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Texas A&M University alumna Diana Newton and current A&M student Tyler Williams pose with a barbecue grilled called a "Bevo Burner," which will be the centerpiece item when the Howard County A&M Club holds its annual Scholarship Auction July 14.

No joke, Aggies to stage auction

Annual fund-raiser planned for July 14 at country club

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer

If there's anything an Aggie loves more than talking about his or her alma mater, it's recruiting new students.

To that end, Texas A&M alumni — or as they prefer to be known, former students — will gather at Big Spring Country Club when the Howard County A&M Club holds its annual Scholarship Auction July 14.

As its title implies, the auction will help raise money to fund scholarships for Howard County students attending classes at A&M. Currently, 15 such students receive finan-

What: Howard County A&M Club Scholarship Auction.

Where: Big Spring Country Club.

When: July 14. Hors d'oeuvres at 5:30 p.m., auction at 6:30 p.m.

cial aid from the club.

Club member Diana Newton said people from across the area — not just those of the Aggie persuasion — help to make the event an annual success.

"We want to thank the com- See AUCTION, Page 3A

Unemployment rate drops to 3.9 percent locally

By THOMAS JENKINS
 Staff Writer

The unemployment rate in Howard County dipped once again in May, as the Workforce Network of Big Spring reported a 3.9 percent total compared to April's 4 percent.

And while the slight drop between the last two months reported by the Texas Workforce Commission is a good sign, comparisons to this time last year that has many workforce officials smiling.

"The Howard County unemployment rate has decreased

significantly from last year's 5.2 percent rate," said Mary Gregg, area manager for the Workforce Network of Big Spring. "The latest figures received from the Texas Workforce Commission are May figures.

"As of now, the local work-

force network has 110 open jobs. All job seekers are encouraged to utilize the www.workintexas.com system, whether they are unemployed or employed and looking for something better. New job listings are received daily and opportunities arise for those who have

been discouraged with the type of jobs available in the past, or for those exploring new career opportunities."

The number of unemployed people in Howard County fell slightly, with 524 reported in

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Farmer's Market to open Saturday

By THOMAS JENKINS
 Staff Writer

If fresh fruit and veggies are on your weekly shopping list, the people with the West Texas Producers and Farmers Market have just the thing for you.

The annual Farmers Market will get under way Saturday morning, taking Saturdays and Tuesdays from 7 a.m. until noon to help bring fresh fruit and vegetables to local residents.



Zant

"Of course, we'll have all kinds of different farm fresh produce — even eggs. We'll also have buffalo jerky and sausage this year, as well as cracked wheat breads and items like that," said Kelly Zant, spokesperson for the annual market. "We're

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Local residents sort through a myriad of fruits and vegetables during last year's Big Spring Farmers Market. This year's market gets under way Saturday morning at 7 a.m. in the Heart of the City Park.

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KID KIDNAPPERS

ENID, Okla. (AP) — Detectives arrested a 12-year-old girl and her 10-year-old sister for allegedly abducting their neighbor's 1-year-old son and demanding \$200,000 for his return.

Brandon Wells was safe back at home Thursday, hours after intruders broke into his family's residence and took him while his mother slept, police said.

"If you want to see your son again then you won't call police and report him missing and you will leave \$200,000 on the sofa tonight and we will return your son back safe," the note read, according to police.


The note was signed, "the kidnapers."

GREAT RACE COMING

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

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

Lunch will be served to those who have purchased tickets. The deadline to purchase lunch has passed. However, Great Race fans who did not purchase tickets are still welcome to greet the competitors and view the vintage vehicles.



777 RUN/WALK SLATED

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

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

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

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

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

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IN BRIEF

Steers season ticket sales start Tuesday

Big Spring High School will make 2007 Steer football season tickets available for previous season ticket holders Tuesday at the Athletic Training Center.

Previous holders can purchase their tickets Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. until July 24.

Season tickets will be made available to the general public Aug. 8 through Aug. 22 from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Call Kay Cook at 264-3662 with any questions.

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

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

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

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

BSGSA all-star teams raising funds

All four Big Spring Girls Softball Association All-Star teams are raising funds for expenses for the tournaments 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 (Big Spring Lady Hawks) will be helping with the annual Big Spring ragball tournament.

Any person, group or business willing to donate can visit www.bigspringsoftball.com for contact information.

Big Spring slates basketball camps

Big Spring Junior High Gymnasium will be hosting two Big Spring Boys Basketball Camps starting Monday and lasting through Thursday.

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

The first camp starts at 9 a.m. and is for

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Woods struggles in his own tournament

By **JOSEPH WHITE**

AP Sports Writer

BETHESDA, Md. — Hosting his own tournament for the first time, Tiger Woods bogeyed his first two holes.

Then came the rain. It didn't get much better after that. After a brief delay, Woods continued to be a much more gracious host than he planned. By the time his round was over, he had missed a 2-foot tap-in, hit a man in the face with a drive and tossed his putter in frustration at his bag several times.

His Thursday scorecard at the

inaugural AT&T National included seven bogeys in a 3-over round of 73, tied for 77th place and seven shots behind five co-leaders: Vijay Singh, Jim Furyk, K.J. Choi, Joe Ogilvie and Stuart Appleby.

Woods putted 34 times, including three three-putts, and he missed every attempt longer than 8 feet.

"It's one of the worst putting rounds I have had in years," Woods said. "I'm going to have to figure out something for (Friday) because evidently what I'm doing is not even close to being right. I've got to fix it. I've got to get

back in this tournament."

Woods hadn't played since finishing second at the U.S. Open three weeks ago, and he said he still had the fast greens of Oakmont in his mind on a damp, humid day at Congressional Country Club. He kept leaving his putts short, sometimes well short, frustrating both himself and a large gallery that kept showing its appreciation by shouting out remarks such as: "Hey, Tiger, thanks for bringing golf to D.C."

Since the U.S. Open, Woods has become a father and had to deal with the last-minute logistics of

joining Arnold Palmer and Jack Nicklaus as the only golfers to host a PGA Tour event. Even so, he said he wasn't any more nervous than usual at hole No. 1.

"That was the easy part, getting out there and playing," Woods said. "The other responsibilities, that's something you don't normally do. Once I get back inside the ropes, I get back in my comfort level, and I felt at peace going out there and competing."

At peace, but not at his best. His first tee shot landed in the

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Last Big Spring Little League team eliminated

Herald Staff Report

MIDLAND — Big Spring's boys of summer have seen their season come to an end. The 11-year-old All-Stars were kicked off the island of tournament survivors Thursday, losing to Andrews 5-2 at Beal Park in Midland.

Their elimination officially ends Big Spring's Little League baseball season with all five all-star teams now out of tournament play.

After rolling through the bracket, becoming one of the final four teams, the 11-year-olds lost two consecutive games in the double-elimination tournament.

Mid City handed Big Spring its first loss, 8-4, Wednesday to send them into an elimination game with Andrews. Despite defeating Andrews 11-4 on Monday, the 11-year-olds bats could never heat up in their second meeting, ending their season.

Big Spring actually struck first in the game, scoring a run in the second and third innings. With runners on second and third bases, Tate Kennedy hit a single, scoring Brandon Warner to give the 11-year-olds the 1-0 lead.

They would up their lead to 2-0 in the third inning, courtesy of some crafty base running by Tobyn Tannehill. He followed Devin Roberson's lead off single with one of his own. Both players tried to execute a double steal, but Roberson was picked off at third.

However, Tannehill was safe at second and took advantage of a throwing error by Andrews' third baseman to cross the plate.

That proved to be the only runs Big Spring would score though, as Andrews relief pitcher Zayne Williams, shut down the 11-year-olds' bats for the rest of the game.

Andrews took the lead in the top of the fourth inning, registering four runs courtesy of two

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Big Spring's Clayton Gallagher winds up to throw a pitch for the 11-year-old All-Stars in an elimination game Thursday against Andrews at Beal Park in Midland. Andrews eliminated Big Spring with a 5-2 victory.

Courtesy photo

Escobar ignores snub, cools off hot Rangers

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON — Kelvyn Escobar took another All-Star snub in stride.

The Los Angeles Angels right-hander won his 10th game, striking out eight while allowing one run and three hits over seven innings in a 5-2 victory over the Texas Rangers on Thursday night.

The win came only hours after Escobar found out he missed another chance to make the American League team for next week's All-Star game.

After helping the Angels avoid a three-game sweep, Escobar (10-3) insisted that he wasn't trying to prove anything after being denied his first All-Star appearance.

"No, I never worry about things out of my hands," Escobar said. "I went out there and pitched good because we needed this game."

The AL West-leading Angels had lost six of eight games.

Michael Young had an RBI single in the first to tie the game at 1, but the Rangers had only one more hit and got only one more runner past first base against Escobar, who is 4-0 in six starts

since the start of June.

"Outside of a couple of pitches, he pitched a terrific ball game and shut down a lineup that has been scoring a lot of runs," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said. "He's an All-Star no doubt about it."

But Escobar was left off the initial AL roster released Sunday. He had another chance to make the team, but Red Sox reliever Hideki Okajima beat out Escobar and three others in Internet voting that ended Thursday to determine the final player.

Escobar plans to spend the All-Star break in Cancun with his family, and said that he won't go to San Francisco now if asked to be a last-minute replacement for some reason.

"I have plans. They call me to go, I'm not going, they will have to find somebody else," he said. "No offense. I made a good case, but I'm not disappointed."

The Angels have three players going to the All-Star game: right fielder Vladimir Guerrero, who will make his fifth start, closer Francisco Rodriguez and right-hander John Lackey (11-5).

Maicer Izturis had a two-run

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Texas Rangers pitcher Robinson Tejeda throws in the first inning against the Los Angeles Angels Thursday at Rangers Ballpark in Arlington. The Rangers lost to the Angels 3-2.

MCT photo/Sharon M. Steinman

Obituaries

Roland Glenn Cate



Roland Glenn Cate, 54, of Big Spring died Wednesday, July 4, 2007, in a Lubbock hospital. Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 7, 2007, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Elwin Collom, chaplain with Home Hospice, officiating.

He was born Nov. 2, 1952, in Big Spring and married Patty Watkins in 1971 in Big Spring.

Glenn enjoyed team roping. He loved spending time with his family, especially his two grandkids. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Patty Cate of Big Spring; one son, Kevin Cate of Midland; one daughter, Erika Cate of Big Spring; his parents, June and Gladene Cate of Big Spring; one grandson, Gabe Cate of Big Spring; one granddaughter, Kisa Glynn of Big Spring; one sister and brother-in-law, Laverne and Bobby Boyett of Olden; one brother and sister-in-law, Larry and Terri Cate of Big Spring; nieces and nephews, Shannon Scarlett, Sonia Scarlett, Richard Neefe, Teria Dedmon, Dana Hudgins, Jennifer Cate and Jeffrey Cate; and a number of great nieces and nephews and aunts and uncles.

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

Jessie Mack Myles



Jessie Mack Myles, 77, of Big Spring died Wednesday, July 4, 2007, at his residence. Graveside funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 7, 2007, at Mount Olive Memorial Park with Ulysses Mathews, minister of West Highway 80 Church of Christ, officiating.

He was born June 26, 1930, in Corsicana.

Jessie worked for more than 30 years at the Settles Hotel and Poncho's News Stand and then worked for 20 years at Rip Griffin Truck Stop. He was a member of West Highway 80 Church of Christ.

Survivors include his companion, Betty Edmondson of Big Spring; one daughter, Cheyenne Myles Harrison of Big Spring; one step-daughter, Teresa Hamilton of Fort Worth; two step-sons, Monty Hamilton of Austin and Jeremy Hamilton of Bedford; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers.

The family suggests memorials to Home Hospice, 111 E. 7th, Ste A., Big Spring 79720.

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

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s. East winds 10 to 15 mph in the evening becoming light and variable. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

Saturday...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs around 90. Light and variable winds becoming southeast around 10 mph in the afternoon.

Saturday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s. Southeast winds around 10 mph.

Sunday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

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

Monday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s.

Monday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s.

Tuesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s.

Tuesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s.

Wednesday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s.

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

Thursday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s.

Police blotter

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

- **BOE LEWIS PAYNE**, 25, of 1601 E. Third Street, was arrested Thursday on 23 local warrants.
- **MICHAEL NEAL BIRMELIN**, 26, of 1012 W. Third Street, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **JENNIFER E. MCDIFFETT**, 29, of 1012 W. Third Street, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **MARK ANTHONY RYE**, 49, transient, was arrested Thursday on a local citation.
- **LAVON RENE HAGGARD**, 38, of Midland, was arrested Thursday on two local warrants.
- **TONI MARTINEZ FLORES**, 22, of 1004 Sycamore, was arrested Thursday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **DAVID ANTHONY JUAREZ**, 20, of 1003 NW Second Street, was arrested Thursday on 19 local warrants.
- **MICHAEL HERANDEZ JR.**, 39, of 604 NE Ninth Street, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **TYLER JAMES URBINA**, 17, of 2107 Grace, was arrested Thursday on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.
- **AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON** was reported in the 2600 block of Gregg.
- **AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 1600 block of Oriole.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 2500 block of March.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 1400 block of 14th Street.
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported in the 2500 block of Gregg.
- **DRIVING WHILE LICENSE INVALID** was reported in the 500 block of FM 700.
- **FRAUD** was reported in the 2500 block of Carleton.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 300 block of Owens.
- **VIOLATION OF OCCUPATIONAL RESTRICTION** was reported in the 1300 block of Fourth Street.

Fire/EMS

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

- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 100 block of Moore. Service was refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3000 block of Parkway. Service was refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1100 block of Sycamore. Service was refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1100 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of Gregg. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 200 block of NE Third Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2500 block of Carleton. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 400 block of E. 14th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 500 block of Boatler. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1000 block of Bluebonnet. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1500 block of Wood. Service was refused.

Lottery

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 14-17-21-27. Bonus Ball: 23.
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 7-18-19-29-30.
Number matching five of five: 0.

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 4-3-1.

Bulletin Board

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

TODAY
• 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
• 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.
• Big Spring Squares. Call 263-6305 for more information.

MONDAY
• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.

Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 72 inmates at the time of this report.

- **CHRISTOPHER JAY MENDOZA**, 24, was arrested by DPS Thursday on charges of speeding, issuance of a bad check and driving while intoxicated.
- **PAUL POPE**, 47, was arrested by DPS Thursday on a charge of driving while intoxicated - three or more counts.
- **JOHN MARIANO GRANADOS JR.**, 20, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD Thursday on a charge of violation of occupational restriction.
- **MARY SCHULTZ**, 33, was arrested by the HCSO Thursday on a motion to revoke probation for theft.
- **ALISHA GAY MCGEE**, 29, was transferred to the BSPD Thursday on a motion to revoke probation for bail jumping, failure to appear, bondsman off bond, failure to id, giving fictitious info, failure to identify as a fugitive from justice and resisting arrest or transportation.
- **MISTY DAWN RIDDLE**, 27, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD Thursday on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon/ family violence.
- **SARAH NICOLE DUNLAP**, 22, was arrested by the HCSO Thursday on a motion to revoke probation for criminal trespass.
- **FRANKLIN KYLE CASEY**, 46, was arrested by the HCSO Thursday on a motion to revoke probation for evading arrest or detention.
- **ERNESTO ESCOVEDO**, 30, was arrested by the HCSO Thursday on charges of rider not secured by safety belt and motion to revoke probation for assault causing bodily harm, failure to appear and delivery of a controlled substance.
- **CHRISTOPHER DAVID GONZALES**, 32, was arrested by HCSO Thursday on charges of bail jumping and failure to appear.
- **KIMBERLY RENEE KILLCREASE**, 26, was arrested by DPS Friday on charges of failure to identify - giving false information and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **ALEX CALVIN MARION**, 35, was arrested by DPS Friday on charges of driving while license invalid, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less and possession of drug paraphernalia.

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thick rough, and his first putt of the day lipped out, prompting a puzzled look as he rubbed his upper lip with his index finger. He bogeyed the par-3 No. 2 after misplaying a sand shot, then was standing at the No. 3 tee box in the rain when the horn sounded to stop play.

The delay was only 18 minutes, but it seemed to calm Woods.

He birdied two of the next three holes but was woefully inconsistent the rest of the round. He figured his final putt at No. 16 was a gimmie, so he tried to tap it in with an awkward stance and missed.

At No. 18, his tee shot hit a man in the face and shoulder. Woods gave the man an autographed glove and apologized, then went on to bogey the hole with another miss from 2 1/2 feet.

Meanwhile, 28 players were under par on 7,204-yard, par-70 course that was expected to be a tough test with its high rough and long par 4s.

The leaderboard is an eclectic mix of styles, ranging from the long-hit-

ting Singh to older, lay-up players such as 51-year-old Fred Funk and 47-year-old Corey Pavin, who are both one stroke off the lead. In the star partnership of Phil Mickelson (74) and Adam Scott (72), Brad Faxon outshone them both as the third member of the threesome, beating might with accuracy with a steady 69, even as his partners consistently outdrove him.

"When they put the deep rough like they have this week, that's my equalizer," Funk said. "The harder the golf course, the better for me in my opinion."

Mickelson, who is battling a left wrist injury, was rusty in his first tournament since missing the cut at the U.S. Open. Mickelson didn't wear a brace and blamed two bogeys and a double bogey on his putting rather than his injury.

The last time Woods played a competitive round at Congressional, he finished 19th at the 1997 U.S. Open.

Ten years later, he was ready to beat up his putter.

"I'm about ready to break this thing," he said.

outs. However, they couldn't take advantage of the situation and never threatened to score again.

Clayton Galloway pitched 5-2/3 innings, giving up 5 runs, all earned, on seven hits and registering eight strikeouts. Blaise Coffman pitched the final out for Big Spring.

The 11-year-olds took third place in their bracket — the top finish for any of the all-star teams representing Big Spring.

The 12-year-olds and 9-10-year-olds both had fourth-place finishes.

RANGERS

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triple and scored after a double for the Angels. Guerrero extended his season-best hitting streak to nine games with an RBI single in the first.

The Rangers are in last place, 16 games behind Los Angeles, but are 5-0-1 their last six series. They took two of three from Los Angeles after splitting a four-game set last weekend at Boston, which

has the best record in the majors.

"If we can just keep winning series, hopefully we'll get to the point where we can run off four or five (wins) in a row," Rangers rookie manager Ron Washington said. "We're very happy with that we've done, but now we've got another series to get ready for."

Robinson Tejeda (5-8) lost for the fifth time in his last six decisions and has a 9.14 ERA in that span. He gave up four runs and six hits over 5 1-

3 innings.

Jerry Hairston led off the Texas first with a double, advanced on a sacrifice bunt by Ramon Vazquez before Young's single. Young, the MVP of last year's All-Star game who will play in his fourth straight midsummer classic, has 23 singles over 18 games since his last extra-base hit on June 15.

Vazquez had a two-out triple in the sixth before Young hit a comebacker to the mound.

Garrett Anderson had a

leadoff single in the fifth and scored the go-ahead run on a single by Jose Molina. Izturis came home on a sacrifice fly by rookie Reggie Willits, and then had his triple in the sixth.

After heavy rains earlier Thursday, the game started on time — the field wasn't uncovered until about 45 minutes before the first pitch. A light rain began to fall in the fifth inning, and continued for two innings, but the game was never delayed.

BRIEFS

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incoming second 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 today through Sunday at the Roy Anderson Complex.

Cost is \$110 per team with an eight game guar-

antee.

Register at the complex between 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Friday.

Games start at 7 p.m. on the same day.

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

Country club holding golf classic

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

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

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

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

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

No-tap benefit bowling tourney set

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

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

There will be a men's, women's and junior's division. The cost is \$15 for the men's and women's division and \$12 for the junior's division.

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

Anyone wanting to participate, but can't attend the dates of the tournament can arrange a re-

bowl by calling Debbie Burrow at 263-8952 or Jimmie Wood at 267-8676.

Magers-Powell camp scheduled

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

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

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

The fee will be \$125 per player.

Players can register online and get additional information on the camp by going to Magers-Powell's website, www.gotrosevolleyballcamps.com.

BASEBALL

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doubles, three singles, two walks and a wild pitch.

Andrews added to its 4-2 lead in the top of the fifth inning after a solo home run, giving Andrews the 5-2 lead.

Big Spring had an opportunity to trim the lead in the bottom of the fifth. Roberson and Tannehill hit back-to-back doubles, giving the 11-year-olds runners on second and third with two

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News briefs

Child dies from burns in fireworks accident

LUBBOCK (AP) — A 2-year-old girl has died from burns she suffered when she spilled gasoline on herself and was set on fire by a sparkler her sister was holding, officials said.

The girl suffered second-degree burns over half her body Saturday when gas fumes apparently caught fire from a spark on a burning sparkler as she walked near her 17-year-old sister, said Garrett Nelson, Lubbock's assistant fire marshal.

The girl died Thursday evening, a University Medical Center official said.

It is illegal to possess fireworks, including sparklers, in Lubbock.

Nelson said the teenager was not cited in the incident because "to compound the tragedy at that point was probably not going to do any good."

Family members told authorities the toddler was seen playing with a gas can during a garage sale, but her parents took the can away when they noticed.

Officials warn of more flooding

AUSTIN (AP) — With Texas rivers and lakes filled to the brim and more rain in the forecast, emergency officials braced for more of the flooding that has severely damaged or destroyed 1,000 homes, killed 13 people and left four missing.

All of the state's major river basins are at flood stage, the first time that has happened since 1957. Major flooding was forecast on the Guadalupe River in Victoria and Calhoun counties where the river was expected to crest near Bloomington at just over 27 feet early Saturday. Flood stage is 20 feet.

Areas of concern also include the Brazos, Sabine and Trinity rivers and Nueces River near Corpus Christi, said Jack Colley, chief of the state's Division of

Emergency Management.

Texas AG sues supplements seller

DALLAS (AP) — Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott said Thursday that he has filed a lawsuit against dietary supplements seller Mannatech Inc., claiming that the Coppell-based network is operating an illegal marketing scheme.

Exaggerated claims about the therapeutic benefits of Mannatech's supplements and nutritional products were unlawfully used to increase sales, Abbott said.

"Aided by an army of multi-level sellers and their fictitious claims about its products, Mannatech has aggressively marketed supplements to countless unwitting purchasers," the attorney general said in a written statement. "With today's enforcement action, the Office of the Attorney General seeks to shut down an elaborate scheme to defraud innocent consumers across the nation."

The suit, filed Thursday in state district court in Travis County also names Mannatech owner Sam Caster.

A phone listing for Caster provides the company's main number.

Game warden kills 9-foot alligator

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A 9-foot alligator was shot and killed by a game warden on the outskirts of San Antonio because the reptile appeared to have lost its fear of humans, authorities said.

Several 911 calls alerted police to an alligator in an area near a lake and an apartment complex, police said. When the game warden arrived early Thursday, the gator had crawled off the road near a ditch.

The warden decided to shoot the gator because it was close to several residences and was unafraid to approach humans.

AUCTION

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munity as a whole," she said. "They are always so supportive ... There are two major reasons our auction is such a success: Number one, this community supports education; and number two, Aggies believe in helping each other.

The event starts with hors d'oeuvres at 5:30 p.m., with the auction scheduled to begin around 6:30 p.m.

The centerpiece of the auction is a handcrafted barbecue grill that club members have nicknamed the "Bevo Burner" — a not-so-subtle dig at the famed University of Texas mascot.

There will be plenty of sports memorabilia on auction, including a framed jersey signed by A&M great John David Crow, as well as items from across the sports spectrum, including autographed Dallas Cowboys photos.

But items are not restricted to the sports world, as framed, autographed photos will be available of musical greats such as Willie Nelson, Billy Joel and the Eagles, among others.

Other items scheduled for auction include free football tickets to A&M games and vacations to San Antonio and Pagosa Springs, Colo., free helicopter and hang-glider rides and savings bonds.

The biggest item to be auctioned, however, is the naming rights to an endowed scholarship to Texas A&M. Bidding for that will begin at \$5,000, Newton said.

For more information, contact Newton at 263-4204.

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JOB

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May and 535 reported the previous month. Both totals come as a stark contrast to May 2006 totals, which reached 704.

The civilian labor force grew slightly, with 13,434 reported in May and 13,376 reported in April. The total in May 2006 was 13,643.

The number of employed people in Howard County climbed slightly, with 12,910 reported in May and 12,841 reported in April. The total still failed to match the 12,939 employed residents reported in May 2006.

Gregg said a similar, upward trend has been seen throughout the region.

"The total non-agricultural employment in the region grew by 700 jobs in May," said Gregg. "This was the fourth consecutive month of employment increases in the area. The May increase was also more than twice the five-year average increase of approximately

300 jobs.

"Regionally, since May 2006, 2,900 jobs have been added presenting a 4.6 percent increase in employment. Wholesale trade added 100 jobs over the month. Financial activities added 200 jobs, as well, making it the largest one month increase since October 2005 and the first over-the-month increase for 2007. Since May 2006, employment increased 5.9 percent."

Gregg said the Texas unemployment rate is 3.9

percent, while the Permian Basin Workforce Development Area is listed at 3.1 percent. Within the Permian Basin Workforce Development Area, there are 190,086 employed individuals, compared to last year's figure of 185,192.

Similar trends have been seen in surrounding counties, with unemployment rates reported at 2.6 percent in Midland County; 3 percent in Ector County; 3.1 percent in Martin County; 5.4 percent in Dawson County;

3.4 percent in Borden County; 3.6 percent in Glasscock County; 2.7 percent in Andrews County; and 2.8 percent in Upton County.

"Job seekers interested in any job listings found at www.workintexas.com can contact Carla Gross for more information and referrals," said Gregg. "We continue to have a

critical demand in our area for RNs, PRNs and LVNs, clerical work, plumbers, licenses electricians, truck drivers and HVAC mechanics."

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also going to have crafts and lots of fun. The whole idea of a farmer's market is to have something centralized in the town so we can all get together and have a good time.

"In order to get people to come out, because we have a lot more than just vegetables, we decided to plan stuff for the weekends. It's a great chance to bring your kids and find some fresh fruits and vegetables and enjoy whatever the theme of the weekend is."

Marking the fourth year for the market in Big Spring, Zant said Saturday's opening will showcase a special performance by some rather auspicious musicians.

"This Saturday's entertainment will be by Jesse and Noah Bellamy, the sons of Bellamy Brothers legend David Bellamy," said Zant. "Jesse and Noah will be performing at 10 a.m. at the market. Be sure and come for fresh produce and stay for the concert."

For more information on the farmers market, contact Zant at 816-4540.

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This week we salute:

Wow, Howard County, you really celebrated Independence Day in style. With that in mind, some quick "thank yous" are in order:

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- Downtown Revitalization Committee and the Funtastic Fourth Committee on an entertaining and eventful day (and night) Wednesday in the Heart of the City Park.
- Highland South Parade Committee, for keeping up a long tradition of this wonderful neighborhood parade. As always, it's the cutest thing around.
- Freedom Parade and Festival organizers at Coahoma for another great parade and afternoon in the park.
- And finally, everyone who participated in these and other events to celebrate our nation's independence. We are truly blessed and at this time it is also vital that we salute our men and women in the armed forces throughout our history.

And...

• Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce on extending its deadline until July 18 for those who want to sign up for Leadership Big Spring. With the celebrations behind us, we can concentrate on other important activities and this is one of them. Check the Chamber for more details.

• Big Spring Independent School District on forming a citizens committee to address future facility needs within the district. It's important to get the public involved, especially when taxpayer dollars are involved.

• Ron Brasel for the 22 years he served as provost of SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf. A lot of improvements were made during his tenure, and we look forward to even more. Thanks, Ron.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

We have the ability to sort out any confusion, Lord, when we partner with You.

Amen

'Givin' it up' isn't easy, but do it

By his own estimate, Robin Agnew tried to quit smoking about 20 times. "I would quit for about four weeks at a time," said Agnew. Then one day, about 12 years ago, Agnew puffed a cigarette in a Baltimore Maryland Park, threw the rest of his pack in a trash can and never smoked again.



TROY BREWER

"I finally quit when I became a nurse," he said. "It was professionally incompatible."

The Brewer himself used to live in Marlboro Country, but by way of the Red Sea I was delivered from the Pharaoh of Copenhagen and all things tobacco, back in 1994. It remains one of the greatest single victories of my life.

I had been a dedicated Christian for nearly nine years at that time and had walked right out of a lot of things that sent stronger people to rehabs. But I just couldn't live a life without a round can in my back pocket, even if I was living for Jesus. I learned how to do food outreaches with a dip of snuff in my mouth, and then found me some grace and liberty scriptures to quote if anybody didn't like it.

The truth of the matter is I wanted to quit but didn't know how. Every time I decided to quit it was like trying to land the space shuttle. My trajectory would start off right but once the real suffering commenced, I would get off course and fall apart on re-entry.

Rude Awakenings

I would say a prayer, throw a full can of snuff out the window and pull over to buy a new one 10 miles down the road.

I had to quit; I had to keep trying, because as Nurse Agnew once said, it was completely incompatible.

On the early morning hours of Oct. 31, 2004, I awoke from a dream that properly motivated me to take my addiction very seriously. There's not any point in me describing it because most would say it was merely a nightmare, but I received it as a holy warning from a spiritual dad who was taking me to the woodshed.

I got rid of every snuff can and cigarette I could find and to this day have not taken in a measurable amount of any form of nicotine. The last time I quit really was the last time I quit.

Thomas Edison once said, "Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try one more time."

Getting back up on the horse is just as important as the horse being broken. I hate bondage. I hate addiction and so does the Lord. I truly don't think that smoking or the use of tobacco is that big of a deal except that it simply is not compatible with the testimony of a Christian. It's bad for you and it's a bad testimony. I don't think smoking will send you to hell, but I do think it will make you smell like you've been there.

Across the Pond

Several years ago my wife and I

were on one of our first visits to Uganda, East Africa. At a baptism ceremony in a fast moving river, about 50 new converts were about to take the holy plunge. Once the music started, people began to celebrate and to my amazement the folks in line striped down naked! Their public display revealed a lot more than their faith in Jesus.

A few years later, that same pastor was touring through Texas when he stopped to preach at my church, Open Door Ministries. He came in my office and said "Pastor Troy, there are people smoking cigarettes in the parking lot outside. Why do you not go out and confront them?"

I reminded him that I had been to his church several times and that he should be more concerned for the naked people in his church than the smokers in mine. I will take smokers over streakers any day of the week.

The bottom line is that Christ set us free not for us to be in bondage but for us to be set free. If you have tried hard to come out of some things and failed before, I encourage you to try again.

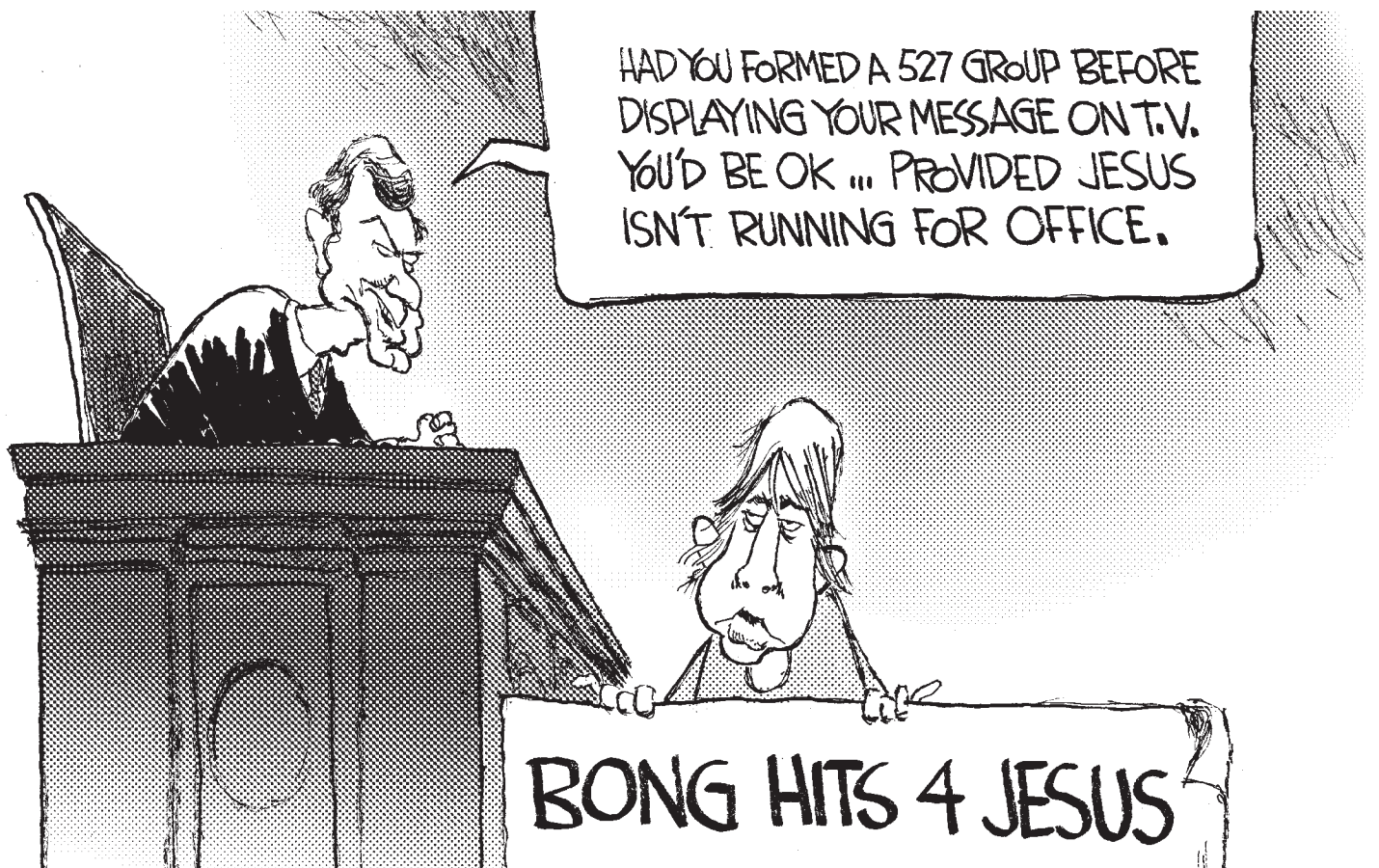
Don't give up!

Your life is worth fighting for. Addiction is incompatible with a victorious person like you. There is no point in being defeated by an already defeated devil.

Romans 6:18

"Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness."

Contact Troy Brewer by e-mail at FFTB@OpenDoorMinistries.org.



Close up, Washington looks grim

It was a wild and crazy week in Washington. In quick succession:

- The Supreme Court decided that the free speech of corporations and special interest groups was worthy of Constitutional protection but that free speech exercised by a high school student wasn't.



DONALD KAUL

- Dick Cheney's office argued that the vice president wasn't bound by the rules that govern the executive branch of government because he is not a member of the executive branch. He isn't a member of the legislative branch either. Apparently, Cheney is a whole branch of government all by himself. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice is said to agree.

- The CIA made public its "family jewels," the official record of all the assassination attempts, illegal wiretaps, connections to organized crime and other chicanery it committed over the years. The CIA director said he released the 702 pages of documents "to give those we serve a window into the complexities of intelligence." Unfortunately, it was a dirty window. It turns out that the CIA is pretty much what a lot of us always thought — the KGB with an Ivy League education.

- Dick Lugar, ranking Republican on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, finally rebelled against the president's Iraq policy, if any. The six-term senator, who has spent these

many years supporting the president, said: "In my judgment, the costs and risks of continuing down the current path outweigh the potential benefits that might be achieved." That's Senatespeak for "Let's declare victory and leave." The White House was non-committal but you could tell the people there felt as though they'd been bitten by their pet Labrador.

- A group of high school presidential scholars (key word: smart) slipped a hand-written note to President George W. Bush on a visit to the White House asking him to remove the part of the anti-torture bill which allows him to make exemptions to the ban on torture. The president's response was muted, but it was reported that Dick Cheney wanted to nuke the kids' bus on their way home.

Of all those events, I found the Supreme Court's decisions the most interesting.

The first free speech case involved the McCain-Feingold ban on phony "issue ads" indirectly aimed at supporting or attacking a particular candidate in the last few weeks before an election. The law bans such ads paid for by corporations, unions and special interest groups.

What the court did was loosen those restrictions to the point of meaninglessness, limiting the ban to ads that are "susceptible of no reasonable interpretation other than as an appeal to vote for or against a specific candidate."

"Where the First Amendment is implicated," Chief Justice John Roberts wrote, "the tie goes to the speaker, not the censor."

Except in cases where the speaker is a kid, apparently.

In a separate case the court upheld a 10-day suspension from high school of a student who held up a sign, "Bong Hits 4 Jesus," as the Olympic Torch passed through the streets of Juneau, Alaska, on its way to the Winter Olympics.

In that instance, the court gave the tie to the censor, the principal. Justice Clarence Thomas wrote: "In the light of history of American public education, it cannot seriously be suggested that the First Amendment 'freedom of speech' encompasses a student's right to speak in public schools."

The upshot of it all is that moneyed interests will have even more freedom to buy elections, and high schools encouraged to be cheerless, fascistic organs of the establishment (as though they needed that encouragement).

It's all a sign of the fact that we now live in the world of George W. Bush.

His court nominees have tipped the balance in favor of this country's reactionaries and, given the nominees' relative youth, that's the way it's going to stay.

Those presidential scholars were lucky they weren't arrested for slipping the president that letter. What right do they have to hold an opinion and, even worse, express it? This is America, after all.

Sort of.

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Judge: Christ justice icon will stay up

SLIDELL, La. (AP) — Unless a federal judge orders it down, an icon of Jesus holding biblical quotations about justice will stay up in the city court lobby, a local judge ruled.

The American Civil Liberties Union has threatened to take the court to court unless the icon and a plaque below it reading "To Know Peace, Obey These Laws" are removed.

"We respectfully disagree with the ACLU's opinion that this is a violation of the Constitution," City Court Judge Jim Lamz said. "The only opinion that counts in this type of case is the opinion of the federal judge to whom this will go if the ACLU sues."

ACLU representatives contend the icon violates the First Amendment prohibition against establishing a state religion.

Mayor Ben Morris said he was ready to fight. "I fight daily with FEMA for the recovery of our city, and now we must fight with these tyrants, this American Taliban who seek to destroy our culture and our heritage," he said.

Judge rules against evangelist

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — A Pentecostal evangelist familiar has lost his initial bid to speak at Murray State University.

James G. "Brother Jim" Gilles sued the university in 2006, claiming that MSU deprived him of his rights to free speech and to exercise his religion by rejecting his requests to preach at the Curris Center.

U.S. District Judge Thomas Russell, however, ruled that the school's campus speech policy, which requires speakers to obtain on-campus sponsors, is legal.

First Baptist Church of Coahoma

We would like to invite all children who have completed pre-kindergarten through the sixth grade to attend our Vacation Bible School at the First Baptist Church of Coahoma.

Our church is located at 201 South Ave. Our pastor is Wesley Massey.

The VBS is scheduled July 16-20 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

For more information, call the church office at 394-4056.

Sunday School will begin at 9:45 a.m. with the worship service 11 a.m. The evening service at 6 p.m.

On Wednesdays, Bible study is at 7 p.m., the youth group meets at 7 p.m. and Children in Action is at 7 p.m.

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

The members of Birdwell Lane Baptist Church invite you to visit with them at 1512 Birdwell Lane. Sunday worship is 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Nursery is provided. Children's church is during the Sunday morning service for 4-9 years of age. Midweek service is Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Vacation Bible School is planned for July 15-18 from 6-8:30 p.m. for ages 4-12. The theme is Wild West Witness and a lot of fun things are planned.

There will be an all-day 65th Church Anniversary on Sunday, July 29, beginning at 10 a.m. with past pastors preaching, a special quartet singing, and a fellowship dinner. Plan now to attend.

For a ride to services, call 264-9924 or for further information, call 267-7157.

First Presbyterian Church

Wednesday evening Bible study will resume at 5:17 p.m. this week. There will be no choir practice, however. The Chancel Choir will not practice during July and will join the congregation in Sunday worship during the month. The 11 o'clock service will be broadcast on KBST 1490, if their equipment is functioning.

The Sunday morning breakfast, announced last week, has been cancelled for the summer. Sunday school classes are still in session at 9:45, followed by "Take Ten," in the parlor preceding worship.

Lectionary for Sunday is 2 Kings 5:1-14; Psalm 30; Galations 6:1-16; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20. Mike Mitchell, organist, will open the service with Beethoven's "Adagio."

First United Methodist Church

Sunday, the Rev. Dr. Shane Brue will begin a series of sermons on "Holiness" beginning with "Lessons From the Potter's House" based on Jeremiah 18:1-4. There are two services of worship each Sunday morning at 8:30 and 10:50. Sunday School classes for all ages are at 9:45 a.m.

Sunday afternoon Vacation Bible School workers will meet. At 2:15 p.m. there will be a registration training followed at 3 p.m. with workers training.

"Avalanche Ranch," our annual Vacation Bible School, will begin with registration at 8:45 a.m. on Monday and continue through Friday. Activities are planned for 4-year-olds through those who have completed the fourth grade. Sessions

begin at 9 a.m. and conclude each day at noon.

A special country gospel music concert will be held in the sanctuary on Sunday at 6 p.m. featuring Gloria Hanson. This guest soloist is best known for her recording of "Silver Threads and Golden Needles."

In 2003 Hanson was awarded Female Country Gospel Song Writer of the Year. This appearance is a rare opportunity for gospel music fans in this area.

The community is reminded that First Methodist offers the Kentwood Activity Center for rental to accommodate family reunions, parties and meetings. There is a fully-equipped kitchen and caretakers are on premises.

For more information, contact our church office at Fourth and Scurry Streets or call 267-6394.

Hillcrest Baptist Church

Hillcrest Baptist Church will hold Vacation Bible School from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. July 29-Aug. 2. The theme is Take the Plunge water park. You can pre-register at the splash zone from 9 a.m. until noon July 21 at 2000 W. FM 700 in the church parking lot or you may call the church office at 267-1639.

Friends of Unity Center

Friends anticipate the 14th annual Unity World Day of Prayer on Thursday, Sept. 13, with zealous enthusiasm. This year's theme is "Peace Through Prayer." The shared affirmation is "We are peacemakers, one in the love of God. With hearts united, we establish harmony and peace

in our lives and in the world." Friends maintain the Center as a welcoming place downtown in the Railroad Plaza. For more information, call Nancy Patrick at 263-6311.

First Assembly of God

Joe Whitten Prison Ministries will be presenting "His Children" in concert this Sunday morning at the First Assembly of God Church at the 10:40 service.

The service will include many wonderful testimonies, along with a wonderful concert by "His Children."

The Joe Whitten prison ministry is doing a great work for the Lord in this very needed field of labor. The American Correctional Association endorses the Joe Whitten Prison Ministries.

Joe is a native of Oklahoma with a Texas education. He is a graduate of West Texas State University with a master's degree from Texas Tech University. Pastor R.T. Havener and the congregation of First Assembly located at Fourth and Lancaster invite the public to this outstanding hour of worship.

College Baptist Church

College Baptist Church members have called Jamie Scott to be their part-time minister of music. Scott is a member of the popular singing group, the King's Men.

The Three G's will enjoy a Game Night Thursday, July 12, at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All seniors are invited to come for an evening of the fellowship and fun.

Church young people, along with youth minister

Bobby Floyd, attended the Youth Evangelism Conference in Dallas June 28-30.

Several girls traveled to Floydada June 18-21 to participate in G.A. Camp. Sandy Lloyd is their sponsor. Plans are under way for the church mission trip to Grand Junction, Colo., July 21-28.

Noth Birdwell United Methodist Church

The members of North Birdwell Lane UMC will be taking orders for July Angel Food at the church located at 2702 North Birdwell Lane on Friday, July 6, from 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, July 7, from 11 a.m.- 3 p.m. and Friday, July 13, from 11a.m.- 6 p.m. All orders must be paid for with cash at the time they are placed. Food boxes will need to be picked up on July 28 between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Evening services have been cancelled this Sunday. Everyone is encouraged to attend the free concert presented by Gloria Henson at the First United Methodist Church located at 400 Scurry beginning at 6 p.m. Ms. Henson is an award-winning country gospel singer-songwriter.

Bible study will resume July 18 at 6:30 p.m. and will continue on the regular schedule of the first and third Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

You are invited to all services of the North Birdwell Lane UMC. Sunday services are at 9:30 a.m. and Sunday school follows at 10:30 a.m. The Rev. Joel Miller invites you to attend and be blessed by the love and fellowship you will receive.

Club News

Daughters of The American Revolution

The Capt. Elisha Mack Chapter will sponsor a Genealogy and Lineage Workshop on Saturday, July 14, 2007, at the Big Spring Country Club from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Jan E. Fields, consulting genealogist and regent of the Alexander Love Chapter of the NSDAR in Houston will speak on "Tapping Your Roots, How to Get Started." Topics covered by the workshop include information that can be found on the United States Census 1840-1930, using the Internet for research as well as research as the National Archives.

Research materials will be provided and some research items will be available for purchase.

While sponsored by the local DAR chapter, the workshop is opened to anyone interested in genealogy, whether or not they desire to join the DAR.

Cost is \$35 for early registration or \$40 at the door. Price includes a continental breakfast and lunch and afternoon refreshments. Checks should be made to Capt. Elisha Mack Chapter, NSDAR and mailed to Mary Schuelke, P.O. Box 67, Ackerly 79713.

Keep Big Spring Beautiful

Keep Big Spring Beautiful met at Howard College Cactus Room on July 2. Kathryn Wiseman, president, gave the in-

formation and opened the meeting for approval of minutes and financials. Debbie Wegman reminded members of the need for collection takers and clean-up crews for Pops in the Park.

A number of recycle can barrels have been placed around town. Cans can be delivered south of Goliad school and placed in the Cans for Classes bin. PTK Howard College students will empty receptacles until the fall semester.

Javier Flores heads this group.

In new business, help was asked in manning the booth at the county fair Sept. 26-29. Cotton gloves were provided for the adult probation workers who have been assigned to do trash pick-up in town. The Paint and Safety Store also donated gloves for workers. We will pre-order KTB ornaments while our three delegates are at the state convention.

Guest speaker Bill Brock, assistant manager for solid waste in Abilene, was able to give us advice on recycling guidelines.

He also gave us ideas on fund-raisers and how best to market recycled items. We appreciate his input.

After a question and

answer period, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is Monday, Aug. 6. New members are welcome.

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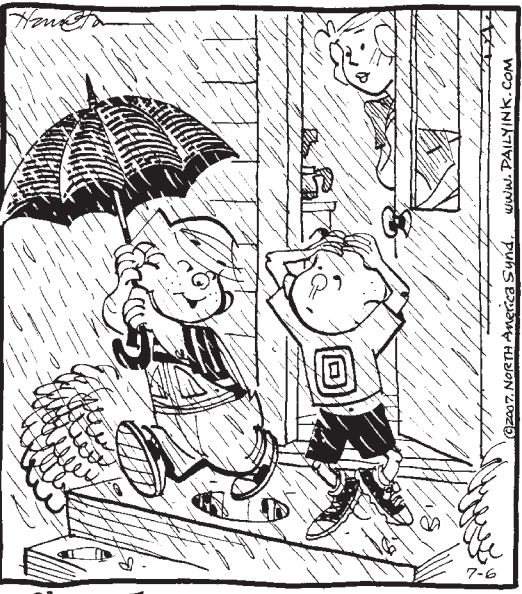
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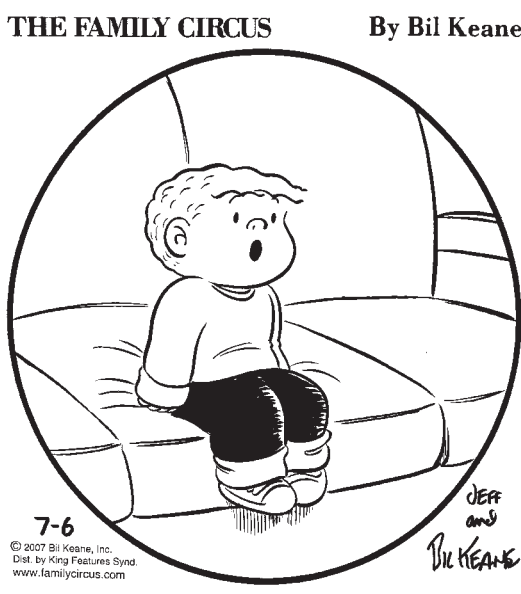
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DENNIS THE MENACE



"C'MON, JOEY. IF YOU WANNA SEE A RAINBOW, YOU GOTTA PUT UP WITH A LITTLE RAIN."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"I'm exercising. I'm doing one long sit-up."

HAGAR



I HATE THESE LARGE PARTIES! YOU DON'T HAVE A CHANCE TO REALLY GET TO KNOW ANYONE!



BY THE WAY, MY NAME IS HAGAR - WHAT'S YOURS?



MY NAME IS MELGA...



AND I'M YOUR WIFE!!

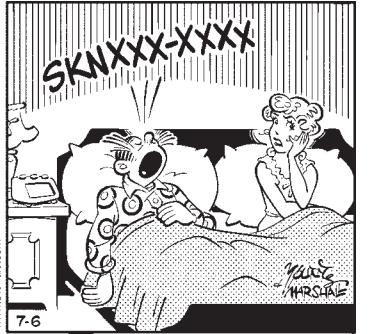
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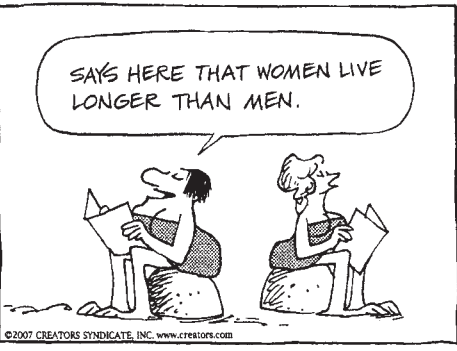


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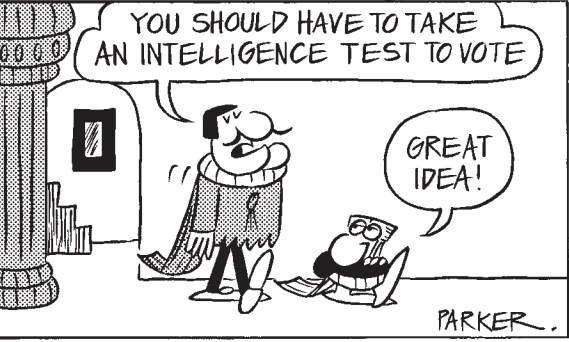
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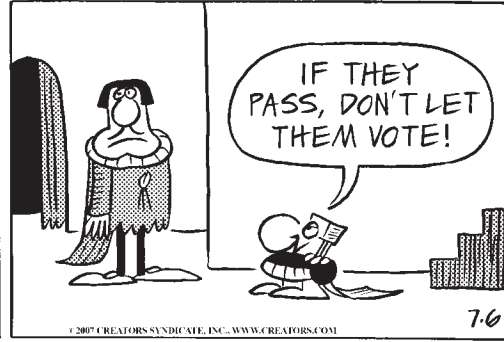
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I SUPPOSE SOMEONE HAS TO CLEAN UP THE MESS.

WIZARD OF ID



YOU SHOULD HAVE TO TAKE AN INTELLIGENCE TEST TO VOTE



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IF THEY PASS, DON'T LET THEM VOTE!

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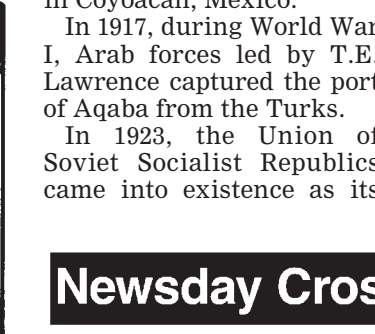
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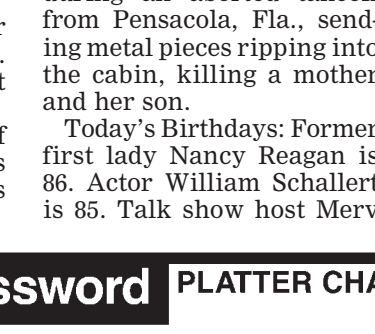
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JUST ME SO FAR... ALL GROUPS START OUT AS A JUST ME... SOON, IT GROWS TO AN US TWO, A WE THREE AND SO ON UNTIL IT'S A GROUP.

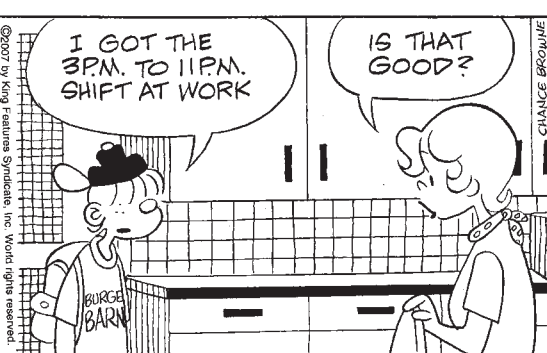


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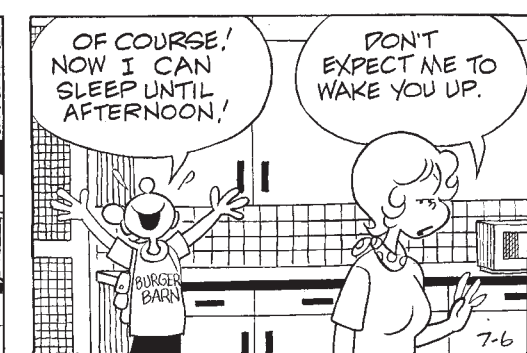


SORRY!... WE WILL HAVE MUCH HIGHER STANDARDS BY THEN.

HI AND LOIS



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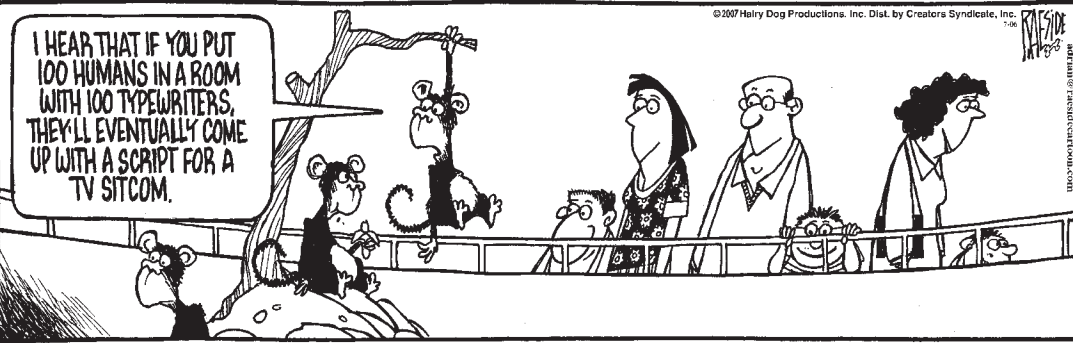
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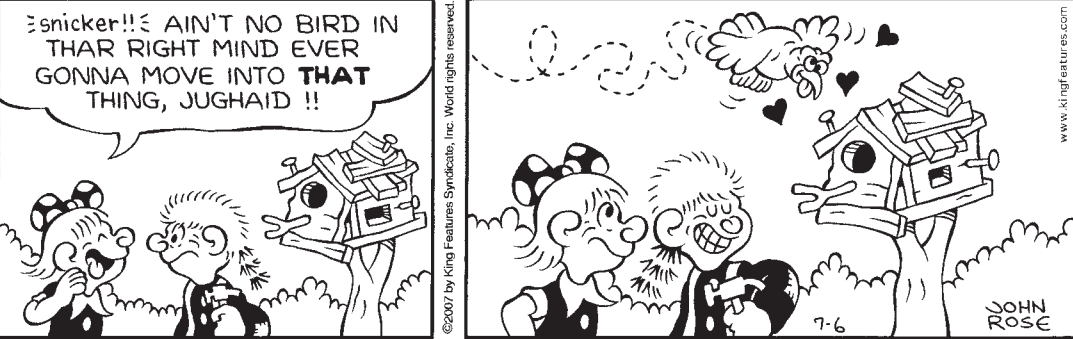
DON'T EXPECT ME TO WAKE YOU UP.

THE OTHER COAST



I HEAR THAT IF YOU PUT 100 HUMANS IN A ROOM WITH 100 TYPEWRITERS, THEY'LL EVENTUALLY COME UP WITH A SCRIPT FOR A TV SITCOM.

SNUFFY SMITH



SNICKER!!! AIN'T NO BIRD IN THAT RIGHT MIND EVER GONNA MOVE INTO THAT THING, JUGHAID !!

BEEBLE BAILEY



I DON'T SEE ANYTHING WRONG WITH HIM!

MAYBE, BUT WE'D LIKE TO KEEP HIM FOR OBSERVATION

WHO'S DOING THE OBSERVING?

This Date In History

Today is Friday, July 6, the 187th day of 2007. There are 178 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

Fifty years ago, on July 6, 1957, Althea Gibson became the first black tennis player to win a Wimbledon singles title, defeating fellow American Darlene Hard 6-3, 6-2. On this date: In 1535, Sir Thomas More was executed in England for treason. In 1777, during the American Revolution, British forces captured Fort Mifflin. In 1907, 100 years ago, artist Frida Kahlo was born in Coyoacan, Mexico. In 1917, during World War I, Arab forces led by T.E. Lawrence captured the port of Aqaba from the Turks. In 1923, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics came into existence as its constitution took effect. In 1944, 168 people died in a fire that broke out in the main tent of the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus in Hartford, Conn. In 1945, President Truman signed an executive order establishing the Medal of Freedom. In 1967, war erupted as Nigeria sent troops into the secessionist state of Biafra. (The Biafran War, which lasted 2 1/2 years and resulted in a Nigerian victory, claimed hundreds of thousands of lives.) In 1989, the U.S. Army destroyed its last Pershing I-A missiles at an ammunition plant in Karnack, Texas, under terms of the 1987 Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces Treaty. In 1996, a Delta MD88 jetliner's left engine blew apart during an aborted takeoff from Pensacola, Fla., sending metal pieces ripping into the cabin, killing a mother and her son. Today's Birthdays: Former first lady Nancy Reagan is 86. Actor William Schallert is 85. Talk show host Merv Griffin is 82. Actor Donal Donnelly is 76. Singer-actress Della Reese is 76. Actor Ned Beatty is 70. Singer Gene Chandler is 70. Country singer Jeannie Seely is 67. President Bush is 61. Actor-director Sylvester Stallone is 61. Actor Fred Dryer is 61. Actor Burt Ward is 61. Actress Nathalie Baye is 59. Actor Geoffrey Rush is 56. Rock musician John Bazz (The Blasters) is 55. Actress Shelley Hack is 55. Actor Grant Tinker is 55. Country singer Nanci Griffith is 54. Actress Allyce Beasley is 53. Jazz musician Rick Braun is 52.

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Answer to previous puzzle grid containing words like TRANS, BLASE, CONE, ORBS, RILLE, ONYX, PEASHOOTER, PIPE, etc.

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- ACROSS: 1 Strikebreaker, 5 Ones who exploit, 10 For men only, 14 Oxford part, 15 KwaZulu- (South African province), 16 City founded by Pizarro, 17 Puget Sound swimmer, 18 Cow or chicken, 20 Car-clutch component, 22 NBAer, 23 Piece of turf, 24 Set fire to, 27 "May I help you?", 28 Not _ many words, 31 Brunch cocktail, 33 Strange sighting, 35 Melville novel, 38 Shift, for one, 39 Chain from Scandinavia, 40 The Dukes of Hazzard car, 45 Fluorescent paint, 46 Othello, for one, 47 Chinese tea, 50 Hagiology subj., 51 _ Yankee Doodle Dandy... , 53 Went to Joe's, perhaps, 55 Signal receiver, 59 Foreordain, 61 "Do _ others... ", 62 Gulf War missile, 63 Partiality, 64 Meany of Star Trek: Deep Space Nine, 65 ISTAR-_, 66 Doctorate hurdle, 67 Fencing need, 9 Zigzags on skis, 10 Narrow cut, 11 Vault mechanism, 12 Drs.' org., 13 Fella's sweetie, 19 First name in gymnastics, 21 Dirty, 25 "It's all clear to me now", 26 Where Scarlett lived, 29 Turban wearer, 30 Midnight follower, 32 Sierra Club co-founder, 33 Passepartout's boss, 34 Greek sandwich, 35 Chances, 36 Zoo feature, 37 King of Ithaca, 41 Type size, 42 Wakes, 43 Short beards, 44 Art Deco notable, 47 Like some washing machines, 48 Work hard, 49 In, 52 Wedding site, 54 Bring forth, 56 Includes later, 57 Simpsons sister, 58 Like some airts., 59 Ore. clock setting, 60 Sarnoff's co.

Crossword grid with numbers 1-67 indicating starting positions for the clues.

Library's summer program a Sail Away success

The theme for this summer's reading program at Howard County Library was "Sail Away with Books!," a program aimed at children between the ages of 3 to 12 to encourage reading.

During the month of June, the children were encouraged to read as many books as possible as part of a reading contest. Many of the children participated in this contest and did a wonderful job.



AMY THOMAS

Jacob Brue won first place for most books read (73). Benjamin Brue won first place for most pages read (1,710). Both earned a \$100 savings bond from Wells Fargo for their efforts.

Raven Holguin won second place for most books read (65) and Mathew Edwards won second place for most pages read (1,584), each earning a \$50 savings bond from Wells Fargo.

Nelson Wylie won third place for most books read (64) and was awarded a \$50 savings bond from Wells Fargo. Karissa Garrett came in third for the most pages read (1,577) and was awarded a \$50 savings bond from

Wells Fargo.

Emma Norman was awarded a \$20 gift certificate to Taco Villa for having perfect attendance. A \$5 gift certificate from Sonic was given to each of the following children for being in the top 10 list of most books read: Razyl Yanez, Mercedes Estes, Lane White, Brian Ortiz and Bailey Smith.

A \$5 gift certificate from Wendy's was given to Robbie Downing for also being in the top ten list of most books read. A \$1 gift certificate from Wendy's was given to the following children for having read at least 15 books this summer: Ryan Brue, Joseph Arguello, Ivy Valenzuela, Valerie Estill, Faith Norman, Cristina Ortiz, Violet Munoz, Micah Brue, Matt Hernandez and Nicole Burleson.

From support of the above listed local sponsors, the children were given lovely prizes for all their effort. I cannot adequately express how thankful I am to all the businesses that donated to the summer reading program. I got the joy of seeing the children's faces as they received their awards. This has made a difference in their lives.

The activities held during the four-week program were geared to promote reading to the participants.

The theme for the first week of June was "Mateys: Friends at Sea." During the first week, the younger children heard a story about pirates, while the older children put on a play about pirate friends.

We have some amazing actors in Big Spring. For art, the older children made friendship bracelets and the younger children colored sea animals using sand paper to give their starfish and sand dollars texture. The children had to work together as a team to win a boat, a captain and crew in a dice game both age groups played.

"Set Sail" was the theme for the second

week. Navy veteran, Leal Engels, came and intrigued the children with his account about his service on submarines. The younger children decorated and stitched up their own canoes. Both groups of children learned about all the different kinds of boats during story time as they looked at and read non-fiction books on boats.

During the third week of June, the children learned about all that lives "Under the Sea." The children participated in a silly story about a goldfish who ate so much he turned into a shark. The younger children then made jellyfish by painting coffee filters and

gluing streamers to the jellyfish for tentacles. The older children made pirate masks out of paper mache and paint. Instead of musical chairs, the children played musical island. The last child left on the last island got to unbury the treasure.

"Buried Treasure" was a theme that carried over to the fourth week of June. The children listened to an amusing story about pirates who dream of their mothers and don't wear underwear. The younger children made picture frames of a pirate monkey holding a treasure chest. The older children decorated their own treasure chests. In order to find treasure of their

own, the children had to solve clues about sea life and uncover the secret message.

This summer's reading program was so enjoyable for me, especially since I had such wonderful volunteers. Elena Flores, Lindy Mercer and Kami Horn all worked so hard to make this summer a fun and educational experience for the children of Howard County. I thank them, our sponsors and all the parents and children who helped make this summer's reading program a success.

Amy Thomas is the children's librarian for the Howard County Library.

Heat wave broils West with triple-digit temps; relative charged with death of boy in car

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — Sweltering residents across the West headed for lakes and rivers on Thursday, seeking relief from triple-digit temperatures expected to set records through at least Friday.

Some office workers were given the option to float on innertubes down the Boise River instead of sitting at stuffy desks, with temperatures in Boise reaching 104 degrees Thursday afternoon. Forecasters predicted a high of 107 on Friday — six degrees higher than the 101 record for that date set in 1985.

"Once it gets that high — 105, 107, 109 — it just feels hot," said Rick Overton, a copywriter who arranged the float trip for the digital marketing firm Wirestone. "I'm going to keep a tube under my desk for the whole summer and whenever it gets this hot I'm going to escape."

But temperatures in part of the West were climbing so high that authorities warned residents of southern Nevada, southeastern California and northwestern Arizona that outdoor activities could be dangerous except during the cooler early morning hours. Phoenix reached 115 degrees; Baker, Calif., reached 125 degrees.

GOP Sen. Domenici abandons Bush on Iraq policy

WASHINGTON (AP) — In another setback to President Bush's increasingly unpopular war strategy, GOP stalwart Sen. Pete Domenici said he wants to see an end to combat operations and U.S. troops heading home from Iraq by spring.

The longtime New Mexico senator is the latest of several party loyalists and former war supporters to abandon Bush on Iraq in the past 10 days. They have urged a change sooner rather than later and further iso-

lated the GOP president in his attempt to defend the unpopular war.

Last week, Sens. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., and George Voinovich, R-Ohio, said the U.S. should significantly reduce its military presence in Iraq while bolstering diplomatic efforts. Sen. John Warner, R-Va., this month is expected to propose a new approach.

"I do not support an immediate withdrawal from Iraq or a reduction in funding for our troops," Domenici said. "But I do support a new strategy that will move our troops out of combat operations and on the path to coming home."

With Congress on its July Fourth break, Domenici made his views known Thursday at a press conference in Albuquerque, N.M., though he said he has not talked to the administration about wanting a strategy shift.

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