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## County looks to city for aid with local pacts

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

The city of Big Spring is being asked to "double-up" on some of its subsidies for interlocal city and county programs, as the county struggles financially to make ends meet.

According to Peggy Walker, finance director for the city, the two entities have discussing some of the joint pacts.

"We've been looking at the different interlocal agreements that exist between the city and county," said Walker. "County Judge Mark Barr, who just recently took office, wants to make sure his office understands the agreements and what's transpired in the past regarding them.

*"Last year they made 300 runs, and only 8 percent of them were outside the city limits. In the meantime, we're paying \$130,000 for ambulance service. That just doesn't seem justified."*



Crooker

There are several programs the county and city split services and dollar amounts for."

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## Filling vacancies keeps ISDs busy over the summer

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

Students may love summer vacation, but there's little down time for administrators this time of year.

Carie Dunnam, in her first year as assistant superintendent of Big Spring Independent School District, has been busy the past few months filling teaching and staff vacancies for the coming school year.



Dunnam

It is an annual event almost rivaling the arrival of the swallows to

San Juan Capistrano — every year, BSISD officials must spend almost as much time at job fairs as at the home office.

It is the nature of the profession, Dunnam said. "It's a little more difficult to recruit people for Big Spring ISD," Dunnam said. "Our salaries are not quite up to the level of Dallas or other urban areas, plus there are not as many attractions as there are in Dallas or other cities."

Dunnam said Big Spring has plenty of "stay-at-home" teachers and administrators, but still must annually deal with a spate of retire-

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## Laptops everywhere



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Corey Wood, left, director of technology for Big Spring Independent School District, and Thomas Owen, Big Spring High School computer technician, inspect some of the 1,200 laptop computers recently received at the high school. Every student and teacher at BSISD will receive a laptop soon after the start of the coming school year.

## Technology times 1,200 arrives at Big Spring High

*Officials now scramble to get computers ready for students*

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

It's one thing to talk about purchasing 1,200 laptop computers. It's another to see all of them in one room.

Big Spring Independent School District officials recently agreed to purchase laptops for each student and teacher at Big Spring High School.

And although Corey Wood had spent the better part of a year planning for the purchase, even he was struck by the reality of seeing rows of boxes packed with computers.

"I think the magnitude of it — just the sheer volume — is impressive," said Wood, director of technology for BSISD.

If the mere sight of the computers is impressive, so will be the work in getting them ready for students. Wood estimated it will take slightly less than 1,000 man-hours to "image" the computers (load the necessary software) for their eventual recipients.

Once that's done, however, it will be time to put the new pur-

chases to work. In early August, administrators, department heads and principals will receive training on the laptops. Later in the month, teachers will undergo three full days of training — the first of 28 training days — Wood said.

Although school starts Aug. 27, students will not receive their computers until the day after Labor Day, Sept. 4.

Wood is a firm believer in the technology's potential as a learning tool, saying that computers will replace traditional school-books within a few years.

"I would almost guarantee that

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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 the Old Settler's Pavilion in Comanche Trail Park.

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).

**RECEPTIONS THURSDAY**

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.

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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. today.

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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## IN BRIEF

### Big Spring QB Club meeting Monday

The Big Spring Quarterback Club will hold a meeting at 6 p.m. Monday in the Athletic Training Center to continue work on the 100-year commemorative program for the 2007 Steer football season.

Regular meetings will start being held every Monday at 7 p.m. in the ATC July 30.

Call Frank Stiles at 270-3041 for more details.

### 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.

### Open tryouts for traveling 13u team

Open tryouts for a 13-under traveling baseball team will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at the batting cages on Big Spring High School's baseball field.

All area youth ages 12 and 13 are welcome to tryout for the West Texas Ballers that hope to face other regional traveling teams.

For more information, call Jerry Doporto at 213-2114 or Nathan Doporto at 213-0362.

### Big Spring Youth Soccer meeting

Big Spring Youth Soccer Association will be holding an organizational meeting at 2 p.m. July 28 at College Baptist Fellowship Hall.

New officers will be elected for the 2007 season.

For more information, contact Jamie Scott at

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# Lidge closes out Astros 4-2 victory

By **HOWARD FENDRICH**

AP Sports Writer

WASHINGTON — Brad Lidge was back in the closer's role, back to pitching effectively under pressure, back to earning a save.

Now he just hopes to stay with the Houston Astros.

Lidge struck out two in the ninth inning for his first save since 2006, Carlos Lee hit a two-run homer and rookie Hunter Pence added a tiebreaking solo

shot, helping Houston beat the Washington Nationals 4-2 Tuesday night.

"The adrenaline's still there. It feels good," said Lidge, who returned from the disabled list last week and had been 0-for-3 in save chances this season. "I've gone back to what I've done in the past. For me, it's a big accomplishment to get back into that mechanical groove."

There was another rare sight out of Houston's bullpen as the team ended a seven-game road

losing slide: Staff ace Roy Oswalt made his first relief appearance in more than a year, retiring the only batter he faced in the seventh.

"Roy had requested an opportunity to throw," manager Phil Garner said. "He had six days between starts in this span here. We told him we'd get him in."

Oswalt threw three pitches after replacing Chris Sampson (7-6), who went 6 2-3 innings for his first victory since June 8. Sampson gave up solo homers to

Ronnie Belliard in the first inning and Ryan Zimmerman in the fourth.

Oswalt was lifted for a pinch-hitter in the eighth, so Dan Wheeler came on to pitch the bottom half. With Chad Qualls starting a three-game suspension, Garner next turned to Lidge, a former All-Star who once was one of baseball's dominant closers.

He led all relievers in strikeouts in 2004 and 2005, and converted 69 of 75 save chances.

# Rangers' bats explode in 11-4 win over A's

By **GREG BEACHAM**

AP Sports Writer

OAKLAND — The Texas Rangers are digging out of their early season hole with every victory — and they're piling it on the woeful Oakland Athletics.

Michael Young had five hits and drove in three runs, and the Rangers sent the A's to their ninth straight loss, 11-4 Tuesday night.

Young went 5-for-5 with two doubles and a walk in the fourth five-hit game of his career, but the All-Star shortstop was just part of a 15-hit attack in the Rangers' third straight road victory.

"The fact that it came in a win where everybody contributed is the most important thing," said Young, who wouldn't even crack a smile after a big game in Texas' impressive victory.

Kenny Lofton had a leadoff triple and three hits for the last-place Rangers, who have won nine of their last 14 to move within 2 1/2 games of third-place Oakland. Possibly getting out of the AL West cellar doesn't excite the Rangers as much as a simple, sustained run of solid play by the longtime also-rans.

"We did a lot of everything," said Mark Teixeira, who drew four walks but left the game after getting hit with a pitch in the eighth. "They helped us out, too. They walked too many guys and didn't make some plays, but we capitalized."

Ramon Vazquez tripled down the right-field line in the sixth to drive home the go-ahead run, and Texas added five more while batting around in the seventh. Many of the

fans left in the Coliseum afterward booed the home team.

"The hits kept coming, and we ran the basepaths extremely well," Texas manager Ron Washington said. "We were very aggressive, putting the ball in play and executing the fundamentals."

The Rangers are quite familiar with the helpless feeling in the A's locker room after their own rough start in Washington's first season in charge.

"Yeah, nothing seems to go right," Washington said. "You get back in the game, they go back ahead. You hit the ball hard, somebody is standing there. Plays you normally make, you don't seem to make."

Jack Cust homered and drove in three runs for the A's, who hit the lowest point yet in their worst losing skid since July 1998. They've lost their first six games after the All-Star break for the first time since 1964, when the franchise still was in Kansas City.

Oakland made two errors and several other defensive blunders while getting lousy pitching from starter Chad Gaudin (8-5) and the bullpen.

"Right now we're just struggling," said Gaudin, who allowed eight hits and a career-high six walks in six innings. "Guys are making it a point to be real positive. Nobody's really hanging their heads. Every day we're going to go out and fight. Things just aren't going our way right now."

Eric Chavez sat out of his second straight game

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MCT photo/Sharon M. Steinman/Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Texas Rangers' Michael Young throws to first for an out in action earlier this season. Young had five hits, including two doubles and a walk in the Rangers 11-4 win over the Oakland Athletics Tuesday.

# Vick indicted on dogfighting charges

By **HANK KURZ Jr.**

AP Sports Writer

RICHMOND, Va. — When a Bad Newz Kennels dog was wounded in a losing fight, NFL star Michael Vick was consulted before the animal was doused with water and electrocuted.

That's just one of the gruesome details that emerged Tuesday when the Atlanta Falcons quarterback and three others were indicted by a federal grand jury.

The four were charged with competitive dogfighting, procuring and training pit bulls for fighting and conducting the enterprise across state lines.

The 18-page indictment, filed in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, alleged the 27-year-old Vick and his co-defendants began the dogfighting operation in early 2001, the former Virginia Tech star's rookie year as the No. 1 pick.

The operation was centered at a property Vick owned in Surry County, where a fence shielded prying eyes from the back, and the two-story brick home was surrounded by fencing in the front, with several black build-

ings further back.

Unlike previous documents, which did not name Vick, the indictment is littered with his name, including this tidbit — Vick was known as "Ookie" in the dogfighting world.

If convicted of all the charges, Vick and the others — Purnell A. Peace, 35, of Virginia Beach; Quanis L. Phillips, 28, of Atlanta; and Tony Taylor, 34, of Hampton — could face up to six years in prison, \$350,000 in fines and restitution.

A woman who answered the phone at the home of Vick's mother, Brenda Boddie, said "no comment" and quickly hung up. Telephone messages left at the offices and home of Vick's attorney, Larry Woodward, and an e-mail sent to his office were not returned.

While the Falcons and the NFL said little Tuesday, John Goodwin of the Humane Society of the United States said the details were especially troubling.

About eight young dogs were put to death at the Surry County home after they were found not ready to fight in April 2007, the indictment said. They were

killed "by hanging, drowning and/or slamming at least one dog's body to the ground."

"Some of the grisly details in these filings shocked even me, and I'm a person who faces this stuff every day," Goodwin said. "I was surprised to see that they were killing dogs by hanging them, and one dog was killed by slamming it to the ground. Those are extremely violent methods of execution — they're unnecessary and just sick."

Purses for the fights ranged from hundreds of dollars to the thousands, and participants and spectators often placed side bets on the outcome, according to the indictment.

After two Bad Newz Kennels dogs lost fights in March 2003, the indictment alleged Vick gave a bag containing \$23,000 to the owner of the winning dogs.

Started in early 2002, according to the indictment, Bad Newz Kennels began purchasing pit bulls to train as fighters. Eventually, the defendants bought shirts and headbands "representing and promoting their affiliation."

After an April police raid on

the property, Vick said he was rarely at the house, however, and had no idea that it might have been used in a criminal enterprise. He blamed family members for taking advantage of his generosity and pledged to be more careful.

But Tuesday the NFL was quick to decry the alleged animal abuse.

"The activities alleged are cruel, degrading and illegal. Michael Vick's guilt has not yet been proven, and we believe that all concerned should allow the legal process to determine the facts," NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy said.

Vick and the Falcons are due to report to training camp July 25.

"Obviously, we are disturbed by today's news," the team said in a statement posted on its Web site, apologizing to fans for the negative publicity. "We will do the right thing for our club as the legal process plays out. We have a season to prepare for."

The indictment said dogfights were held at the Virginia property and dog owners brought animals from six states, including New York and Texas.

Obituaries

Police blotter

Gary Dwayne Partlow

Gary Dwayne Partlow, 38, was born June 7, 1969, in Ridgecrest, Calif., to Mary and Delmer Lee Partlow. He accepted Jesus Christ as his savior and was baptized as a young boy. Gary went home to be with the lord on Sunday, July 15, 2007, in Long Beach, Calif.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, July 20, 2007, at Baptist Temple Church. Cremation has taken place.

Gary loved fishing and spending time with family. He was raised in Lakewood, Calif., and moved to Big Spring in 1992, where he had lived for the last 15 years.

He is survived by his mother, Mary Partlow of Big Spring; his father, Delmer Lee Partlow of Post; a sister, Christi Wilhelm and husband, John, of Snyder; a sister, Debbie Peppin and husband, Phillip, of Carlsbad, N.M.; a brother, Terry Partlow of Big Spring; a sister, Kim Stahlhut and husband, Tony, of Houston; a sister, Marcie Selby and Jodie of Houston; a sister, Susan McDonald of Bridgeport, Miss.; two step children; two grandchildren; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by both sets of grandparents and one brother, Jimmy Ray Partlow.

He will be greatly missed. Flowers may be sent to the mother's home.

*Paid obituary*

Jesse R. Rentfrow Jr.



Jesse R. Rentfrow Jr., 56, of Big Spring died Sunday, July 15, 2007, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Memorial services will be at 4 p.m. Thursday, July 19, 2007, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Mona Lue Tonn of Spring Tabernacle officiating. He will be in state from 8:30 a.m. until 9 p.m. Thursday. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 6 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He was born Jan. 31, 1951, in Phoenix, Ariz., to Girdie and Jesse Rentfrow Sr. He moved to Big Spring in 1971. He married Vicky Lynn Fauver on April 5, 1972, in Stanton. She preceded him in death on Aug. 2, 2002. He had been employed in food service at Webb Air Force Base and the truck stop. He was a member of Spring Tabernacle.

He is survived by three sisters, Etta Melton and her husband, Travis, of Big Spring, Deborah Cornell of Lubbock and LaVonne Collins and her husband, Patrick, of California; two brothers, Ray Cornell and Eugene Cornell and his wife, Maria, all of Arizona; several nieces and nephews; several great nieces and nephews; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by one daughter, Ellen Kay Rentfrow, in 1973.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

Imogene Neill



Imogene Neill, formerly of Big Spring, died Monday, July 16, 2007.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, July 19, 2007, at Dorn Cemetery at Lake Colorado City with Pastor Tom Lyda officiating. Visitation will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 18, at the Hamil Family Funeral Home, 6449 Buffalo Gap Road, in Abilene.

Imogene was born Jan. 4, 1926, in Roff, Okla., to Steve and Jessie Jones. Her family moved to Big Spring when she was a young girl. On Dec. 25, 1943, Imogene married Frank Louis Neill in Big Spring.

Imogene was a homemaker and later worked at Hemphill-Wells. She retired from Dunlap's in 1979.

Imogene was preceded in death by her husband, Frank Neill Sr. and her son, Frank Neill Jr. Also preceding her in death were her parents, Steve Jones, Jessie Knous and J.D. Knous; brother Glen Jones; sisters Juanita Flowers and Mary Pybus.

Survivors include her daughter, Gloria Kimbrough and husband, Terry, of Abilene; four grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; brothers Jimmy Knous of Houston, Grover Jones of Sherman and James Jones of Wynnewood, Okla.; and sisters Yvonne Steagald and Betty Whitehead, both of Seattle, Wash., and Virginia Lee and Ruby Byrum, both of Wynnewood, Okla.

Memorials may be made to American Lung Association or Abilene Goodwill Industries, 1730 North First, Abilene 79603.

Obituary and guest book online at: [www.HamilFamilyFuneralHome.com](http://www.HamilFamilyFuneralHome.com).

Manuel E. Villa Sr.

Manuel E. Villa Sr., 62, of Big Spring died Tuesday, July 17, 2007, at his residence. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Thomas Franklin Horton

Thomas Franklin Horton, 92, of Big Spring died Tuesday, July 17, 2007, in a local nursing home. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

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

- **JULIE L. LAWSON**, 23, of 1206 Main, was arrested Tuesday on two local warrants and a capias warrant.
- **MARLCIO MOLINA**, 35, of Snyder, was arrested Tuesday and held for INS.
- **TERRANCE ESSIX**, 34, of Ft. Worth, was arrested Tuesday on eight local warrants.
- **EARNEST W. CLARK**, 67, transient, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **CRUZELINA JUAREZ**, 21, of 2624 Fairchild, was arrested Tuesday on two local warrants.
- **BRYAN C. ODLE**, 25, of 906 E. 14th Street, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **ASSAULT BY CONTACT** was reported in the 500 block of Tulane.
- **ASSAULT BY THREAT** was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported:
  - in the 800 block of F.M. 700.
  - in the 100 block of Main.
- **DISORDERLY CONDUCT** was reported in the 1000 block of Bluebonnet.
- **OVERDOSE** was reported in 1300 block of 17th Street.
- **UNLAWFUL RESTRAINT** was reported in the 1300 block of Wood.

Sheriff's report

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 49 inmates at the time of this report.
- **WILLIE RAY MYLES JR.**, 46, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD Tuesday on a violation of parole for theft.
- **EARL P. HANKE**, 49, was arrested by the HCSO Tuesday on a motion to revoke probation for theft.
- **SAMUEL CLIFTON SORRELLS**, 21, was arrested by the HCSO Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **ELTON CRAFT DAVIS II**, 21, was arrested by the HCSO Tuesday on charges of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less and public intoxication.
- **JESUS RENE GALINDO III**, 20, was arrested by DPS Wednesday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

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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 avail-

able 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 Thurs-day.

Call Kay Cook at 264-3662 with any questions.

BSGSA all-star teams raising funds

All four Big Spring Girls Softball Association All-Star teams are raising funds for expenses for the

tournaments on the UTPB campus in Odessa. Each team will 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.bigspring-softball.com for contact information.

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with a sore lower back for the A's, who held a brief team meeting before batting practice to address issues around the losing streak. The offense responded by scoring at least four runs for the first time in 12 games, snapping the longest streak in Oakland history.

"We're definitely looking up, fighting an upward battle right

now, there's no doubt," manager Bob Geren said. "We had a nice talk today with the team, and everybody's really trying to push forward and climb out of it collectively. Some good signs tonight."

Robinson Tejeda struggled again for the Rangers, yielding four hits and a career high-tying six walks while failing to get out of the fifth inning despite pitching on 11 days' rest.

Texas might be running out of patience with Tejeda, who has

just one win in his last 10 starts with an ERA hovering around 9.00.

Willie Eyre (3-3) got two outs in the fifth inning before Texas' go-ahead rally.

Ron Mahay pitched three scoreless innings for his first save of the year.

Texas scored two runs in the fifth when Jerry Hairston scored on Gaudin's bases-loaded wild pitch and Sammy Sosa added a sacrifice fly, but Cust tied it with his 16th homer of the season — his first since

July 3, snapping a 2-for-23 slump.

Gerald Laird, the Rangers' husky catcher, scored from first base in both the sixth and seventh innings — first on Vazquez's triple, and again when reliever Joe Kennedy fielded Vazquez's sacrifice bunt and threw it into the A's bullpen.

When right-handed reliever Shane Komine took the mound in the eighth to pitch to catcher Kurt Suzuki, the A's formed the first Hawaiian-born battery in

major league history.

Notes: Teixeira was hit in the right quadriceps — the same muscle that kept him on the disabled list for a month with a strain. The first baseman said he was fine afterward. ... Young snapped a streak of 26 consecutive singles Monday night with his first extra-base hit since June 15. ... Chavez might undergo an MRI exam soon to determine the seriousness of his sore back, though Geren said the third baseman felt a bit better after resting Monday.

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2005 Ford F150 Supercab XLT - Dark Stone w/Cloth, All Power, One Owner, With Only 21,000 Miles. **SOLD**

2004 Ford Ranger Supercab Edge - Red, V-6, All Power, Local One Owner w/58,000 Miles. **SOLD**

2004 Ford Ranger Supercab XLT 4-DR - Beige, 6-Cyl., Automatic, All Power, Local One Owner w/55,000 Miles. **SOLD**

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2004 Nissan Xterra SE - Black w/Black Leather, All Power, CD Player, Only 28,000 Miles. **SOLD**

2004 Nissan Quest 3.5 SL - Gold w/Tan Leather, CD Player, All Power, Heated Seats, Only 30,000 Miles. **SOLD**

2004 Nissan Murano SE - Silver w/Black Leather, Heated Seats, All Power, Moonroof, Only 23,000 Miles. **SOLD**

2004 Nissan Quest 3.5 SL - Gold w/Tan Leather, CD Player, All Power, Heated Seats, Only 30,000 Miles. **SOLD**

2004 Nissan Xterra SE - Silver, Cloth, All Power, Local One Owner w/35,000 Miles. **SOLD**

2002 Ford Escape XLT - Yellow w/Cloth, All Power, Locally Owned, 48,000 Miles. **SOLD**

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2002 Toyota Highlander LTD - Silver w/Gray Leather, DVD, CD Player, All Power, Like New. **SOLD**

2001 Lincoln Navigator 4X4 - White w/Leather, All Power, Local One Owner w/81,000 Miles. **SOLD**

1999 GMC Suburban LT - Tan w/Leather, All Power, Locally Owned, Over 100K Miles. **SOLD**

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# Four charged in kidnapping that led to shootout

DALLAS (AP) — Four men charged in a May kidnapping that ended with a shootout at a Wal-Mart that left another suspected kidnapper dead pleaded guilty Tuesday to federal charges.

Salomon Bocanegra, Juan Jose Ornelas-Castro, Heberto Bocanegra and Damarius Ornelas-Castro each pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit kidnapping, kidnapping, using interstate communication facilities to demand ransom and a count of using, carrying and brandishing a firearm during or in relation to a crime of violence, according to a news release issued Tuesday by U.S. Attorney Richard B. Roper.

Each faces a maximum penalty of life in prison when they are sentenced Oct. 10.

A fifth defendant, Sylvia Rodriguez, is set to go to trial in August on charges related to the kidnapping of Carlos Moreno Esquivel.

Esquivel has since been charged in a separate indict-

ment with participating in a methamphetamine distribution conspiracy during the time of the conspiracy. He is in custody, awaiting trial.

On May 4, Esquivel's cousin told authorities that Esquivel had been abducted and his abductors wanted \$250,000 ransom. The amount was later dropped to \$120,000 or 8 kilograms of crystal methamphetamine and 8 kilograms of cocaine, according to an affidavit.

A ransom drop-off staged by the FBI outside a Wal-Mart the next day ended with the shootout and the death of Gerardo Diaz, 46. An FBI spokesman has said that Diaz was fatally shot after trying to hit FBI agents with his car. Authorities said the alleged kidnappers had believed they were meeting the victim's family to collect a ransom.

The kidnapping victim was found alive inside a trailer home. He had been beaten and had two non-life-threatening gunshot wounds, according to

the affidavit.

## Woman pleads guilty to sex assault of infant

TEXAS CITY (AP) — A woman accused of sexually assaulting her infant daughter and videotaping her husband performing sex acts on two children has pleaded guilty to three counts of child sex assault.

Julie Lynn Hinds, 35, pleaded guilty Tuesday to aggravated sexual assault of a child, sexual performance by a child and promotion of child pornography. She faces punishment ranging from probation to life in prison.

An investigation began in December 2005 when a Texas City woman found the videotape in the kitchen cupboard of her apartment, where the Hinds formerly lived.

The tape showed Hinds' husband, Darryl Hinds, performing sex acts with an infant and instructing a 4-year-old to do the same.

The tape also showed Julie Hinds sexually assaulting the

infant.

Darryl Hinds was sentenced to a 24-year prison term in November after being convicted of aggravated sexual assault of a child, promotion of child pornography and sexual performance by a child.

## Woman jumps to death from I-20 bridge

DUNCANVILLE (AP) — A woman jumped to her death from a bridge over Interstate 20 on Tuesday, leaving behind little information about her life other than a pair of crutches and orthopedic shoes.

Dallas County sheriff's deputies found the body of a black woman in her early 20s when they responded to a 911 call from a passing motorist reporting that the woman had jumped from the bridge. The woman appeared to have been hit by passing vehicles, including one that witnesses said did not stop.

Deputies found the woman's crutches and shoes atop the

bridge. She carried no identification.

## Deputy critically injured in dragging; suspect dead

COLDSRING (AP) — An East Texas deputy was injured Wednesday when he was struck and dragged more than 50 feet by a sport-utility vehicle driving in reverse, investigators said.

San Jacinto County Sheriff's Deputy Shawn Barnes was in good condition at Memorial Herrman Hospital. The suspected driver was found dead less than a mile from the dragging scene still in the SUV, but no details on how he died were released, said Sheriff's Lt. Carl Jones.

The incident began when Barnes, driving with a passenger who was participating in a ride-along, spotted the SUV being driven in the pre-dawn hours with lights off, according to sheriff's reports.

## PACT

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Among those agreements are the operation — and impending closing — of the municipal landfill, the city-run Emergency Medical Services and the Spring City Senior Citizens Center, according to city and county officials.

"The county is in a position where they are having some budget problems," said Walker. "It's basically a cash flow issue. So we're looking at some instances where the city could double up on its subsidies for the programs for a couple of years, and when the county has its problems ironed out it can do the same to even things out."

"No changes have been made to the agreements

thus far; it's just a matter of making room for cash and budget restraints."

While the city has offered to work with the county to prevent a major budgetary shortfall in 2008, County Commissioner Bill Crooker said the meetings fell well short of his expectations.

"Our main purpose for calling for the meetings was to address 911 and ambulance service," said Crooker. "Last year they made 300 runs, and only 8 percent of them were outside the city limits. In the meantime, we're paying \$130,000 for ambulance service. That just doesn't seem justified."

Crooker said the city — represented by Mayor Russ McEwen — was less receptive to proposed adjustments in the county's contributions.

"All we got for our

efforts was a lecture on economics from the mayor," said Crooker. "He told us one penny on the tax dollar will bring in much more money for the county than it will the city, and because of that the current agreement is fair. In all honesty, I just don't see it."

"In the end we agreed to roll over the payments for two to three years. We're in a tough financial position right now."

Meanwhile, Walker said the city staff is moving forward with its annual budget effort.

"We haven't changed any budget numbers due to the meetings with the county yet," said Walker. "Those changes, if necessary, will be made as we go. We're still working very hard on the budget, which we're expecting to present to the council beginning next week."

Walker said budget work sessions with the city council — slated for Monday, Tuesday and possibly into Wednesday evening — should help address a number of concerns for the city.

"The budget is moving along OK at this point," said Walker. "There are certainly a lot of things to consider this year, but we expect to have it completed in time for next week's budget work sessions."

"We will meet Monday, starting at 5 p.m., for the work session. I'm not completely sure how Tuesday will be handled, however, because that's when the regularly scheduled council meeting is. Most likely, the budget work session will follow the regular meeting. And, if we don't get things tied up on Tuesday, we'll continue the sessions Wednesday at 5 p.m."

vices for the district. Taking his place at Goliad is Tim Tannehill, former assistant principal at the high school, which left Dunnam with another administrative vacancy to fill.

Despite those problems, BSISD is very close to filling the final tiny gaps in staffing. Dunnam said she is hopeful all positions within the district will be filled by the time school trustees next meet on July 26.

Forsan ISD also has had to deal with teacher and administrative vacancies this summer, though not on the scale of Big Spring.

Superintendent Randy Johnson

said a recent upswing in summer vacancies has meant school officials have to spend more time than usual on personnel recruitment.

"In the last three years, we've had more turnover than usual," Johnson said. "Most of those are retirements, but some left this area."

Johnson said he doesn't spend a "great deal" of time each summer on personnel, "but it is critical. We want to make sure we get the right people."

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## VACANCY

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ments or relocations among the teacher rolls.

Also this summer, local officials had to fill an inordinate amount of administrative vacancies.

Most of that was due to a form of staffing musical chairs — administrators taking new positions within the district, and other officials taking their places. For example, Principal Wayland Pierce left Goliad Intermediate School to become director of auxiliary ser-

## LAPTOPS

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between three and five books will disappear in the first year," he said. "Teachers will simply have them downloaded onto the students' laptops."

Wood is not the only advocate for computer-based learning.

"It's a new way to involve students so they can become more creative," said Thomas Owen, computer technician at the high school. "For example, instead of them having to turn in a old-fashioned term paper,

they can now create a multi-media presentation. That way, their work will be presented in a much more engaging manner."

During the coming school year, if teachers have a question about the computers, or if a student accidentally spills a soft drink on his or her keyboard, Owen will be the person to contact.

"At first, I think most of the questions and problems will just come from people transitioning from Windows to MacIntosh-based programs," Owen said. "It will take a while for people to get familiarized with the platform."

While students are to

understand that the computers are not to be regarded as toys, they will have a good deal of latitude on how they use the machines during off hours.

Wood said there are a few restrictions applying to the computers' use.

For example, students will not be allowed to use the computers for Internet chatting, message boards, blogging or to download pornography or other objectionable material.

On the other hand, if they want to download their favorite song from iTunes or some other Internet service, that's

fine with school administrators — within limits, of course.

"As long as the content is not objectionable, it's fine," Wood said. "But they need to realize this is a school-owned piece of property ... and there will be consequences if objectionable material is found of their computers."

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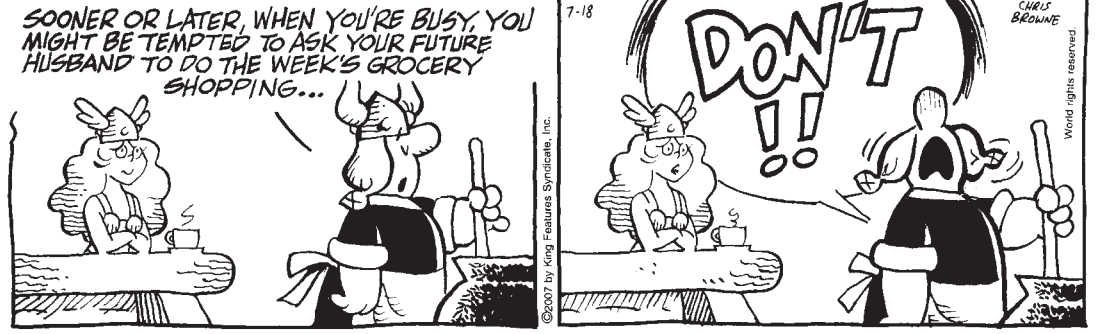
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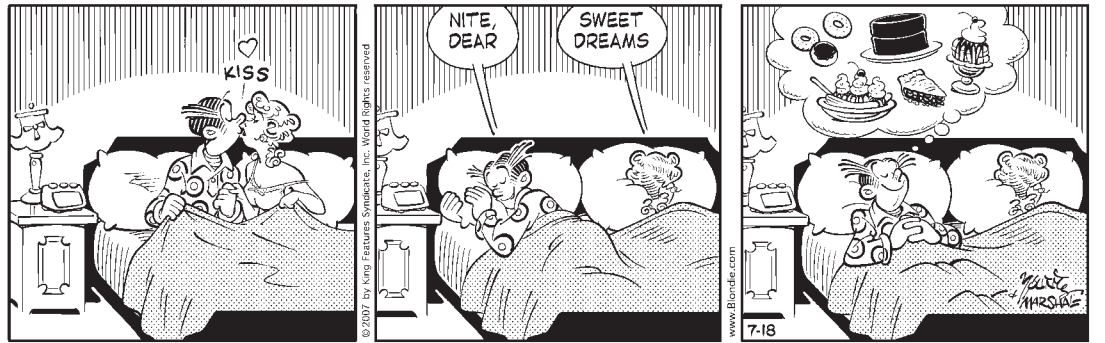
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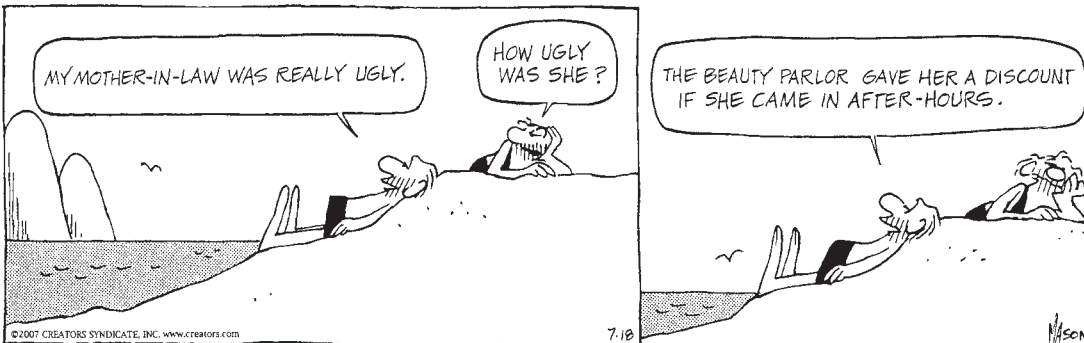
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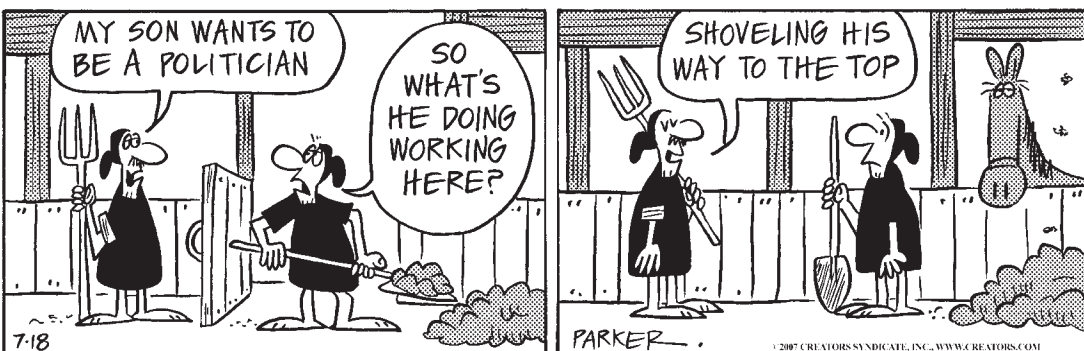
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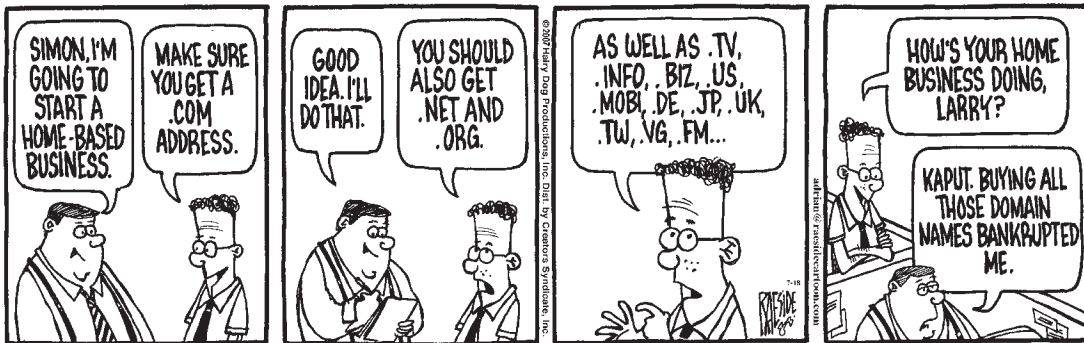
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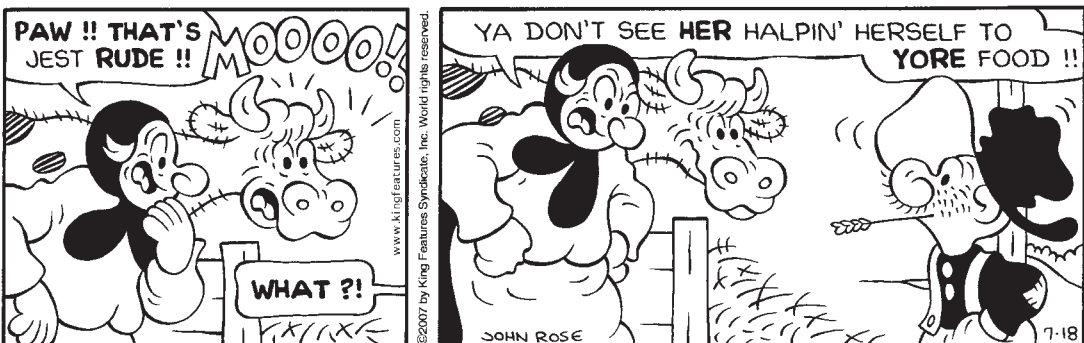
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In 1936, the Spanish Civil War began.

In 1940, the Democratic

National Convention in Chicago nominated Franklin Roosevelt for an unprecedented third term in office.

In 1969, a car driven by Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., plunged off a bridge on Chappaquiddick Island near Martha's Vineyard, Mass.; passenger Mary Jo Kopechne died.

In 1984, a gunman opened fire at a McDonald's fast food restaurant in San Ysidro, Calif., killing 21 people before being shot dead by police.

In 1984, Walter F. Mondale won the Democratic presidential nomination in San Francisco.

In 1986, the world got its first look at the remains of the Titanic as videotapes of the British luxury liner, which sank in 1912, were released by researchers from Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution.

Today's Birthdays: Former South African President Nelson Mandela is 89. Former Sen. John Glenn, D-Ohio, is 86. Skating champion and commentator Dick Button is 78. Movie director

Paul Verhoeven is 69. Singer Brian Auger is 68. Singer Dion DiMucci is 68. Actor James Brolin is 67. Singer Martha Reeves is 66. Blues guitarist Lonnie Mack is 63. Singer Ricky Skaggs is 55. Rock musician Nigel Twist (The Alarm) is 49. Actress Anne-Marie Johnson is 47. Actress Elizabeth McGovern is 46. Rock musician John Hermann (Widespread Panic) is 45. Rock musician Jack Irons (Pearl Jam) is 45. Actor Vin Diesel is 40. Rock musician Daron Malakian (System of a Down) is 32. Rock musician Tony Fagenson (Eve 6) is 29. Movie director Jared Hess is 28.

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Newsday Crossword

IN HOT WATER by Norma Steinberg Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS
- 1 Fundamental
  - 6 Cries out loud
  - 10 Playing hooky, militarily
  - 14 Unaccompanied
  - 15 Word after karate or lamb
  - 16 Latvian capital
  - 17 Singer Rimes
  - 18 Gun-shop purchase
  - 19 "... and \_\_\_ well!"
  - 20 Seer's capability
  - 21 Don Ho tune
  - 24 Starts the bidding
  - 26 Asserts it
  - 27 Send into exile
  - 29 "What he said!"
  - 31 Lumber-camp implements
  - 32 Marlon's *On the Waterfront* director
  - 34 Mustard type
  - 39 Swamp
  - 40 Hungarian composer
  - 42 Ill-mannered
  - 43 Treasure trove
  - 45 Pooch's annoyance
  - 46 Where Mongolia is
  - 47 Entr\_
  - 49 Holding a grudge
  - 51 Lash out at
  - 55 Like a fillet
  - 56 Freeload from
  - 59 Annapolis monogram
  - 62 Convinced
  - 63 Seth's brother
  - 64 Roast VIP
- DOWN
- 66 Pennsylvania city
  - 67 Pear-shaped tomato
  - 68 Bake-sale offerings
  - 69 Danson and Kennedy
  - 70 Sofa or stool
  - 71 Secret rendezvous
  - 8 Broadway flop
  - 9 Husband or wife
  - 10 Sheik's domain of song
  - 11 British prince, familiarly
  - 12 Gives the eye to
  - 13 Lariat
  - 22 CIA's stock in trade
  - 23 Music group
  - 25 Stances
  - 27 Hydroelectric structures
  - 28 Way out
  - 29 "Two on the" place
  - 30 Labyrinth
  - 33 Brit's elevator
  - 35 Seeing red
  - 36 Sarcastic "Fine!"
  - 37 Cartoon canine
  - 38 Close at hand
  - 41 Forbidden
  - 44 Reagan cabinet member
  - 48 Fries from suspicion
  - 50 Fill with germs
  - 51 Portfolio holding
  - 52 Fungus beginning
  - 53 Unbroken
  - 54 Peruvian heights
  - 55 Key of Beethoven's 4th
  - 57 Woodwind
  - 58 Disaster aid org.
  - 60 Witnesses
  - 61 Fit within one another
  - 65 Damage

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**HOLIDAY MATHIS**

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). What's the difference between making a commitment to your person and merely having an interest in him or her? That's easy! A date. Agreeing to meet up at a place in time makes all the difference in the world.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). The wind is shifting. You could make a buddy out of a former adversary, or blow your spirit into a sinking situation, making it something buoyant with only a few big breaths of effort.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You're the official greeter of the zodiac now, making people feel welcome and warming up whatever crowd you land in. Think of this as practice for the new people coming into your world.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You may get an earful of your own publicity. It's strange to hear what others are saying about your recent doings. The upshot: You're becoming the remarkable person you always wanted to be.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You already know all you need to know. Now all you have to do is trust. Push your mind and emotions into a situation, and try it on without taking your body there with!

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "It has been one thing or another for my entire life. I'm legally blind and turned 58 on June 1. What is my direction now? I've totally run out of all ideas and inspiration. The stars have never failed me. Can you help?"

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**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Making friends with the past is your theme of the day. The past, just like the rest of your friends, requires some time and attention in order to warm up to you. So go ahead and take that little trip down memory lane.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Taking on the role of "work horse" gets old fast when there's no reprieve in sight. Don't be a beast of burden. Go the other direction. Spoil yourself. Ultimately it motivates you to achieve more.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Feelings of defensiveness are worthy of your attention. They let you know that there is toxic stress inside you that still needs to be released. A long walk is healing.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Someone isn't telling you the whole truth, which prevents you from achieving all the success you desire. Approach opponents in a non-threatening way. Genuine curiosity drives you to the heart of the matter.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A realization: You're fine just as you are. Success will not make you, in the same way that failure will not break you. Still, you can't help but strive — it's like it's in your DNA.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You believe in yourself, and others believe in you, too. Maybe you're even being groomed for advancement. The world responds kindly to your honesty and lack of pretense.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Something is going terribly right in your world! It's crucial to acknowledge this, so that you are inspired to continue to create more of that good thing — even if you don't know how you created it to begin with!

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Saturn has been messing with your get-up-and-go (Mars) lately — you're blocked, restless and impatient. But Jupiter is wooing your moon and sun to get outside your comfort zone and take a risk. Easy for him to say! It's like he's telling you to look at life as though it were a carnival, and you can't muster the optimism to even check out the clowns. Entertain happy thoughts. Be open to faith. My concern is that you'll stay small when the universal forces want you to be bigger. Is it possible for you to travel? If so, it's a life-changing journey. Can you draw on your generous psychic and intuitive powers to counsel others? You need to be intellectually active and on the move this year, so why not take a class or teach one? Give your Gemini spirit the variety it craves, and you'll have one fabulous year!

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## OUR VIEWS

### Salvation Army school supplies effort needs help

With the start of the new school year a little more than a month away, we need to remember that one of the most important things we can give children is an education. And with that in mind, it's time to be thinking about making sure our children have everything they need when school bells begin ringing in August.

Sadly, there will be too many families in Big Spring who simply cannot afford what many of us take for granted — providing their children with the necessities such as paper, pencils, notebooks, crayons, scissors, rulers and the like.

That's where the Salvation Army steps in. Every year, the organization hands out school supplies to several hundred Big Spring children from kindergarten through the eighth grade and this year Capt. Russ and Linda Keeney expect they'll need to provide supplies for even more.

And that means the call is now going out for donations for the program. While donors can purchase school supplies and bring them to the Salvation Army offices for distribution, it should be noted that monetary donations are preferred.

The Salvation Army is a tax-exempt organization and therefore can purchase more supplies with the same money than individuals.

The date for parents or guardians of students in need of school supplies to apply has not yet been set, but prospective applicants can begin preparing to have the information they will need when registering for the program.

Information applicants will need to bring with them when they register include a birth certificate or Medicaid card and Social Security card for each child, as well as proof of residency, income, expenses and a photo ID for the person applying for the program.

Those that qualify will be able to take pick up their children's supplies and take them home the same day as they make application.

If you know of a family in need of help, encourage them to take advantage of this opportunity and to get prepared by putting together the information they'll need to apply. Without those supplies, children will be at an immediate disadvantage.

And please remember, if you can help out by donating money for the effort, please do so.

Think of it this way, donations to the Salvation Army school supplies program are an investment. They are an investment in education, an investment in a child's future and an investment in our community's future.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

*May we investigate new beginnings with an eye on You, Lord.*

Amen

# As McCain slips, Latinos lose leverage

The unfortunate demise of the presidential candidacy of Sen. John McCain is taking away Latino leverage with Democratic candidates.

Until now, whenever Democrats began to take Latino voters for granted, we could still threaten them with McCain. We could tell them that the Republican Party had a viable option.

After all, on immigration, language rights and other issues important to Latinos, McCain, R-Ariz., is as politically correct as most of the Democratic candidates.

But with McCain's slide in the polls, and with his campaign's recent inability to raise significant donations, Latino leverage is rapidly vanishing.

Unless McCain can make a dramatic recovery, Democrats will soon be able to give Latinos the same ultimatum they have used for years: "Considering the antagonistic GOP alternative, where else can you go?" they'll ask Latino voters, and they'll win the Hispanic vote as they usually do — by default.

Unfortunately, the Democratic candidates know that running against any of the other Republicans will automatically give them an overwhelming majority of the Latino vote.

That makes McCain "The Great Latino Hope," at least to maintain

some pressure on the Democrats to address Latino issues during the campaign. The longer McCain survives the primary season, the less the Democrats can afford to take the Hispanic vote for granted.

There is only one other Republican candidate who could sway a significant number of Latino voters, but that's only if former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani remembers that he was once a moderate, like McCain, on immigration and other Hispanic issues. Lately, Giuliani has been so busy trying to appeal to the conservative wing of his party that he has, apparently purposely, neglected Latinos, their issues and his chances of winning some support in the barrios.

Perhaps Giuliani expects to hide his moderate side until after he wins the GOP nomination, but by that time it will be too late to sway Latino voters away from the Democrats.

Let's face it, Democrats are likely to win the Hispanic vote. In presidential elections, they always do. But will they earn it? And what do they have to do to earn it?

First, they should stand by their principles, as McCain has, and not allow themselves to be intimidated by the mob of immigrant bashers who have been turning U.S. public sentiment against some 12 million people who need and deserve our compassion, instead of mean-spirited rejection.

To earn the Hispanic vote, the Democrats must challenge those who use the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks as an excuse to bash ille-

gal immigrants. They must insist that homeland security does not require betraying our principles and tradition as a nation of immigrants. They must remind the country that most illegal immigrants are not criminals, but essential workers who are needed to keep our economy afloat.

They must reject the movement to make English the official language, which is meant to do away with bilingual ballots and even emergency services provided to Latinos in their own language. And they must speak about the other issues that concern Latinos — U.S. relations with Latin America, bilingualism, public education, race relations, the colonial status of Puerto Rico — the list goes on.

Some Democrats are already doing that, but with measured words. They seem more worried about alienating immigrant bashers than securing the immigrant vote. Why? Because they are already beginning to take the 2008 Latino vote for granted.

They figure they can get away with it, as long as McCain keeps slipping in the polls and Giuliani keeps forgetting that he used to be a moderate.

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MIGUEL PEREZ



# Spectacular, extraordinary blue Hawaii

There were 10 of us in a beautiful place. We chose Hilton's Waikoloa Village on the Big Island of

Hawaii for our annual family reunion. Our two sons and their families had separate condos. Susan and I stayed in the hotel.

It is indeed a village. A small shopping center a few blocks down the shady boulevard has restaurants and stores and a stage where we saw a demonstration of hula dancing.

The flight from Dallas to Kona took seven hours. Two movies helped pass the time. We arrived around 8 p.m. At 8:02, our 3-year-old grandson Caleb was in his bathing suit ready to hit the pool. So we did. The swimming complex at his condo had a special pool for children and a larger one for adults. The water temperature was perfect. Caleb loved it.

The next day everybody came to

the hotel and explored the grounds. It has three residence towers (Lagoon, Palace and Ocean) and a convention center. It also has about a dozen restaurants and bars, a flamingo sanctuary, a Dolphin Learning Center, an aviary for the state bird (the Nene) and spectacular gardens, kopi ponds and lawns throughout the complex. Tall palm trees sway in the constant tropical breeze. The three swimming pools have waterfalls, beaches, slides and a sandy bottom pool for youngsters. To get from one place to another you can take a boat or a tram. They both come by your stop every 10 minutes.

When you consider that the entire island is made of lava, it takes plenty of vision to imagine a world-class resort on a bunch of porous rocks or slabs of molten lava. Tons and tons of topsoil had to be imported. The resort took 26 months to build at a cost of 360 million dollars. It was finished in 1986.

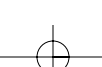
Although the Big Island has many interesting things to do and places to see, we stayed around

the resort most of the time. My sons Kevin and BZ and my 16-year-old grandson Jackson went snorkeling one day at a state park beach a few miles down the road.

Susan and I, along with BZ, his wife Margaret and their sons, 4-year-old Max and 19-month-old Aiden, went for a ride on a glass bottom boat and saw all sorts of colorful fish and reefs. We took Jackson to see the Mauna Loa volcano. On the way, we stopped at a coffee plantation. We explored some petroglyphs just down the road from the resort.

We headquartered at Kevin and Jill's condo. That's where we had most of our meals. The first full day the girls made a grocery run to Waimea, a small town 20 minutes away with good grocery stores.

It was an idyllic time. Our three youngest grandsons got to laugh and play and make memories. All three families got to visit each other away from work or any special holiday. We put on leis and had our picture made. We're all wondering where we'll get together next year.



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HOLLIS McCRIGHT

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A whole bunch of Large Print books have been processed and placed on the shelves.

• **"Double Take"** by Catherine Coulter. San Francisco is always good for a mysterious appearance of a wife who is supposedly dead. Dix's wife disappeared some three years ago and only now is the family healing from the hurt. A close family friend was at a party in SF and swears he saw Christie. Did he? There is another story intertwined, so you need to pay attention to the characters.

Other Large Print titles are: **"Medicis: A Novel of the Roman Empire"** by Ruth Downie; **"Blaze"** by Richard Bachman; **"Lean Mean Thirteen"** by Janet Evanovich (this is a Stephanie Plum book) and **"Four Summers Waiting"** by Mary Fremon Schoenecker. This is about the Civil War and the abolitionists.

**Nonfiction**

• **"Everything You Need to Know About Motorcycle Touring"** (796.756 FRA G) by Gregory W. Frazier. How to pack, arrange repairs, where to stay, BELIEVING traffic signs when

they warn of stock crossings or wildlife on the road, and survival on the road. A really cool book.

• A suggestion from a patron led us to purchase **"The Faith Club: A Muslim, A Christian, A Jew - Three Women Search for Understanding"** (201.5 IDL R); by Ranya Idliby, Suzanne Oliver and Priscilla Warner.

This is a book that should be read, whatever your religion or your politics, because it is engaging and effective as a place to start understanding others and evaluating ones own beliefs. A Christian, a Jew and a Muslim each have views that get filled out and better understood over years of discourse.

They are not necessarily theologically or politically correct but do represent something close to major streams of opinion in each faith while clarifying the sources and basis for differences. This review is from Amazon.Com.

• **"Warm Springs: Traces of a Childhood at FDR's Polio Haven"** (362.196 SHR S) is in by Susan Richards Shreve. Donna Chavez, from

Booklist, writes that it's hard to tell whether Shreve's affecting book on her two years at the Warm Springs Polio Foundation is more memoir of adolescence or agonizing confession.

But no matter. What is clear is that, when she entered the facility at age 11, she got off to a running start at teenage rebellion. From developing a prohibited friendship with the daughter of a black cleaning woman to sneaking into the boys' wing to, finally, the stunt that triggered her swift removal from Warm Springs, Shreve proved that a wheelchair was no hindrance to preadolescent high jinks.

Despite her precipitous departure, she maintains vivid and mostly fond memories of the place and, especially, of partner-in-crime Joey Buckley and of Father James, on whom she developed a serious crush. Her recollections of the period, the facility and its staff evoke a time when the U.S. was desperate for solutions to the raging polio pandemic. An appealing memoir and a significant snapshot of an era.

**Fiction**

• Nicole Mones (she wrote "Lost in Translation") newest book is titled **"The Last Chinese Chef"** (F MON N).

In a second review from Booklist, Mark Knoblauch writes that food writer Maggie McElroy fights a losing struggle with grief following her attorney husband's death. When a woman in China files a paternity claim against the estate, Maggie pulls herself together and rushes to Beijing to find the mother and determine her charge's validity.

Maggie's editor suggests that as long as Maggie must travel to China anyway, she should research an article about a young American-born Jewish Chinese chef. Determined to open a restaurant dedicated to the most ancient examples and purest principles of Chinese cuisine, this young chef has begun a translation of his grandfather's celebrated book about cooking in the imperial court.

Under the guidance of his kitchen-savvy uncles,

he must also prepare to compete in a nationwide culinary competition. In Mones' skilled hands, the grandfather's memoir becomes a book within the novel.

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—Hollis McCright is the director of the Howard County Library.

# Parent's Corner: Don't become a victim of circumstance

It has been said that the most important characteristics of successful people are: self discipline, honesty, the ability to get along with people, having a supportive partner or spouse, and working harder than most people.



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Also, to be most likely to succeed you need to: know what you want and believe in the possibility; go for it 100 percent with patient persistence; develop good people skills; choose supportive relationships and partners; and be willing to do the things that others aren't willing to do and not only work harder, but work smarter, too.

By doing these things, which are totally within everyone's power, you can greatly improve your odds of being most likely to succeed. Don't fall for the false statement that

"opportunity strikes but once." This statement is an incredibly disempowering thought, but it is so engrained in our consciousness that it's difficult to ignore.

We all know people who gave up after failing at something. How many times have you heard someone say, "It's no use," "My luck failed" or "No sense in trying." But opportunity is not a matter of chance or luck. It's a state of mind. It's how you look at the world.

A pessimist sees failures, problems and difficulties. An optimist learns from mistakes and sees opportunity and new possibilities everywhere. The success-minded person comes from the point of view, "Whatever happens, I'm going to make the most of it. I can turn any lemon into lemonade."

Opportunity surrounds us all the time. It's as prevalent as the air we breathe. All we have to do is open our eyes and look around.

Opportunity is like a wonderful buffet from which we can pick and

choose. If we fail to pick or choose then we lose. For example, back in the 1920s a young man from Kansas City borrowed \$15,000 — a lot of money back then — and started his own business. He failed and went bankrupt, but didn't quit.

With only the clothes he was wearing he headed for California to look for another opportunity. His name was Walt Disney and you know the rest of the story.

Just remember, something can go wrong with any plan. How successful

we are at handling these obstacles is dependant on how fast we can "get over it" and "get on with it." When faced with a breakdown of plans, don't get angry, frustrated, disgusted and fearful. Don't make judgments and evaluations, offer explanations and look for someone or something to blame for the problem. None of these emotional outbursts produces positive results. They only put us in a deeper hole.

We must remember that successful people make it a point to react

differently. They do not become victims of circumstances. In other words, as quickly as possible, they get back in stride. If necessary, they'll even ask for directions and help. They look to see what's wrong and what they can do to get moving forward again in the right direction.

So, when things go wrong — and they will — it doesn't have to be the end of the road. We must not let it stop us. As quickly as possible, we must rise above our emotions, recommit to our

plan and get back into action. We must focus our energy and attention on where we want to go and how we're going to get there. We must remember that commitment and focus also keeps us on track when things are going right, too.

So what are we waiting for? Let's look for another opportunity!

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

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Opening lead — jack of spades.

One trait that distinguishes the accomplished player from the run-of-the-mill player is that he won't give up when he appears licked. This applies just as much to a defender as a declarer. The governing principle is always to try to succeed, even when the outlook is gloomiest.

Consider this deal where West led the spade jack against three notrump, East playing the discouraging deuce and South the king. Declarer returned a diamond, taken by West with the king, and the outcome of the hand now hinged on West's next play. There was only one card in his hand he could lead to defeat the con-

tract, and West found it — the heart ten!

Once West returned the ten, declarer's goose was cooked. If South played dummy's ace, the defenders would subsequently score three hearts and two diamonds. If dummy played the jack instead, East would win with the king and return a heart to achieve the same result. And if dummy played the three, East would signal with the six and then play his king on the heart continuation. In all three cases, South was certain to go down one.

The winning defense was based on practical considerations. West realized he couldn't afford to "play safe" by returning the spade ten at trick three. Dummy's diamonds were much too threatening for West to simply stand pat with another spade lead.

His only realistic hope was to find East with the king of hearts, and he geared his defense to that one hope. Moreover, to cater to the possibility that South had the nine, it was necessary for West to lead the ten. If he had led the five instead, declarer would have played low from dummy and wound up with an overtrick.

Observe that the lead of the queen by West at trick three would also have proven ineffective. Declarer wins with dummy's ace, returns a diamond and again cannot be stopped from scoring 10 tricks if he plays correctly.

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# ▶ News in brief

## Discrimination case heading to jury

EL PASO (AP) — A Texas Department of Public Safety officer who sued her agency after being denied an appointment to the elite Texas Rangers should have her case heard by a jury, a federal appeals court in New Orleans ruled this week.

Juanita Alvarado, who had sought to become the first Mexican-American woman in the Texas Rangers, sued DPS and the Rangers in 2003 after she was passed over for a Ranger position for the fifth time since joining DPS in 1988.

Alvarado, a DPS special crimes sergeant, claimed she was repeatedly denied appointment to the Rangers because of her race and gender. She also claimed that she was subjected to a hostile work environment after filing a complaint about the alleged discrimination.

Tom Vinger, a DPS spokesman, said the agency does not comment on pending litigation.

## Officer accused of having sex with teen in Explorers program

BROWNWOOD (AP) — A police officer is accused of having sex with a 15-year-old girl who is a member of a law enforcement program for teenagers.

Sgt. Vince Ariaz, 53, who has worked for the Brownwood department for the past 17 years, was arrested Tuesday morning on a charge of sexual assault of a child and was suspended from duty, authorities said.

A Brown County jail spokesman refused to say whether Ariaz was in the facility on Tuesday night,

# Report: Deportations under '96 law taking heavy toll on families

By **SUZANNE GAMBOA**  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — An estimated 1.6 million children and spouses have been separated from family members forced to leave the country under toughened 1996 immigration laws, a human rights group said Wednesday.

The separations have taken a toll on families who have sold homes, lost jobs, lost businesses or been thrown into financial turmoil, Human Rights Watch said in a new report.

The widespread impact on American families has been truly devastating, said Alison Parker, a senior researcher with Human Rights Watch.

In 1996, Congress toughened immigration laws making immigrants, legal and illegal, deportable according to an expanded list of "aggravated felonies."

Congress made the law retroactive even to those who had served their sentences, and also eliminated hearings in which judges could consider an immigrant's family, community roots, military service or possible persecution in his or her native country.

Since this law was passed, 672,593 immigrants have been deported for crimes, according to statistics cited in the report from Citizenship and Immigration Services, a division of the Homeland Security Department. Human Rights Watch used those numbers and Census data on foreign-born households to estimate how many family members were left behind in the U.S.

According to statistics from Immigration and Customs Enforcement (or ICE), 64.6 percent of immigrants deported in 2005 had been convicted of nonviolent offenses. Another 20.9 percent were deported for crimes involving violence against people, and 14.7 percent were deported for "other" crimes.

ICE has not released similar statistics for previous years.

"How do you explain to a child that her father has been sent thousands of miles away and can never come home simply because he forged a check?" Parker said.

The statistics don't show the full picture, said

referring questions to officials who were not immediately available. A phone listing for Ariaz was not available.

Police Chief Virgil Cowin called the arrest a "sad day" for Brownwood police, the *Abilene Reporter-News* reported in its Tuesday online edition.

A three-week probe revealed a possible relationship between Ariaz and a 15-year-old girl who was a member of the Explorers, said Brownwood police investigator Troy Carroll.

## American Airlines rolls out upgraded business-class cabins

FORT WORTH (AP) — When the Boeing 777 lifts off from Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport on Thursday evening, headed for London, it will carry American Airline's hopes for snagging more of the premium international travelers who can fatten a carrier's bottom line.

The flight will be the first in American's fleet of 47 Boeing 777s to be outfitted with a new business-class cabin, including wider seats that recline nearly flat.

Executives at American, the nation's largest carrier, say it's a matter of keeping up with neighbors across the pond.

"It'll be like Virgin Atlantic or Lufthansa, and better than British Airways," claimed David Cush, American's senior vice president of global sales. "Our old cabin was at the bottom of the rankings."

## Acme seeks record with 6,400-pound brick

DENTON (AP) — Acme Brick took on a heavy task for its 116th birthday celebration: the creation of a 6,400-pound brick nicknamed "Clay."

The Fort Worth-based company celebrated its bid for the world's largest brick Tuesday with blue "It's a Boy" chocolate cigars. The massive brick took 18 months to create and is 3,000 times the size of a typical brick.

"It took everybody working on this to make it happen," said Harland Dixson, manager of Acme Brick's Denton plant. About 60 people and more than 100,000 hours of work went into the project.

Jamie Panas, marketing assistant with Guinness World Records, said there is currently no designation for the world's largest brick.

To make the brick, workers built a kiln around 6,600 pounds of molded clay. When two burners didn't work, four burners were used to reach 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit.

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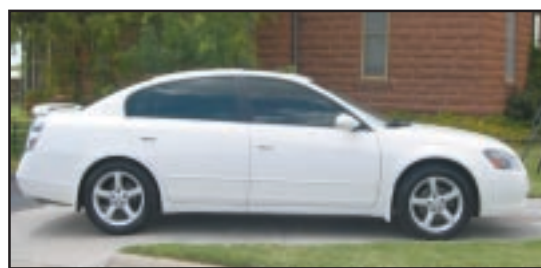
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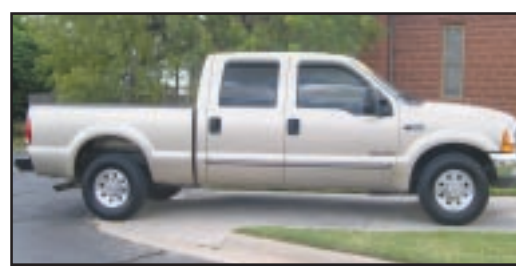
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## 16 soldiers killed in attack on convoy in Pakistan

MIRAN SHAH, Pakistan (AP) — Suspected militants attacked security forces in northwest Pakistan Wednesday, killing 16 soldiers and wounding up to 21 others in two separate strikes against military convoys, officials said.

The escalating violence follows the scrapping by militant leaders of a 10-month-old peace accord with the government in the Afghan frontier region of North Waziristan.

On Tuesday, a suicide bomber blew himself before a rally in the capital supporting Pakistan's chief justice against the president, killing 15 people.

The violence comes after the army stormed a mosque held by Islamic extremists. The bloodshed has heightened tensions, with religious radicals calling for more revenge attacks on the government and troops moving into militant strongholds on the border with Afghanistan — a move welcomed by Washington as helping in the fight against terrorists.

President Gen. Pervez Musharraf condemned Tuesday's blast as a "terrorist act," and officials said they were trying to determine responsibility. A security official said the bomber's severed head had been found.

## Democrats drag Iraq debate through the night

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Democrats staged an all-night debate on the Iraq war in a dramatic attempt to wear down Republicans who refuse to vote to begin to bring troops home by fall.

Republicans responded with a yawn — agreeing to stay around as Tuesday turned to Wednesday and respond to any votes that might be scheduled even though they remained steadfast in their opposition to the Democrats' anti-war legislation.

"This is nonsense," said Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska.

Added Sen. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., of his Democratic colleagues: "I bet I can stay up longer than they can."

And so he did, speaking on the floor after even Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid had retired a little after midnight, to a cot set up in a parlor adjacent to his office.

Reid had pushed through a motion minutes earlier, on a 41-37 roll-call vote,

instructing the Senate Sergeant-at-arms to "request the attendance of absent senators" in an effort to keep members near the chamber. Having made his point, Reid then announced there would be no further votes before 5 a.m. EDT.

By then, attendance had fallen off. As the day dawned, bleary-eyed senators passed the same motion 37-23.

## Radioactive leak at Japan nuclear plant was bigger than announced

KASHIWAZAKI, Japan (AP) — The company that operates an earthquake-ravaged nuclear plant said Wednesday that a radioactive leak was bigger than first reported but still below danger levels, escalating the showdown over a long list of problems at the facility.

The mayor of nearby Kashiwazaki city ordered the facility to shut down until its safety could be confirmed.

Tokyo Electric Power Co. announced that a leak of radioactive water into the Sea of Japan was actually 50 percent bigger than initially announced Monday night after the deadly 6.8-magnitude quake.

"We made a mistake in calculating the amount that leaked into the ocean. We apologize and make correction," the statement said. Spokesman Jun Oshima said the amount was still "one-billionth of Japan's legal limit."

A tour later given to Japan's Communist Party chief, Kazuo Shii, and a handful of reporters revealed widespread damage across its sprawling compound, including large cracks in roads, toppled concrete fences and buckled sidewalks.

## Al-Qaida's expanding resources pose heightened threat to U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Al-Qaida is using its growing strength in Pakistan and Iraq to plot attacks on U.S. soil, heightening the terror threat facing the United States over the next few years, intelligence agencies concluded in a report unveiled Tuesday.

At the same time, the intelligence analysts worry that international cooperation against terrorism will be hard to sustain as memories of Sept. 11 fade and nations' views diverge on what the real threat is.

In the National Intelligence Estimate prepared for President Bush and other top policymakers, analysts laid out a range of dangers — from al-Qaida to Lebanese Hezbollah to non-Muslim radi-

cal groups — that pose a "persistent and evolving threat" to the country over the next three years.

The findings focused most heavily on Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network, which was judged to remain the most serious threat to the United States. The group's affiliate in Iraq, which has not yet posed a direct threat to U.S. soil, could do just that, the report concluded. Al-Qaida in Iraq threatened to attack the United States in a Web statement last September.

National Intelligence Council Chairman Thomas Fingar warned that the group's operatives in Iraq are getting portable, firsthand experience in covert communications, smuggling, improvised explosive devices, understanding U.S. military tactics and more.

## Investigators find steroids in body of wrestler who killed wife, son

DECATUR, Ga. (AP) — Pro wrestler Chris Benoit had more than 10 times the normal level of testosterone in his system when he killed his wife and young son and hanged himself, but investigators could not say if it played a role in the killings.

Besides the heightened level of testosterone, a synthetic version of the primary male sex hormone that is considered an anabolic steroid, Benoit's body tested positive for the anti-anxiety drug Xanax and the painkiller hydrocodone, authorities said Tuesday.

Dr. Kris Sperry, the state's top medical examiner, said it appeared the testosterone was injected shortly before Benoit died.

He said there was no evidence of any other steroids in the wrestler's body, and nothing to show that steroids played a role in the death of Nancy and Daniel Benoit. He also said Daniel, 7, appeared to have been sedated when he was asphyxiated, and Benoit's wife had a "therapeutic" level of sedatives in her body.

## Comedian hospitalized over weekend for exhaustion

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Dave Chappelle was hospitalized over the weekend for exhaustion, his publicist said Tuesday. The 33-year-old comedian checked into an emergency room on Saturday and was released a few hours later, publicist Carla Sims said.

"It was exhaustion; he had been traveling," she said. "He's fine."

Sims declined to say which hospital Chappelle visited or release other details.

Chappelle walked away from a \$50 million deal to continue his Comedy Central show in May 2005 and briefly took a respite in South Africa. He has said reports that he checked into a mental health center in that country are false.

He has since returned to the standup circuit.

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**NewsWest 9**  
Is coming back to Big Spring!!  
Friday, July 20, 2007  
They will be broadcasting live at 4:00 - 5:00 - 6:00 & 10:00 pm

**NEW LOCATION**  
COMANCHE TRAIL PARK - OLD SETTLERS PAVILION  
Street Dance featuring "Los Greengos" & DJ, Brian Michalez, Thornz & Nailz Productions

Sonic Hot Dog Eating Contest & Ice Cream Eating Contest

**PLUS - FOOD & FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!!**

Bring your lawn chairs and join the Chamber, the City and your neighbors for a fun afternoon in West Texas - Big Spring!!!