asking are invalid." representing the Ector County Independent School District said in a motion filed in federal court Monday that school officials believe a Bible course being taught as an elective has been presented and taught appropriately.

American Civil Liberties Union and People for the American Way Foundation sued the Odessait to stop teaching the course. The lawsuit on behalf of eight parents said the course violated individual religious rights.

The Ector school board approved the high school course by a 4-2 vote in 2005.

"Their claims are wrong," said Kelly Shackelford, chief counsel for the Liberty Legal Institute. "The allegations

The district's response seeks a settlement and asks the plaintiffs to accept a \$500 each to end the lawsuit. Its "offer of judgment" states that district officials say there is nothing wrong with the curriculum.

Lori White, a plaintiff in the case who learned about the filing Monday, told the newspaper she wouldn't See SUIT, Page 3A

accept the offer of judgment with the attached \$500 settlement.

"I did this because it's a violation of my constitutional rights," said White, local ACLU chapter president. "I assure you we're not suing for any monetary value."

Shackelford said the district also would seek to put



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Sports

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

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IN BRIEF

Lady Steers Booster Club meets 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 Tuesday

The Big Spring Steers Quaterback Club will conduct a meeting at 6 p.m. July 10 at Big Spring High School's Training Athletic 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 on the UTPB campus in Odessa each team will participate in on July 20-22. Each team needs to raise \$1,400.

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

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 second incoming through fifth graders.

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 guarantee.

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

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Unlikely heroes help Red Sox top Rangers

The Associated Press

BOSTON — A late lineup addition made the biggest difference for the Red Sox.

Eric Hinske had a bases-loaded triple and Dustin Pedroia hit a two-run double as Boston's bats came alive in a 7-3 victory over the Texas Rangers on Monday

Hitting just .119 with runners in scoring position while scoring only eight runs in their previous four games, the Red Sox were searching for a key hit. Hinske, inserted into the lineup after Kevin Youkilis was scratched was a sore left quadriceps during

key drive.

When Hinske arrived at the ballpark, he didn't know he'd be

"I was told during batting practice," he said. "I just tried to get prepared as I always do.'

With the Red Sox ahead 4-3 in the fifth, Hinske sent a drive over center fielder Kenny Lofton, and that ball bounced onto the track and short-hopped the wall.

"It was a great swing, but from where I was sitting, we didn't see the ball come down right away," Boston manager Terry Francona said. "It was three big runs, obvia good swing."

Boston salvaged a split of the four-game series after scoring seven runs in the first three games against Texas, which has the second-worst ERA in the major leagues. Coming into the series, the Red Sox had been swept in a three-game series at Seattle.

Kason Gabbard (2-0), making his second start in Curt Schilling's rotation spot, held the Rangers hitless for 4 1-3 innings before Gerald Laird singled through the shortstop hole. Gabbard allowed three runs,

batting practice, provided the ously. It's nice to be rewarded for three hits and four walks in 5 2-3 innings, striking out five.

Mike Timlin, Javier Lopez, Kyle Snyder and Hideki Okajima combined for two-hit relief.

Julio Lugo, back in the lineup after being benched the previous three games, went 0-for-2 with two walks and is hitless his last 33 at-bats, dropping his average to .189. The crowd chanted "Let's Go Lugo!" when he came to bat with the bases loaded in the seventh before turning the cheers to boos when he grounded out.

Brad Wilkerson hit a three-run

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Younger All-Stars push through tournament



HERALD photo/Layne Mims

Big Spring's Blaise Coffman winds up to throw a pitch against Midland North Monday for the 11-year-old All-Stars, Big Spring defeated North 10-5 at Beal Park in Midland and play again Wednesday against Odessa Sherwood.

Herald Staff Report

MIDLAND — Only the young stars continue to shine for Big Spring in the 2007 Little League All-Star tournaments taking place in Midland and Odessa.

With the elimination of Forsan's Pony All-Stars, just three teams remain active in tournament play.

Forsan suffered its second defeat Monday in the doubleelimination tournament to Midland North, 10-5. The team finished 2-2 in tournament play. The loss ends a solid season that saw Forsan finish league play undefeated.

Big Spring's 9-10-year-old All-Stars and 11-year-old All-Stars continue to thrive in tournament play.

The 11-year-olds remained undefeated in the tournament Monday, beating Andrews, 11-4. The victory gives Big Spring a date with the Mid City All-Stars at 5 p.m. Wednesday at Sherwood Park in Odessa.

A win over Mid City would guarantee Big Spring a spot in the championship series starting Friday.

The 9-10-year-olds continue to survive in their bracket. After suffering an early defeat in the double-elimination tournament, Big Spring has rallied to win

their last two games.

They defeated Jim Parker's All-Stars of Odessa, 9-4, Monday. Michael Pappajohn got the start and pitched two strong innings.

Alex Byrd relieved Pappajohn in the third inning and pitched 3-1/2 innings, picking up the victory. Cade Fannin struck out the last batter to seal the game for Big Spring.

Tyler Bryan led Big Spring at the plate with three hits and Blake Letcher had two hits.

Hunter Hill racked up seven fielding asissts to lead the 9-10 year olds in the field.

Big Spring plays another elimination game today at 6 p.m. against Odessa Sherwood at Beal Field in Midland.

The 12-year-olds play Midland Tower today at 6 p.m. at Floyd Gwin Park in Odessa in an elimination game.

Serena fights off injury to advance at Wimbledon

By STEVEN WINE

AP Sports Writer

WIMBLEDON — Serena Williams' mother advised her to stop playing. Sister Venus urged her to continue.

Serena wavered briefly, then decided to keep on going despite a painful calf strain that left her screaming and writhing behind the Centre Court baseline at Wimbledon.

"I would have felt weird if I hadn't tried," she said.

A rain delay of nearly two hours bought her a little time to recover and regroup Monday, and with both legs wrapped, she won the third set to beat Daniela Hantuchova 6-2, 6-7 (2), 6-2.

The gallant, bizarre victory advanced Williams to the quarterfinals, where she's scheduled to face top-ranked Justine Henin

— if she's able. "She got through," said her mother and coach, resumed. Oracene Price. "Can she go through another one? You don't know what the pain's going to be like next time."

It was bad enough against Hantuchova. The injury, described as a spasm-induced left calf strain, struck after Hantuchova hit a forehand winner for a 5-5, 30-15 lead in the second set. Williams grimaced, grabbed her calf, tapped it three times with her racket and crumpled to the lawn.

"I had a very bad acute muscle spasm," Williams said. "Acute, as you know, is a really intense pain."

She remained down for seven minutes, screaming in pain when a trainer massaged the calf.

But she decided to continue, wiping away tears just before the match

She kept playing for another 11 minutes, hitting shots weakly and walking stiffly in pursuit of the ball.

But she managed to hold for 6-all, then won the last two points before rain forced a delay.

"I was literally saved by the rain," Williams said.

Price said she wanted her daughter to call it quits.

"I'm thinking it's really not worth all that, to go through all that pain and maybe injure herself worse," Price said. "She's not going to listen to me, not when it comes to Wimbledon."

Williams decided to continue. When the match resumed, she moved better, hit aggressively and won the final four games. Hantuchova was erratic,

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MCT photo/Anja Niedringhaus

Serena Williams reacts as she wins a point on her way to defeating Daniela Hantuchova in their Women's Singles match Monday on the Centre Court at Wimbledon. Williams overcame a thigh injury to pull out the, 6-2, 6-7, 6-2, win.

Obituaries

George W. Glass



George W. Glass, 97, of Big Spring, died Monday, July 2, 2007, in a local hospital. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, July 5, 2007, at Mount Olive Memorial Park with Chaplain Dan Shadix with the VA Medical Center, officiating.

He was born Sept. 23, 1909, in Tarrant County. He married Daphena Jeraldine Lee on Aug. 4, 1929, in Sweetwater. She preceded him in death Oct. 31, 1968. He

then married Ivy Gale and she preceded him in death Sept. 20, 1986.

George had been a resident of Big Spring since 1940. He served in the United States Army during World War II and was self employed as a carpenter. He enjoyed going to the Senior Citizen Center, playing dominoes and dancing. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include two granddaughters, Kila Massey and husband Sam of Wickett and Sylvia Rodman and husband Tom of Bowie; one grandson, Dini Smith and wife Tammy of Odessa; four great-grandchildren, Dena Massey Floyd and husband James, and Susan Massey Wilson, all of Wink, Kelli Wallace of Bowie, and Cameron Ruiz of Odessa; two great-great-grandchldren, Garrett Floyd and Kim Wilson; his special companion, Ruby Gill of Big Spring; and special friends Bonnie and George Franklin of Big Spring.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Richard Glass; six brothers; and one sister.

The family suggests memorials to the Spring City Senior Citizens Center, P.O. Box 3463, Big Spring 79721-3463.

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

Weather

Tonight...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s. East winds around 10 mph.

Independence day...Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s. East winds 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday night...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s. East winds 10 to 15 mph in the evening

becoming light and variable. Thursday...Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers and yhunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s. East winds 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday night...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s.

Friday...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and vhunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s. Friday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows around 70.

Saturday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s. Saturday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper

Sunday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s. Sunday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s. Monday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s.

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.

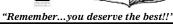
- BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL WILL BE OFFER-ING THE EXIT LEVEL TAKS RETEST, July 10-13. Please report to the High School Library at 8:30 a.m. Please bring a picture I.D. Schedule: Tuesday, July 10, English Language Arts. Wednesday, July 11, Math. Thursday, July 12, Science. Friday, July 13, Social Studies.
- 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 Rodriquez, 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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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Monday and 7 a.m.

- ALISHA MCGEE, 29, of 1403 Sycamore, was arrested Monday on charges of failure to identify and resisting arrest.
- ALDOLFO ALEMAN, 77, of 102 Mabry, was arrested Monday on a charge of assault Class C/family vio-
- AMY ALEMAN, 24, of 102 Mabry, was arrested Monday on a charge of disorderly conduct.
- ANA PEREZ, 40, of 603 Circle, was arrested Tuesday on three local warrants.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.
- DRIVING WHILE LICENSE INVALID was reported in the 400 block of FM 700.
- EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION was reported in the 600 block of 15th Street.
- FORGERY was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.
- POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE was reported in the 600 block of State.
- ROBBERY was reported in the 700 block of Tulsa. • RUNAWAY was reported in the 3000 block of Highway 80.
- THEFT was reported in the 1300 block of Tucson.

Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 66 inmates at the time of this report.

- CAROL ANN SCAGGS, 59, was arrested by the HCSO Monday on a charge of violation of parole/ blue warrant.
- SHANE ALLEN KNOWLTON, 20, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD Monday on a charge of burglary of a vehicle (five counts).
- TERRY D. SPEARS, 40, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD Monday on charges of delivery of a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance and bondsman off bond.
- AMBER DAWN RUSSELL, 23, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD Monday on charges of credit/debit card abuse and violation of parole.
- ASHLEY LYNN WARD, 25, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD Monday on charges of possession of a controlled substance and prostitution enhanced.
- TRACY LYNN GONZALES, 21, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD Monday on charges of failure to appear, bail jumping, possession of a controlled substance and accident involving damage to a vehicle.
- LUIS ADOLFO PENA, 28, was arrested by the HCSO Monday on charges of violation of community supervision and motion for enforcement of child support.
- SHAYNE HUDGINS, 37, was arrested by the HCSO Monday on a charge of driving while intoxicated three or more counts.
- FRANK LEE JACKSON, 48, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD Monday on a charge of criminal tresspass.
- WYATT WEBSTER, 32, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD Monday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **RICKY LIN WALLACE**, 51, was arrested by the HCSO Monday on a charge of sexual assault with a child.
- BRYAN HEATH PEARSON, 21, was arrested by DPS Monday on a motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana - two ounces or less. • VICTORIA HANNABASS, 18, was arrested by DPS
- Monday on a charge of no driver's license.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity: • TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the Salem Road exit on Interstate 20. Two people were transported to SMMC.

Lottery

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

Winning numbers drawn: 3-8-10-13-18. Number matching five of five: 2. Prize per winner: \$14,577.

Winning tickets sold in: Pflugerville and Schertz.

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

Winning numbers drawn: 9-14-18-33. Bonus Ball: 10. Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball:

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-9-9.

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TODAY

- 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.
- Pops in the Park, Independence celebration with Big Spring Symphony and Chorus, fireworks show. Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater. Gates open at 5 p.m. Fireworks planned about 9:45 p.m.
- 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.

WEDNESDAY

- Highland South fourth of July Parade. Corner of Highland and Robb streets. 10 a.m.
- Funtastic Fourth, Heart of the City Park, 10 a.m. until midnight. Various activities, Christian bands, laser light show.

THURSDAY

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
- · Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-
- Genealogy Society of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.
- Big Spring Masonic Lodge No. 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until about 3 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more informa-
- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant. Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at the Big Spring Country Club.
- Spring City Senior Citizens country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area seniors are invited.

SATURDAY

- The Big Spring Evening Lions Club will hold at adult eyeglass clinic from 9 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. at the Event Center,. 1607 E. Third St. This provides recycled eyeglasses for adults who cannot afford to pay for an eye examination or buy eyeglasses. For information, contact Bob Noyes at 267-6095. • Big Spring Cruisers cruise Gregg Street and at
- the Sonic Drive-In beginning at 6:30 p.m.
- Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

Support Groups

- •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.
- •The Path, faith-based addiction recovery, meets at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Tabernacle Ministeries, 1209 Wright St.
- Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

• Dual Recovery Anonymous (DRA), 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Howard County Library Basement Community Room. DRA is a 12-step meeting for those who have a desire to stop drinking and/or using drugs and also have a mental or emotional illness.

All meetings are non-smoking and coffee is not available but members can bring their own coffee or nonalcoholic beverage. For more information, call Deidra F. at (432) 816-3033. Leave a message if you get voice mail.

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SPORTS



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New York Yankees starting pitcher Roger Clemens throws against the Minnesota Twins Monday at Yankee Stadium in Bronx, New York. The Yankees beat the Twins 5-1, making Clemens the first pitcher since Warren Spahn to amass 350 career wins.

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homer for Texas, which went 4-3 on its trip, the Rangers' first winning road trip since July 13-23 last year (6-5).

"You'd like to do more, but you can't expect to win three straight ballgames against the Boston Red Sox, not the way they can swing the bats," Texas manager Ron Washington said. "But once again our pitching was outstanding. We just had trouble with command and they made us pay for it by making us throw a lot of pitches."

Brandon McCarthy (4-5) gave up four runs, six hits and three walks over 3 2-3 innings in his first appearance since June 9. McCarthy, activated earlier in the day, had been on the disabled list because of a blister on his right middle finger.

"I didn't feel comfortable from moment one," McCarthy said. "It felt like waking up on Christmas morning and trying to pitch against the Boston Red Sox. My

mechanics were all over."

Pedroia hit a two-run double in the third and scored when Manny Ramirez doubled off the center-field wall for a 3-0

lead. Boston could have had more, right fielder Marlon Byrd ended the inning with a diving catch on Mike Lowell's liner to end the inning.

Jacoby Ellsbury increased the lead to 4-0 in the fourth when he singled, stole second and scored from second on a wild pitch that bounced off Laird and rolled near the Rangers' dugout. Ellsbury took his cue from third base coach De Marlo Hale.

"I had my mind made up early," he said. "I saw the wild pitch early and I saw De Marlo waving me as I was almost by him."

Yankees 5,

Twins 1

The oldest pitcher in baseball reached a rare milestone.

Roger Clemens won his 350th game, allowing two hits in eight innings to lead New York past the Minnesota Twins 5-1 on

Monday night.

The Rocket became the first major leaguer to win 350 games since Hall of Famer Warren Spahn of the Milwaukee Braves.

"I'll probably look at the history at another time," Clemens said. "I hope this is something that my body is telling me I'm getting stronger."

Spahn accomplished the feat by beating the Chicago Cubs 2-0 on Sept. 29, 1963 — just more than a year after Clemens was born. Yankees manager Joe Torre was Spahn's catcher in that game.

"I'm not as old as I thought I was," Clemens said with a wry smile.

There was bad news for the Yankees, however; slugger Alex Rodriguez strained his left hamstring and had to leave the game.

In a turn-back-the-clock gem. Clemens (2-3) retired his final 15 batters after Joe Mauer's leadoff double in the fourth. The seven-time Cy Young Award winner struck out four and walked one in the longest outing of his latest comeback this season.

Astros' offense continues to stay hot

chances.

By CHRIS DUNCAN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Through the first two months of the season, the Houston Astros struggled to score runs.

Lately, they've made it look easy.

Hunter Pence Carlos Lee homered and Craig Biggio had three hits, including two doubles, as the Astros beat the Philadelphia Phillies 7-5 on Monday night.

Lee also had an RBI single and Lance Berkman had an RBI double, part of Houston's 11-hit night. The Astros have won seven of their last eight home games, averaging more than eight runs in tne victories.

"We feel like this is more what this offense is here to do, what we're capable of," said Pence, who leads NL rookies with 38 RBIs. "Every day, we've got to come to the park to keep the offense rolling."

Pat Burrell and Shane Victorino homered for the Phillies, who have lost five of seven.

Houston starter Woody Williams (4-10) allowed three runs and six hits in seven innings. He struggled early, then retired 18 of his last 21 hitters to outduel fellow 40-somestarter Jamie thing Moyer (7-6).

Williams, a Houston native, was winless in his first seven starts this season, but now has won his last three at Minute Maid Park.

"I think I'm finally starting to turn the corner a little bit," Williams said. "I feel like I'm trying to do the same thing every time out and that's to keep the team in the game. Bottom line. I've got to go deep into the game, help the bullpen out on my day to pitch."

Despite his strong start, the Astros' bullpen still almost blew it.

Houston started the ninth with a 7-3 lead before Dan Wheeler gave up a leadoff double to Ryan Howard. After an out, a walk and a hit batsman, Carlos Ruiz hit a two-run double. Wheeler was replaced by Trever Miller, who got two outs ninth homer. for his first save in three

"We're having a tough time in the bullpen now," said Houston manager Phil Garner. "But we'll get through it."

Williams struggled early. Jimmy Rollins beat out a bunt and Victorino singled to right before he'd thrown five pitches. After Chase Utley grounded out, Williams intentionally walked Howard to get to Aaron Rowand, a .571 hitter this season with the bases loaded.

Rowand flied out to right and Rollins beat Luke Scott's throw home to make it 1-0. Astros catcher Brad Ausmus alertly threw to Mike Lamb at third base and Victorino was caught in an inning-ending rundown.

Biggio doubled Moyer's second pitch of the game, giving him 1,000 career extra-base hits, and Lee hit a two-out single to tie the game.

Burrell hammered Williams' first pitch of the second inning off the facade in left field, his

Pence singled to left with one out in the third, the 28th time in 35 games he has reached base. Berkman followed with an RBI double off the fence in left-center.

Biggio led off the fifth with his second double into the left-field corner. Pence then lined a 3-2 pitch from Moyer off the left-field foul pole, the rookie center fielder's ninth homer.

"We've been swinging the bats really well over the last few weeks," Biggio said. "We're really getting contributions from a lot of people. Hunter Pence, doing his thing, has been a huge lift for us."

Pence hit 20-30 balls off a tee before the game because his swing didn't feel right. He found his groove just before the game started.

"It's weird. Swinging is day-to-day," Pence said. "Some days, my swing feels good and I can hit anything. And then I'll come to the park the next day and it feels off."

TENNIS

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flustered by the unusual circumstances.

"I lost it," she said. "I had my chances."

Venus Williams endured a drama of her own to reach the fourth round. The three-time champion rallied past Akiko Morigami 6-2, 3-6, 7-5 in a match suspended Saturday, even though she faced 23 break points, double-faulted 14 times and had to rally at the

"They've got fight," Price said. "If they don't have nothing else, they've got fight."

Henin had a much less arduous victory, beating No. 15-seeded Patty Schnyder 6-2, 6-2 in 56 minutes Henin-Williams would

be a rematch of the same round at the French

Roland Garros title.

In men's third-round play, 2006 runner-up Rafael Nadal was one point from victory when he hit a forehand barely wide.

His replay appeal was rejected, and his match with Robin Soderling was immediately halted by rain with the score 7-all in the third-set tiebreak-

Play resumed but was stopped for the night with Nadal leading 6-4, 6-4, 6-7 (7), 4-6, 2-0.

No. 7 Tomas Berdych beat Lee Hyung-taik 6-4, 7-6 (2), 7-6 (3). No. 10 Marcos Baghdatis defeat-No. 23David Nalbandian 6-2, 7-5, 6-0. In the completion of

third-round matches suspended Saturday, No. 5seeded Svetlana Kuznetsova Agnieszka Radwanska 6 2, 6-3; No. 6 Ana Ivanovic defeated Aravane Rezai 6-3, 6-2; No. 11 Nadia Open, where Henin won Petrova swept Virginia en route to her fourth Ruano Pascual 6-3, 7-6 (3).

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Magers-Powell camp scheduled

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22). In an honest effort to help you, friends overstep established boundaries. tactful to avoid Be bruising a delicate ego. If there's a choice between taking issue something and letting it go, do the latter.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your social tolerance is challenged as you endure someone's bad dinner thoughtless party or comment. Rising above the situation will bring you the admiration of someone equally as gracious.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Be the urban explorer, the taster of foreign fruits and the master of playful pursuits. Indications are strong that you'll have a chance to act out something in real life that before was only a fantasy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're facing certain impossibilities that, upon second thought, may be possible after all. When excuses aren't an option, there's a whole range of things that can occur. Even an ironclad decision can be reversed.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're so eager and certain you're ready to cross the bridge you've come to that you may inadvertently burn it down behind you. Pause to do your best to handle feelings the and relationships around you right now.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're working

CANCER (June 22-July hard, but those who don't understand your work won't think so. Many of you Sagittarians work with your mouths. If only you were being paid by the word! Today you'd make a mint.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're daring and funny. But don't be irreverent about things that are sacred to other second people. On thought, that you're willing to "go there" might be what makes you funny. Just be careful. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-

Feb. 18). Self-approval may seem like a given after all, if a person didn't approve something they did, why would they do it? But humans are more complicated than you ever thought. When you approve of yourself, celebrate!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Striving is overrated. You're more apt to sit auietly with your thoughts until you feel that you can accept life for all it brings. Surely there is no greater success.

ASTROLOGY AND FOOD: That which appeals to one set of taste buds won't always appeal to another. When we feed our bodies by our sun or moon sign, we feed our very own life force and feel better for doing it! Gemini: Give Gemini some finger food, and fast! Gemini loves lots of little things, like tapas, sushi, bite-sized foods that can be savored in Quickness is an issue, so microwaves and dining out are good options. A Gemini probably invented the snack; eating five small meals rather than three big ones is a great idea for you. Your weakness: too much fast, pre-prepared food (with lowered nutritional value). Cancer: You love the food that mom made and associate your favorite foods with feeling loved and cared for. appreciate home-cooked meals and are an excellent cook — because you can taste the love! A good meal is one prepared with love. The sensitive Crab may have a hard time eating its namesake, or any creature that's suffered. Some body types may need to eat meat, though. If so, make it seafood. Your weakness: Equating love with food can lead to overeating. Come back for Leo and Virgo!

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Lindsay Lohan is a young 21 years old. Surrounded by the talent mill of the Hollywood rich famous, it's easy to mistake glamour for maturity. Lohan's Neptune in Capricorn means it's important for her to find out who she is on the other side of the lens. The coming year is a strengthening one for this beauty, as her confidence and power are tested in her personal relationships.

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Dear Annie: I attend summer school with "Jon," who has a mild intellectual disability. Jon is a very nice boy, and everyone likes him, including me. But I have one problem. We've become such good friends, he now has the idea that I love him. He constantly tries to put his arm around me when we sit next to each other in class, and he calls me his

"sweetie." I know this is not his fault, and I completely understand he doesn't mean to make me feel weird, but I am really uncomfortable. I've tried to explain it to him, but even when he says he understands, he's at it again the next day. I asked my teachers to speak to Jon, and they said not to worry because

it's unintentional. It reached the point last week that I yelled at him to stop touching me, and I made him so upset, he hit his desk. I apologized a billion times, and he forgave me, but now other kids at school think I'm a monster. What makes it worse is there nasty rumors spreading about me being prejudiced. This really hurts. How can I deal with Jon and these other

kids? - V.Dear V.: Try to ignore nasty rumors. Anyone who knows you will understand what happened and can explain it to those who are spreading gossip. Meanwhile, the teachers need to be more involved in this situation. Jon should not be touching without you your permission, regardless of developmental his abilities. He must learn to differentiate between friendship and romance, not only for your sake, but for his.

Dear Annie: My husband's brother and his wife hold an annual combined birthday party for their two children. This year we were invited for snacks, which included raw vegetables



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and dip. My

brother-in-law dipped his carrots directly into the bowl of dip, ate a bite, then proceeded to dip the same carrot again. We all saw him double dip. When my sister-in-law served the cake, she licked the frosting off her fingers after cutting each slice and used those same fingers to place each slice of cake on a plate. I was mortified. How can we politely turn down the food? California Cooties

Dear California: It's easy enough to say, "We'll skip the cake because we're cutting down on sweets." But you might get hungry eventually, and at the rate your in-laws are licking the food, you'll starve to death. It's OK to take your sister-in-law aside and say, "I'm sure you don't realize you're licking your fingers and then placing them on the cake. Some of your guests might object." You can do the same with your brother-in-law.

Dear Annie: "Not So Grand" wrote that she and her husband had given money to their son and his wife for the grandchildren's preschool, and paid for vacations for their whole family. When she saw a picture of the son's birthday party (to which they were not invited), she slipped up and made

an unkind remark about

it to the granddaughter.

Even after groveling at

with an apology, they are only allowed to see their grandchildren on the parents' terms. You said she'd have to swallow her hurt and toe

the daughter-in-law's feet

the line if she wanted to see the grandchildren. Well, let me give her some better advice. Since the son has no backbone, tell him if he wants his children to have a relationship with their grandparents, he either has to step up to the plate and see that his wife apologizes for her attitude the or relationship is over. There are lots of little children who would be thrilled to have such loving grandparents. — Jacksonville, Fla.

Dear Jacksonville: We understand how tempting such a response would be, but we doubt many grandparents would choose to give up their grandchildren own because their daughterin-law is nasty and their is spineless. son Sometimes you have to play by their rules, even when they are unfair.

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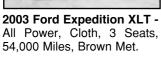
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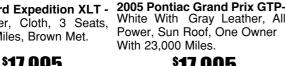


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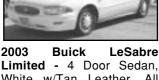






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Rains put damper on travel

CEDAR HILL (AP) — Rick Williams and his family weren't about to let the threat of rain ruin their camping trip over the Fourth of July holiday, a time that normally brings thousands of Texans to state parks.

But when they arrived at Cedar Hill State Park southwest of Dallas, they were surprised to find that not everyone shared their enthusiasm. The usually bustling park was relatively empty over the weekend.

Weeks of heavy rains have dampened recreational activities across Texas, slowing business at parks and tourist destinations and leaving campsites and hiking trails waterlogged.

A year ago many officials were warning boaters about lakes that were too low and banning fireworks because the ground was too dry. Now some popular lakes might be closed for the Fourth because they're too full, and fireworks shows are threatened by a continuing forecast of rain.

Resort avoids foreclosure with bankruptcy court filing

EL PASO (AP) — A West Texas resort billed by its owner as an exclusive desert getaway for the rich and famous filed for federal bankruptcy protection Monday.

The eight-page filing in federal court in Midland came a day before a Connecticut real estate loan company was set to foreclose on an unpaid \$12.5 million loan and sell at auction the 25,000-acre Lajitas, the Ultimate Hideout

According to the Chapter 11 filing, Lajitas Resort Ltd. claims it owes more

than \$1 million to its top 20 largest unsecured creditors. The debt to Prime Assets Funding, the Greenwich, Conn., company that lent Lajitas the \$12.5 million more than a year ago, was not listed in the filing.

Steve Smith, an Austin multimillionaire, bought the property at auction in 2000 for about \$4.5 million.

Workers lose chance at green cards when program delayed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Legal immigrants hoping to be first in line for employer-sponsored green cards lost time and money when the government suddenly announced Monday that no new applications would be taken until the fall, a lawyers group said.

Tens of thousands of people who work in the United States under employment visas and their families were affected by the change, said Crystal Williams, associate director for programs at the **Immigration** Lawyers American Association.

The State Department announced last month that employment visa numbers were available for all people seeking employer-sponsored green cards, except unskilled workers. It sometimes takes years for applicants to get those num-

Beer makers stand to lose millions this year on missing kegs

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Tap it, don't scrap it. With metal prices rising, beer makers say they expect to lose hundreds of thousands of kegs and millions of dollars this year as those stainless steel holders of brew are stolen and sold for

The beer industry is coupling with the scrap metal recycling industry to let metal buyers know they can't accept kegs unless they're sold by the breweries that own them. They're also pushing for legislation that would require scrap metal recyclers to ask for identification and proof of ownership from would-be sellers.

The beer industry's main trade group, the Beer Institute, noticed the problem in the past few years as it saw more brewers reporting missing kegs, resulting in an industrywide loss of up to \$50 million a year, said Jeff Becker, president of the Beer Institute.

"It really got people's attention because that's a significant flow of our kegs that we'll never see again," Becker said. "We know some of it's very innocent but some of it's not."

The theft problem is twofold, he said. Some average keg-buying customers opt to forgo their deposits, which can sometimes range from \$10 to \$30, because they can cover that expense, and then some, if they sell to scrap dealers.

Opera star Beverly Sills dies of cancer at 78

NEW YORK (AP) — Beverly Sills, the Brooklyn-born opera diva who was a global icon of can-do American culture with her dazzling voice, bubbly personality and management moxie in the arts world, died Monday of cancer, her manager said. She was 78.

Weeks after being diagnosed with inoperable lung cancer, Sills died Monday evening at her Manhattan home, her family and doctor at her side, said her manager, Edgar Vincent. She had never been a smoker.

Beyond the music world, Sills gained

fans worldwide with a style that matched her childhood nickname, Bubbles. The relaxed, red-haired diva appeared frequently on "The Tonight Show," "The Muppet Show" and in televised performances with her friend Carol Burnett.

Together, they did a show from the stage of the Metropolitan Opera called "Sills and Burnett at the Met," singing rip-roaring duets with one-liners thrown

Long after the public stopped hearing her sing in 1980, Sills' rich, infectious laughter filled the nation's living rooms as she hosted live TV broadcasts, conducting backstage interviews for the Metropolitan Opera's high-definition movie theater performances as recently as last season.

Authorities in China find children's snacks fail standards

BEIJING (AP) — Chinese inspectors found dozens of children's snacks that failed food standards and seized hundreds of bottles of fake human blood protein from hospitals, officials said Tuesday.

China's dismal health and safety record — both within and outside its borders — has increasingly come under the spotlight as its goods make their way to global markets. Major buyers like the United States, Japan, and the European Union have pushed Beijing to improve inspections.

Inspectors in southwest China's Guangxi region found excessive additives and preservatives in nearly 40 percent of 100 children's snacks sampled during the second quarter of 2007, according to a report on China's central government Web site.

POPS!

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"We'll also have remote parking at the Dora Community Roberts Center. People can enter the park on Whipkey Drive and park in the community center parking lot. We'll have shuttle trailers coming by every 15 minutes or so that will take them to amphitheater."

The remainder of public parking will be located to the west and north of the swimming pool

The concert will feature

the Big Spring Symphony and Chorus, as well as the local band Los Greengos.

Gates open at 5 p.m. today, with Los Greengos beginning its show at 6 p.m. The symphony and chorus take the stage at 8:30 and the fireworks display begins around 9:45.

Food vendors will be open for business at 5

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.

15,000 is expected to pack the amphitheater and spill 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.

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Cordelia "Cordy" Munoz, 64, died Friday. Funeral Mass was at 11:00 AM Tuesday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

FUNTASTIC

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"We're still waiting to get the totals from the golf tournament held over the weekend, but as of right now it's looking like we're going to reach our goals," funding Johnson.

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 direction. new 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."

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

Johnson said there will be plenty of entertainment throughout the daylong 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."

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

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the case into mediation because the district wasn't contacted before the lawsuit was filed.

White said the plaintiffs met three or four times before filing their suit and agreed not to contact the district because they didn't want to deal with some of its trustees.

L.V. "Butch" Foreman, ECISD board vice president, said he wanted the suit to end.

"There's no purpose in it, but I always thought that from the start," Foreman said.

The Bible course teaches the King James version of the sacred text using material produced by the Greensboro, N.C.based National Council on Bible Curriculum in

Public Schools. The course uses the Bible as the students' textbook.

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OUR VIEWS

Funtastic Fourth to feature plenty of fun and music

ll right, Christian rock and gospel music fans, get ready because this year's Funtastic Fourth Festival in the Heart of the City Park will be a time to indulge yourself and offer thanks to God for the freedoms we've been given as Americans.

Not to mention that it will also be a perfect opportunity to relax and enjoy the foods carnival-like atmosphere the annual event brings to downtown Big Spring.

Instead of a Battle of the Bands — a mainstay of the festival in years past — this Funtastic Fourth will have a different kind of music on tap — including Christian rock from the local band Crimson Soul and Stellar Kart, which just recently returned from a European tour.

The entertainment lineup begins with a 10 a.m. performance of Gospel Workshop of America, followed by Holy Authority at 10:40 a.m. and Praise Inc. taking the state at 11:25

The afternoon's entertainment begins with the Restoration Ranch Ministries Band taking the stage at 12:05 p.m., followed by Devyn De Loera at 12:45 p.m. and The Kingsmen at 1:15 p.m. A Road Less Traveled starts at 2:30 p.m., followed by Suzie Gonzales at 3:10 p.m., Rylie Armstrong at 3:40 and the Gospel Jubilees at 4:10 p.m.

A talent show is set for 4:30 p.m., followed by a patriotic presentation at 5:50 p.m. and 10 minutes later Dan Dean permorms. Crimson Soul takes the stage at 7:45 p.m. and Stellar Kart caps the musical performances at 8:45 p.m.

The festival will will continclude with a laser light show beginning at 10:10 p.m.

The family event will offer plenty of food and fun with ice cream eating and seed spitting competitions, washer pitching, pony rides and

And, of course, there's the food — everything from fajitas to hot dogs, hamburgers, curly fries, chips, nachos, Frito pie... Just about any festival food one can think of will be available.

Best of all, there is no admission fee, so we hope to see you all there.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we let You use Your leadership abilities for our life,

Amen

Babbin: 'In the Words of Our Enemies'

lmost as upsetting as the fact that the United States is engaged in a long-term global war against radical Islamists is that a shocking percentage of people seem predisposed against grasping

To the perennially oblivious, we are in a war of choice in Iraq, which, among other "elective" actions, is stoking extremism and provoking retaliatory action against us. If we will just cease and desist these actions and otherwise alter those policies giving rise to griev-



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ances among radical Muslims, their rage will subside and they'll quit targeting us for extinction.

Those afflicted with this line of thinking not only believe it is our actions and policies that cause terrorists to hate us, but that many of those actions and policies are indeed objectionable.

That is, many of those who think global jihadists can be pacified uncoincidentally also believe they have legitimate complaints against the United States.

To these critics, America is not a shining city on a hill, not a beacon of freedom, not an exemplar of civil liberties, but, under the evil Bush administration at least, a nation that intermeddles in other nations' civil wars and ethnic disputes, systematically abuses and tortures enemy prisoners, spies on its own innocent citizens, runs roughshod over other nations in dictating its will on the international stage and is inhospitable to illegal immigrants.

The critics are projecting their own complaints about the United States on to the jihadists and choosing to believe, despite the overwhelming weight of the evi-

dence and all common sense, that our enemy can be mollified if we'll just quit being a greedy, imperialistic superpower that seeks to impose its will and values on other peoples and exploit their resources.

Of course, these blame-Americafirsters are wrong on their complaints against this country. But they are just as wrong about the appeasability of Muslim terrorists.

The terrorists don't just hate us for certain policies we pursue, such as our "occupation" of Saudi Arabia, our alliance with Israel or our stubborn refusal to withdraw from Iraq's "civil war." They hate us because of who we are and what we represent. We could adopt every America-denigrating policy our domestic critics recommend and we'd not make a dent in the enemy's hatred for us.

We can't afford to perpetuate this self-destructive denial of the threat that is right in front of our faces. Our national survival depends on our awareness that short of our national conversion to radical Islam, we are destined for a long-term war against the jihadists.

There is no surer evidence of our enemies' unquenchable malice against us than their own words, which reveal their thinking and sinister intentions. And I've seen no better single, readable source for this than Jed Babbin's alarming new book, "In the Words of Our Enemies.

Based on extensive research, Babbin gives us transcripts of speeches, sermons, interviews and other candid statements delivered by terrorist leaders and the radical sheiks who fan the flames of anti-Western hatred in their mosques. You cannot read them and remain unaware that our enemies are irreversibly implacable and increasing in numbers and resolve.

The radicals believe they have a sacred duty to submit the world to Islamic theocracy, that "it is impossible to make peace with the Jews" and that Muslims "must not enter into a pact with them.' "Jihad against them is our worship." "Educating children to Jihad and hatred of the Jews, the Christians, and the infidels Ö This is what is needed now." They are convinced Islam is invincible, and they will not negotiate with infidels. The West, by its very nature, is an enemy of Islam. There can be no coexistence.

They believe the way we live and project our values around the world, including our respect for and equal treatment of women, constitutes an unappeasable threat to Islam.

America's intractable domestic critics who believe we can mollify the Osamas by withdrawing from Iraq, ending our presence in Saudi Arabia and badmouthing Israel. should read portions from the Al Qaeda manual beginning on page 60 of Babbin's book:

"The confrontation that Islam calls for with these godless and apostate regimes, does not know Socratic debates, Platonic ideals nor Aristotelian diplomacy. But it knows the dialogue of bullets, the ideals of assassination, bombing, and destruction, and the diplomacv of the cannon and machine gun."

Every other sermon, speech and screed in this book is equally chilling.

Purchasing and reading it is one of the best antidotes I can imagine for the ignorance and apathy that could indeed lead to our national suicide.

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Rudy Giuliani is not the one

couple or three presidential debates ago, a Fox News clacker asked a Democratic critic of Bush's war policies a question that went something like this: "If you knew that a terrorist group had an atom bomb and was planning to blow up an American city, would you be willing to torture a suspected member of that group to find out where it was?"

(The unstated premise of the question is that candidates who are reluctant to torture terror suspects are too soft to be trusted with the leadership of the Free World.)

I don't remember who the candidate was but I recall that he got that Mike-Dukakis-caught-in-

the-headlights look and mumbled

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a totally unsatisfactory answer. It's too bad I'm not running for president; I'd know what to say. This:

"Damn right I'd torture him. And if that didn't work, I'd bring in his mother and put a blowtorch to her feet as he watched. And if that didn't work, I'd bring in his son and cut his ears off in front of his dad.

"And if THAT didn't work, I'd show him a picture of Rudy Giuliani. That would break him. You can't afford to be squeamish when national security is at

stake." Perhaps that answer would satisfy the blood lust of the Fox people. The problem is, the decision to

commit torture is never that easy or clear-cut. Life is not like a television show. (And thank God for that.)

In real life, not all the people you suspect of being terrorists are really terrorists. A lot of them are merely people with the wrong names who got caught in the wrong place at the wrong time. Innocent people.

That's why we have laws and rules, to protect people like that; like us. When we violate those laws and rules, when we ignore them, we abandon the very ideals we claim to be defending. And the enemy has won.

But while we're on the subject of Rudy Giuliani, the hero of 9/11, remind me again of what was so great about his response to the Twin Towers' disaster. Basically, he did what a mayor is supposed to do in that situation — stayed calm, looked as though he was in charge, showed up. There are 100 mayors, maybe 1,000, who could have done the same. Why does that make him qualified to be president?

The American people, in recent decades, have shown a lamentable bias against presidential candidates with discernable qualifications for the job. They choose Bush the Younger over Al Gore, Bill Clinton over Bush the Elder, Jimmy Carter over Gerald Ford, in each case choosing the man with the thinner resume.

So I suppose that works in Giuliani's favor. He's never held an elective office above mayor, never had to deal with foreign governments, continent-wide problems, global economic relations.

Why not put him on the world stage to decide issues of life and death? Why not let him deal with a legislature 20 times bigger than he's ever looked at before?

If you were picking a Republican candidate strictly on qualifications, you'd pick John McCain. He's been in the military and knows something about it. As a senator, he's dealt with national and international problems. He has at times, though not always, had the courage of his convictions. If you're a conservative Republican, you could do worse than McCain.

And you probably will. If I were to choose Most Interesting Republican, however, I'd pick Ron Paul, the Texas congressman. He is easily the most forthright candidate on either side.

He's a Libertarian. He's against big government.

He's against taxes, the ban of same-sex marriage and the war in

Iraq. "I'm for the individual," he says. "I'm not for the government."

I may not agree with him on the issues, but I admire him. He stands for something.

But Rudy Giuliani? Do you really want Rudy Giuliani with his finger on the

nuclear trigger? What are you, crazy?

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FEATURES

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Bird Poop:

American kestrel survives collision with windmill

lone and forgotten, the wooden structure stood among tall grasses. In the past, it had been vital to the ranch's operation. Appreciating what it had to offer, cattle had often quenched their thirst from the large tank by its side.

Lightning, dust storms, the scorching sun and time had weathered and weakened its stately appearance. When its owners silenced its



McCasland creaking parts, its remaining blades were denied their share of the breezes. With dwindling ground water, the windmill had become a relic of the

past. As it approached the topmost blade, the sleek bird slowed its flight with long, narrow wings. Gripping the edge of the metal and balancing with its flitting tail, it perched on one of its favorite lookouts. Although the endless fields might appear lifeless, to the falcon they offered a continuous food source. Mice and small birds were readily available, and during spring and summer, grasshoppers were numerous.

With nothing moving during the early part of the afternoon, the bird left. Flying to the bar ditches, the raptor hovered over an area. The rapid beat of its wings while it remained in place was nature's gift to the swift little hunter.

Later in the afternoon, the bird decided to return to the old windmill. Swooping close to the tips of the grasses, it darted from one side to another, as it hoped to startle an insect into flying. As it ascended to have a better view, the bird of prey noticed a large grasshopper spring from a fence post and take flight. In pursuit, the falcon quickly closed its taloned feet around the unsuspecting insect, which immediately started wiggling to free itself. With difficulty, the bird headed for the platform beneath the blades. There, with the tips of its talons imbedded in the wood, it could stand on

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Suspended in the air by its flapping wings, the American kestrel hovers while seeking insects and small mammals. From a distance, its ability to hang in the air brings to mind a small, "feathered helicopter."

aura on Life: The flight of the fly, an exercise in cruelty.

h, daylight. Now I can get around without flying into a wall. The night before, I flew into a bedroom because that was the only light to be found. Apparently, those little humans need a night-light on in their bedroom so that they won't run into walls either. It is interesting to me, though, that they never wake up at night unless the light is off. So, although my theory makes sense, humans don't.

Last night, however, was a different story.

They didn't get any sleep at all. I don't know what



Laura

with me, but apparently, they blamed their insomnia on me...a poor little house fly.

that would

For being SNYDER nighttime, a time when humans,

large and small, are supposedly dormant, there certainly was a lot of activity.

When the lights started going off, I immediately flew toward the last light standing: The one in the small human's bedroom. They're small, and therefore generally safe, so I prepared to spend the night in that room.

The first order of business was to find something to eat. We houseflies are not too picky about what we eat. Consider our ignominious beginnings. Still, a bedroom is not the easiest place to find food. If they are going to leave a light on, why couldn't it be in the kitchen?

him, either!

would not have any-

thing to do with him at

because he was so fast

and pretty that he was

He didn't care

After flying around the room a few times I spied a flash of red that could possibly be cherry Koolaid. Cherry Koolaid is one of my favorite foods. Actually anything with sugar in it is one of my favorite foods. Well, just about anything is one of my favorite foods. But today it was cherry Koolaid.

It was tucked into a crease in the small human's face, but I knew I could get it with my super house fly ability for stealth and speed. I sat on the wall assessing the situation with my

many eyes and finally, came up with a plan: I'm just going to fly down there and get it. Okay. It wasn't a brilliant plan, but house flies aren't known for their brains. Stealth and speed; that's all we got.

I took one reconnaissance flight and realized two things: 1. Yes, it was definitely cherry Koolaid; and 2. Little humans don't like buzzing near their ears when they are sleeping. She flinched just as I was about to land. That delectable glob of heaven was still nes-

tled in that face, though,

and I was determined to get it. I tried to quiet my buzzing on the next pass, but apparently stealth is an ability that house flies still need some work on. I wish they would tell us this kind of pertinent information before we leave the larva stage.

This time the little human's eyes opened, but she didn't move. "Okay, okay, I can do this", I thought. Another stealthy approach and ... Whoa! A little hand I barely detected came up and ruined my flight path!

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THE NEW OLDEN GNU

They

ber when I said that I would tell you a story about a gnu young, he was a very named Olden? Do you know what a gnu might Do you know where I could find a gnu? Did you say a zoo? Yes, that is one place. But, where do they live naturally, wild and free? Did you say "Africa?" Will you promise to look at a map tomorrow after you wake up and show me where I can find Africa? Can you think of another name for a gnu? They are also called "Wildebeests."

This story is about Olden Gnu when he was very young and why he decided to become a new gnu. He didn't like himself when he was very young because he was not very nice to the

other gnus. So, he

decided to become a

o you remem- new gnu. A much nicer any old games with monkeys. new gnu!

When he was very fast gnu. He could outrun all the other gnus. He was a very hand-

some gnu, He too. would make fun of all the other gnus when they couldn't catch him in a race. He wasn't very nice then. He so was handsome

of the other gnus because they were not as pretty as he. He hurt their feelings many want to play with him times.

Soon, all of the other gnus would not play any new gnu games with him. They would not play

that he would make fun very happy with himself. He would go play with the elephants.

The elephants didn't because they were so big and strong and Olden just couldn't play with the big things elephants played with. He would go play with the

Monkeys love to swing high above the ground in the trees. Olden could not climb trees. The monkeys did not want him to play with

> them because he could not keep up with them. He would go play with the birds.

All of the bird games looked like fun to Olden. Until he tried to fly! Olden could not fly, could he? He had no one to play with! He was becoming a very sad Gnu. He wished that he had

been nicer to his friends, the other gnus. He could have played all of the gnu games. Maybe if he tried to be nicer? He would try to be nicer!

On the way back to the gnu herd, he saw something that was very scary. It was a

very big lion, hiding in the high grasses, waiting for one of the other gnus to come closer so he could have a nice gnu for lunch. Olden Gnu knew that he had to do some-

thing, right away!

and

He ran right past the lion. The lion saw him and tried to catch brave Olden. Olden Gnu knew that he could outrun that lion and he did! All of the noises they made during that chase made all of the other gnus run

hide. They saw what Olden did. They thought that was the bravest thing they had ever seen. After Olden had let the lion chase him far, far away, he then ran just as fast as he could run. Pretty soon he was miles and miles ahead of the lion. The lion became tired and lost. Olden ran



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home to the other gnus. All of them were safe from the lion, thanks to Olden!

The other gnus ran to greet Olden and hug him and thank him for being so

brave. Olden liked being nice. The other gnus liked Olden now that he was a nice gnu. He never teased them again. So, that is the story about how Olden got to be known as the new Olden Gnu!

Olden Gnu is very busy right now, playing games with the other gnus. He did ask me to tell you, "Good Night!"





BIG SPRING ROTARY OFFICERS INSTALLED

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Lying on its side, the

kestrel was breathing,

but unconscious. With

another step up the lad-

der, the rancher placed

the beautifully marked

falcon in his hand. As

was his custom, he had

worn a bandana whenev-

er he was on the ranch.

Removing the kerchief

from his neck, he placed

the bird on the brightly

colored accessory. Since

the climb down the lad-

der, he gathered the

ly between his teeth.

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he needed both hands for

cloth's four corners tight-

By the time we met the

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more columns and infor-

mation about her new

The Rotary Club of Big Spring installed new officers during a special meeting Tuesday night at the Big Spring Country Club. The newly-installed officers, from row from left, are: Jim Little, Shirley Lee, Jerry Grimes, Olivia Flournoy, Tim Green and Hollis McCright. Back row: Pete Thiry, Clarance Hartfield Jr., Jan Foresyth and Michael Downes.

KESTREL

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its prey while tearing it into small bits.

Winding his way over the dusty road, the rancher neared the windmill. With affection, he glanced at a part of his heritage. During roundup each year, the stories about what used-to-be included the mill and its history.

As he looked at the top of the structure, the man noticed a large hawk in

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motions were wicked!

The air currents she con-

jured up with her spastic

Gotta watch out for that!

shriek came screaming out of the small human's

wide open eating orifice. The crease in her face

was no longer there and I could see...Yes! A feast! I didn't care what it took, I

Two hands came flying

up this time and the horrendous screeching

All three of them picked up some flat, hard object and started flailing at me

with murderous inten-

shaped replicas and pas-

flying off shelves. Papers were floating hither and

tel colored-ponies were

yon. One of the large humans hit the other in

the head with the flat, hard thing. The small

human was jumping up

and down on the bed in sheer terror. In the background was the ear-piercing scream from the little

human and the annoyed yelling from the one who got hit in the head. It

tions. Tiny human-

was going in!

brought two large humans into the room.

Suddenly, an unearthly

LAURA

front of the blades as the small falcon neared the backside with something grasped in its foot. Suddenly, the big bird burst from the platform. Distracted by the insect and not expecting another bird to be on the mill, the startled falcon looked away from its approach. Turning back, it did not have enough time to avoid hitting one of the

When the bird did not fall to the ground, the rancher waited to see if the raptor would recover. No movement occurred.

blades.

matter where I flew, something was flying at me. However, being one of the best in my Extreme Flying For

Finally, the large humans took the small human and, incidentally,

House Flies class, I out-

maneuvered all of them!

Fearing it might have died from the impact, the man stopped his truck. Although the tower was old, he felt it was rigid enough to climb. After looking at the supporting members and inspecting the rungs of the ladder, he made the decision to climb to the platform to see about the bird. With each step, he tested his weight on the wood while tightly holding on to the rung above and a side member. Finally, he reached the area where the ladder entered the platform.

my dinner, out of the lighted room and I was left to starve. Humans are heartless.

But... it's daylight now...

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Corpus Christi yacht crew to race from California to Hawaii

By MIKE BAIRD

Corpus Christi Caller-Times

CORPUS CHRISTI — Sailing is his passion, so that's what Steve T. Hastings' wife dubbed his sloop.

For more than a year, the 51-year-old Corpus Christi trial attorney has been preparing Passion, his 1981 50foot Santa Cruz sailboat, and his crew to compete against 76 sailboats bound for Honolulu in the Transpacific Yacht Race.

"It's one of few classic ocean races this boat was designed for," said Hastings, a native of Waco. "We're going hard.'

Passion's crew will engage six sailing yachts from four foreign countries — three from Japan — and the others representing nine states, including six racing home to Hawaii. The 10- to 11-day, more than 2,200mile, staggered-start competition begins July 9 in Los Angeles under the signal of California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger. Hastings' is the only single-hull sailboat from Texas that is competing. His sailboat will leave July 12.

The 2006 commodore of the Corpus Christi Yacht Club won't talk about the cost of having a new racing hull added, keel bolts checked, hydraulics rebuilt, a new refrigeration system and sideband radio installed

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rancher, the bird's eyes were open. Inactive, it appeared to be confused.

Finding no broken bones,

we were concerned about

any internal injuries or

bruising from such a jolting stop. At the wildlife center, the kestrel was held four

weeks for observation.

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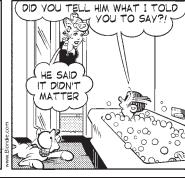
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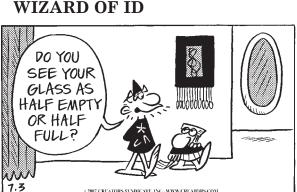




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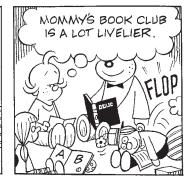




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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, July 3, the 184th day of 2007. There are 181 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On July 3, 1863, the three-day Civil War Battle of Gettysburg, Pa., ended in a major victory for the North Confederate troops retreated.

On this date:

In 1608, the City of Quebec was founded by Samuel de Champlain.

In 1775, Gen. George Washington took command of the Continental Army at Cambridge, Mass.

In 1890, Idaho became the 43rd state of the Union.

In 1898, the U.S. Navy defeated a Spanish fleet in the harbor at Santiago, Cuba, during the Spanish-American War.

In 1944, during World War II, Soviet forces recaptured Minsk.

In 1962, Algeria became

independent after 132 years of French rule.

In 1971, singer Jim Morrison of The Doors died in Paris at age 27. In 1976, Israel launched its

daring mission to rescue about a hundred passengers and Air France crew members being held at Entebbe Airport in Uganda by pro-Palestinian hijackers. In 1987, British millionaire

Richard Branson and Per Lindstrand became the first hot-air balloon travelers to cross the Atlantic, jumping into the sea as their craft went down off the Scottish coast.

1988, the USS Vincennes shot down an Iran Air jetliner over the Persian Gulf, killing all 290 people aboard.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director Ken Russell is 80. musician Jazz Pete Fountain is 77. Playwright Tom Stoppard is 70. Writerproducer Jay Tarses is 68. Singer Fontella Bass is 67. Actor Kurtwood Smith is 64. Actor Michael Cole ("The Mod Squad") is 62. Country singer Johnny Lee is 61. Writer Dave Barry is 60.

Actress Betty Buckley is 60. Rock singer-musician Paul Barrere (Little Feat) is 59. Actress Jan Smithers is 58. Former Haitian President Jean-Claude Duvalier is 56. Talk show host Montel Williams is 51. Country singer Aaron Tippin is 49. Rock musician Vince Clarke (Erasure) is 47. Actor Tom Cruise is 45. Actor Thomas Gibson is 45. Actress Hunter Tylo is 45. Actress Connie Nielsen is 43. Actress Yeardley Smith is 43. Singer Ishmael Butler is 38. Rock musician Kevin Hearn (Barenaked Ladies) is 38. Actress-singer Audra McDonald is 37.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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BEACH BRINGALONGS by Sally R. Stein

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- horse
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- worker 27 Get away
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- king 33 Make amends
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Study: 30 percent of U.S. adults report drinking problems; few treated

By CARLA K. JOHNSON

Associated Press Writer

CHICAGO — More than 30 percent of American adults have abused alcohol or suffered from alcoholism at some point in their lives, and few have received treatment, according to a new government study.

Alcoholics who got treatment first received it, on average, at about age 30 — eight years after alcoholics was slightly abuse treatment is more seling, he said. they developed dependence on drinking, researchers reported.

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"That's a big lag," especially combined with the fact that only 24 percent of alcoholics reported receiving any treatment at all, said study coauthor Bridget Grant of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

The treatment rate for

less than the rate found a decade earlier. The study did not look at reasons for the decline, but other research has revealed a belief among doctors and the public that treatment doesn't work.

However, Dr. Mark Willenbring, director of the institute's Division of Treatment and Recovery Research, said evidence indicates that substance-

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approaches to treating alcoholism are 12-step programs, cognitive behavioral therapy and motivational enhancetherapy. Medications such as Antabuse, naltrexone and

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Hastings, who is relieved her husband is providing emergency position-indicating radio beacon devices for each of the crew in case they are

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effective than treatments

"The important thing is to engage with treatment and stick with it," Willenbring said.

About 42 percent of men and about 19 percent of women reported a history of either alcohol abuse or alcoholism during their lives. Whites and Native Americans were more likely than other ethnic groups to report drinking problems.

Alcohol abuse defined as drinking-related failure to fulfill major obligations at work, school or home; social or legal problems; and drinking in hazardous situations. Alcoholism was characterized by compulsive drinking; preoccupation with drinking; and tolerance to alcohol or withdrawal symptoms.

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turous nature to try something like this — I get

motion sick in a bathtub," she admitted.

Contract

By Steve Becker

You Don't Need a Calculator

North dealer. North-South vulnerable. NORTH WEST **EAST ↑** A 8 5 4 **♥** 10 9 6 **♦** J 10 9 7 2 ♥ A 8 4 3 SOUTH The bidding:

North Ĕast South West 2 **♣** 3 NT Pass Pass Opening lead — jack of spades. Assume you're declarer with the

South hand at three notrump. East takes the opening spade lead with the ace and returns a spade.
You're not really too concerned that the opponents have found their

best lead because you can see that if the missing diamonds are divided normally, you have nine sure tricks. However, just to add a measure of safety, you duck the spade return at trick two and take the king at trick You then cash the ace of dia-

monds, lead a diamond to the king

and get some very bad news when West shows out on the second diamond. You now have to look elsewhere for nine tricks.

So you lead a club to the king and return a club to the jack, the finesse succeeding as both opponents follow low. You then cash the ace of clubs but are left with an annoying problem — you can't get back to your hand to cash your two good clubs. You try leading a heart to your king, hoping East has the ace and started with only three spades, but West wins and cashes two spade tricks to put the contract down one.

Your partner, who is no blushing violet, now points out that you should have made the hand. He says you should have tested the diamonds by first leading to the king and then back to the ace.

If the suit proves to be divided 3-2, you can then cross to the ace of clubs and cash dummy's diamonds. But if the diamonds don't break 3-2. you are in position to lead a club to the jack and then cash the ace. When both defenders follow suit, you cash the diamond queen, cross to the club king and cash two more clubs, scor-

ing nine tricks in all.

By playing the diamonds and clubs in the suggested manner, you give yourself a second chance to make the contract, and two chances are, of course, better than one.

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or the transportation cost for the boat and 10 crew members to Los Angeles.

"I didn't set a budget

and don't really want to add it all up," Hastings said. "But it's expensive." Joining him and two of his children, Holly, 20, and Carter, 16, in the

crew are Mark Foster, past U.S. Olympic sailing team world champion; and longtime crewman Bill Liles and his son Will, a member of the University of Texas sailing team.

"Even though they are very experienced, I'm a little nervous," said Tammy Hastings, 50. "There's some separation anxiety and nervousness about this unimaginable voyage he's taking our children on."

She and the couple's youngest son, Cody, 10, will meet the sailors in Los Angeles for the start, then fly to Hawaii for their arrival, she said.

"Cody is too young to be on the boat in the type of seas they will encounter," Tammy Hastings said. "The Pacific is too cold, and waves will be huge. We'll enjoy this adventure vicariously through them."

The crew will alternate sleeping five in the cabin and five on deck, and Cody didn't want to be cramped on a boat for days anyway, he said.

"I don't want them to get eaten by sharks," he said. "But it's OK I'm not going this time. Dad's a pretty crazy driver."

Holly Hastings sailed with her father and crew from Jamaica to the Cayman Islands eight years ago. "We'll rotate the Baylor jobs,' University student said. "Everyone has a different personal strength based on body build. I'm lighter and would like to do some climbing, but don't think Dad wants me to. I'll do anything needed.'

They aren't racing for prize money.

"It's a once-in-a-lifetime deal," Hastings said. "And we do plan to come back with a trophy."

If so, it won't be the first, Hastings said, twisting the Rolex wristwatch on his arm. His crew helped win the International Rolex Cup Regatta in 1998 for a race in the Virgin Islands. And in 1999, they won the Havana Cup for first place, racing 360 miles from St. Petersburg, Fla., to Cuba. The Transpacific Yacht Race is the longest they've entered and one of the oldest.

In 1906, the competition began with three boats. If all of the 76 yachts registered this year make it to the starting line off Point Fermin in San Pedro,



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British terror investigation focuses on doctors

By BEN McCONVILLE

Associated Press Writer GLASGOW, Scotland British police focused Tuesday on at least four physicians with roots outside Britain — including a doctor seized at an Australian airport with a oneway ticket — in the investigation into failed car bombings in

Glasgow and London. At least four of the eight susfrom Iraq, Jordan and India. One of the doctors from India, 27-year-old Muhammad Haneef, was arrested late Monday at the international airport in the Australian city of Brisbane, where he was trying to board a flight with a one-way ticket late Monday.

Prime Minister John Howard said a second doctor was being British media reported that at least two of the others detained were trainee physicians.

Mark Shone, a spokesman for Halton Hospital in England, said Haneef worked there in 2005 as a temporary doctor, coming in when needed. He also confirmed a 26-year-old man arrested in Liverpool late Saturday — also Indian — prac-

would not provide the man's name or further details.

Amid increased security at British airports, train stations and on city streets, a bomb disposal team carried out a controlled explosion on a suspicious car parked outside a mosque in Glasgow.

that two men rammed a Jeep

pects were identified as doctors interviewed in Australia, and ticed at the hospital but he Cherokee loaded with gas cylinders into the terminal on Saturday, then set the vehicle on fire.

Superintendent Daniels, of Strathclyde Police, told the British Broadcasting Corp. there was "absolutely no specific information" of a threat from the vehicle but that It was at Glasgow's airport it had been detonated as a precaution.

News in brief

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Bush commutes prison term of ex-aide 'Scooter' Libby

WASHINGTON (AP) — Just when things looked darkest for I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby, when prison seemed all but certain. President Bush wiped away the former White House aide's 2 1/2-year sentence in the CIA leak case.

Bush's move came Monday, just five hours after a federal appeals panel ruled that Libby could not delay his prison term. His prospects for an emergency appeal to the Supreme Court seemed bleak. The former chief of staff to Vice President Dick Cheney, Libby was just waiting for a date to surrender.

After months of sidestepping pardon questions, Bush stepped in. He did not issue a pardon but erased a prison sentence that he felt was just too harsh.

"I respect the jury's verdict," Bush said in a written statement. "But I have concluded that the prison sentence given to Mr. Libby is excessive. Therefore, I am commuting the portion of Mr. Libby's sentence that required him to spend 30 months in prison."

Evacuees wait for floodwaters to recede in Kansas, Oklahoma

COFFEYVILLE, Kan. (AP) — The flood is bad enough, engulfing homes to the rooftops and turning neighborhoods into floating junkyards of children's toys and family heirlooms. But the floodwaters here also carry some of the 42,000 gallons of crude oil that spilled from the Coffeyville Resources refinery on Sunday, coating everything they touch with a slimy, smelly layer of goo.

"My question is how are they going to get all that oil out of the environment," said Mary Burge, a heart surgery patient who was forced to breathe from her portable oxygen tank because the

petroleum odor Monday was so strong it could be detected by helicopters passing

The oil spill, caused by a malfunction while the refinery was shutting down in advance of the flooding, has concerned federal and state officials as they monitor the slick's progress down the Verdigris River toward drinking water sources and recreation areas in Oklahoma.

It also presents another hurdle to Coffeyville leaders as they map out longterm flood recovery efforts that now must deal with the toxic sludge.

Jim Miller, Montgomery County emermanager, said the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency had teams on the scene and was monitoring the oil as it snaked through town, leaving greasy stains where it receded from lawns and buildings.

Ex-classmate helped man bury ex-girlfriend's body

CANTON, Ohio (AP) — Prosecutors said a former classmate of a man suspected of killing his pregnant girlfriend helped dispose of her body, then lied to investigators.

Myisha Ferrell has been charged with obstruction of justice in the deaths of Jessie Davis and her fetus but could face additional charges, prosecutor Frank Forchione told a judge Monday.

Investigators have previously said Ferrell lied to authorities investigating the deaths, but have not released details.

Davis' family says she did not know Ferrell. Ferrell attended high school with Bobby Cutts Jr., a Canton police officer accused of killing 26-year-old Davis and the girl she planned to name



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The definitions were based on the American Psychiatric Association's diagnostic manual.

Treatment, in study's definition, could have been by a doctor or another health professional, in a 12-step program, at a crisis center or through an employeeassistance program.

The study, appearing in Monday's Archives of General Psychiatry, was based on a new analysis of the 2001-2002 National Epidemiologic Survey on Alcohol and Related

Conditions. The survey involved more than 43,000 face-to-face interviews with a representative sample of Americans, ages 18 and older.

A previous report on the same data found that 4.7 percent of adults reported alcohol abuse in 2001-2002, and 3.8 percent reported alcoholism.

The new analysis was the first to report on the prevalence of alcohol problems over a lifetime.

The study was funded by the New York State Psychiatric Institute and the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse Alcoholism, a division of the National Institutes of Health.

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