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Hispanic enroll in college with more frequency

But still at a lower rate than other groups, study indicates

By LIZ PETERSON

Associated Press Writer
 AUSTIN — Although Hispanic college enrollment has increased substantially since 2000, Hispanics are still participating in higher education at a lower rate than other racial or ethnic groups and are not on target to meet state goals, according to a state report released Thursday. About 334,000 Hispanic students were enrolled at public and private colleges and universities last school year, the report

released by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board said. That's nearly 100,000 — or 40 percent — more students than were enrolled six years ago. But because of Texas' booming Hispanic population, the rate of college enrollment among Hispanics has barely budged over the past six years, the report said. Only 3.9 percent of Hispanics are enrolled in higher education, com

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CHANGING OF GUARD



HERALD Photo/Dustin Wilson
 From left, former Big Spring Refinery Manager Joe Concienne and his wife Brenda stand with current manager Dave Foster and his wife, Nancy, at a Alon USA reception Thursday night. Concienne will assume new duties as vice president of refinery operations for Alon USA's Dallas headquarters.

Anthrax cases possibly isolated

Special to the Herald

SAN ANGELO — Officials are hoping cases of anthrax discovered in Tom Green County are isolated. The Texas Animal Health Commission confirmed July 13 that 17 head of cattle and a number of deer have died of anthrax in northern Tom Green. The news release was posted on its Web site, <http://www.tahc.state.tx.us/>. Steve Sturtz, Texas Cooperative Extension agent for the county, said

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Renovation and construction work is scheduled to begin soon at Coahoma Independent School District campus. The most extensive work is scheduled for Coahoma High School, shown here.

CISD: Rising costs to halt renovation of admin building

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer

COAHOMA — The rising cost of building construction has forced Coahoma school trustees to trim some items from their renovation wish list. Work on the \$14 million renovation project approved by Coahoma Independent School District voters is expected to begin within the next week or so, school officials announced during the Thursday night trustee meeting. The much-feared "construction inflation" — the fast-rising cost of building materials — has already forced CISD



Johnson

officials to revise the bid package. A planned \$320,000 renovation of the administration building has been scrapped to bring costs in line with the \$13.9 million authorized by district voters in 2006. "We had some bids come in higher than initially expected," CISD Superintendent Jerry Johnson said. "So we negotiated with (contractor) Lee George, and our solution was to remove the adminis-

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Coahoma students must turn off phones, iPods

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer

Cell phones should be neither seen nor heard, Coahoma school officials have decided. School trustees approved student handbooks for the coming school year during their Thursday night meeting, and the only notable change from last year has to do with students carry electronic devices such as cell

"We don't want to hear them and we don't want to see them. If we do, we are going to confiscate them."

—John Massey, high school principal

phones or iPods. While district students will still be allowed to bring those devices to school, they best be switched off and kept out of sight during class time, officials said. "We don't want to hear

them and we don't want to see them," High School Principal John Massey said. "If we do, we are going to confiscate them ... They can have them in their pockets as long as they're turned off during school hours."

Students can still use the devices while on buses or extra-curricular excursions as long as their coach or sponsor approves, Massey said. Cell phone use during school hours has been forbidden for the past few years, but iPods were allowed up through the 2006-2007 school year. That situation changed

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Obituaries

Ruth Pior



Ruth Pior, 90, of Big Spring died Thursday, July 19, 2007, at Parkview Nursing Home. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Rev. Jim Binnix, pastor of Midway Baptist Church, officiating. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at Murray Cemetery in Binger, Okla. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She was born July 27, 1916, in the community of Binger, Okla., to Ruby and D.W. Shepperd. She married Clifford Dec. 5, 1935. They lived in Oklahoma, Plains, Texas, and Phoenix, Arizona. He preceded her in death May 30, 1995.

She held various offices as a member of Rebekah Lodge. She was a member of Midway Baptist Church in Big Spring. She loved her Lord and loved her family. She will be missed, but we know where to join her.

She is survived by a daughter, Aloma Hobdy and her husband, Drew, of Sand Springs; four grandchildren, Laurence Wilson Jr., Vellene Sawyer, Melanie Jaramillo and Gena Barber; fifteen great grandchildren; eight great great grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Naomi Aldrich, in June of 2000.

The family suggests memorials to the Midway Baptist Church Benevolence Fund, 6200 South Service Road, Big Spring 79720.

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

Paid obituary

J.M. Sterling

Funeral service for J.M. Sterling, 87, of Coahoma will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the First United Methodist Church in Snyder with the Rev. Thomas Fogleman officiating. Interment will follow at Ira Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Sterling died Thursday at his ranch in Howard County. Mr. Sterling was born March 13, 1920, at Ira. He was a longtime rancher in Howard County and a member of the Ira United Methodist Church. He was a World War II veteran, having served in the Army Air Corp.

He is survived by his wife Lucille Sterling; three daughters and sons-in-law, Patti and Mike Barnes of Knapp, June and Sid Wall of Snyder and Tanya and Terry Shafer of Colorado City; two sons and daughters-in-law, Jimmy and Theresa Sterling of Vincent and Brett and Laura Sterling of Tatum, N.M.; one sister, Doris Spikes of Snyder; three brothers, Buford Sterling, Howard Sterling and Mickey Sterling, all of Snyder; 20 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Tommy Sterling Jr. and Curtis Sterling.

Visitation will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at the family home.

Friends are contributing to the Gideons International, Box 534, Snyder 79549.

Weather

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

Police blotter

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

- **CHRISTOPHER CALLAHAN**, 20, of 1401 N. Highway 87, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **RUSS MOORE**, 27, of Lubbock, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **DAVID WITTEIN**, 27, of 1116 Hoosier, was arrested Thursday on a local warrant.
- **PRISCILLA RODRIGUEZ**, 51, of 1010 NW Second Street, was arrested Thursday on a capias warrant.
- **BLAKE LYLE**, 25, of 701 Settles, was arrested Thursday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **SHAWN MCKAY**, 20, of Odessa, was arrested Thursday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON** was reported in the 900 block of Willia.
- **ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY/ FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 200 block of 17th Street.
- **DRIVING WHILE LICENSE INVALID** was reported:
 - in the 800 block of Third Street.
 - in the 200 block of Owens.
- **POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA** was reported in the 3000 block of Drexel.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 200 block of Marcy.

Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2400 block of E. Marcy. One person was transported to the VAMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 100 block of NE Ninth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 400 block of Ryan. One person was transported to SMMC.

Lottery

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

Winning numbers drawn: 4-5-27-35. Bonus Ball: 23.
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

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

Winning numbers drawn: 2-8-25-26-31.
Number matching five of five: 0.

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-4-8.

Bulletin Board

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

TODAY

- Spring City Senior Citizens Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area seniors are invited.

Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 44 inmates at the time of this report.

- **DEVON LEE BUTLER**, 21, was arrested by DPS Thursday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **CHRISTOPHER LOGAN CALLAHAN**, 20, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **OROSCO JUAN HINOJOSA**, 46, was arrested by DPS Thursday on charges of driving while intoxicated - open container, no drivers license and no liability insurance.
- **SAUL NUNEZ SANCHEZ**, 26, was arrested by the HCSO Thursday on a charge of failure to appear.
- **CRYSTAL ANN BURCHETT**, 26, was arrested by the HCSO Thursday on a charge of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.
- **MARKQUIN HARRIS**, 21, was arrested by the HCSO Thursday on charges of bondsman off bond, evading arrest or detention, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, bail jumping and failure to appear.
- **RANDY OLVERA**, 44, was arrested by the HCSO Thursday on charges of bail jumping and failure to appear.
- **JESSIE R. LOPEZ**, 39, was arrested by the HCSO Thursday on charges of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less and failure to identify as a fugitive from justice - giving false information.

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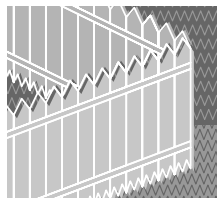
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News in brief

Israel releases Palestinian prisoners in gesture to moderate leadership

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — Israel released more than 250 Palestinian prisoners Friday in an attempt to bolster moderate Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas in his power struggle with Hamas.

Leaning out of bus windows and hoisting Palestinian flags, the prisoners headed to Abbas' headquarters in the West Bank city of Ramallah for a festive reception. "All the suffering, all the pain is gone," said released prisoner Iyad Milhem, 30, as he rode on one of the buses. "But we still hope for the release of all the other prisoners."

Most of those released were from Abbas' Fatah movement. Prominent among the freed prisoners was 61-year-old Abdel Rahim Malouh, second-in-command in a small PLO faction, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, which assassinated an Israeli Cabinet minister in 2001.

Pakistani tribal elders try to salvage peace deal; ruling on suspended judge expected

MIRAN SHAH, Pakistan (AP) — Clashes broke out Friday between Pakistani troops and militants in North Waziristan after a suicide car bomber hit a security checkpoint, killing four people, officials said.

The attack on the outskirts of the main town of Miran Shah, which killed a soldier and three male civilians, came hours after a 45-member delegation of tribal elders began talks with pro-Taliban militant leaders to resurrect a controversial peace deal and stem spiraling violence.

Meanwhile, the Supreme Court was set to rule Friday on an appeal by Pakistan's top judge against his suspension by President Gen. Pervez Musharraf that has triggered political turmoil.

Iftikhar Mohammed Chaudhry's suspension in March sparked protests by lawyers and opposition parties that have grown into a powerful pro-democracy movement just as Musharraf faces a rising tide of Islamic militancy.

Experts puzzle over crashed plane's high speed as officials debate closing airport

SAO PAULO, Brazil (AP) — One of the two thrust reversers on an airliner carrying 186 people that crashed in a fireball was turned off when the plane landed, the jet's owner said, as officials tried to determine why it raced down a runway instead of slowing down.

However, the airline insisted late Thursday that the thrust reverser, used by jets to slow down just after touching down, had been deactivated earlier in accordance with proper maintenance procedures.

Meanwhile, federal prosecutors asked a federal judge to "temporarily paralyze" Congonhas airport — a move that could disrupt air travel in Latin America's largest nation. The judge could issue a decision as early as Monday on the airport's fate.

Responding to warnings that such a move could create havoc in travel and cause severe financial repercussions for airlines, prosecutor Marcio Schusterschitz said it was better "to choose life over money."

"We think this situation has reached its limit," Schusterschitz said in an interview with The Associated Press. "We are flying blind."

U.S. general says solid judgment about troop buildup in Iraq not likely until November

WASHINGTON (AP) — For months September has been cast as a pivotal time for determining the course of the war in Iraq, yet a top general now says a solid judgment on the U.S. troop buildup there may not

come until November.

Lt. Gen. Raymond Odierno told reporters after a Senate hearing Thursday that he would need beyond September to tell if improvements in Iraq represent long-term trends.

"In order to do a good assessment I need at least until November," said Odierno, a deputy to Gen. David Petraeus, the U.S. military commander in Iraq.

Petraeus and other officials testified before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and briefed reporters on Thursday. Making strides toward security and political goals could take more time than first thought, they warned.

Federal judge dismisses ex-CIA operative Plame's lawsuit against Bush administration

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former CIA operative Valerie Plame lost a lawsuit Thursday that demanded money from Bush administration officials whom she blamed for leaking her agency identity.

Plame, the wife of former Ambassador Joseph Wilson, had accused Vice President Dick Cheney and others of conspiring to disclose her identity in 2003. Plame said that violated her privacy rights and was illegal retribution for her husband's criticism of the administration.

U.S. District Judge John D. Bates dismissed the case on jurisdictional grounds and said he would not express an opinion on the constitutional arguments.

Bates dismissed the case against all defendants: Cheney, White House political adviser Karl Rove, former White House aide I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby and former Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage.

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By Steve Becker

Bidding Quiz

You are South in each of the following five bidding sequences. How many spades are you likely to have in each case?

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| 1. | SOUTH | NORTH |
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| 2. | 1 ♠ | 1 NT |
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| | Pass | |
| 3. | 1 ♠ | 2 ♠ |
| | 2 ♠ | 2 NT |
| | 3 ♠ | 3 NT |
| | Pass | |
| 4. | 1 ♠ | 2 ♠ |
| | 2 NT | 3 ♠ |
| | 4 ♠ | |
| 5. | 1 ♠ | 1 ♠ |
| | 2 ♠ | 2 NT |
| | 3 ♠ | |

1. Six. Rarely would you have only five spades. You would probably pass with 5-3-3-2 distribution, and bid your second suit with 5-4-2-2 or 5-4-3-1 distribution. Your hand might look something like ♠AQ7632 ♥8 ♦AQJ ♣843.

2. Six. The jump to three spades indicates six or more spades, and you

would be unlikely to pass three notrump if you had seven spades. Your hand could be ♠KQJ952 ♥AJ ♦Q84 ♣A7.

3. Five. You can't have only four spades because you would surely have opened the bidding in a minor with what is obviously a three-suited hand. Your most likely distribution is 5-1-4-3, since you passed three notrump and would probably not do so with 6-0-4-3, 5-0-5-3 or 5-0-4-4 distribution. Your hand might be ♠QJ972 ♥J ♦AK85 ♣KQ4.

4. Five. Your opening spade bid could have been made on a four-card suit (assuming you play four-card majors), and partner's delayed support is likely to be based on only three spades. It would therefore be wrong to bid four spades at this point with only four trumps. You also can't have six spades, since you would have rebid the suit rather than bid two notrump at your second turn. A typical hand would be ♠KJ843 ♥K5 ♦K96 ♣A92.

5. Three. Partner has only four spades, judging from his two-notrump bid. If you had four also, you would indicate this by bidding three (or possibly four) spades instead of three clubs. You probably have a hand such as ♠KQ6 ♥72 ♦A5 ♣KQ9764.

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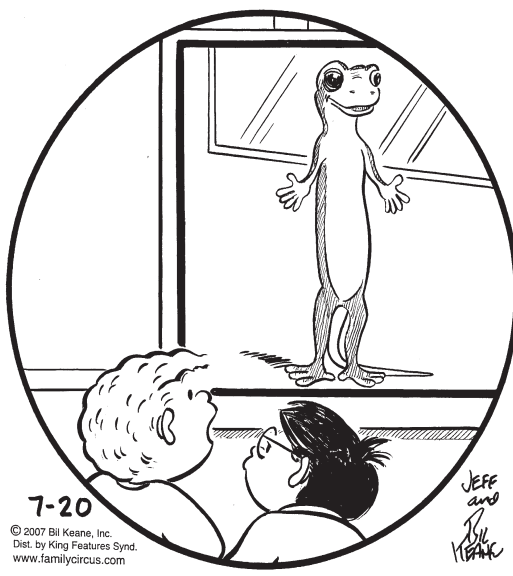
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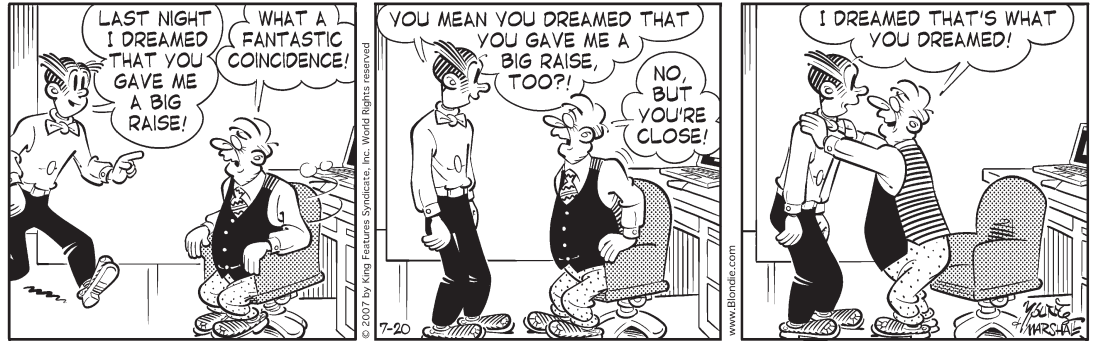


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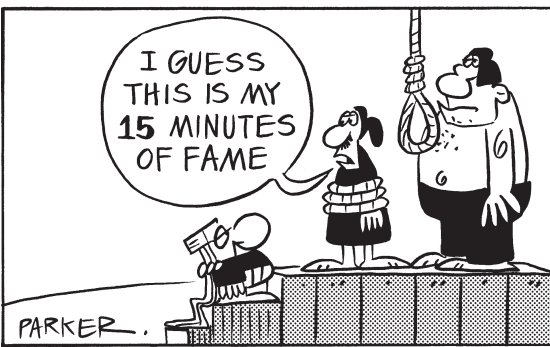
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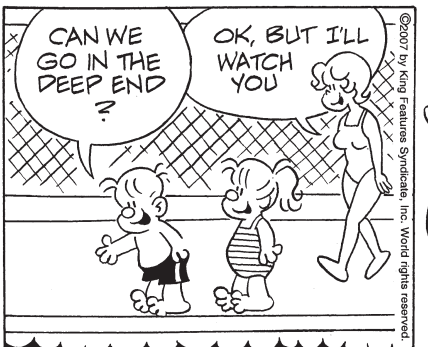
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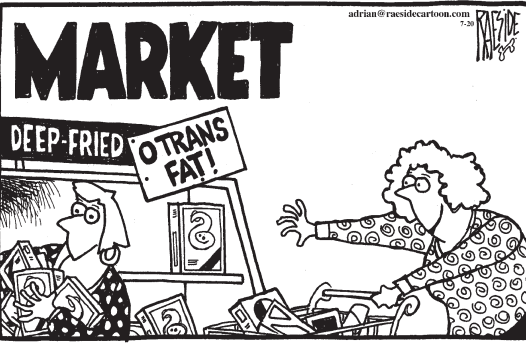
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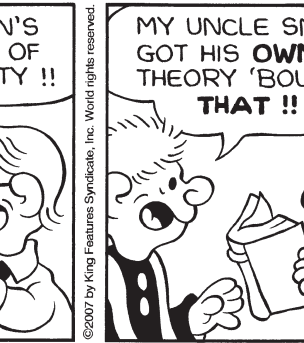
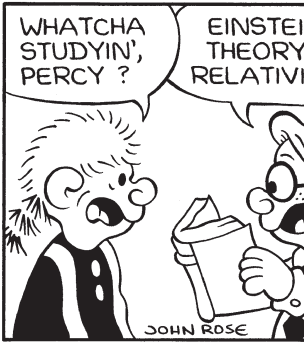
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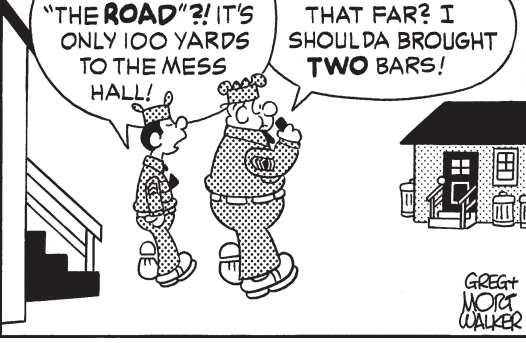
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, July 20, the 201st day of 2007. There are 164 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On July 20, 1969, Apollo 11 astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin became the first men to walk on the moon as they stepped out of their lunar module. On this date: In 1810, Colombia declared independence from Spain. In 1861, the Congress of the Confederate States began holding sessions in Richmond, Va. In 1871, British Columbia entered Confederation as a Canadian province. In 1917, the draft lottery in World War I went into operation. In 1944, an attempt by a group of German officials to assassinate Adolf Hitler with a bomb failed as the explosion at Hitler's

Rastenburg headquarters only wounded the Nazi leader. In 1944, President Franklin Roosevelt was nominated for an unprecedented fourth term of office at the Democratic convention in Chicago. In 1976, America's Viking I robot spacecraft made a successful, first-ever landing on Mars. In 1977, a flash flood hit Johnstown, Pa., killing more than 80 people and causing \$350 million in damage. In 1977, the U.N. Security Council voted to admit Vietnam to the world body. In 1982, Irish Republican Army bombs exploded in two London parks, killing eight British soldiers, along with seven horses belonging to the Queen's Household Cavalry. Birthdays: Mountaineer Sir Edmund Hillary is 88. Actress-singer Sally Ann Howes is 77. Rockabilly singer Sleepy LaBeef is 72. Sen. Barbara A. Mikulski, D-Md., is 71. Actress Diana Rigg is 69. Rock musician John Lodge

(The Moody Blues) is 64. Country singer T.G. Sheppard is 63. Singer Kim Carnes is 61. Rock musician Carlos Santana is 60. Rock musician Paul Cook (The Sex Pistols) is 51. Actress Donna Dixon is 50. Country singer Radney Foster is 48. Actor Frank Whaley is 44. Rock singer Chris Cornell is 43. Rock musician Stone Gossard (Pearl Jam) is 41. Actor Reed Diamond is 40. Actor Josh Holloway ("Lost") is 38. Singer Vitamin C is 38. Actor Simon Rex is 33. Actress Judy Greer is 32. Actor Charlie Korsmo is 29. Actor John Francis Daley is 22.

Answer to previous puzzle. A crossword grid with words filled in: SCAB, IMPUS, GOAPE, TALE, NCAA, ELBOW, ANTE, TINT, TASTE, SOAPBOX, DERBY, HEREAFT, ADAY, COD, DRAM, NOMORE, AHA, BLASTING, CAP, CASE, RIO, MOLT, TRIPLECROWN, ASH, ORDAIN, TAOS, RYE, ERAS, SPARTA, BOYZN, THEHOOD, NEGEV, TAKE, AVID, AGILE, EFOR, RELO, POLAR, CUSS, ASSN.

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- ACROSS: 1 Table extender, 5 Prefix for bucks, 9 Howled at the moon, 14 buco, 15 Norwegian royal name, 16 Athenian forum, 17 Pact acronym, 18 PBS talk host, 19 Unbending, 20 Exposition?, 23 Enzyme ending, 24 Grazing spot, 25 Word before paper or test, 29 Luck personification, 31 Lunar New Year, 34 UFO crewman, 35 Fit, 36 He sang about Alice, 37 Exact?, 40 Nights before, 41 Rosetta's river, 42 Cardigan location, 43 See it and seethe, 44 Run out of gas, 45 Tweety, for one, 46 Podded plant, 47 Casablanca pianist, 48 Exchange?, 57 Frequent, 58 Zip, 59 Curbside cry, 60 Roomy dress style, 61 Beat decisively, 62 Stuff, 63 Cosmetic purchase, 64 Latin preposition, 65 Rope fiber, DOWN: 1 Protracted, 2 Biblical twin, 3 Wine area, 4 Gull, 5 Confusing situation, 6 Take the honey and run, 7 Response to a shock, 8 Maintain, 9 Bedrock name, 10 Upset feeling, 11 Mystical one, 12 Leif's father, 13 Miami County, 21 Cow, 22 Church official, 25 Four-time Wimbledon champ, 26 Amo as a wall, 28 Interfere, 29 Soup scoop, 30 Skin soother, 31 Refrain syllables, 32 Bull in advertising, 33 Stowe girl, 35 It grows on you, 36 end (over), 38 Early computer, 39 Hindu master, 44 Rock on the edge, 45 Hoffman Oscar role, 46 Ziti alternative, 47 Parade about, 48 " does it!", 49 Holy ring, 50 Archaeology sight, 51 Old Testament book, 52 Light gas, 53 Engrave with acid, 54 Worry, 55 Class ritual, 56 Airhead.

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A crossword grid with numbers 1 through 65 indicating starting positions for words.

'He's still my Savior!'

"He's still my Savior!" Sometimes we learn great truths from unexpected sources. The lady who spoke these words certainly was an unexpected source of wisdom. Several years ago, I read an article about a woman's experience with her aging mother who was gradually losing her ability to relate and to remember. I believe that the article was in Guidepost magazine. I no longer have the article, but it left a lasting

impression on me. Both before and after reading that article, my wife and I have faced the experience of losing someone we loved before death came. In some ways, that kind of loss is among the most painful. We see the person whom we have always known, but now the person rarely or perhaps no



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longer recognizes us at all. The story that the writer told was of a bright moment in an otherwise depressing phase of her life with her aging mother. She had enjoyed one of the better visits that she had experienced in some time. As it came time for her to leave the nursing home, she dreaded facing what had generally been a painful parting. Her mother usually pleaded to go home; however, today as the daughter made her way toward the exit all was silent. A short distance from the door, she heard her mother's shuffling step and realized that her name was being called. Though she was tempted to act as though she did not hear the call, the daughter could not. This was her mother calling! As her mother drew

closer, she could see the confusion in her eyes. However, once they were face to face, a wonderful thing happened. Her mother's eyes cleared for a moment, and she said, "He's still my Savior." With that unforgettable remark, her eyes clouded over once more, and she shuffled back to her room. Through the years since reading that very personal story, I have reached some conclusions about God's ability to work in the lives of people we love — even when they can no longer communicate with us or perhaps even remember us. First, when I search some of God's promises, I realize that He has not promised that I will be able to witness everything He is doing in the lives of those whom I love. However, for those

who walk in faith with Him, he has promised that he will never leave or forsake them (Hebrews 13:5b; Genesis 28:15; Deuteronomy 31:6). I don't need to witness this promise in action for it to be true. This is one more place where I just need to trust Him. Second, He has promised that His Spirit will bear witness with our spirits that we are His children. The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God (Romans 8:16 NASV). This tells me that the Lord is able to remain close even when a person is otherwise unable to respond. I have chosen to believe that this promise stands even when we can no longer communicate with anyone else. These conclusions have led me to view my grandmother's final years in a

very different way. Later when my Dad no longer recognized me, my confidence in God's promises made those final years much easier. Now my wife and I are going through this kind of loss once again. Her 93-year-old mother has not responded to her or recognized her in almost eight years. We can't know what it has been like for her to live with the advanced ravages of Parkinson's disease, but we do know that she is not alone. May the Lord bless and comfort you as you trust Him to go where you cannot and do what you no longer can.

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Church News

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St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Holy Communion is celebrated at 9:30 a.m. The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will have their meeting and breakfast at 8 a.m. Saturday. Following the 9:30 Sunday service, a coffee hour will be held at 2512 Larry Drive. All are welcome. The Parish of St. Mary's Church invites all in the community to a farewell reception for the Rev. Jim and Kathleen Liggett on Sunday, July 29, following the 9:30 a.m. service. Father Jim and his family have faithfully served St. Mary's Parish and the community of Big Spring for 13 years and has accepted a call at St. Nicholas' Church in

Midland. Please come by and wish the Liggett family well in their new endeavor. For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201 or visit www.stmarysbst.org. St. Mary's is located at 1001 South Goliad. **First United Methodist Church** Continuing the series on Holiness, Dr Shane Brue's Sunday sermon topic will be "The Process of Holiness," based on scripture text from Leviticus and Hosea. Sunday afternoon, the pre-teen group "GIG" will beat the heat by going ice skating in Odessa. They will leave at 1 p.m. Roundup 2007 for all

area United Methodist Churches will be held in Lubbock on Saturday, Aug. 25. There will be 75 different workshops offered for all local church leaders and all those who thirst for knowledge and need a fresh encounter with God. Mark your calendars and put on your aprons and thinking caps. The Lord's Acre and Family Fest is coming back to First Methodist on Oct. 6. Set aside this day for fun with your church friends, invite your neighbors and be creative. Paul and Ann Townsend are co-chairs for our third such annual event. It will be a joy-filled blessing as we give back to the Lord. First United Methodist

Church has two worship services each Sunday at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m. with Sunday school classes for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Midweek we have Bible study and luncheon at noon on Wednesdays. Our church buildings are located at Fourth and Scurry streets in the heart of downtown Big Spring. **First Presbyterian Church** The most important event on this week's church calendar is lunch and conversation with Dr. Alice Winters, missionary to Colombia, at noon Tuesday, July 24. This is to be a potluck luncheon; attendees are asked to bring a dish to share.

Winters is visiting Tres Rios Presbytery to inform people here about the situation and work going on in that troubled country. The Presbyterian Youth group is attending the Youth Triennium in Indiana, an event that introduces local youth to their counterparts across the nation. Wednesday evening Bible Study will meet in the church library, but there is no choir practice until August. The lectionary for this Sunday is Amos 8:1-12; Psalm 52; Colossians 1:15-28; and Luke 10:38-42. As the pastor suggested last week, members having friends or family visiting are asked to come to church and bring them.

First Presbyterian is located at Eighth and Runnels. Avalanche Ranch, a wild ride through God's world, will be held from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Aug. 7-9 for children K through sixth grade. There will be Bible adventures, tasty treats, cool songs, awesome crafts and lots of fun at this Vacation Bible School. For more information, call 398-5430. **College Baptist Church** College Baptist Church is hosting a Beth Moore "Loving Well" Retreat for all ladies Aug. 3 and 4 in the Church Fellowship. See **CHURCH NEWS**, Page 8A

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