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# FROM PAIN TO GAIN



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The Rev. Craig Felty talks with his friend, Pam Guidry, about his upcoming Cactus and Crude MS Bike Tour, scheduled for Saturday and Sunday. Guidry was recently diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, and Felty is entering the 100-mile bike tour to raise awareness of the illness and to provide financial support for the West Texas Multiple Sclerosis Society. He is seeking community support through donations to make his bike tour successful.

## Local pastor bikes for friends with MS

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**

Special to the Herald

A local resident wants to prove that old phrase, "no pain, no gain."

He's hoping the years he's invested in strenuous workout regimes and training will garner a big gain for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

"I have a close friend in Brownfield who suffers from the debilitating effects of MS, and one of my church members was recently diagnosed with the disease. So I'm doing this for them," said the Rev. Craig Felty, pastor of Cornerstone Church and participant in the Cactus and Crude MS Bike Tour.

This is the 19th annual bike tour, scheduled for Saturday and Sunday. Participants, including Felty, will bike from Midland to

### How to help

- On the Internet, go to [www.nationalmssociety.org](http://www.nationalmssociety.org) and seek the link for Make A Donation. Search for Craig Felty's name to go to a special page and make a donation, or
- Call Cornerstone Church 263-3072 to make a donation in person.

Big Spring on Saturday, and then from Big Spring to Post Sunday.

Felty, a frequent participant in various non-profit runs in the West Texas area, said this is the first bike tour he's undertaken. He has included biking in his workout routine for several years, teaching a spinning class at the YMCA during the academic school year.

"I enjoy riding and really look forward to participating in this tour. It will be a lengthy ride — 50 miles each day — but I have been

training for this for a long time and feel I am ready to face this challenge," he said.

Raising the \$1,000 needed to participate in the run is Felty's only obstacle, and he's hoping for community support.

"I did not realize how prevalent MS is until I learned more about what had happened to my friend and parishioner, Pam. Now I see how devastating this can be for people in the prime of life. I want

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# Water meter change out moving along

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

More than a year after the project began, city officials say they are hopeful to have the installation of AMR (automated meter reading) units completed by the end of July.

"The contractor has completed approximately 99 percent of the project and we're hoping to be able to close it out by the end of July," said Rick Boiles, manager of the city's water distribution and collection department. "The contractor that's doing the replacements has four large meters to change out and his part of the job will be completed."

The replacement pro-

**"The contractor has completed approximately 99 percent of the project and we're hoping to be able to close it out by the end of July."**



Boiles

gram is part of a energy and utility conservation contract the city council approved last year with Siemens Building Technologies.

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# Few changes anticipated in FISD's budget

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

FORSAN — If preliminary numbers hold, little will change for Forsan Independent School District taxpayers in the coming fiscal year.

School trustees got their first look at the 2007-2008 budget package during Monday's regular board meeting at the administration building board room.

Superintendent Randy Johnson said expenditures in the new package total \$7.36 million, an increase of slightly more than \$50,000 from the previous year.

Almost \$100,000 in salary increases are

included in the budget. Teachers will receive their normal "step" increases, while instructional aides, non-contract employees and administrators are scheduled to receive raises of 3 percent in the coming school year, Johnson said.

The maintenance department also will receive some much-needed equipment, as will transportation, which will get a new school bus.

The best news, Johnson said, is that the budget, as it stands, is balanced.

Trustees will next consider the budget and tax rate when they meet Aug. 6. Final approval is

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### BLOOD DRIVE FRIDAY

In an effort to stock hospital shelves with blood, NewsWest 9 has invited United Blood Services to join them for their annual Under West Texas Skies event on Friday from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Heart of the City Park in downtown Big Spring.

Those 21 and older who donate will be entered to receive a trip for two to Las Vegas with hotel and airfare included, officials said.

Blood donors will also receive free cholesterol testing on blood donations, and special T-shirts while supplies last.

To sign up for an appointment, visit online at [www.unitedbloodservices.org](http://www.unitedbloodservices.org).

### THURSDAY RECEPTIONS

Alon USA is hosting a farewell reception for Brenda and Joe Concienne and a welcome to Big Spring reception for Nancy and Dave Foster. The receptions will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday at the Hall Art Center at Howard College.

Hangar 25 Air Museum will hold a reception for Elmer Dickens, July's Veteran of the Month, at 7 p.m. Thursday in the museum briefing room. The public is encouraged to attend. Dickens is a World War II veteran.

### LEADERSHIP DEADLINE

The deadline to register for the next Leadership Big Spring program is 5 p.m. Wednesday.

The class, conducted through the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, teaches those attending all about Howard County, from government to education, industry, agriculture and the like, as well as leadership skills.

The course, which begins in September and continues through May 2008, is \$300 per person for Chamber members, and \$500 for non-Chamber residents wishing to take part.

To register or for more information, contact the Chamber at 263-7641.

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# Sports

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## IN BRIEF

### Physicals required for some athletes

Big Spring High School is informing all student athletes that a physical is required for all incoming seventh, ninth and 11th graders, as well as any students who are new to the district.

Physicals must be taken care of and on file at the Athletic Training Center before athletes will be allowed to practice, participate or get equipment issued to them.

Call the ATC at 264-3662 with any questions.

### Howard County Golf Championship set

The 2007 Howard County Championship golf tournament has been set to take place July 27-29 at the Big Spring Country Club.

The format is 54-holes individual stroke play and all participants must have been a Howard County resident prior to Jan. 1, 2007.

Entry fee \$75 per player plus a \$30 cart fee. Prizes will be given for gross and net scores with the field being pre-flighted based on handicap. The championship flight will break into two flights after the first round.

A senior division will be made for those over 70. The lowest score for a country club member will be club champion.

Tee times will be set for Friday and Saturday with a 1 p.m. shotgun on Sunday. A barbecue lunch will be served Saturday.

To enter or for other information, call the country club at 267-5354.

### Lady Steers v-ball team meeting

Big Spring's Lady Steers volleyball team will hold a parent/athlete meeting at 6 p.m. Aug. 2 at Alan and Della Partee's house at 1600 Kiowa.

The meeting will discuss rules and expectations for the upcoming season since two-a-days begin Aug. 6.

A swim party will be held following the meeting. Parents are asked to bring snacks and drinks.

Call Della Partee at 367-4038 or Coach Amanda Whitaker at (325) 864-1467 with any questions.

### Steers season ticket sales have begun

Big Spring High School have made 2007 Steer football season tickets available for previous season ticket holders 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 Tuesday.

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.

### BSGSA all-star teams raising funds

All four Big Spring

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# Aggies jump Nike ship to Adidas

By SARAH SKIDMORE

Associated Press Writer

PORTLAND, Ore. — Adidas just did it — again.

Texas A&M has signed a contract with Adidas, the company told The Associated Press Monday. This is the second major university in less than a week to end its relationship with Nike and move on with Adidas.

"We believe college sport is very important," said Erich Stamminger, president and chief

executive officer of the Adidas brand.

The terms of the contract were not immediately available.

"We're thrilled to be working with Adidas," said Drew Martin, assistant athletic director for branding and creative development at Texas A&M.

Earlier this month, University of Michigan ended its relationship with Nike and signed an eight-year contract with Adidas. The Adidas deal was valued at \$60 million in cash and merchan-

dise, plus a \$6.5 million signing bonus — the company's largest university deal to date.

Adidas said its goal is to "enter all school agreements with marquee programs that stand for performance, reflecting our mission to be the leading sports brand in the world".

Nike informed Texas A&M months ago that it would not match the Adidas bid, according to the university's Web site. The Texas A&M System Board of Regents considered contract

offers from Nike, Adidas and Easton Sports, Inc.

The deal strengthens Adidas' presence in the Big 12, with the Aggies becoming the third school in the conference — along with Texas and Nebraska — to contract with the German company, which has its U.S. headquarters in Portland.

Adidas also has marketing agreements with schools such as Notre Dame, UCLA, Tennessee, Indiana and Wisconsin.

# Video games key to football's popularity



MCT photo/Darin Oswald/Idaho Statesman

Boise State quarterback Jared Zabransky celebrates after he scrambled for a first-down against Fresno State at Bronco Stadium in Boise Nov. 1, 2006. Zabransky is the cover boy for EA Sports' NCAA Football '08.

Today marks an important day towards the beginning of football season and it has nothing to do with a live game being played or a training camp starting.

No, instead, today is all about my video game console.

My television will be occupied for the next several months by Electronic Arts Sports' NCAA Football '08, which was released to stores today.

Laugh if you must, but video games are key in figuring out how football has become the United States' new favorite passtime.

Every year, television ratings and stadium attendance falls a little lower for baseball — our former favorite passtime. However, the NFL's attendance and ratings flourish season after season.

One of the biggest arguments for this changing of the guard is that Americans are not a patient people. Everything has to be fast to us. We don't have the desire to wait several minutes between every pitch at a baseball game. This is also why soccer is not a popular sport in America.

But I will argue that as a reason why the gridiron sport is flourishing over baseball. If it was just fast paced sporting action that Americans wanted then wouldn't basketball be more popu-

lar? After all, that action is almost nonstop. There are at least 20 seconds between each play in football unless you're watching game film of an old school Buffalo Bills' game from the early '90s, when Jim Kelly quarterbacked a no-huddle offense.

This makes me lean towards the argument that video games have fueled football's popularity. EA Sports' Madden franchise is probably responsible for the most American youth's knowledge of NFL players and what teams they play for.

I fervently believe that the top selling sports video game of all time is responsible for Atlanta Falcons' quarterback Michael Vick's popularity with this country's youth. They use Vick on Madden, rush for 2,000 yards and pass for 3,000 yards in a season and immediately enshrine him as the greatest quarterback of all time. As we all know, Vick isn't nearly effective outside the realm of video games.

This year's cover of the slightly less popular NCAA Football '08 is a great example of forever enshrining a player in the minds of youth. Boise State quarterback Jared Zabransky wasn't even drafted by an NFL team this past fall, but will still grace the cover of this year's college football video game.

Certainly he'll be remembered for leading Boise State to that thrilling overtime upset over the Oklahoma Sooners in the 2007 Fiesta Bowl that featured two mind blowing trick

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JONATHAN HULL

# Wright shuts down A's in Rangers' 4-1 victory

By GREG BEACHAM

AP Sports Writer

OAKLAND — Although Jamey Wright has spent far too much of his star-crossed career battling through injuries, the Texas right-hander discovered he's tough to beat when he gets 11 days' rest between starts.

Facing the struggling Oakland Athletics doesn't hurt, either.

Jerry Hairston and Marlon Byrd hit two-run doubles and Wright pitched seven scoreless innings in the Rangers' 4-1 victory over Oakland on Monday night, the A's eighth straight loss.

Sammy Sosa doubled and scored two runs for the last-place Rangers, who won their second straight road game to move within 3 1/2 games of the third-place A's.

Wright (3-2), who missed two months of the season with right shoulder problems, hadn't pitched since July 4, but he produced his best start of the season for the Rangers when they dearly needed it.

He yielded four hits and three walks while silencing Oakland's

punchless lineup and providing some much-needed rest for the Texas bullpen after Sunday's 11-inning win at Los Angeles.

"I felt strong, that's for sure — better than I felt before the (All-Star) break," Wright said after his longest start in 13 months. "I don't think I'll get 11 days before my next start, so I'll be ready for that, too."

The sinkerballer, who went 6-10 across the Bay for San Francisco last season, faltered in his final two innings when he lost his good grip on the ball. He still struck out Marco Scutaro with two runners in scoring position to end the seventh inning.

Wright, who lowered his ERA from 5.55 to 4.31, hadn't made a start without giving up a run since July 2005.

"He was pounding the strike zone," Texas manager Ron Washington said. "Had the sinker working. He got in trouble a couple of times, but got the ground balls to get out of it, and that's exactly what you want to see out of him."

Eric Gagne picked up his 14th

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MCT photo/Khampha Bouaphanh/Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Texas Rangers' Jamey Wright pitches during an exhibition game against the Milwaukee Brewers in Arlington March 31, 2007. Wright pitched seven scoreless innings in the Rangers' 4-1 victory over the Oakland Athletics Monday.



## Obituaries

### Leatrice Joy (Ross) Whitehead



Leatrice Joy (Ross) Whitehead, 79, of Big Spring, died Friday, July 13, 2007, at her residence. Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 18, 2007, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Joel Miller, officiating.

She was born in Big Spring Nov. 10, 1927. She was predeceased in death by her mother, Beatrice (McNew) Nall, and her step-father, Jack Nall.

Ms. Whitehead grew up in Big Spring and graduated from Big Spring High School. She was part of the first graduating class of Howard College. She went on to receive a degree in journalism from the University of Texas at Austin.

Ms. Whitehead pursued a career as a public relations professional in Houston for over 30 years, receiving recognitions and awards for her work. She retired and returned to Big Spring at which time she worked for Howard College as a Director of Development and later worked for the Big Spring Herald where she wrote a popular local column, "Tidbits."

She was actively involved in supporting numerous civic and arts groups in both Big Spring and Houston. Her goal was to give something back to her community.

Ms. Whitehead is survived by her son, Patt Lilly and wife, Sherri, of St. Joseph, Mo.; grandchildren, Claire Lilly of Lago Vista, Zachary Kerns and wife, Rosemary, of Colorado Springs, Colo., Jenny Cathcart and husband, Mark, of St. Joseph, Mo.; three great grandchildren; and long-time friend Tip Anderson of Big Spring.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Big Spring Humane Society, PO Box 823, Big Spring 79721.

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

*Paid obituary*

## Police blotter

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

- **MARK SMITH**, 47, of 912 Culp, was arrested July 10 on four capias warrants.
- **ANTHONY MUNOZ**, 48, of 1803.5 Lancaster, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **ASSAULT BY CONTACT** was reported in the 1900 block of Highway 87.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1700 block of Third Street.

## Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 52 inmates at the time of this report.

- **MARK ANTHONY MCBETH**, 21, was arrested by the HCSO Tuesday on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- **HARVEY DOUGLAS DANIELS**, 38, was arrested by DPS Tuesday on charges of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, driving while license invalid, possession of drug paraphernalia and no insurance.
- **JEROME EDWARDS MITCHELL**, 25, was arrested by the HCSO Tuesday on a bench warrant for aggravated robbery.

## Fire/EMS

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

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near Midway and 11th Place. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported near mile marker 165 of Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.

## Take Note

• **AMERICAN LEGION POST 506**  
The American legion Post 506 will be having a fish fry 12 p.m. - 3p.m. Saturday. The plates will be \$8 and delivery is available 11 a.m.-3 p.m. The American Legion Post 506 is located at 3203 W. Highway 80. For more information please call 263-2084.

• **ALON USA IS HOSTING A FAREWELL RECEPTION** for Brenda and Joe Conciene and a welcome to Big Spring reception for Nancy and Dave Foster. The receptions will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday at the Hall Art Center at Howard College.

• **BIG SPRING ART ASSOCIATION**, A "Summer Special" meeting of the Big Spring Art Association will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, at the home of member Kay Smith. There will be no meetings at the Howard County Library during the summer months. Those attending at Kay's home should bring sketchpads and drawing equipment or cameras to work from a live model. These interested are invited to attend this special July summer activity. The August meeting will also be a "Summer Special" event.

• **SNO CONES FOR SALE**, a fund-raiser for Cornerstone Church, is set for 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Friday at the west doors of Wal-Mart. Sno cones will also be available 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. July 27 at the same location. For more information, call the church at 263-3072.

• **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.

• **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.

• **ALL CREATURES SANCTUARY AND RESCUE** has an account set up with Big Spring Salvage at 3608 N. Highway 87 for all types of metals and aluminum cans. See John Kimberly, manager or Cruz Rodriguez, metal specialist, to make your donations. Please tell them that your donations are for All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue. The sanctuary is also still taking weight circles off of all Purina Brand Dog Foods. Send your Purina Weight Circles to A.C.S. & R. at P.O. Box 871, Coahoma 79511. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue has an account also set up with Howard County Feed and Supply at 701 E. Second St. For donations of coastal or grass hay for a rescue horse.

• **CHRIST COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP IS COLLECTING INFANT CAR SEATS AND CARRIERS.** These are given to new mothers who cannot afford them. To donate your old or new car seats and carriers, call Karen Allen at 263-3517 or leave a message at Christ Community Fellowship, 263-love. All donations are appreciated.

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

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

• **THE PET PATROL** helps locate lost pets and owners of found pets. To volunteer or for more information, call Melanie Gambrell at 267-PETS (7387).

• **ODYSSEY HOSPICE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS** to work in the office and perform patient services. For more information or to volunteer, call 263-5999.

• **THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM** that delivers meals to the elderly and homebound needs volunteers to deliver meals. If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, you are needed. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered to recipients within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

• **LEGAL AID OF NORTHWEST TEXAS** is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

• **BIG SPRING AND SURROUNDING COUNTIES** are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

• **BIG SPRING ART ASSOCIATION**, A "Summer Special" meeting of the Big Spring Art Association will be held at 7 p.m. July 17th, at the home of member Kay Smith. No meetings at the Howard County Library during the summer months. Those attending at Kay's home should bring sketchpads and drawing equipment or cameras to work from a live model. Members hope to improve their abilities in capturing a model in drawings or in photos. These interested are invited to attend this special July summer activity. Last month the group met at The Caboose Center at 100 Main for their first drawing and photo session. The August meeting will also be a "Summer Special" event. Watch for more B.S.A.A. events coming up.

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## Bulletin Board

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- TODAY**
- Big Spring Band Boosters meets at 5:30 p.m. in the high school band hall. All band parents are invited to attend.
  - Big Spring Art Association meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library. All working artists and those interested in art are invited to attend.
  - Order of the Eastern Star No. 67 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

- WEDNESDAY**
- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
  - Senior Circle meets at 10:30 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.
  - Senior Circle meets at 11 a.m. in the Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.
  - Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
  - Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
  - League of Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Northside Community Center. For more information, contact John Ybarra at 264-1628. The public is invited.
  - Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third St.

- 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 267-6479.
  - Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association meets at 5:30 p.m. in the RSVP office at 501 Runnels.

## Lottery

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 6-8-13-19-36.  
Number matching five of five: none.

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 4-19-32-34. Bonus Ball: 21.  
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: none.

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 8-5-8.

## Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows around 70. Southeast winds around 10 mph.  
Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Highs around 90. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.  
Wednesday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows around 70.  
Thursday...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s.  
Thursday night...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows around 70.  
Friday...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s.  
Friday night...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 70s.  
Saturday...Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.  
Saturday night...Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows around 70. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

## Support Groups

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

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

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# Griffey passes another milestone RANGERS

By The Associated Press

Ken Griffey Jr. hit another milestone home run, and pitcher Bobby Livingston had the kind of day at the plate he'll one day tell his grandchildren about.

Griffey passed Frank Robinson for sixth place on the career home run list, and Livingston, a relatively unknown pitcher called up by Cincinnati before the game, went 4-for-4 with an RBI in the Reds' 10-3 victory over the Atlanta Braves on Monday night.

"That's no fun," Griffey said with a big grin. "It just takes me out of my pinch-hitting role. They'll call on him now."

Griffey's 24th homer, a three-run shot into the right-field seats at Turner Field, came off Atlanta reliever Oscar Villarreal in the second inning and gave the Reds a 5-0 lead.

With 587 homers, Griffey moved 15 behind Texas' Sammy Sosa for fifth place. Griffey gave Cincinnati a 1-0 lead with an RBI single in the first.

Cincinnati called up Livingston (2-0) from Triple-A Louisville, and the left-hander allowed eight hits, two runs and

two walks in five innings. He struck out four.

With four singles, Livingston became the first Reds pitcher to go 4-for-4 since John Smiley, who had four RBIs while pitching Cincinnati to a 12-3 victory at Montreal on June 7, 1993.

Asked to compare his modest achievement or Griffey's, Livingston joked that the nine-time All-Star has already done plenty in his career.

"Probably my four hits," Livingston said, "because it's something I can tell my grandkids. I told him congratulations. He didn't think it was a big deal, but I think it's awesome."

The Reds had lost three of four on their current 10-game road trip before Livingston, whom Cincinnati claimed off waivers from Seattle last December, made his third start of the season and first since winning 4-2 at Colorado on June 1.

"The most important thing is we got the win," Griffey said. "That's something we haven't done a lot in the second half."

The Braves had won four straight and 12 of 16, but Atlanta starter Kyle

Davies (4-8) failed to record an out and faced just five batters.

After Griffey's RBI, Davies walked Adam Dunn with the bases loaded, and Braves manager Bobby Cox had seen enough. Davies allowed two hits and three walks. He threw just seven strikes in 21 pitches.

Davies, who missed a start last month with a strained oblique and spent nearly four months on the disabled list in 2006 after undergoing groin surgery, insists he's healthy.

"I'm frustrated," he said. "I want to be consistent. I'm a whole lot better than that. It wasn't like I was all over the place."

The Braves stranded 11 runners through eight innings, and Francoeur showed his frustration in the fifth by arguing a called third strike that earned him an ejection from home-plate umpire Angel Hernandez.

Atlanta also had errors from first baseman Scott Thorman and second baseman Yunel Escobar.

"That was a pretty awful exhibition of baseball all the way around," Chipper Jones said.

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save in 15 chances after coming in with two on and nobody out in the ninth. He retired two batters before giving up an RBI single by Scutaro, but struck out new A's starting catcher Kurt Suzuki to end it.

Oakland played without catcher Jason Kendall, who was traded to the Chicago Cubs before the game, and Eric Chavez, a last-minute scratch with tightness in his lower back. The lineup changes did nothing to help the A's, who are on their longest losing skid since May 2005.

"Right now we just have more guys than not struggling a little bit," A's manager Bob Geren said. "Any time you're not swinging the bat the way you'd like, you put pressure on yourself because you're letting the team down. It looks like kind of a group effort."

With last season's ALCS memories fading with every losing week, Oakland is a season-worst five games under .500 while scoring fewer than four runs in 11 straight games.

"We've got enough problems of our own not to worry about the problems anyone else is having," said Washington, the longtime A's coach who took over the Rangers last

winter.

The A's opened the second half of the season with four straight losses in Minnesota, the first time they've been swept in a four-game series since July 2003. A small crowd turned out to see two losing teams seemingly going nowhere on a chilly Oakland evening.

Dallas Braden (1-4), recalled from Triple-A Sacramento before the game, had seven strikeouts in six innings, but gave up eight hits. Texas scored two runs in the fourth on Hairston's shot into the gap, which snapped a 2-for-31 skid for the second baseman.

The Rangers then added two more in the fifth when Sosa and Byrd hit consecutive doubles.

Suzuki, anointed by general manager Billy Beane as Oakland's new starter after Kendall's departure in a deal for catcher Rob Bowen and a minor-league pitcher, went 0-for-3 with a walk.

"Instead of doing what we do, we're getting out of our zone," A's outfielder Shannon Stewart said. "Everyone is trying to get something going. It happens when you're losing. Everything's magnified."

Michael Young's first-inning double was his first extra-base hit since June 15. The Texas All-Star's previous 26 hits all were singles.

Notes: Joey Chestnut, the San Jose State student who won the national hot

dog eating contest at Coney Island last week, threw out the first pitch. ... Texas RHP Akinori Otsuka might be ready to return from a sore elbow Tuesday after an encouraging bullpen session at the Coliseum. Otsuka is the Rangers' top setup man and attractive trade bait. ... Brad Wilkerson made a face-first diving catch on the left-field line in the fourth inning to rob Bobby Crosby of a hit.

## Red Sox 4, Royals 0

The Boston Red Sox have two shutouts this season. One by Curt Schilling and one by his rookie replacement.

Kason Gabbard threw a three-hitter and the Red Sox scored all their runs on three homers in a 4-0 win over the Kansas City Royals on Monday night.

Making his fourth start in place of the injured Schilling, Gabbard (3-0) threw the first complete game of his career.

Gabbard struck out Mark Grudzielanek and Mark Teahen for the final two outs. After fanning Teahen, he pumped his left fist and the crowd at Fenway Park was standing and cheering.

"Your adrenaline takes over, but you have to kind of settle yourself down," Gabbard said.

Before Monday's game, Schilling threw 31 pitches to Red Sox hitters in a simulated game and said he felt good.

## BRIEFS

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Girls Softball Association All-Star teams are raising funds for expenses for the tournaments on the UTPB campus in Odessa. Each team will begin play Friday and will continue through Sunday.

All-star teams need to raise \$1,400 each.

Any person, group or business willing to donate can visit [www.bigspringsoftball.com](http://www.bigspringsoftball.com) for contact information.

### Wal-Mart, HEB playing for charity

Employees of HEB and Wal-Mart have scheduled a charity softball game at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at

Cotton Mize field in Comanche Trail Park.

Admission is free and all proceeds made from the concession stands will be donated to charity.

Wal-Mart will be playing for the Boys Club and Relay for Life, while HEB is playing for The United Way.

### 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](http://www.gotrosevolleyballcamps.com).

### Texas Tech schedules camps

Tech's High Altitude Cross Country Camp will be held Aug. 6-10 in Cloudfroft, N.M.

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plays. However, the cover of NCAA Football will probably be the most face time he receives this year, as he tries to earn a roster spot with the Houston Texans as an undrafted free agent.

The fact is that football transcends the gaming world better than any other sport does. There's more strategy involved and the game play can be made to look like real game action. EA has had

a tough time trying to copy this success over with baseball and basketball.

Madden is tied with Tetris as the fifth best-selling gaming franchise of all time with over 60 million copies being bought. Both 2007 versions of Madden and NCAA sold over 1 million copies last year.

Today's youth learn about football from video games. This was how it also worked for me as a kid. I could tell you the rosters for most NFL teams thanks to my obsession with playing

Tecmo Super Bowl on my Super Nintendo.

The success of football to transcend its game to the gaming world simply ensures its popularity with the next generation. As EA puts a little bit more of the real game into the video game, as their slogan proclaims, it puts the sport further into the limelight of America's conscious.

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# TOO BUSY BUZZI BEE

Buzzi Bee was a very busy Bee. She always had many things to do, and it seems as if she never had enough time to get all of these things done. She worked all day long and sometimes, into the night. She worked on her home most of the time. Her home was a beehive. Have you ever seen a beehive? Do you know what Busy Buzzi might be doing if she was a honeybee? You are right! She was always so busy making honey. Do you like honey? I do! So does Buzzi.

She would fly busily all day long, collecting nectar from flowers. From the nectar, she would make her honey. What part of a flower has nectar? Can you tell me what nectar might be? Do you have flowers and bees where you live? I'll bet you do. When one of Buzzi's friends would ask for help, she would say, "No, I am sorry, but I don't have the time to help you right now because I am too busy!" It didn't matter if it was one of Buzzi's friends, or brothers, or sisters, or aunts or uncles who asked. Buzzi was always too busy! She would learn that you are

never really too busy to help someone. If you learn to manage your time wisely, you can always find time to help someone. You already knew that, didn't you?

Buzzi's best friend, Beatrice Bee, asked her for help one day. All of Beatrice's friends called her Bea. Bea Bee had found a

flower garden with many flowers and she could not possibly gather the nectar from all of those flowers that day. And tomorrow, the flowers would be gone. It would be too late! Of course, Buzzi told Bea Bee that she was sorry, but she was just too busy. Buzzi was a nice Bee, but she didn't think she had time to help her friend. Would you help your friend? Of course you would! Bea had



Buzzi had gone about her usual busy day, gathering nectar as quickly as she could, so she could make enough honey to last her all through the next winter. In the Wintertime, there were no flowers for Buzzi. And, she needed to have food just as you and I.

to ask her other friends to help, and they did! They gathered all of the nectar from that flower garden that day, before the flowers had wilted. Bea Bee was glad that she had many friends.

It was a warm Spring day a few years ago when Buzzi learned a valuable lesson about helping someone.

Right after lunch that day, Buzzi started catching a cold. She was getting sicker and sicker. Her stomach ached. Her head hurt. She felt weak. She didn't even have the strength to fly. What could she do? She did not have enough honey stored for the next winter. "I know," she thought, "I'll ask Bea and all of my friends to help."

Buzzi called Bea Bee on her bee telephone that afternoon. Did you know that bees have telephones? They really don't, but this is a bedtime story and we can give a bee a telephone, if we wish! Buzzi was almost too weak to call Bea on her bee phone. Finally, she did find the strength to make her important call.

Bea Bee answered her phone with a happy "Hello." "Bea, this is Buzzi. I need help. I am very sick with a nasty cold and I can't work today. Can you help me by gathering the nectar from my flower garden?" "Of course, I will help you," Bea said. "And I am sorry that you don't feel very well today. You just stay in your bee

bed and don't worry. I will make time to help you!" Bea Bee was a very busy Bee too, as all bees are, but she would always find time to help someone. This is what true, good friends do. They are always willing to help someone. And someday, Bea just might need help herself and she hoped that her friends would offer to help her.

Off Bea went to Buzzi's flower garden. She worked and worked on those flowers, gathering the sweet nectar, and taking it to Buzzi's beehive. She had found the time to help her friend. Just before darkness came that day, Bea finished. She had gathered enough nectar to help Buzzi make it through the next winter. Now, she had to hurry to her own home and get a good night's sleep. Tomorrow, she would work even harder to make up for the time she lost today. After all, she had to gather enough nectar to feed herself all next winter, too!

Buzzi Bee saw what Bea

Bee had done that afternoon and thought about how badly she had treated Bea when she needed help. Buzzi saw that if she used her time a little more wisely, she could have found the time to help Bea. She made a promise to herself that she would never refuse to help someone else again. She would be a better friend!

Buzzi's cold is gone now and she is feeling wonderful once again. She feels even better than she did before she caught that cold. She feels better about herself. She knows that now, if anyone ever asks for help from her again, she will be the first Bee to help. She would be there for her friends. She would even try to get there to help before Bea Bee did! She would have to be really fast to do that!

I just got a phone call from Buzzi on her bee phone. She said to tell you to always help your friends when they ask, and she also said to tell you, "Good Night!"

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**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

**BY HOLIDAY MATHIS**  
The Virgo moon is a particularly particular bird that wants to get a grip on those handy things that give our world a sense of order. Have a good chat with a friend. Unload all your baggage for her to sort through and pick over. Get down to business! Even if we can't solve the world's problems, it's the process that counts.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Though you may not be getting the warm reception to your talent that you know you deserve, move forward anyway. Act with enthusiasm, even if it's forced. It'll soon cause your passion to resurface and your work to soar.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** It's all going reasonably well, which is why this is the time to stash away a little extra — kind deeds, money in the bank, food in the pantry, etc. Adversity is best prepared for in times of prosperity.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** The great thing about having a dual personality is that you're not tied to reacting in any one way. While others say, "That's just the way I am," you liberate yourself with the belief that you are who you decide to be.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** While irritating people around you seem to be committed to talking things to death — you're committed to jumping in. Too much conversation clouds, rather than clarifies, the true meaning of things.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** What keeps you smiling is variety — in your schedule and in the company you keep. While interacting with today's

cast of interesting characters, you learn more from differences than similarities.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Don't be afraid to set difficult tasks for those working under you. A lofty challenge offers the opportunity to do, be and feel greater than previously thought possible.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** What you see as a failing, someone else might see as a minor glitch or maybe it's a major disaster. Assess how others are viewing the situation before you roll up your sleeves to help.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Little minds do so that they will be seen doing. Your integrity leads you to do whether or not anyone is there to observe you. Work, in and of itself, is a rich reward.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Enjoy a day of self-perpetuated mischief, levity and whimsy. When you recognize that you're the one driving this fantasy train, you can take it wherever you want it to go.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** With your ruling planet, Saturn, encouraging your sense of discipline, you're indomitable. There are six actions that, if done in the order of importance, will bring you right up next to the thing you so dearly want.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Sometimes people treat you like a kid because they mistake your youthful energy for inexperience. You know more than you think you do and will get the chance to prove it tonight.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Contrary to popular belief, time is a friend who works for your highest interest. Begin a habit you can do once a day over the next three weeks. You'll witness the incremental movement of

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "Do relationships have an astrological sign? I started seeing a man on March 3, and our relationship already seems intuitive and emotional — does that mean the relationship is a Pisces? And how does our future look? He was born Feb. 7, 1952. I was born Aug. 9, 1960."

It's your Pisces moon he's hooked on. You two have great intuitive connections with smidgens of an otherworldly vibe. What lovely planet is she from, he's asking.

He's mysteriously comfortable with you, maybe because you remind him of someone he's loved in the past. From the soul's perspective, you have many people to meet in this lifetime, and from an imaginative level, you're his soul mate. Imagine, this exciting person came into your life, and your shared feel-good feelings create familiarity and attachment so you can comfortably (how nice!) work out the love lessons you've been missing. Dating is a great way to grow in experience — figuring out what it is we need and want in another human being leads us to the person we want to spend more time on earth with. Your time with this man likely won't be forever. But you can appreciate the relationship from the heavenly Piscean perspective of soul growth.

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**Annie's Mailbox**

Dear Annie: My dad is 87 years old, and Mom is 79. One of my brothers, "Dylan," has not been home in almost 12 years. He and his wife have no children, and we are his wife's only family. You'd think she'd be close, but no. At one point, she told my parents that she doesn't understand why they keep pressuring them to visit, since they can't get away. We all know better. She doesn't work, and Dylan has been with the same company for 20 years, so you know darn well he gets some vacation time. They even missed my parents' 50th wedding anniversary party.

We used to be a very close family. Now, we wonder if Dylan will bother to come to the funeral when our parents pass away. Probably not. Is there anything we can do to get Dylan to come home? My dad especially misses him. We thought about purchasing a plane ticket for him, but Dylan told us they are afraid to fly and he won't use it. Any advice? — Estranged Sister

Dear Estranged: Airplanes aren't the only means of transportation. If Dylan wanted to see his family, he would find a way. We don't know why he avoids coming home, but sometimes, the longer one is away, the harder it is to make the trip. You can ask Dylan directly why, in 12 years, he hasn't tried to see his aging parents, with or without his wife. You also might make a trip to



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and burying his head in the garage allows him to pretend everything is OK. You can ask, gently, how to help with what is troubling him, or you can leave him be. Either he will come to a decision about the situation — or you will. If you think counseling will help you work through it, by all means, go without him and get some help.

Dear Annie: I was saddened to read the letter from "Engaged and Alone," whose Baptist parents refused to attend any Catholic marriage ceremony.

My father was a Baptist minister. Years ago, my sister "Amy" was engaged to "Tom," a Catholic. Amy wanted to be married in our Baptist church. Tom's family graciously assented to this. When Amy asked Dad to conduct the rites, he said, "I will, on one condition: I insist that for the sake of Tom's family, you also have a priest present to bless the marriage."

On her wedding day, Amy marched toward an altar where a Baptist preacher and Catholic priest stood side by side. If any congregants were shocked, they did not express it. Over the years, Dad guided his flock to be as tolerant as he was. Just thought you would like to see that not all people use their religion as a "wedge" instead of a "bridge" — Tolerant in the Midwest

Dear Tolerant: Your dad sounds like a very special person. What a lovely story.

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# The Dow Jones industrials cross 14,000

By **TIM PARADIS**

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — The Dow Jones industrial average swept past 14,000 for the first time Tuesday following a relatively mild inflation report and a wave of generally upbeat earnings reports.

The stock market's best-known indicator crossed 14,000 in the first half-hour of trading, rising to 14,002.60 and having taken just 57 trading days to make the trip from 13,000.

Stocks have risen fairly steadily since the spring amid a continuum of buyout news and evidence that despite higher fuel prices and the ongoing problems in the housing market and mortgage lending industry, consumers are spending and companies remain optimistic about the future. With

the Federal Reserve ever vigilant about inflation, any news that prices are rising at a moderate pace has added to the market's momentum, as it did Tuesday.

The release of moderately upbeat earnings reports helped reassure a market that had worried that a slowing economy and rising energy prices would slash into corporate profits.

But the Dow's latest accomplishment does raise questions about whether they are buying more on speculation than fundamentals. A week ago, the average tumbled nearly 150 points after disappointing forecasts from Home Depot Inc., Sears Holdings Corp. and home-builder D.R. Horton Inc., but only two days later, the Dow barreled 283 points higher as investors chose to put a posi-

tive spin on a generally lackluster series of retail sales reports.

In midmorning trading, the Dow rose 41.87, or 0.30 percent, to 13,992.85, slipping back from 14,000 with the normal ebb and flow of trading.

Broader stock indicators also rose. The Standard & Poor's 500 index advanced 3.49, or 0.23 percent, to 1,553.01, having set its own new record highs in recent sessions. The Nasdaq composite index rose 9.74, or 0.36 percent, to 2,207.07.

Advancing issues outnumbered decliners by about 3 to 2 on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume came to 397.9 million shares.

Bonds fell, with the yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note rising to 5.07 percent from 5.04 percent late Monday. The dollar was mixed

against other major currencies, while gold prices fell.

Light, sweet crude rose \$1.02 to \$75.17 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Oil closed above \$74 Monday for the first time since August.

The short time that it took the Dow to pass this its milestone recalls its ascent during the dot-com boom, especially since it took only 129 days to make the passage from 12,000 to 13,000. In the late 1990s, the Dow took just 24 days to go from 10,000 to 11,000, and 89 days to go from 6,000 to 7,000.

The end of the high-tech boom plus the recession and the aftermath of the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks helped send all the major market indexes into reverse. It took the Dow 7 1/2 years to trek from 11,000 to 12,000, and only last October began setting its first record

high since January 2000.

The S&P 500 has also surpassed its early 2000 highs, reaching a new closing high last month and last week surpassing its trading high. The Nasdaq, overinflated by the high-tech boom, is not expected to approach its closing high of 5,048.62 in the foreseeable future.

The move higher Tuesday came as Wall Street sorted through a mixed inflation reading and profit reports from blue chip names including Coca-Cola Co. and Merrill Lynch & Co.

The gains also follow the Labor Department's report that inflation at the wholesale level fell in June but heated up more than expected when excluding often volatile food and energy prices.

## Teacher-astronaut Barbara Morgan and crew mates arrive in Florida

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Teacher-turned-astronaut Barbara Morgan and her crew mates arrived in Florida on Monday for a few days of dress rehearsal in preparation for next month's launch of space shuttle Endeavour.

Bad weather forced the seven astronauts to arrive in a jet normally used for simulating shuttle landings rather than the smaller training jets regularly used to fly the crew from Houston to Kennedy Space Center.

"Hopefully in three weeks, we'll have better weather to fly down here," Scott Kelly, Endeavour's commander, said after landing.

The launch is set for Aug. 7.

During their three days

in Florida, the Endeavour crew will be briefed on safety equipment, drive a tank used during an escape from the launch pad and make shuttle landing simulation runs. The preparations will culminate with a practice launch countdown on Thursday, when the astronauts don their orange spacesuits and climb into the shuttle.

Morgan has been waiting two decades for the chance to go to space. She beamed with a wide smile after landing, and exchanged hugs with Johnson Space Center workers who came to Florida for the dress rehearsal.

"Thanks for coming out and seeing us," Morgan told reporters.



HERALD photo/Dustin Wilson  
**Seven-year-old Trinity Gonzales is able to zing the ball past her foosball opponents at the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club.**

## FISD

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expected on Aug. 20.

In other business Monday, trustees:

- Learned that the district recently received permission to increase the school day at the junior high/high school by up to 15 minutes.

Johnson said the slight increase in the school day was needed to help accommodate students taking college-credit courses at the high school.

- Approved the hiring of kindergarten teacher Carrie Averette and part-time elementary counselor Bob Evans.

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## METERS

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According to officials with Siemens, the program is expected to save the city more than \$5.6 million over the next 15 years through improvements to various aspects of the municipalities operations, including more efficient lighting

systems, plumbing and heating and air conditioning.

"This allows the city to improve its buildings — meaning lighting, air conditioning and water meters — without the need to increase capital or budget. Without having to raise tax rates, raise water rates. We're doing it all out of your current operating budget," said Siemens Account

Executive Chad Nobles. "The beauty of the process is we guarantee you, as a city, the results. If we don't make those savings that we promised here today then we have to cut the city a check for the difference."

Boiles said once the contractor has finished installing the last of the meters agreed to in the contract, it will be time for city crews to play

catch-up.

"There have been more than 170 changes to the system — meters added, meters made inactive — since the contract was signed," said Boiles. "Those were not part of the contract. These new hook-ups fall on the city to replace with the AMR units, so we'll have plenty to do when the contractor is finished."

Boiles said the units,

which report water usage by way of radio transmissions, have only had a few problems since being introduced to the city's water system.

"We've only had problems with a few of the meters giving us error messages, but that was simply a manufacturer's problem," said Boiles. "We've had to install antennas for some of the units because they are too

deep, or they are on an easement and there are fences in the way. The antennas are flat and aren't hard to set up, and Siemens is providing them at no extra charge."

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## FELTY

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to ride for those who cannot," he said.

Pam Guidry, who has lived in Big Spring since 1994, was recently diagnosed with MS. Just obtaining the diagnosis was a months-long process; doctors weren't really sure what had happened to her.

"My first episode, I could remember who I was, but I couldn't remember who my kids were or even how to call 9-1-1. When the paramedics did arrive, I couldn't remember how to let them in the house. Fortunately, I was finally able to remember my son's name; they called him and he came to the house and let the paramedics in," Guidry said.

According to the National MS Society, one person in the U.S. is diagnosed with MS every hour. More than 1,000 individuals in the West Texas area have received

a diagnosis of MS.

MS occurs in women 50 percent more frequently than men, and strikes people between the ages of 20-50. The disease breaks down myelin, a cushioning, fatty material that provides conduit for nerve endings and facilitates nerve impulses in the brain.

With the myelin breakdown, lesions or scars replace the needed tissue. Symptoms include numbness in the limbs, loss of balance, fatigue, paralysis or loss of vision. The disease is not contagious nor inherited, and there is no cure, according to the NMSS.

"My symptoms are still in the beginning stages, and while I have suffered the memory loss and temporary paralysis — at first the doctor's thought I'd had a heart attack — I feel lucky that I can still work and live a full life," said Guidry, who has three children and three grandchildren.

Felty has known Guidry and her family for more

than three years. The entire clan attends Cornerstone Church, and in June, her youngest daughter's wedding was there.

"I really felt the need to do something, and this bike tour presented itself at a time when I am able to participate. I just need to have community support in the form of donations or pledges," Felty said.

The MS society has simplified the donation

process, via a Web site. Log onto [www.nationalmssociety.org](http://www.nationalmssociety.org) and seek the link for Make A Donation. Conduct a search for Craig Felty and a special page dedicated to his efforts allows donors to submit pledges online.

Or, call Cornerstone Church at 263-3072 to make a donation in person, or to have the link e-mailed directly.

"This is really something I want to do, to be

able to take my physical training to a new level and participate in this bike tour," Felty said.

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## OUR VIEWS

# Surgeon general must be a warrior

Trained to be healers, doctors often end up at war: patching bodies in battle, fighting poverty in the clinic, facing diseases that others have fled. By contrast, all that U.S. Surgeon General Richard Carmona had to do was give Americans medical guidance. Under the Bush administration, that duty turned out to be a war for the truth.

As presidential appointees, surgeon generals always work in the crossfire between science and popular mores. That conflict is part of the history of science: contributions such as Darwinism, medical autopsies and anesthesia for childbirth were all attacked by political and religious authorities before they were widely accepted.

The surgeon general's duty in this contention is clear. The head of the U.S. Public Health Service serves the nation, not the president or his political party, guiding Americans in best practices for their health. Criteria for his decisions should not include job security, only the best empirical data.

In congressional testimony last week, Carmona described a comprehensive assault on this role. He was "blocked at every turn," he said, from delivering information to the public about stem cell research, sex education even new data on secondhand smoke.

The administration discouraged him from promoting the Special Olympics program because of its links to the Kennedy family. Top officials invited him to, then ignored him at, a meeting at which they wrote off climate change as a political hobbyhorse for liberals.

Seeking out past surgeon generals, Carmona found they'd endured similar pressure but nothing as acute or sustained as this administration was doling out. Carmona's experience echoes that of other government scientists whose data was either suppressed or twisted to fit political dogma.

Carmona owed it to his patients, the American public, to fight harder during his 2002-2006 tenure. He should have spoken out years ago or resigned. But his testimony comes in time to weigh while considering Carmona's replacement. The nominee, James Holsinger, boasts sound professional credentials, but his unscientific writings include disturbing evidence of homophobia in conflict with mainstream medical views.

In light of Carmona's statements, the Senate needs to be more certain than ever that a new surgeon general would adhere to up-to-date medical data, resisting political intimidation and social pressure. If it's necessary to find a better candidate, Americans' well-being merits the search.

At least now the public knows about the deep injection of politics into what should be unbiased medical guidance. It's troubling Carmona didn't fight harder. It is outrageous that he was made to keep his expert medical opinion to himself. By extension, our government also laid siege to Americans' health. To have credibility, the next surgeon general needs to be more than a healer. He must be a warrior, too.

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# What Clinton (almost) doesn't say

IOWA, July 10 — Presidential candidate Hillary Clinton traveled to this crucial caucus state today to assure voters that she would keep U.S. troops in Iraq for the foreseeable future because "we cannot lose sight of our very real strategic national interests in this region."

You missed that news story? Me, too. It's not the message Clinton wanted to convey, and it's not the message that reporters took away from her speech. But it would have been an accurate, if incomplete, rendition of her long address on Iraq policy. That she wanted to go on the record with such a view, but didn't want voters to really hear it, says much about the current Washington bind on Iraq policy.

Here's what she wanted voters to take away from the speech, judging by the top of the campaign's press release about it: "Today in Iowa, Hillary Clinton announced her plan to end the war in Iraq and urged President Bush to act immediately." Most of the address indeed focused on her plan to withdraw combat troops, which she said she would accompany with increased aid and diplomacy. She peppered the speech with criticism of Bush's war leadership and with phrases such as "as we are leaving Iraq."

But toward the end, Clinton noted that it would be "a great worry for our country" if Iraq "becomes a breeding ground for exporting terrorists, as it appears it already is." So she would "order specialized units to engage in narrow and targeted operations against al-Qaida and other terror-

ist organizations in the region." U.S. troops would also train and equip Iraqi forces "to keep order and promote stability in the country, but only to the extent we believe such training is actually working." And she might deploy other forces to protect the Kurdish region in the north, she said, "to protect the fragile but real democracy and relative peace and security that has developed there."

In other words, Clinton ascribed to what might be called the consensus, Baker-Hamilton view: Pull out of the most intense combat but remain militarily engaged by going after terrorists, training and advising Iraqi troops, and safeguarding at least some regions or borders. It's the position set forth in the proposal of Democratic Sens. Carl Levin and Jack Reed and in the compromise proposal of Republican Sens. John Warner and Richard Lugar. Last week President Bush said it's "a position I'd like to see us in."

If everyone agrees, what's the problem? Bush and the Democrats have very different ideas of the conditions needed to move to Baker-Hamilton. (So, by the way, did Republican Jim Baker and Democrat Lee Hamilton when they co-wrote the report.) Bush thinks U.S. troops can pull back only after they have established, with their new counterinsurgency strategy, sufficient peace to allow Iraqi factions to begin making political compromises.

Democrats say such compromises aren't likely anytime soon. As Vice President Adel Abdul Mahdi, one of Iraq's more sober-minded leaders, told the New York Times this month, "I am optimistic in the medium and long term ... (but) it needs five or six or seven or 10 years." During that time, Democrats (and increasing numbers of Republicans) do not want U.S. troops in "the crossfire of sec-

tarian violence," as Clinton said last week.

But, respond supporters of the surge, Baker-Hamilton can't work without security. Training the Iraqi army will be futile if all around is chaos; embedding as advisers will be even more dangerous than patrolling Baghdad now; and how successful could Clinton's "narrow and targeted operations" against terrorists be from a distance? NATO's inability to counter al-Qaida across the Afghan border in Pakistan, and Israel's frustrations with Hamas in Gaza or Hezbollah in Lebanon, are not encouraging.

Bush, in other words, views Baker-Hamilton as a prize to be won by means of successful combat. According to advisers, he sees himself playing for time, maneuvering so that his successor—Hillary Clinton, maybe—will have Baker-Hamilton as an option when he or she moves into the Oval Office in January 2009. Democrats, on the other hand, see it as the least bad response to irrevocable defeat.

There's another problem, too: Democratic primary voters do not want to hear of adjustments, redeployments, reductions. They want all troops out, now. That is why Clinton will devote one paragraph to the military defense "of our very real strategic national interests in this region" and more than 10 pages to troop withdrawal.

That suggests that by the time Bush is ready for or forced into compromise, compromise may no longer be possible in Congress. Which in turn means that, bleak as all the options appear now, the choices that a President Clinton would face in 18 months might look far worse.

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# Iraq's Sunni Arabs: Tenuous bedfellows

Sunni Arabs turning against al-Qaida and other terrorist elements in their midst is perhaps the first profoundly positive turn of events in Iraq since 2003. However, this does not mean that the U.S. should remain in Iraq hoping this trend will herald more sweeping successes on other fronts. Quite the contrary.

A very bright spot in the otherwise typically dismal scene in Iraq has been the spreading phenomenon of Sunni Arabs taking on al-Qaida. The trend began with tribal-based elements centering primarily on the al-Anbar Governorate. It has expanded to include hardcore insurgents and portions of Diyala Governorate, along with one major neighborhood in Baghdad. Former insurgents also now are working as scouts for American forces in many communities. As a result, al-Qaida in Iraq has suffered a number of reverses and violence in some previously very dangerous areas like al-Anbar has dropped considerably.

As early as 2004, Iraq-watchers within the U.S. intelligence community knew that resentment was building among Sunni Arabs against al-Qaida and other fanatical jihadis. These tyrannical militants had dominated many communities, meting out brutal punishments, forbidding various activities and bringing death and destruction to many innocents around them. It was only a matter of time before Iraqis previously hosting such elements would begin pushing back.

Some might view this as an affir-

mation of the U.S. administration's position that staying the course would, one way or another, build momentum for trends in Iraq to turn Washington's way. One can always hope, but such an assumption would be premature and rather shaky.

Sunni Arabs are, by far, the most anti-occupation of Iraq's various ethno-sectarian communities. They also have the deepest mistrust for the largely Shia-dominated government in Baghdad, which is shielded by American security, and behind which most Sunni Arabs see Iran — whether true or not.

Consequently, as welcome as is this turn of events may be, the cooperation of even many battle-hardened insurgents with U.S. forces against al-Qaida and other terrorists is most likely a rather fragile — and temporary — marriage of convenience.

By turning against al-Qaida, Sunni Arabs rid themselves of a vicious loadstone around their collective necks. In addition, for the first time, they are filling the ranks of the local police in large numbers. Despite denials, the U.S. apparently has provided munitions or at least exercised much greater tolerance toward the acquisition and carrying of arms by Sunni Arabs for use against a common enemy. Such U.S.-Arab Sunni military cooperation and the admission of many thousands of Arab Sunnis into the police has made the Shia-led Iraqi government visibly uncomfortable.

Iraqi Shia are very conscious of something the U.S. must not overlook: If and when al-Qaida in Iraq and its ilk have been crushed, those same Sunni Arabs who helped accomplish this might well turn against their American occupiers and the Iraqi central govern-

ment, the next two parties on their long-standing hit list.

However, there are possible opportunities to consider. If the threat from al-Qaida in Iraq were substantially reduced, then car bombings aimed mainly at Iraqi Shia and Kurds, could fall off significantly. That could improve the atmosphere for the inter-communal reconciliation needed to jumpstart the stalled Iraqi political process. Yet, with all the blood already spilt, ethno-sectarian cleansing and zero-sum issues like the status of Kirkuk still simmering, notable success on the political front remains a very iffy proposition.

The real opportunity for improving U.S. relations with Iraq's Sunni Arabs relates to withdrawal. A timely U.S. withdrawal, coupled with assurances that the U.S. does not intend to retain bases in Iraq, would provide a chance for a far more peaceful disengagement from what were previously the most violent regions of the country.

And the defeat of al-Qaida in Iraq would vastly reduce the likelihood that a U.S. withdrawal would leave behind a major terrorist threat. The threat of a post-withdrawal civil war would not be eliminated. Regrettably, preventing that outcome almost certainly is no longer within our power. It is a matter that now must be left to the Iraqis to address.

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WAYNE WHITE



# To maim a mockingbird: Territorial battleground

## Bird Poop

**Y**ear round, her domain was not only the live oak in the front yard, but the entire side and back of our property. Squirrels, migratory intruders and cats were never spared from the songbird's diving attacks. With her nestlings demanding an abundance of insects, the mockingbird would constantly be seen swooping from the nest, crossing in front of the garage and heading toward her mainstay, our natural side yard and the honeysuckle on an intermediate fence.



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Unknown to our permanent resident, a western kingbird had constructed her nest atop the transformer that was mounted on a utility pole behind our back fence. To the untrained eye, both nests were quite similar. Using twigs, grasses and stems of castaway weeds, the two females had created safe family homes in which to raise their young. While the nest in the oak tree was hidden in dense foliage to protect the eggs and nestlings, the other abode offered the pole's shade

from the hot afternoon sun. A good view of easement, back and side yards and the undeveloped lots to the east was required for this member of the flycatcher family.

When the season for courtship had begun, the differences in the species were evident. Running across our front lawn, the male mockingbird would flit his tail up and down. While making a cooing sound, he would lift and spread his wings high above his back, then outward to display his large white wing patches. With the female crouching and quivering her wings, we knew the season would be entertaining.

Flying upward, then suddenly tumbling in the air, the male kingbird had repeated his aerial display again and again. Enhancing his show with a shrill cry, he even somersaulted backwards. As he made his presence and intentions known, the adept insect eater flashed the red crown patch normally hidden by the gray feathers on top of his head. With his chosen agreeable, the courtship had been successful.

Since both species were dependent upon insects for themselves and their young, the parents were diligent in their pursuit of food. While the mockingbirds hunted for bugs under leaves, and pecked worms, moths, grasshoppers and butterflies from shrubbery, the kingbirds



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**The Northern mockingbird (left), and the Western kingbird (right), prefer elevated locations from which they can readily see possible enemies. While the mockingbird can augment its diet with berries, earthworms and ants during the fall and winter, the kingbird migrates southward for more abundant insect resources.**

captured insects, including dragon-flies, in flight. When desperate, both species would consider wild fruit.

As the young grew and feathered, the search for food intensified. Inevitable was the meeting of one species in the other's territory. Sailing out into the air from either the oak tree or the power line, a parent would dive at the offending bird. With this competition for insects, and their young out of the nest and learning to fly, we saw throughout the day streaks of gray and white chasing yellow, gray and black, or vice versa.

Animosity grew. Having already established dominance over

our home site, the mockingbird resented this migratory invasion. Bossy to extremes, the gray and white defender was furious with the kingbird. Perched on the power lines, the interloper was defiant of the mockingbird's repeated assaults.

As the fledglings learned to hunt for themselves, the adults supplemented their diet with a visit to the red berries growing wild in the side yard. Then they discovered the grape vine. To us, the fruit was too small and extremely tart. For hungry mockingbirds and kingbirds, it was a welcome change. Watching from the den windows, we saw the ultimate feud climax

when the male of each species arrived at the vine at the same time.

Assuming the offensive, the kingbird chased the mockingbird into the dense leaves. Movement of the birds could be detected by the rustling of leaves and partial sighting of thrashing colors. Soon leaves were being knocked to the ground. The mockingbird appeared, only to disappear again as it pursued its adversary. Suddenly, the leaves were still. Slowly a head poked its way clear of a cluster of grapes. Then the whole bird emerged. While it regained its bearings, we could easily enjoy the coloration of the flycatcher. Gray above and yellow-bellied below, the

bird had a distinct black tail with a white feather down each side. With some feathers askew, the kingbird managed to fly back to the utility pole.

No other movement in the vine occurred. We waited. The mockingbird's head slowly appeared. Making sure that the other bird was gone, the songbird dropped to the ground. Dazed, it did not try to fly. Finally, it made an effort but could not elevate.

Hoping the warrior was only bruised and tired, we placed it in an exercise cage. After covering the disheveled bird so that it could rest, we left it for several hours. To our relief, the mockingbird was perched on the highest roost when we removed the cover. Since its family was self-reliant at this point, we kept the bird for four days on the assumption that it was sore from its experience. With each day it became more active and restless. Turning it loose in the garage, we were pleased to see it fly anywhere it wished. Recapturing it, we raised the door, walked to the oak tree and wished it well as it hopped from limb to limb in getting away from us. Reaching the top of the tree, the guardian of our yard began its usual melodious and varied songs.

*Bebe McCasland is federally and state licensed to rehabilitate wild birds.*

## Four BSHS sophomores attend governor's school

### Herald Staff Report

Four Big Spring High School sophomores recently returned from a three-week stint at the Texas Governor's School. The four students — Mary Kincaid, Andrew Lewis, Kelly Sage and Hannah Weber — represented Educational Service Center District 18 at the school.

The Texas Governor's School was created by the 2003 Texas Legislature to provide "a rich and challenging academic experience" in science and technology for advanced high school students.

The students were selected on the basis of their academic ranking, teacher recommendation, as well as involvement in extra-circular science and technology activities.

Mary Kincaid is involved in journalism,

the Robotics Club and BSHS Band.

Andrew Lewis is active in debate, the Robotics Club and BSHS Band.

Kelly Sage is involved in journalism, varsity swim team and varsity softball.

Hannah Weber is active in journalism and on the varsity swim team. In addition, Weber was a finalist at the 2007 Intel International Science and Engineering Fair.

The first Texas Governors School took place June 10-30 on the campus of the University of North Texas in Denton.

Enrollment in the Texas Governor's School was limited to 148 incoming sophomores, evenly split between male and female. All areas of the state were represented based on the overall student populations of the respective Educational Service Center districts.

The theme of the 2007 school was "The Future of Science and Technology in our World."

While the course offerings were not for high school or college credit, participants were exposed to a range of topics in the sciences and in their impact on society. Students also took courses to enhance their writing skills and to further develop college preparation plans.

The courses were co-taught by high school teachers and college professors.

Students also enjoyed a variety of activities, including performances by ensembles from the famed UNT College of Music, attendance at a Texas Rangers game, a visit to the Dallas Museum of Art, tours of science laboratories, and the UNT Observatory and Planetarium.



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**From left, Big Spring High School students Andrew Lesis, Mary Kincaid, Hannah Weber and Kelly Sage recently attended the Texas Governor's School on the University of North Texas campus in Denton.**

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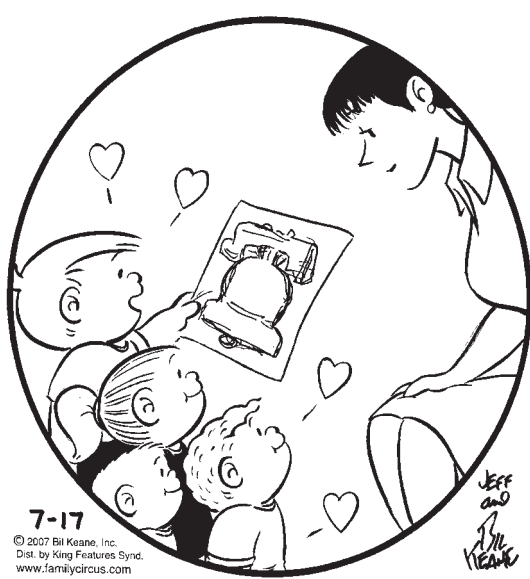
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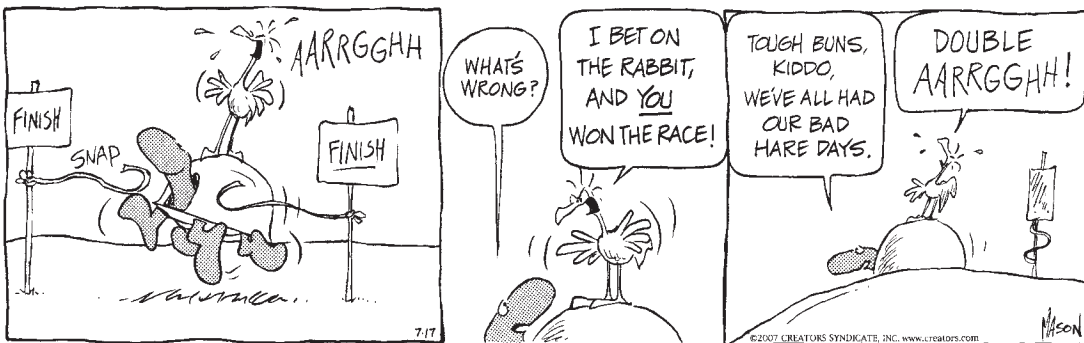


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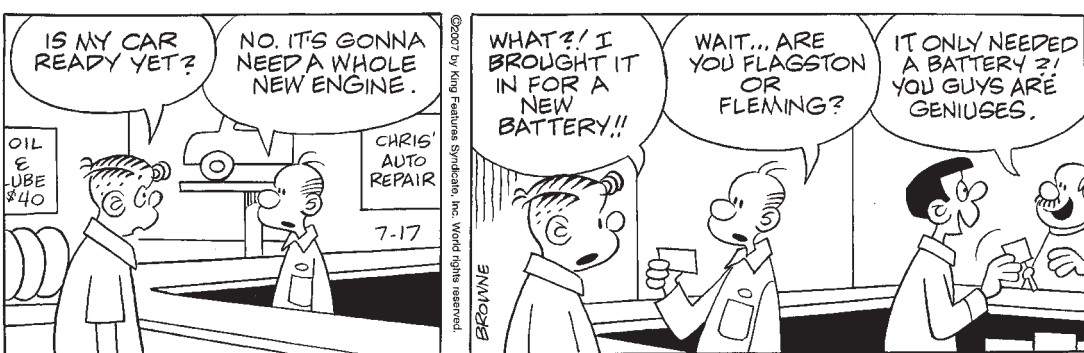
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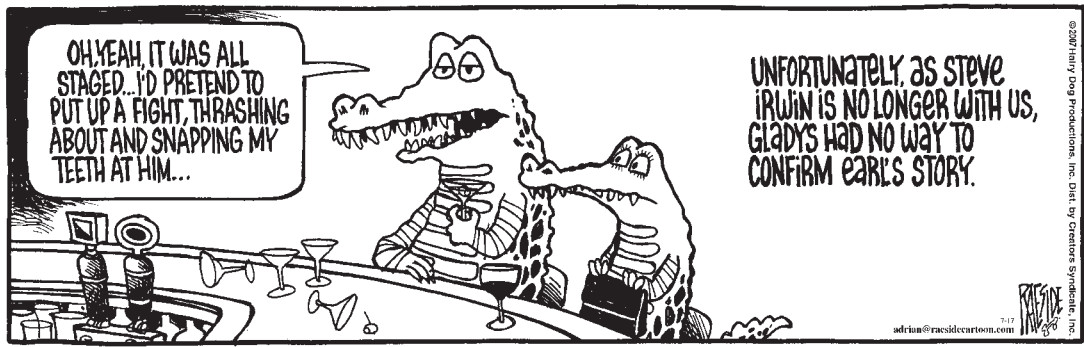
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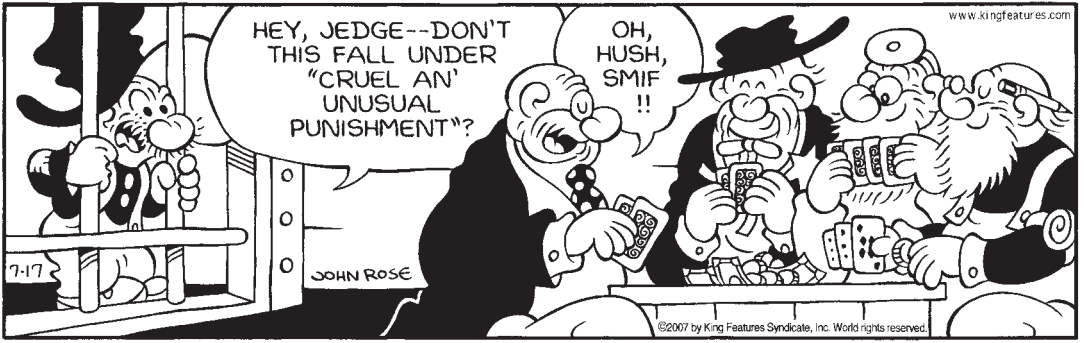
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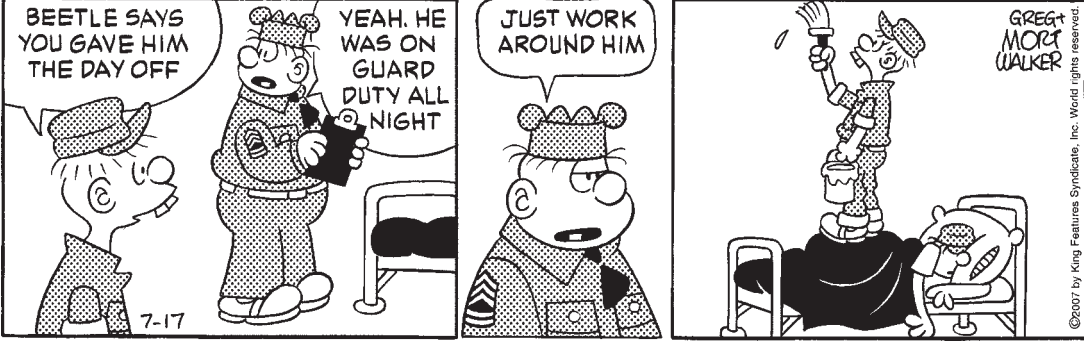
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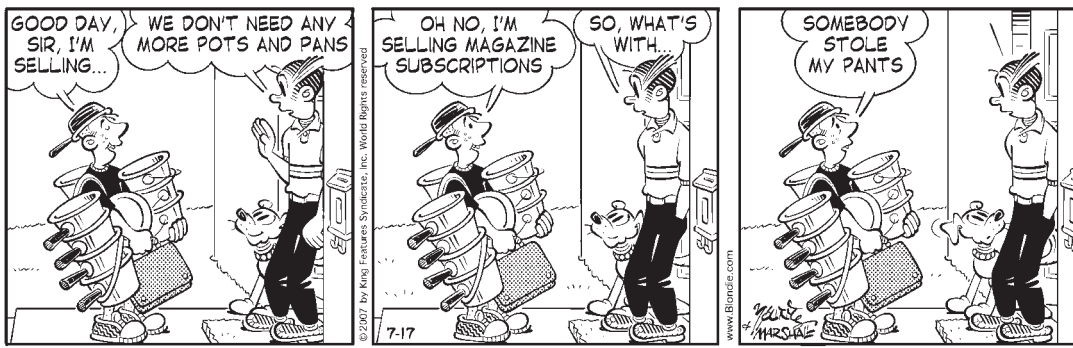
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, July 17, the 198th day of 2007. There are 167 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**

On July 17, 1996, TWA Flight 800, a Paris-bound Boeing 747, exploded and crashed off Long Island, N.Y., shortly after leaving John F. Kennedy International Airport, killing all 230 people aboard.

**On this date:**

In 1821, Spain ceded Florida to the United States.

In 1898, during the Spanish-American War, Spanish troops in Santiago, Cuba, surrendered to U.S. forces.

In 1918, Russia's Czar Nicholas II and his family were executed by the Bolsheviks.

In 1944, 322 people were killed when a pair of ammunition ships exploded in Port Chicago, Calif.

In 1945, President Harry Truman, Soviet leader Josef Stalin and British Prime Minister Winston S. Churchill began meeting at Potsdam, Germany, in the final Allied summit of World War II.

In 1955, Disneyland debuted in Anaheim, Calif.

In 1967, jazz composer-musician John Coltrane died in Huntington, N.Y., at age 40.

In 1975, an Apollo space-ship docked with a Soyuz spacecraft in orbit in the first superpower linkup of its kind.

In 1979, Nicaraguan President Anastasio Somoza resigned and fled into exile in Miami.

In 1981, 114 people were killed when a pair of walkways above the lobby of the Kansas City Hyatt Regency Hotel collapsed during a "tea dance."

**Today's Birthdays:** TV personality Art Linkletter is 95. Comedian Phyllis Diller is 90. The former president of the International Olympic Committee, Juan Antonio Samaranch, is 87. Jazz singer Jimmy Scott is 82. Actor Donald Sutherland is

72. Actress-singer Diahann Carroll is 72. Rock musician Spencer Davis is 65. Rock musician Terry "Geezer" Butler (Black Sabbath) is 58. Actress Lucie Arnaz is 56. Actor David Hasselhoff is 55. Singer Phoebe Snow is 55. Television producer Mark Burnett ("Survivor," "The Apprentice") is 47. Actress Nancy Giles is 47. Singer Regina Belle is 44. Rock musician Lou Barlow is 41. Hip-hop singer Guru (Gang Starr) is 41. Contemporary Christian singer Susan Ashton is 40. Rhythm-and-blues singer Stokley Williams (Mint Condition) is 40.

Answer to previous puzzle

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| <b>ACROSS</b>                  | <b>DOWN</b>                 |                               |
| 1 Junkyard metal               | 1 Boutique, for one         | 6 Orchestral works            |
| 6 Snips, as hair               | 2 Fossil fuel               | 34 Besmirch                   |
| 10 Enthusiasm                  | 3 Pretext                   | 35 19th letters               |
| 14 Fraternity headquarters     | 4 Cambodians and Sri Lankas | 37 Sense of taste             |
| 15 Cincinnati's state          | 5 Green pasta sauce         | 38 Applies the brake          |
| 16 Trade show, for short       |                             | 41 Coolidge nickname          |
| 17 Desert stopover             |                             | 42 Stolen property            |
| 18 Phrase of denial            |                             | 47 Least ruddy                |
| 19 Something very funny        |                             | 49 Son of a queen             |
| 20 Fabric fold                 |                             | 51 Chili con                  |
| 21 Largest North Carolina city |                             | 53 From Killarney             |
| 23 Brief letter                |                             | 54 Lobster weapon             |
| 25 Prefix meaning "new"        |                             | 55 Luxurious                  |
| 26 Sharks' habitats            |                             | 56 A Great Lake               |
| 29 Day fractions: Abbr.        |                             | 57 Three-piece suit part      |
| 31 Beverly Hills home          |                             | 58 Middy                      |
| 36 Water w. of Portugal        |                             | 60 Show off, as one's muscles |
| 37 On-the-green golf strokes   |                             | 61 Narrow street              |
| 39 Informal farewells          |                             | 62 Lambs' mamas               |
| 40 Third-largest US city       |                             |                               |
| 43 Suez or Panama              |                             |                               |
| 44 Nose, slangily              |                             |                               |
| 45 Compass pt.                 |                             |                               |
| 46 Running-track unit          |                             |                               |
| 48 Small even number           |                             |                               |
| 49 Parakeets and poodles       |                             |                               |
| 50 Tic--toe                    |                             |                               |
| 52 Agitate                     |                             |                               |
| 54 City near Akron             |                             |                               |
| 59 Hunter's weapon             |                             |                               |

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### Sen. Vitter denies prostitution accusations and says he'll return to work this week

METAIRIE, La. (AP) — Sen. David Vitter on Monday denied having relationships with New Orleans prostitutes, a week after admitting links to a Washington escort service that federal prosecutors allege was a prostitution ring.

Vitter emerged from a week of seclusion by appearing at a news conference in suburban Metairie while holding hands with his wife, Wendy. He denied the New Orleans prostitution allegations and offered no indication that he would resign. He said he planned to fly Monday night to Washington to resume work in the Senate.

"I want to again offer my deep, sincere apologies to all those I have let down and disappointed with actions from my past," Vitter said. "I am completely responsible, and I am so very, very sorry."

Vitter said that the events in Washington took place years ago, and that he and his wife had undergone marriage counseling.

"No matter how long ago it was, I know this hurt the relationship of trust I have enjoyed with so many of you, and I have a lot of work to do to rebuild that," he said.

### Waste drums tipped at nuke plant after deadly Japan quake; thousands evacuate quake zone

KASHIWAZAKI, Japan (AP) — A powerful earthquake tipped over barrels of nuclear waste at a power plant and officials on Tuesday were investigating whether there were any radioactive leaks, a day after they said the quake had caused the reactor to spill radioactive water into the sea.

The death toll stood at nine a day after the 6.6-magnitude quake. One person was missing and another 13,000 were homeless, as rescue workers rushed to locate any survivors in the rubble amid fears of landslides.

The quake had caused a leak of water with radioactive material Monday at the Kashiwazaki Kariwa nuclear power plant, the world's largest in terms of electricity output, although officials said that leak caused no harm to the environment.

On Tuesday, officials said about 100 drums containing low-level nuclear waste fell over at the plant during the quake. They were found a day later, some with their lids open, said Masahide Ichikawa, an official with the local government in Niigata prefecture.

A spokesman at Tokyo Electric Power Co., which runs the plant, said the company was still trying to determine whether any hazardous material had spilled but said there was no effect outside the plant.

### U.S. nuclear envoy Christopher Hill meets with his North Korean counterpart in Beijing

BEIJING (AP) — The chief U.S. nuclear envoy met Tuesday with his North Korean counterpart ahead of the first six-nation talks on Pyongyang's nuclear program since the communist nation shut down its sole operating nuclear reactor.

The North Koreans went to the U.S. Embassy for talks, and Assistant Secretary of State Christopher Hill

and North Korean Vice Foreign Minister Kim Kye Gwan later headed to lunch together — showing that the negotiations were starting on an amiable note in the wake of the Saturday reactor closure.

"We just had a nice lunch, not a lot of specific discussions," Hill told reporters outside a restaurant in the Chinese capital. "The atmosphere was very businesslike."

Hill said he would meet Kim again later Tuesday before the countries — along with China, Russia, Japan and South Korea — open formal arms talks Wednesday.

Kim declined in brief comments to give any specifics of his meeting with Hill, saying after the lunch that the two "had a casual talk."

### Man calling himself 'the emperor' shot dead after refusing to drop weapon

DENVER (AP) — Saying it was "the day of the emperor's reign," a man with a gun and knife in his pockets went into a suburban shop and rented a tuxedo. A clerk considered his behavior odd enough to warrant a call to police.

About three hours later, a man in a dark suit some described as a tuxedo appeared outside the offices of Gov. Bill Ritter. He refused to drop a handgun, and was shot by a patrolman on the governor's security detail.

The man said before he was shot, "I am the emperor and I'm here to take over state government," said Evan Dreyer, the governor's spokesman.

No one besides the gunman was injured. Police in the Denver suburb of Northglenn said the man who rented a tuxedo may have been the man killed at the governor's Capitol office. They also said in a statement that family members and an employer told investigators the man at the store was possibly delusional.

### Spy leaders to unveil intel report on threats to U.S. homeland

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States will face a "persistent and evolving" terrorist threat in the next three years, as al-Qaida bolsters its efforts to plant terror plotters in the country and other related activities,

according to a new National Intelligence Estimate to be made public Tuesday.

Several of the nation's top intelligence officials — including National Intelligence Council Chairman Thomas Fingar and FBI Deputy Director John Pistole — were to brief reporters on the declassified key findings of the document, which was years in the making.

The Associated Press last week reported on a variety of the document's key judgments. Among them:

—Al-Qaida is likely still seeking chemical, biological or nuclear weapons and would use them if it developed sufficient capability.

—The group has been able to restore three of the four key elements it would need to launch an attack on U.S. soil: a safe haven in Pakistan's tribal areas, operational lieutenants and senior leaders. It could not immediately be learned what the missing fourth element is.

### Report: News Corp. reaches tentative deal to buy Dow Jones; Dow board to consider pact

NEW YORK (AP) — Rupert Murdoch's News Corp. has reached a tentative agreement to buy Dow Jones & Co., publisher of The Wall Street Journal, the Journal reported on its Web site.

Negotiators from the two companies on Monday reached an agreement in principle for the original \$5 billion that Murdoch had offered, and it will go to Dow Jones' board Tuesday for its approval, the Journal said, citing unnamed people familiar with the situation.

The deal would still need approval from Dow Jones' controlling shareholders, the Bancroft family, which has been divided on a sale to News Corp. because of concerns over whether the Journal would maintain its editorial independence.

Christopher Bancroft, a Dow Jones director, recently has been approaching major stockholders in an attempt to buy enough shares of Dow Jones to block a sale.

Michael B. Elefante, the Bancroft family's lead trustee, has scheduled a meeting for Thursday to present the agreement to the family and is expected to give the family members several days to make a decision, the Journal reported.



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East dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.

<p><b>NORTH</b></p> <p>♠ J 10 5 ♥ 7 5 2 ♦ A Q 10 ♣ K Q 6 2</p>	<p><b>EAST</b></p> <p>♠ 7 3 ♥ 9 6 3 ♦ 9 5 4 ♣ 10 8 7 5 3</p>	<p><b>WEST</b></p> <p>♠ K 9 ♥ K Q 8 4 ♦ J 7 6 3 2 ♣ J 4</p>	<p><b>SOUTH</b></p> <p>♠ A Q 8 6 4 2 ♥ A J 10 ♦ K 8 ♣ A 9</p>
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The bidding:

<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>	<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	6 ♣		

Opening lead — king of hearts.

As reported yesterday, this hand was responsible for a huge swing when Poland and France met in the final of the 1984 World Open Team Olympiad. It also produced a big swing in the U.S.-Great Britain women's final, which was played simultaneously with the open event.

In the Poland-France match, both sides played in six spades and got the king-of-hearts lead. The French declarer failed after he won the heart lead and tried to cash the A-K-Q of clubs, ruffed by West, who then cashed the heart queen.

The Polish declarer made the slam when he first cashed three diamonds (discarding a heart) and then the ace of trumps before playing the three top clubs. West ruffed the third club with the king, but it was then too late to score a heart trick.

In the women's final, Jacqui Mitchell and Gail Moss of the United States reached six spades as shown, and again the heart king was led. Moss (South) won, played three diamonds, pitching a heart, and then tried three rounds of clubs, discarding her last heart.

The British West trumped, but instead of returning a heart (which would have left South no option but to ruff and play the ace of spades), she cleverly returned a diamond. Moss ruffed with dummy's ten, undertruffing in her hand, and mulled the situation over.

Why, she wondered, had West voluntarily presented her with an entry to dummy? Was West hoping for an uppercut by her partner to promote a trump trick? Whatever West's reason, all signs pointed to her having the king of spades. So instead of trying a finesse, Moss led a trump to the ace, caught West's king and made the slam.

At the other table, the British South played in six notrump, which had no chance after the king-of-hearts lead. The 17 IMPs the U.S. team gained proved critical, since it won the match by only 11 IMPs.

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# State news at a glance

## 4-year-old boy fatally shot at home

HONEY GROVE (AP) — A 4-year-old boy died in an accidental shooting at home while his parents were at a rodeo, authorities said Monday.

Fannin County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Kirk McMurrey says the victim and his 10-year-old stepbrother were "unattended" Saturday afternoon when the shooting happened.

The older boy ran to a neighbor's place to get help, McMurrey said.

"We believe that it was an accident," McMurrey told The Associated Press. "What we are unsure of is whether they (the boys) were struggling over the gun, or did the 4-year-old have it himself and it went off."

The .22-caliber rifle belongs to the father. The weapon was not locked up, according to McMurrey.

The parents were at a rodeo, McMurrey said.

The name of the victim was not immediately released. An autopsy has been ordered.

The shooting took place at a residence in rural Fannin County, northeast of Honey Grove.

## Farmers pulls plan for insurance rate hike

AUSTIN (AP) — Farmers Insurance will revise its plan for an increase in homeowners rates because state regulators indicated they would turn down its initial proposal, officials said.

Farmers, the third largest home insurer in Texas, withdrew its proposed 6.6 percent statewide increase in homeowners rates on Monday, canceling a premium increase set to take effect.

Ben Gonzales, spokesman for the Texas Department of Insurance, said the agency was prepared to reject the plan because of concerns about rate variations across the state and indications that Farmers' current rates are adequate.

"It was clear that we would disapprove the filing as it was written," Gonzales said.

The state's file-and-use law allows insurance companies to raise rates once they've notified the insurance department. However, the company must roll the rates back and issue refunds — with interest — if the commissioner of insurance determines the increases were not warranted.

Gonzales said it was "a lot simpler for them to withdraw the filing than to move forward" on a plan that was opposed by the state.

Farmers spokeswoman Michelle Levy said the company still wants to adjust its rates and is working on a new plan.

"They had questions about our filing, so we're working with them to answer their questions and we expect to refile a proposal within 30 to 60 days," she said.

Alex Winslow of Texas Watch, a consumer group that monitors insurance issues, said "homeowners are relying on the insurance department to do its job and make sure that premiums come down once and for all."

## Officials sign deal to restore levees

McALLEN (AP) — The Hidalgo County judge and federal officials signed an agreement Monday allowing the county to restore federally owned levees along the Rio Grande that have eroded to the point where they couldn't withstand a major storm.

Built decades ago, the 12-foot-high earthen berms stretch about 100 miles from Brownsville to Mission on the U.S. side of the Rio Grande. But age, drought, and lack of funding for maintenance has contributed to erosion, threatening billions of dollars in infrastructure, Hidalgo County Judge J.D. Salinas said.

"We're trying to compete globally for economic development, and companies are not going to come here if they're going to be flooded," he said.

The agreement also comes just in time to stave off a

new federal flood plain map that could have required most county residents to purchase flood insurance.

## Justice files voting rights lawsuits in Texas

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department settled six voting rights lawsuits in Texas that alleged the cities, counties and school districts had violated the rights of Spanish-speaking residents.

The lawsuits were filed and settled on Monday. Negotiations on the allegations had preceded the filing of the lawsuits.

One of the lawsuits was filed against Galveston County. The Justice Department also filed suits against the city of Earth and the school districts of Littlefield, Post, Seagraves, and Smyer, all in the Panhandle.

The lawsuits alleged the governments had provided misleading and inaccurate Spanish translations on

election materials, failed to translate all English materials and information and failed to provide sufficient Spanish speaking personnel at the polls on Election Day.

## Police seek fake priest preying on patients

KILGORE (AP) — A man pretending to be a priest has been preying on hospital patients, police said.

The suspect was seen last week at Kilgore's Laird Hospital where a 78-year-old patient later found his credit card had been stolen, police said.

The suspect was caught on security video at a Kilgore pharmacy, using the credit card to buy \$800 worth of gift certificates.

Police are still searching for the man they say wears a collar and pretends to minister to his victims. Witnesses said he appeared to be praying with some patients.

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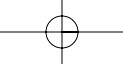
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