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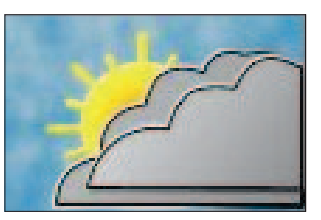


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# NASA reputation grounded

*Panel finds 'heavy use of alcohol' by astronauts prior to launch*

**By MARCIA DUNN**  
 AP Aerospace Writer  
 CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — America's space agency was shaken Thursday by two startling and unrelated reports: One involved claims that astronauts were drunk before flying. The other was news from NASA itself that a worker had

**"Let's face it. Astronauts are a bunch of brothers and sisters, OK, and they'll cover each other's backsides because they're part of the team."**  
 —Seymour Himmel, retired Seymour Himmel

sabotaged a computer set for delivery to the international space station. It was just another jolt for an operation that has had a rocky year from the start, beginning

with the arrest of an astronaut accused of attacking a rival in a love triangle. "It's going to shake up the world, I'll tell you that," retired NASA executive Seymour Himmel said of the latest news. "There will be congressional hearings that you will not be able to avoid." News of the two latest bomb-

shells broke within just a few hours of each other Thursday afternoon. Aviation Week & Space Technology reported on its Web site that a special panel studying astronaut health found that on two occasions, astronauts were allowed to fly after flight See **NASA**, Page 3A

## Internet provider woes noted

**By THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer  
 Customers of Suddenlink's high speed Internet service all had one thing in common Friday morning — the modem lights were on, but nobody was home. According to officials with the local cable and high speed Internet provider, the company's Internet services were down early Friday morning with no real estimate as to when the problem would be corrected. "It's a problem across the entire network, not just in one area," said a customer service representative. "We're working to get the problem corrected, but we haven't received any estimates on how long it could take. It might be up again in a few minutes, or it could be a lot longer. We just

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## HAVING FUN



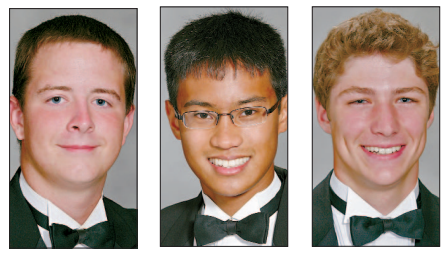
**Belinda Turner and her daughter, 4-year-old Cassidy, enjoy an evening of food and fun at the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club open house Thursday.**

HERALD photo/Dustin Wilson

## 4 aces

*Big Spring High students earn perfect scores on national AP calculus test*

**By STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer



Callison Juan Parks

Four Big Spring High School students discovered the best way to pass college calculus — by doing so in high school. Recent BSHS graduates Matthew Callison, Bryan Juan, Taylor Parks and Reinhilde Robinson earned a free pass on first year college calculus by acing their recent National Advanced Placement exam on the course. Two other BSHS grads, Robert Andrade and Roshan Shroff, earned passing scores on the exam and may receive at least partial college credit.

Seghier said the perfect scores were earned. "We teach them calculus here just like they get it at MIT," Seghier said. "We don't hold anything back ... Just passing the test is an honor and an accomplishment in itself." The four students earning perfect scores will automatically receive college credit for freshman calculus at whichever university they enroll, Seghier said.

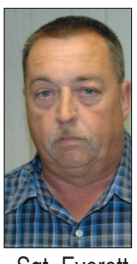
This marks the second straight year that a record number of BSHS students have registered perfect scores on the national AP calculus test. Last year, three students aced the exam, according to Mo Seghier, the high school's calculus and physics teacher. What makes the students' performance so notable is that the results were head-and-shoulders above the state and national average. Statistics show that 57.1 percent of the BSHS advanced placement calculus students aced the national test, compared to 16 percent statewide and 21.9 percent nationally. Also, fewer Big Spring students failed the exam compared to state and national averages.

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## 3 jailed on drug-related charges

**By THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer  
 Big Spring Police Department officers made a trio of drug-related arrests Thursday evening while attempting to serve a warrant on a local man who was recently indicted on a pair of felony drug charges. Terry Lynn Hargers, 37, of 2607 Fairchild, was arrested at 303.5 E. Ninth Street on warrants for delivery of a controlled substance (second-degree felony, enhanced) and delivery of a controlled substance (first-degree felony, enhanced). Angela McGee, 24, of Big Spring, was also taken into custody at the scene on a charge of evading arrest. Police also arrested Kimberly Killcrease, 26, of Big Spring, on a charge of possession

**"The female observed the officers approaching, threw something from her hand and fled toward the front door of the residence."**



Sgt. Everett

of drug paraphernalia. According to Sgt. Tony Everett, BSPD public information officer, Hargers and McGee were also charged with possession of a controlled substance and tampering with evidence following the execution of a search warrant at the residence. "At about 7:10 p.m. detectives

and officers went to 303.5 E. Ninth Street. Officers had information that a subject with two felony grand jury indictments was hiding at the residence," said Everett. "As officers approached the house, they observed a female subject in the front yard who appeared to be involved in a drug transaction. The female observed the officers approaching, threw something from her hand and fled toward the front door of the residence. "A male subject she was talking to fled on foot away from the house. Officers yelled for the female to stop and gave chase. She entered the residence and officers forced the door open. Once inside, the female and a male subject

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## IN BRIEF

### Howard County Golf Championship set

The 2007 Howard County Championship golf tournament has been set to start today and continue through Sunday at the Big Spring Country Club.

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

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

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

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

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

### Lady Steer Booster Club meeting

The Big Spring Lady Steer Booster Club will hold a meeting at 6 p.m. Monday in the Athletic Training Center.

All parents of Lady Steer athletes are encouraged to attend.

Call Carrie Fox at 816-9687 for more information.

### Coahoma Athletic Boosters meeting

The Coahoma Athletic Booster Club will hold a meeting at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday in Coach Kim Nichols' classroom in the high school.

They will be meeting to plan homecoming as well as other upcoming events. Anyone interested is

welcome to attend.

For more information, call Paula Buske at 816-4034 or Laura Martin at 267-8660.

### 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.

### Big Spring Youth Soccer meeting

The Big Spring Youth Soccer Association will be holding an organizational meeting at 2 p.m. Saturday at College Baptist Church's Fellowship Hall. New officers will be elected for the 2007 season.

For more information, contact Jamie Scott at 264-0001 or Robert Smith at 263-3333.

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## Williams happy spotlight not as bright

By **KRISTIE RIEKEN**

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Mario Williams feels like a weight has been taken off his broad shoulders.

A year removed from being chosen first in the draft, the defensive end enters his second training camp in Houston happy the spotlight on him isn't quite so bright.

The Texans checked in to camp on Thursday and begin practice Friday morning.

Williams was under constant and intense pressure last season

after the Texans' shocking decision to pass on Reggie Bush and hometown favorite Vince Young in favor of him.

"Those things kind of weigh you down, especially in the position that I was in," he said. "But it's helping out a lot now that I don't have to worry about that. It's a big relief for me right now."

Williams had 47 tackles and 4.5 sacks last season while starting each game of Houston's 6-10 season. But his performance suffered as he was slowed for much of the year by plantar fasciitis in

his right foot.

He's healthy now and in great shape. Coach Gary Kubiak said he was one of the three hardest workers on the team in the off-season.

Williams said his offseason plan was simple: "Just going out and doing more than what I was doing before."

His intense offseason conditioning program had an unintended consequence though. The 6-foot-6 player has dropped almost 15 pounds to 280.

"I've slimmed down a little bit," he said. "I didn't try to. It

just came along with doing more stuff."

Williams is expecting a big year with the knowledge gained from his rookie year and the luxury of playing right defensive end exclusively after moving up and down the line last season.

"It's really nice so now I can just sit here and focus on playing right defense end and just learning things at that position," he said. "You don't want to go backward. The No. 1 thing me and the whole defense have to do is take

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## Garden City hosting two all-star games



HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull

**Boddy French of Sierra Blanca rolls out to avoid pressure during the Division II All-Stars practice Thursday in Garden City. The Division II All-Stars will face off against the Division I All-Stars in the six-man Texas Bowl all-star game at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in Garden City. Glasscock Independent School District will also host the Small School Shootout — a 1A all-star basketball event. Both a girls and boys game will be played tonight starting at 6 p.m. at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on the Howard Junior College campus.**

## Astros pound Padres

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Carlos Lee, Morgan Ensberg and Craig Biggio hit home runs, Wandy Rodriguez pitched seven strong innings and the Houston Astros beat the San Diego Padres 7-1.

It was Biggio's second home run in three games since announcing his retirement.

The Astros have won five of seven while the Padres have lost six of seven.

Rodriguez (7-9) allowed a run and five hits to improve to 6-2 with a 1.76 ERA at home. The left-hander is 1-7 with a 7.43 ERA on the road.

Lance Berkman added two doubles four Houston, which has won 13 of its last 18 at home.

David Wells (5-7) lasted only three innings and gave up seven runs and seven hits with four walks. Wells matched his season high for runs allowed, previously set in his last start against Philadelphia.

Brian Giles singled to lead off the game and Mike Cameron followed with an RBI double for a 1-0 Padres lead in the first inning.

The lead didn't last long. With two out in the bottom of the inning, Berkman doubled and

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## Romo hopes to redeem playoff blunder

By **JAIME ARON**

AP Sports Writer

SAN ANTONIO — Four years ago, Tony Romo went into training camp just hoping to make the Dallas Cowboys.

By last summer, he'd worked his way up to being the promising backup.

Now Romo is the marquee attraction, the Pro Bowler whose love life recently was examined by National Enquirer and the guy whom Jerry Jones has singled out as the key to the team's success.

Big change, right?

Nope, Romo insists. "I try to come out here and be as good as I can be," he said at the start of training camp. "Whatever that is, I don't know."

Nor do the Cowboys. They hope he'll be the quarterback who won five of his first six starts, beating the eventual Super Bowl champion Colts when they were 9-0 and throwing five touchdown passes against Tampa Bay on Thanksgiving. But they have to be wary of the player who finished 1-4, capped by botching the hold on a short go-ahead field goal attempt, knocking Dallas out of the playoffs in the first

round.

Romo's flub, and his teary locker room apology, was a dramatic end to a breakout season that at times seemed too good to be true. He got to enjoy some of the spoils of success over the summer — the Pro Bowl in Hawaii, judging the Miss Universe pageant, dating country singer Carrie Underwood — but is now serious about getting back to work.

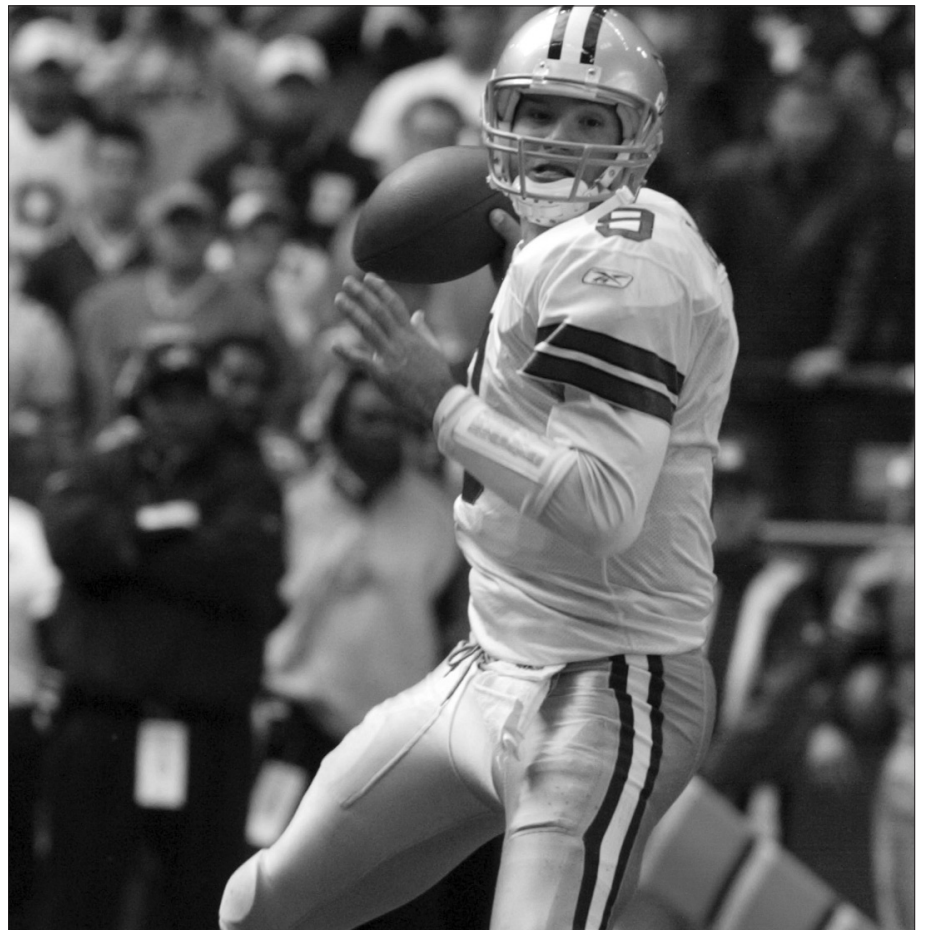
After all, he's the starter. This is his team.

So when he hears his boss, Jones, say the onus is on him to play well if the Cowboys are going to reach their goals, Romo agrees. He knows quarterbacks will always face that pressure.

"Guys are going to look to you," said Romo, who hasn't gone into a season in this role since 2002, when he was a senior at Eastern Illinois. "No matter what you've done, you've got to go out and perform. You've got to win ballgames. You're playing for a Super Bowl. If you're not, there is no reason to play the game."

When Romo wasn't in the spotlight this offseason, he was at team headquarters working with

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

**Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo scrambles during game action against the Detroit Lions Dec. 31, 2006. Romo will play his first full season as the Cowboys starter at quarterback.**

# Obituaries

## Hazel Phillips

Hazel Acuff Phillips, 94, a former Big Spring resident, died Thursday, July 26, 2007 at Avalon Place in Odessa. Services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, July 30, 2007 at Kingston Avenue Baptist Church in Odessa with the Rev. John Taylor officiating. Interment will follow at Mount Olive Cemetery in Big Spring.

She was born July 2, 1913 in Noodle and married Eugene Acuff in 1934 in Big Spring. He preceded her in death in 1961. She then married Ted Phillips in 1971. He preceded her in death in 1991.

She was a retired piano teacher and a member of Kingston Avenue Baptist Church.

She is survived by her son, Joe Acuff and wife JoAnn of Odessa; step-sons Doyle Phillips of California, Nathan Phillips of Austin, David Phillips of San Francisco, Calif., Wesley Phillips of Dallas and Tom Phillips of Midland; step-daughters Debbie Burgin of Arlington, Lila McAdams of Georgetown and Loraine Brown of Hobbs, N.M.; and two grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Kingston Avenue Baptist Church or The Gideons International.

Services under the direction of Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home, 601 N. Alleghaney, Odessa 79761-4495.

# Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 14-29-30-31-37.

Number matching five of five: 0.  
Next Cash 5 drawing: Friday night.

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Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 7-8-10-26. Bonus Ball: 9.

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.  
Estimated jackpot for Monday night drawing: \$225,000.

# Weather

Tonight...Mostly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after midnight. Lows in the upper 60s. Southeast winds around 10 mph becoming light and variable.

Saturday...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s. East winds around 10 mph.

Saturday night...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s. East winds around 10 mph becoming light and variable.

Sunday...Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s. East winds 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday night...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s.

Monday...Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s.

Monday night...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows around 70.

Tuesday...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s.

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

Wednesday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s.

Wednesday night...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows around 70.

Thursday...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s.

# Take Note

• **HOWARD COLLEGE AND SOUTHWEST COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE FOR THE DEAF** will be honoring Ron Brasel, provost at SWCID for the past 21 years, with a retirement party from noon to 1 p.m., Monday, Aug. 6 in the SWCID Auditorium. Refreshments will be served and a "retirement rocking chair" will be available for all in attendance to sign messages to Ron. Everyone is invited.

• **A FUND HAS BEEN CREATED** to help Garland and Malynda Helmstetler raise the \$25,000 needed for medical treatment that the family's insurance will not cover. Malynda, director of Mobile Meals, has been diagnosed with breast cancer that cannot be treated by radiation and chemotherapy. Doctors have told the family she should begin treatment on Aug. 1 so that the cancer does not spread to other organs. Donations may be made payable to Malynda's Cancer Fund at the Federal Employees Credit Union located on FM 700.

• **SNO CONES FOR SALE**, a fund-raiser for Cornerstone Church, is set from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday at the west doors of Wal-Mart. For more information, call the church at 263-3072.

• **A FUND HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AT COSDEN CREDIT UNION** to help pay medical expenses for Raul Robles. Any assistance would be appreciated. The account is No. 761882.

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# Police blotter

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

- **FRANCISCO V. ROSAS**, 49, of Mexico, was arrested Thursday and held for INS.
- **ANGELA MCGEE**, 24, transient, was arrested Thursday on charges of tampering with physical evidence, evading arrest and possession of a controlled substance.
- **TERRY LYNN HARGERS**, 38, of 2607 Fairchild, was arrested Thursday on two local warrants and charges of tampering with physical evidence and possession of a controlled substance.
- **KIMBERLY KILLCREASE**, 26, of 1322 Harding, was arrested Thursday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **PRISCILLA LOPEZ**, 31, of 2509 Hunter, was arrested Thursday on a local warrant.
- **NANCY CAROLYN FIELDS**, 60, of 1402 Wood, was arrested Thursday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **RENE ANGEL VALDEZ JR.**, 45, of 800 Angela, was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **JIMMY F. MASSINGILL JR.**, 40, of 3617 Hamilton, was arrested Friday on a charge of assault Class C/family violence.
- **POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE** was reported in the 300 block of E. Ninth Street.
- **POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA** was reported in the 300 block of E. Ninth Street.
- **TAMPERING/FABRICATING PHYSICAL EVIDENCE** was reported in the 300 block of E. Ninth Street.
- **ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY** was reported in the 1500 block of Wood.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported:
  - in the 700 block of Interstate Highway 20.
  - in the 1400 block of Tucson.
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported in the 1200 block of Gregg.
- **DRIVING WHILE LICENSE INVALID** was reported in the 900 block of Goliad.
- **EVADING ARREST** was reported in the 300 block of E. Ninth Street.
- **POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE** was reported in the 300 block of E. Ninth Street.

# Sheriff's report

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 42 inmates at the time of this report.
- **JUAN EMILIO BARERRA**, 50, was arrested by the HCSO Thursday on a charge of theft.
- **JEREMIAH COKER**, 31, was arrested by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while license invalid and no safety belt.
- **EDWIN WARE**, 74, was arrested by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated and an open alcohol container.

# Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 400 block of Birdwell. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2600 block of Chanute. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 200 block of College. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2500 block of Gatesville. One person was transported to SMMC.

# Take Note

• **ST. MARY'S AND FRIENDS OF ST. MARY'S ARE HOLDING A LAP BLANKET DRIVE** to place approximately 400 lap blankets in the hands of every nursing home patient in Big Spring. Blankets can be taken to the church office, 1001 Goliad, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Friday or call Connie Fowler at 267-2713.  
A beginning crochet class is being held at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the church's Parish Hall.

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

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**Randy Cotton**  
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# 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.

**SATURDAY**  
• Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

**MONDAY**  
• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.  
• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets in the First Christian Church of Big Spring, 911 Goliad. A different program is offered every week. Enter through the south side door off 10th Street. Call 213-1342 for more information. Weigh-in starts at 5 p.m.; meetings begin at 5:30 p.m.  
• Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

**TUESDAY**  
• Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

**WEDNESDAY**  
• Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.  
• Senior Circle meets at 10:30 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.  
• Downtown Lions Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.  
• Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.

# Support Groups

**FRIDAY**  
• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

**SATURDAY**  
• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

**SUNDAY**  
• Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.

**MONDAY**  
• Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) TX. 21, weight loss support group meets at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third St. at 5 p.m. TOPS provides members with information, motivation and fellowship in attaining and maintaining their physician-prescribed weight goals. For more information, call Alex at 264-6921 or 1-800 392-8677.

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

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

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Lee followed with his 21st home run of the year. Ensberg hit Wells' next pitch into the left-field Crawford Boxes for his eighth home run of the year and a 3-1 lead.

Berkman's ground-rule double in the second inning was grabbed by a fan, but still scored Biggio. After an intentional walk to Lee loaded the bases, Wells walked Ensberg to drive in another run. Jason Lane's sacrifice fly to left made it 6-1.

Biggio's seventh homer of the year gave Houston a 7-1 lead in the third.

Clay Hensley, called up

Wednesday from Triple-A Portland, pitched three scoreless innings of relief for San Diego. Lefty Joe Thatcher, a key component of the trade that sent reliever Scott Linebrink from San Diego to Milwaukee on Wednesday, made his major league debut and pitched a perfect inning.

Notes: Biggio went 2-for-5 to increase his hits total to 3,019, one behind Rafael Palmeiro for 23rd place on the all-time list. ... Biggio scored twice Thursday. The Astros are 13-2 when he scores at least twice in a game this season. ... Lee and Ensberg's homers were the second back-to-back home runs for the Astros this year.

**BRIEFS**

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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. Thursday at Alan and Della Partee's house at 1600 Kiowa.

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

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

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

**Steers season ticket sales have begun**

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

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

Call Kay Cook at 264-3662 with any questions.

**Magers-Powell camp scheduled**

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

The camp is scheduled for Monday through Wednesday with sessions for middle school players from 9 a.m. to noon.

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

The fee will be \$125 per player.

Players can register online and get additional information on the camp at [www.gotrosevolleyballcamps.com](http://www.gotrosevolleyballcamps.com).

**LULAC golf tourney for scholarship set**

The League of United Latin American Citizens will host their First Annual LULAC Scholarship Golf Tournament at Big Spring Country Club Aug. 11.

The event will benefit a scholarship fundraiser for local high school or junior college graduates seeking an undergraduate or graduate degree at a major university within the state.

The format is an 18-hole 4-man scramble beginning at 9:30 a.m. Entry fee is \$75 per player and includes green fees, cart, range balls, lunch and refreshments throughout the day.

Registration is due by Aug. 10 with enrollment limited to the first 72 paid entrants.

For entry and sponsor information, contact Anthony Mendoza at 264-0026 or e-mail him at [anthonymendoza03@yahoo.com](mailto:anthonymendoza03@yahoo.com).

**Country club hosting over 80 golf tourney**

The Big Spring Country Club is hosting an over 80 scramble tournament starting at 1 p.m. Aug. 18. The tournament will conclude Aug. 19.

Entry fee is \$60 per player plus a optional golf cart fee. Private carts are welcome. Entry includes a barbecue lunch on the course both days.

The field will be flighted by first round score.

Call the pro shop at 267-5354 for more information or to enter a team.

**WILLIAMS**

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it to the next level."

Though outside pressure on Williams may have waned a bit, the pressure from Kubiak and the rest of the coaching staff remains intense.

"He's gotta be a difference maker for our football team to move forward, and I think he

knows that," Kubiak said. "We settled him down, played him in one spot. He has become more of a pro on the field."

While Williams is confident he'll improve in his second season, he refused to make any predictions on how many sacks or tackles he'll end up with.

"I just want to win," he said. "That's the No. 1 thing. Everything else doesn't matter. We've just got to win games. That's

what we expect to do and that's what we're trying to do."

The Texans got help for Williams in the draft by choosing defensive tackle Amobi Okoye with the 10th pick. He might not get to start working with Williams and the group right away as he still hadn't agreed to a contract with the team on Thursday afternoon.

Okoye's agents and the Texans continued the

negotiations.

"I know we feel good about getting it done," Kubiak said. "He is the only one we have left, and they feel very good about it."

Williams, who signed his contract the night before the draft, hopes Okoye doesn't miss any time because of a holdout.

"I would want to be there if I were him," Williams said.

**ROMO**

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coach Wade Phillips, coordinator Jason Garrett and quarterbacks coach Wade Wilson, all new hires. They worked on specific routes, footwork and, most of all, consistency.

"You work hard so you can improve," he said. "I feel like I have, but we'll see when the time comes."

Another time that's coming is contract negotiations.

Romo is in the final year of a deal signed last summer. He receives a \$1 million salary on top of a \$2 million signing bonus, making him one of the cheapest starters in the league. By comparison, Houston gave highly touted but unproven Matt Schaub a \$48 million, six-year deal.

The question facing Romo and the Cowboys is

whether to sign now or let him play out this season to better gauge how much he's worth.

Will Romo risk sacrificing the security of money in the bank now in hopes of a lot more later? Then again, how much security would the team give a quarterback with only 11 career starts?

The two sides have started to exchange numbers and ideas. The Cowboys are willing to do some creative structuring, but they also know they have the luxury of time. At worst, they could always keep him by using their franchise designation, although it's something club officials proudly say they've never used.

"If the conditions were right, then I could be real happy before the season starts," Jones said. "If it's the other way, I can make that work. ... You know, we pay guys that play. We really pay them when they play good enough to win Super Bowls."

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**Legals**

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**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

**BY HOLIDAY MATHIS** Lady Love Venus moves retrograde in Virgo today, and before she's done, she'll back up into Leo.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

Tempted to put your relationship under a microscope? Cultivate it in a Petri dish? Solve it like an algebraic equation?

For the next six weeks love is a cool calculation, one best suited for sitting atop a mountain, pondering her many questions.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Now you're thinkin'. An entrepreneurial spirit takes hold. New, exciting ways to earn money enter your awareness. You do your best business with repeat customers.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Your communication style is bold and free. This has its benefits. However, be mindful. You don't want to be wondering forever more — (SET ITAL) should I really have said that (END ITAL)?

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Would you crumble without your defenses? Maybe not. It's more likely that you're holding on to a certain coping mechanism out of habit. Let go and you'll become invulnerable.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You'll be called on to entertain. If you can't dazzle 'em with brilliance, baffle 'em with whatever comes off the top of your head. You're captivating either way.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Hold your head up high so you can see over any obstacles that are currently standing between you and your perfect day. You don't have to conquer anything in order to be happy — just walk around.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Flirtation spices up your day. You could meet someone sassy, or indulge in harmless games with an attractive co-worker. Keep it light. At least pretend that this is purely for fun.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Before you commit yourself to any decision, you like to figure out the exact cost. It's not the dollar amount that matters, but the amount of life you must exchange for the thing in question.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). If there isn't any urgency to get your needs met, there should be. You're important, too, you know. Capricorn and Aries friends will help you stay strong.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Just when you think you can't possibly do more, you do more. This only proves that it's not a good time to guess how far you'll go or what you'll accomplish. It is, however, a good time to keep working.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-

Jan. 19). You're already meeting a loved one in the middle. Further compromise could make you feel resentful. Explain your position. Chances are, the other person doesn't realize what he or she is asking of you.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Others need reassurance of your love. You have a way of making your significant ones feel even more significant — and you don't even have to spend money to do this.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You like to think of the rules as mere guidelines. Everything is negotiable. When someone else you know takes the same liberty with your rules, you may start to feel a little differently.

**WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST:**

**ARIES:** Make someone's day by inviting him or her to a social event where you two cross-pollinate friends like bees.

**TAURUS:** Recognize the underappreciated moments of love, like a gentle companion to fold laundry with.

**GEMINI:** A change of scenery rights your couple sensibility — and your sensitivity over a tiny irritant.

**CANCER:** You experience the joy of love's complexity by being irrevocably bound to the one who shares your body, mind and soul.

**LEO:** You're so fascinated by someone, you write him or her into a larger piece of your life script.

**VIRGO:** Make yourself the center of your own universe. Before you can love another, immerse yourself in loving you.

**LIBRA:** It's a festive weekend for celebrating with the sophisticates and jet-setters in your group.

**SCORPIO:** Family and relationship loyalties pull you in two directions until you surrender to your heart's truth.

**SAGITTARIUS:** It's the wildly silly side of love that keeps you entertained and interested.

**CAPRICORN:** Don't do it yourself this time — your partner has a new spin on an old trick, and you're impressed.

**AQUARIUS:** You sparkle under the bright light of an admirer. You've caught the love buzz.

**PISCES:** Mixed signals are a sign that someone's not available.

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## Lancaster makes case for 4-day school week

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas education commissioner said Lancaster's proposed four-day school week would have broad policy implications because of its impact on the state's school funding formula.

Proponents and critics of the Lancaster school district's proposal made their cases Thursday to acting Commissioner Robert Scott. Scott has the final say on whether to grant the 6,000-student district a waiver that would allow it to deviate from the required 180-day school calendar.

The Lancaster school board voted 5-1 last week to allow Superintendent Larry Lewis to seek a waiver. Lewis says the shorter week would boost academics by allowing longer uninterrupted stretches of class time and save money as the district deals with a funding deficit.

After the meeting, which was closed to the news media, Scott said he hoped to have an answer next week for the district, which is located just south of Dallas.

He noted that the proposed schedule would require tailoring a funding formula just for the district. Otherwise, a four-day week would translate into a roughly 20 percent cut in funding because schools are funded based on the number of days their students attend school.

"I don't know that we're equipped to do that right now," Scott said. "That's a big question for us — is this possible given our current capacity? ... This decision has policy implications for the entire state."

Scott also raised questions about the how the rights of special education students would be affected and how the district had made decisions about its proposed Friday daycare program.

Lewis said he was pleased with the meeting.

"I think they saw the benefits for kids, that it wasn't just about cost savings and that there are some strong instructional reasons for doing this," he said.

Lancaster school board member Carolyn Morris spoke against the proposal, saying it was ill-conceived and formulated with little participation from parents and taxpayers. Some parents have protested the idea over concerns about the cost of child care on Fridays and unsupervised students getting into trouble.

"I was pleased the commissioner wanted to hear both sides," she said.

Scott said he expressed concern about switching the schedule with the fall semester not far away.

"I told them that I had to look at it that way," he said. "I asked them if they would consider doing a pilot before implementing it across the district. They said they had thought about it but ruled it out."

## NASA

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surgeons and other astronauts warned they were so drunk they posed a safety risk.

The independent panel also found "heavy use of alcohol" before launch, the magazine reported, although that drinking was within the standard 12-hour "bottle-to-throttle" rule.

A NASA official confirmed the report contains such details, but said they were from anonymous interviews and not substantiated. The official asked that his name not be used because NASA will discuss the health report on Friday.

The Aviation Week story did not say how long ago the alleged incidents took place, nor did it say whether it involved pilots or other crew members.

At a news conference to discuss the upcoming space shuttle launch set for Aug. 7, NASA's space operations chief was asked repeatedly about the drunken astronaut report.

The manager, Bill Gerstenmaier, would only say that he had never seen an intoxicated astronaut before flight or been involved in any disciplinary action related to that.

But Gerstenmaier had more news. He revealed that an employee for a NASA subcontractor had cut the wires in a computer that was about to be loaded into the shuttle Endeavour for launch.

The subcontractor, which he wouldn't name, contacted NASA 1 1/2 weeks ago, as soon as it learned that another computer had been damaged deliberately, Gerstenmaier said. Had the contractor not discovered the problem, NASA would have uncovered it by testing the computer before launch, Gerstenmaier said. Safety was not an issue, he added.

He refused to speculate on the worker's motive. He also wouldn't say where the sabotage occurred. He said it did not happen in Florida and had nothing to do with an ongoing strike at the Kennedy Space Center by a machinists' union.

NASA hopes to fix the computer in time for launch next month. It's intended to be installed inside the space station to collect data from strain gauges on a major outside beam.

Former shuttle commander Eileen Collins was as stunned as anyone to learn of the astronaut alcohol claims in the upcoming health report.

"I'm anxious to hear more details because this is very out of character from anything I have ever experienced," she said.

Collins worries this will hurt the image of the astronauts, at least in the short term. "I hope people can really look at the good things astronauts do," she said.

Astronaut Jeffrey Williams, who spent six months on the space station last year, said he's never seen or heard of

anything like this. As for the effect this may have on astronaut morale, especially so close to a shuttle flight, he said, "We're trained to deal with things so we deal with them without much emotion."

Himmel, who retired in 1981 as associate director for what is now Glenn Research Center in Cleveland, wasn't surprised to learn the information was anonymous.

"Let's face it. Astronauts are a bunch of brothers and sisters, OK, and they'll cover each other's backsides because they're part of the team," he said. "And who knows what the role of the particular ones was to be. If he was just to sit in the middle seat somewhere and just be a passenger, you kind of say, 'Well, gee, I hope he doesn't vomit on the way up.'"

The independent panel reviewing astronaut health and NASA's psychological screening process was created following the arrest in February of former space shuttle flier Lisa Nowak. None of the panel members returned phone calls or e-mails from The Associated Press.

Nowak is accused of attacking the girlfriend of a fellow astronaut — her romantic rival — with pepper spray in a parking lot at Orlando International Airport. Fired by NASA in March, she has pleaded not guilty to charges of attempted kidnapping, battery and

burglary with assault.

The scandal was followed by a freak hailstorm that tore into a space shuttle on the launch pad that set back the year's flight schedule. Then there was a shooting at Johnson Space Center in Houston by an employee who ultimately killed himself.

Himmel questions whether any screening or rules could weed out astronauts like Nowak. "I have personal friends who are psychiatrists and they say, 'Look, we don't know what the hell goes on and you can't really evaluate somebody overnight,'" he said.

As for astronauts who might overindulge before flight, if they're former fighter or test pilots, "it's a pretty hard-living bunch and it's a very emotionally intense thing," Himmel said. He said an old NASA colleague who worked closely with test pilots once told him, "Some of these guys are damn near on a razor's edge when they fly and in their home lives."

"The thing is that no matter how hard anybody tries, or no matter what system you devise to preclude something, there's always somebody who will find a way to louse it up," Himmel said. "There's no perfect system."

Associated Press reporter Rasha Madkour in Miami contributed to this report.

## PROVIDER

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don't know."

While Suddenlink customers may have struggled with their Internet service, officials with the Howard County Library — one of the city's providers of public access to the Web — reported no

problems.

"We have our service through a different Internet Service Provider (ISP)," said Hollis McCright, "and we haven't had any problems with our service or speeds today."

Big Spring Independent School District officials reported the same situation.

"The school district hasn't been impacted," said Corey Wood, technology director for BSISD. "However, we don't utilize services from Suddenlink."

The Herald was unable to receive e-mail this morning and access to the Internet was intermittent.

Calls to Suddenlink's corporate office were not

returned before press time.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

## DRUGS

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attempted to destroy what officers observed to be crack cocaine."

Everett said Harger, McGee, Killcrease and three other suspects were detained, along with the male subject who attempted to outrun officers.

"The other three suspects were later released," said Everett. "Based on the events that had occurred, officers obtained a search warrant for the residence and following its execution Hargers and McGee were charged with possession of a controlled substance and tampering with evidence. Cocaine was found inside the house, as well as outside where McGee fled from officers."

Everett said all three suspects were being held

in the city jail awaiting arraignment at press time.

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## OUR VIEWS

## We salute:

*Each week, the Herald salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.*

*We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play*

*This week we salute:*

- The Phlock Phlying Club — we're overlooking the name — a newly formed flying club organized by local pilots. In our opinion, anything that enhances our community is a good thing, and this club — open to both experienced pilots and students — fills that bill real well. Congratulations, folks!

- Big Spring native and internationally acclaimed clarinetist Rebecca Chappell, who performed in the Sweetwater Municipal Auditorium as part of tour. It's great to see native talent returning to the area to perform.

- The Coahoma Rural Community College Initiative group, which has decided to pull together property owners and volunteers to paint and repair buildings in the downtown area Aug. 4. Keep up the good work!

- The Forsan High School Band, which was named the Texas Music Educators Association Class 1A Honor Band for 2007. That's paramount in our mind to winning an athletic championship or any other extracurricular state title. Putting it simply, the band is the best in the state. Hats off to all the students, director Jim Rhodes and assistant director Misty Hoelscher. We are proud of you and proud to have such a stellar program in the Howard County community.

- The Niklasch family, who served our community in so many ways during their years here, as business partners and through their involvement in the Howard County A&M Club, Chamber of Commerce, Moore Development for Big Spring and other endeavors. We wish you the best in Florida.

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

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

*You are a timeless love that never ends, Lord.*

*Amen*

## Lament for the middle class

The United States and many European countries have usually looked upon the middle class as their great strength. It has long been seen as their national bulwark of stability, citizenship, and progress. Poor lands, too, often measure economic progress by the swelling of their middle class.

But sometimes that segment doesn't grow. Louisiana's took a baleful hit from Katrina, as to a lesser degree, did Mississippi's. Poverty in that region is on the march.

Conversely, in parts of New York, New England, California, D.C. and the Mountain States, it's the reverse. Wealth is on the march.

Such rising per capita income sounds dandy on its face, but usually that favored capita is not you or me. In most places, the bulk of that growing wealth sticks to only a few favored hands. This distorts the economy as real estate prices zoom and upscale stores replace the ones in which we used to shop. Wal-Mart serves the rest of us, paying sub-survival wages.

Sure, some local businesses and workers are adept at harvesting profit from this spreading wealth, but most locals suffer. Young people often find it hard to get started

in such a setting, and a distressing number move to cheaper sections of the country. So do businesses that are not anchored to any one spot. This leaves room for immigrants who come to serve the rich and who soon fill our schools and clinics.

Industrial and farm states simply watch their young people drain away. Technology and foreign competition drive their jobs elsewhere, leading Eastern and Coastal young folk to drift to the South and West. The jobs there may not be great, but living is a lot cheaper.

One trouble is that those places harbor fewer unions, so migration means that the middle class has found its mobility shifting from upward to downward. Life often becomes a matter of just hanging on, one gall bladder operation away from real poverty. The common two-income family soon morphs into the three- and four-income family, with none of those incomes being anywhere near enough to live on.

IRS data show that average income actually fell last year for everyone below the top 10 percent of U.S. families. For those lucky devils at the top, profits soared. Many of them have smilingly settled on one coast or the other, with summer ranches in the Rockies. Such riches may not drive out families who are already established, but lots of their kids

decamp.

Unfortunately, in this affluence-building process important middle class values and influence have been lost. Wealth now carries the day politically, leading the federal government to adopt policies damaging to the rest of the nation. The oil industry, for example, supports the war in Iraq, while the insurance industry opposes universal health care. In other countries, classic middle class values would supersede such special interests.

Not here. Our middle class now faces its own survival problems and often has trouble seeing outside its narrow trench. It even accepts what the president hints, namely that scapegoats are the source of our economic woes, and that almost any old Muslim is appropriate for punishment.

Meanwhile, clever corporate ads tell us that government would only screw up health care, knowing that, aside from Medicare, we generally don't trust government.

So between the rich, who sort of like corporate rule, and the poor, who don't have the luxury of worrying about it, our shrinking middle class has had its traditional solid keel of stability gnawed away. The winds of wealth now drive the ship of state.

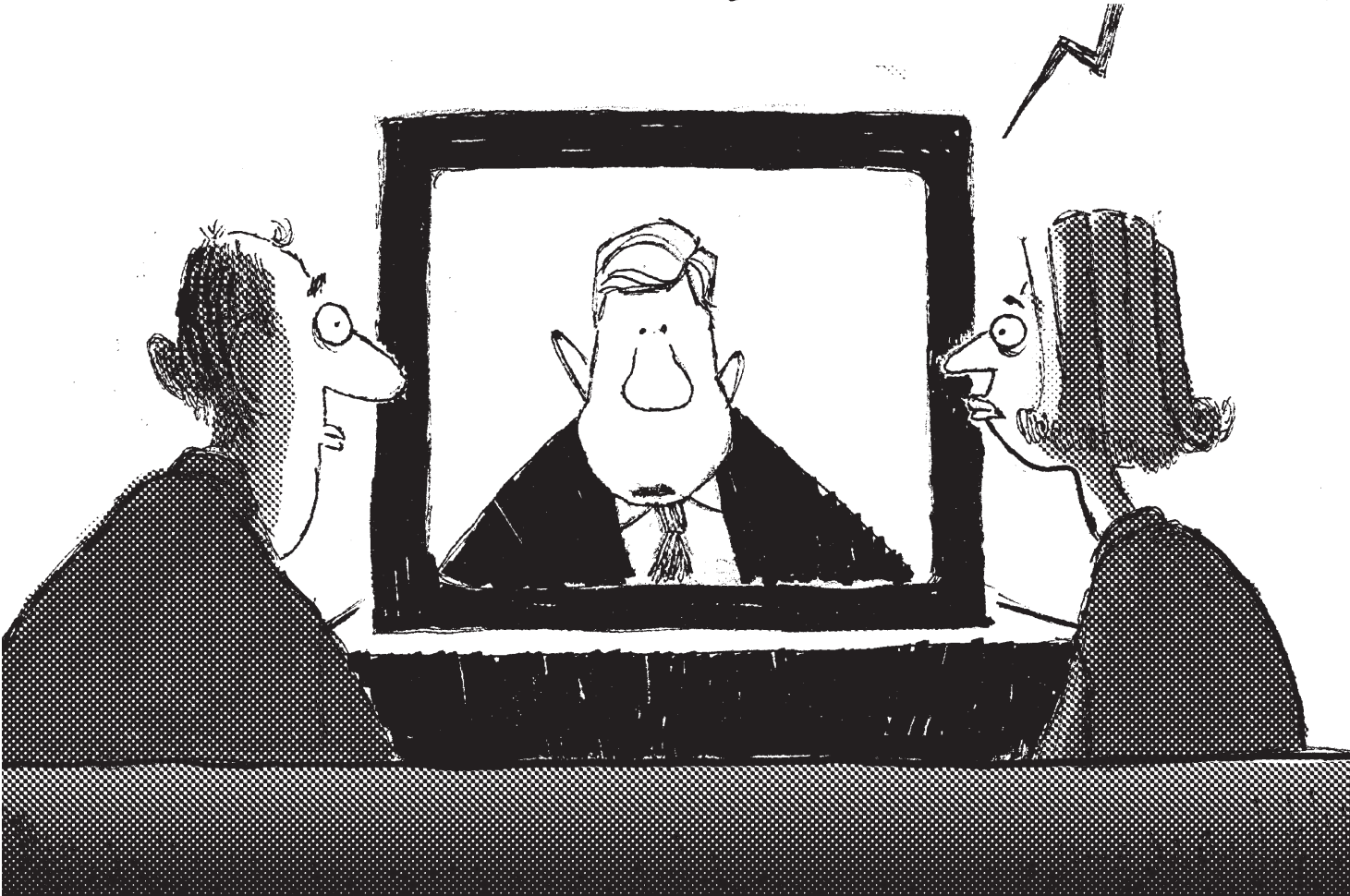
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## Rx for failure: Pay more to teach less

With Democrats in control of Congress now, expect them to try to water down No Child

Left Behind, as Washington works on a bill to reauthorize the landmark Bush education reform enacted in 2002. That is, expect

Democrats to try to squeeze as much money as possible from federal taxpayers — they rarely complain about spending — while watering down accountability requirements so that schools don't have to do a better job teaching children. And they'll do it by undermining the testing system so that illiterate students can be labeled as success stories.

Or, as Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings said during a phone interview last Friday, "All the people who have railed against too much testing now are for multiple measures" — which entail more tests, but tests that can hide what children are not learning. "The more complicated" the tests they propose, "frankly, the more obfuscation" results, Spellings noted.

As Education Week reported in May, Rep. Tim Walz, D-Minn., a

new member and former teacher, wants to add portfolio assessments of student work — that can include essays, drawings and reports — to measure whether students are reading and doing math at grade level. National Education Association President Reg Weaver has proposed the same.

Which shows, as Spellings pointed out, that they can support more testing — if it is amorphous testing that can pave over gaps in a child's knowledge. The argument for portfolios, Spellings noted, is, "We're over-testing (students), so let's have more tests." You've heard the arguments against standardized tests. They are "one size fits all." They do not measure the scope of a child's understanding. They are boring. They represent drill and kill. They are unfair to non-English speakers.

But, as Spellings noted, "The reason we have assessments is to find out how many poor and minority children read at grade level." If schools had not made a practice of graduating students who do not read or compute at grade level, these tests would not be necessary. But in that so many students have fallen behind — while their grades have not — standardized tests have become an essential tool in the public's quest to find out which schools are failing students, then fixing those

schools.

Standardized tests also can help determine which teaching methodologies and textbooks work best with different student groups.

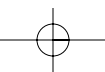
Where critics see "one size fits all," others see tests that can find gaps in student knowledge — so that teachers can fix them. In June, a report by the nonpartisan Center on Education Policy found that significant improvement among elementary school math students in 37 of 41 states, as well as improvement in middle school reading in 20 out of 39 states, and in high school reading in 16 out of 37 states, according to The Washington Post.

After years of dumbed-down education, these modest gains are cause for celebration.

Rep. Carol Shea-Porter, D-N.H., according to Education Week, once called No Child Left Behind an attempt by right-wing Republicans to "undermine our confidence in our public schools." In fact, the bill, while imperfect, was designed to increase confidence in public schools, not by pretending failing schools work well, but by making failing schools better.

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**News briefs**

**Stocks plunge on lending worries, Dow industrials plunge more than 310 points**

NEW YORK (AP) — Wall Street suffered one of its worst losses of 2007 Thursday, leading a global stock market plunge as investors succumbed to months of worry about the mortgage and corporate lending markets. The Dow Jones industrials closed down more than 310 points after earlier skidding nearly 450.

Investors who had been able for months to largely shrug off discomfort about subprime mortgage problems and a more difficult environment for corporate borrowing finally decided it was time to sell after the Commerce Department issued another disappointing home sales report.

Feeding the plunge were concerns that higher corporate borrowing costs will curb the rapid pace of takeovers that had driven stocks higher this year. Investors also feared the sluggish environment for home sales and continued defaults in subprime loans would spur debt defaults and weigh on corporate earnings.

While stocks plummeted, investors poured money into the safe haven of the bond market. The soaring price of Treasuries pulled yields lower, and the rate on the 10-year note plunged to 4.79 percent from late Wednesday's 4.90 percent.

"Worries that have been out there for the past couple of years are coming to a head right now," said investment strategist Edward Yardeni, president of Yardeni Research Inc.

"It's show time."

**FBI director contradicts Gonzales' testimony; Democrats ask prosecutor, subpoena Rove**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The head of the FBI contradicted Attorney General Alberto Gonzales' sworn testimony and Senate Democrats requested a perjury investigation Thursday in a fresh barrage against President Bush's embattled longtime friend and aide.

In a third blow to the Bush administration, the Senate Judiciary Committee issued subpoenas to com-

pel the testimony of Karl Rove, Bush's chief political adviser, in connection with its investigation.

"It has become apparent that the attorney general has provided at a minimum half-truths and misleading statements," four Democrats on the Senate Judiciary Committee wrote in a letter to Solicitor General Paul Clement calling for a special counsel to investigate.

"I'm convinced that he's not telling the truth," added Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev.

The developments marked a troubling turn for Gonzales as well as the administration, which has been on the political defensive since congressional Democrats launched an investigation seven months ago into the firings of U.S. attorneys.

**Judge strikes down Hazleton's tough new anti-illegal immigration law**

HAZLETON, Pa. (AP) — A federal judge on Thursday struck down Hazleton's tough anti-illegal immigration law, ruling unconstitutional a measure that has been copied around the country.

The city's Illegal Immigration Relief Act sought to impose fines on landlords who rent to illegal immigrants and deny business permits to companies that give them jobs. Another measure would have required tenants to register with City Hall and pay for a rental permit.

U.S. District Judge James Munley voided the law Thursday based on testimony from a nine-day trial held in March.

Hazleton Mayor Lou Barletta called the decision bizarre and said he intends to appeal.

"This was a case where a federal judge protected the rights of anonymous illegal aliens," he told The Associated Press in a phone interview. "This fight's far from over."

**Bursting cans of tainted food give new urgency to warnings about botulism**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Cans of recalled food are bursting, swollen with the bacteria that causes botu-

lism.

The bursting cans were among those being held by Castleberry's Food Co., which announced last week a massive recall that now includes more than 90 potentially contaminated products, including chili sauces and dog foods.

News about the bursting cans gives new urgency to warnings from federal health officials to get rid of the recalled cans from pantries and store shelves.

Four people have been sickened and hospitalized by the contaminated food, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The recall covers potentially tens of millions of cans of food; officials fear the tally will grow.

Food and Drug Administration investigators believe the company failed to properly cook some or all the products, allowing the Clostridium botulinum bacteria to survive the canning process.

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**Democrats defeat subsidy cuts, work side deals to smooth new farm bill's path through House**

By **JULIE DAVIS**

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — A multibillion-dollar farm bill laden with subsidies for major U.S. crops survived a key test Thursday and Democrats reached for the votes to pass it after defeating a bid to begin weaning farmers from government payments.

The 309-117 vote to reject the bipartisan amendment by Reps. Ron Kind, D-Wis., and Jeff Flake, R-Arizona, was an important victory for Democratic leaders, who cut several eleventh-hour deals to corral enough support in their own ranks to push through the bill. A final vote was expected Friday.

Democratic leaders trumpeted the legislation as an important step toward modernizing farm programs, even though it would leave in place and in some cases increase subsidies to producers of major crops at a time of record-high prices in farm country. It contains more money for conservation, nutrition and specialty crop programs than past farm bills, but far less than many Democrats wanted.

"There is something in this bill for everybody to like," said Rep. Collin Peterson, D-Minn., chairman of the House Agriculture Committee. "There's probably something in this bill for everybody not to like, but it's a step in the right direction."

Republicans yanked their support for the measure, which faces a White House veto threat, over a tax increase included to finance nutrition programs.

"It's a sad day for American agriculture when the Democratic leadership pits America's farmers and ranchers against America's working class," said Rep. Bob Goodlatte of Virginia, the top Agriculture Committee Republican. He called the measure "a farm bill that has been twisted into a partisan pawn."

Those defections jeopardized legislation that was already sparking

Democratic divisions.

Still, Democratic leaders found last-minute sweeteners to appease waverers in their ranks, especially those from urban and suburban districts, including more international food aid money and funds to settle racial discrimination claims.

They won over Rep. Jim McGovern, D-Mass., with a promise to shore up funding for domestic nutrition programs and add \$840 million for an international food aid initiative. Money to settle USDA racial discrimination claims from the 1990s was offered up to cement support among members of the Congressional Black Caucus.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., "had to knock some heads together" to scrounge up enough Democratic support, Peterson said.

Pelosi already was walk-

ing a fine line on the measure, struggling to balance her desire to protect farm-state freshmen Democrats who had a strong stake in traditional farm programs with her party's promises to include substantial reforms.

In threatening a veto this week, the White House said the legislation doesn't cut farm subsidies enough. Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns said the bill misses opportunity for reform.

The bill would ban subsidies to farmers whose income averages more than \$1 million a year and stop farmers from collecting payments for multiple farm businesses. Still, it includes about \$42 billion in assistance to farmers.

An administration proposal would go further, banning subsidies to farmers with incomes averaging \$200,000 and imposing stricter pay-

ment limits.

Despite leadership efforts to unite the majority, some Democrats were still opposed. Seventy-three of them joined 44 Republicans to back the unsuccessful proposal by Kind and Flake to scale back subsidies in favor of conservation, aid for specialty crops such as fruits and vegetables, and nutrition and rural development programs.

"Let's help farmers when they need it," Kind said. "Let's not when they don't."

Their measure would have barred payments to farmers earning an average of \$250,000 annually.

The current farm law expires Sept. 30. The Senate is due to begin its consideration of the legislation in September.

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**Contract Bridge**

By Steve Becker

**Test Your Play**

1. You are declarer with the West hand at Four Spades, North having opened the bidding with one diamond. North leads the king of clubs. How would you play the hand?

<b>West</b>	<b>East</b>
♠ K Q 9 8 5	♠ A J 10
♥ 7 4 3	♥ A K 10 6
♦ K 9 6 3	♦ 7 2
♣ 6	♣ A 9 5 2

2. You are declarer with the West hand at Three Notrump, and North leads the six of hearts. How would you play the hand?

<b>West</b>	<b>East</b>
♠ A K	♠ 9 8 6 4
♥ J 7 4	♥ K 5
♦ A K 9 7	♦ 6 4 2
♣ A Q 10 5	♣ J 9 4 3

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1. Win the club with the ace, ruff a club, lead a heart to the king and ruff another club. Now play a heart to the ace and ruff the nine of clubs. By this time, if everything has gone smoothly, you will have six tricks in the bank as well as the K-Q of trumps facing the A-J-10. You then lead your last heart toward dummy's 10-6.

Regardless of which opponent wins the trick or what he returns, you can't be stopped from overtaking the spade queen with the ace and ruffing dummy's last heart with the king to bring you to 10 tricks. Your tricks consist of the A-K of hearts and a heart ruff, the ace of clubs and three club ruffs, plus dummy's A-J-10 of trumps.

2. To give yourself the best chance for the contract, say a silent prayer and then bravely go up with dummy's king of hearts!

Playing the king instead of the five from this combination is certainly unusual. If your sole purpose was to ensure a heart trick, you could easily accomplish it by playing low from dummy. Sooner or later you'd score a heart trick regardless of where the ace or queen was located.

But here the problem is to make three notrump, and assuring a heart trick is not the primary consideration. And to make three notrump, you need to get to dummy to take a club finesse.

It's true that if the king loses to the ace, you'll be in terrible trouble, but even so, the fact remains that playing the five is a give-up play. South would presumably produce a medium-sized heart or the queen, and with no entry to dummy for a club finesse, you'd be virtually conceding defeat.

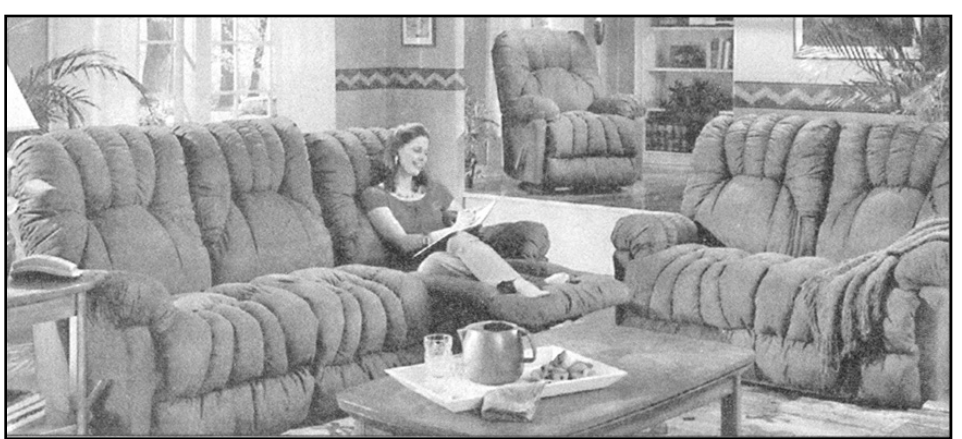
If the king holds, though, your chances of getting home safely rise considerably. All you have to do now is to finesse the nine of clubs successfully. If it wins, you then lead the jack and repeat the finesse. This sequence of plays in the club suit will enable you to pick up four club tricks even if South has the K-x-x-x(x) of clubs, while leading the jack first will yield only three tricks against the same holding.

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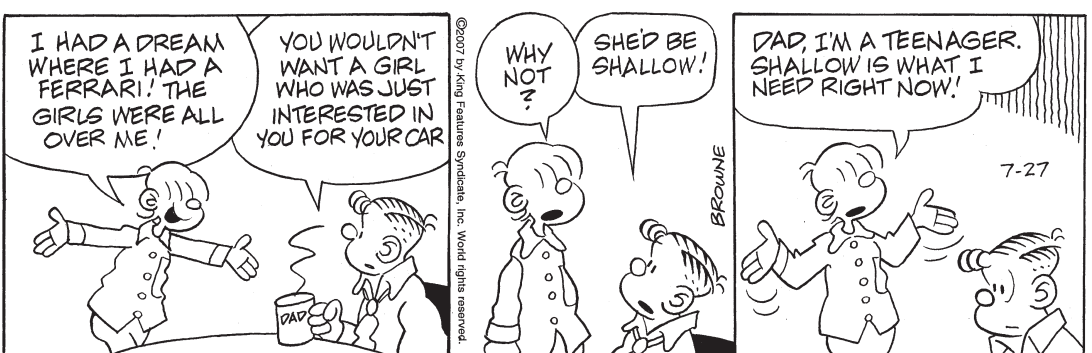
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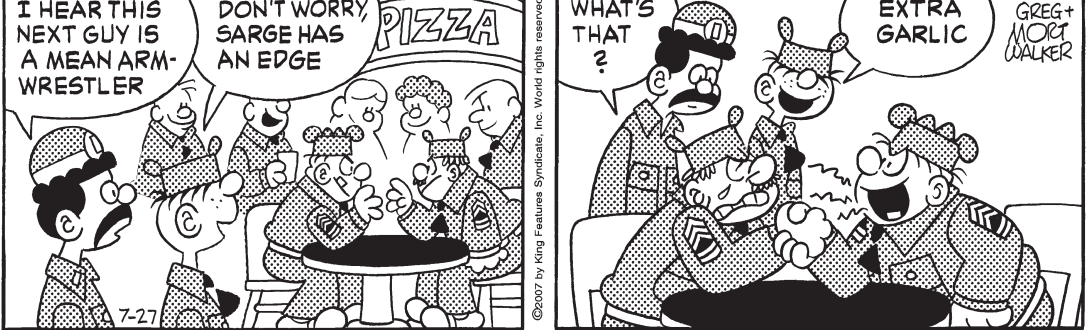
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Today is Friday, July 27, the 208th day of 2007. There are 157 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On July 27, 1789, President Washington signed a measure establishing the Department of Foreign Affairs, forerunner of the Department of State.

On this date:

In 1794, French revolutionary leader Maximilien Robespierre was overthrown and placed under arrest; he was executed the following day.

In 1857, 150 years ago, Puerto Rican statesman and humanitarian Jose Celso Barbosa was born in Bayamon.

In 1861, Union Gen. George B. McClellan took command of the Army of the Potomac.

In 1866, Cyrus W. Field finally succeeded, after two failures, in laying the first

underwater telegraph cable between North America and Europe.

In 1953, the Korean War armistice was signed at Panmunjom, ending three years of fighting.

In 1960, Vice President Richard Nixon was nominated for president at the Republican national convention in Chicago.

In 1967, in the wake of urban rioting, President Lyndon Johnson appointed the Kerner Commission to assess the causes of the violence, the same day black militant H. Rap Brown said in Washington that violence was "as American as cherry pie."

In 1974, the House Judiciary Committee voted 27-11 to recommend President Nixon's impeachment on a charge that he had personally engaged in a "course of conduct" designed to obstruct justice in the Watergate case.

In 1980, on day 267 of the Iranian hostage crisis, the deposed Shah of Iran died at a military hospital outside Cairo, Egypt, at age 60.

In 1996, terror struck the

Atlanta Olympics as a pipe bomb exploded at Centennial Olympic Park, killing one person and injuring 111. (Anti-government extremist Eric Rudolph later pleaded guilty to the bombing.)

Today's Birthdays: TV producer Norman Lear is 85. Rhythm-and-blues singer Harvey Fuqua is 78. Actor Jerry Van Dyke is 76. Sportscaster Irv Cross is 68. Actor John Pleshette is 65. Singer Bobbie Gentry is 63. Actress-director Betty Thomas is 59. Olympic gold medal figure skater Peggy Fleming is 59. Actor Maury Chaykin is 58.

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- ACROSS**
- 1 "Blank" expression
  - 6 Of John, Paul, etc.
  - 11 100 pounds of nails
  - 14 Slangy side dish
  - 15 Pal Joey playwright
  - 16 Significant span
  - 17 Peace offering
  - 19 Garfield girlfriend
  - 20 Eight furlongs
  - 21 Rice protagonist
  - 22 Atticus Finch creator
  - 23 Governor Spitzer predecessor
  - 25 Instruct
  - 27 Summer cooler
  - 30 Retiree concerns
  - 33 Presidential monogram
  - 36 October birthstone
  - 37 Type of writing
  - 39 Grad student's rituals
  - 41 Zenith
  - 43 Youngest Marx
  - 44 Numbers game
  - 46 Center of activity
  - 48 One in the viper family
  - 49 Plan part
  - 50 Vanity case
  - 53 Annoyances
  - 55 Defeats decisively
  - 59 Telephonic trio
  - 61 Non-nautical vessel
  - 64 "Runaround Sue" singer
  - 65 Top bond rating
  - 66 Waterford's locale
- DOWN**
- 1 Jazzy dance
  - 2 Sly's screen spouse
  - 3 Not vertical
  - 4 Let on
  - 5 Poetic preposition
  - 6 Examine, with "over"
  - 7 Sounds of surprise
  - 8 Tried to catch one's breath
  - 9 Gaming areas
  - 10 Chicago Hope Emmy winner
  - 11 Morning TV talk host
  - 12 Perry victory site
  - 13 1 Across kin
  - 18 Super Bowl spectator
  - 24 Place to purchase papers
  - 26 Caveman creation
  - 28 Take in
  - 29 Lanai farewell
  - 31 Web software, for short
  - 32 With 32 Down, type of Wall Street order
  - 33 See 32 Down
  - 34 Champagne specification
  - 35 Window-sill denizen
  - 38 From Brno
  - 40 Easy gait
  - 42 Something snapped
  - 45 Bouncy, to conductors
  - 47 I, for one
  - 51 Value greatly
  - 52 Second-largest US island
  - 54 Target game
  - 56 Botch up
  - 57 Completely opposite
  - 58 Hagar's hound
  - 59 Monopoly corner
  - 60 Xanadu owner
  - 62 Chestnut, for one
  - 63 Highlands miss
  - 67 JAMA readers

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# Birdwell Lane Baptist Church celebrates 65 years Sunday

On Tuesday night, Aug. 11, 1942, some 15 former members of the Mount Joy Missionary Baptist Church of Knott met for a church organization in Big Spring. The name of the church was the Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church. In November 1942, the Rev. W.W. Pettus was called for the church's pastor.

The congregation met in a rented building until February 1943 when they purchased their first building for \$521 which included \$125 for moving it to Bro. Pettus' lot. The church's first piano was bought for \$20.

In 1946, the church was moved onto two lots on Gail road that the church had purchased. By 1953, the church had outgrown the facilities and plans were made to construct a

larger one. In May 1954, services were held in the new sanctuary. By 1956, they had outgrown that site.

In 1957, property at 16th Street and Birdwell Lane was purchased and the church was moved to that location. The Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church was renamed Birdwell Lane Baptist Church.

Two building projects — a new, larger sanctuary in March 1964 and a new fellowship center in May 1992 — gave the church room for growth.

The church has had 11 pastors in the past 65 years, with the Rev. Steve King serving as pastor now.

The church's outreach includes the support of numerous missionaries throughout the world.



Birdwell Lane Baptist Church, 1512 Birdwell Lane, invites the public to celebrate the church's 65-year history during services Sunday.

The church has one charter member living, Bro. Eugene Riddle, who

resides in Arkansas and is unable to attend this celebration.

The membership invites friends, former members, and anyone interested in

the church to attend the anniversary services from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. Special singing from 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. will begin the celebration. Former Pastor Rev. Bud Shockey will bring the message along with special music at 11 a.m. Then we will go to the fellowship hall from noon to 1:30 p.m. for some good food by our wonderful cooks. Then, from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. we will conclude the celebration with testimonies and more special music.

For 65 years, Birdwell Baptist Lane Church has been meeting spiritual needs of Big Spring and the surrounding area. Come help the members celebrate 65 years of wonderful blessings from the Lord.

## Church News

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Around noon, the Center is open and everyone is welcomed. Phones where one can talk with a friend are 263-6311 or 267-8783.

### First Presbyterian Church

At noon Tuesday, July 24, several members and visitors shared a potluck meal and listened to Alice Winters, Presbyterian missionary to Colombia, speak about her experiences in that conflicted country. "Please come to visit us; you are in no danger there. It's only the people there who oppose the established ruling hierarchy that are endangered."

Winters was the first woman head of a seminary in Latin America. That institution in Barranquilla has been expanded to a university which trains not only pastors, but also business people and engineers. She said, "The Presbyterian church there and all around the world is known for its interest in education and for setting up schools."

When asked about the drug problem in Colombia, she replied, as she has insisted on previous visits, "Drugs are not a problem there; the poor people grow what there is a market for. If the U.S. market for drugs dried up, they would grow something else. The drug problem is here."

The lunch was followed by the monthly meeting of Permian Basin pastors, a group from the eastern part of Tres Rios Presbytery.

The Service Committee recently received a letter

of appreciation from Capt. Eric Pribyla for shoes and clothing sent for him and his men to give to Iraqi children. The captain's family grew up at Tarzan and has friends here, with whom they shared the need.

Pribyla sent photos of his men and some of the young recipients of the shoes.

The choir has one more week of "vacation" before resuming its role in leading the music in worship.

Scripture readings for July 29 are Hosea 1:2-10; Psalm 85; Colossians 2:6-19; and Luke 11:1-13.

### First United Methodist Church

"Godliness in a Godless World" is the title of Dr. Shane Brue's sermon for Sunday. This, the fourth in a series on Holiness, is based on scriptures from Second Peter. Services of worship are at 8:30 and 10:50 Sundays with mid-week study on Wednesdays at noon.

Sunday at 5 p.m., members of the Epworth Sunday School Class will meet on the back church parking lot to caravan to the Shoestring Ranch. There they will feast on hamburgers and homemade ice cream while they have fun and fellowship in this wonderful country setting.

There will be a meeting of the Lord's Acre Planning Committee Monday, Aug. 6. The group will meet in the Pathmaker's Sunday school classroom.

The big event complete with Family Fest will be held on Saturday, Oct. 6.

First Methodist has an active and exciting Hispanic ministry which includes Bible studies and Project Light classes which teach English as a second language. For more information, contact Agustin Ypina at the church office or at his e-mail address agustinyypina@crcom.net

Our congregation appreciates your concern for our pastor and his young family. Please keep them in your hearts and prayers as he continues his cancer treatment.

There are Sunday

school classes for all ages at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday. Our church buildings are located in the heart of downtown Big Spring at Fourth and Scurry streets. We have an open door for you at First United Methodist Church.

### Berea Baptist Church

Sunday morning, Berea Baptist Church will focus on observing the Lord's Supper during the worship time. At 12:30 p.m., after the worship service, Central Baptist Church of Elbow and Berea will join for a pot luck lunch and at 1:30 p.m., we will begin our Fifth Sunday Singing. This is always a special time of fellowship and good music. We invite persons from the community to join with us for worship, lunch and music.

Berea's Sunday schedule includes Bible study at 9:45 a.m. and worship services at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. We are located at 4204 Wasson Road.

For more information, call the church office at 267-8438 between 9 a.m. and noon. If no one answers, leave your name and a number, and we will return your call. We can also be reached via e-mail at bereabaptistchurch@crcom.net.

### First Baptist Church, Big Spring

First Baptist Church is honored to have Dr. Ken Lyle return to the pulpit this Sunday. We have been honored to have Dr. Lyle come and share God's Word with us throughout the past months and have been blessed by his messages to us. During the evening service, Dr. Lyle will tell about his recent missionary trip to Nigeria. We will honor Dr. Lyle with a reception following the evening worship service.

The Rev. Ken Coffee has been gone this week as he took off his "interim pastor" hat and put on his "trustee" hat. He is a trustee at Wayland Baptist University, and they met for a retreat. He will return to Big Spring on Monday.

Our RAs will leave

Monday morning for camp in Brownwood at the Heart of Texas Baptist Encampment. We pray for a safe trip and a good time in the Lord for them.

We encourage you to come and visit First Baptist Church if you are looking for a church home. Come home, come home to First Baptist Church.

### Central Baptist Church

Central Baptist Church invites you to a country picnic from 5 p.m. until dusk Saturday at 5108 Nichols Road (Elbow Elementary School).

Join us for a great evening of food, fun and games. Hotdogs, hamburgers and trimmings will be served at no cost. There will be an inflatable ride for the children, face painting and lots of other games such as watermelon seed spitting, croquet, horseshoe pitching and more.

For those interested, we will also be registering for Vacation Bible School starting at 6 p.m. Monday. Everyone is invited.

### Cornerstone Church

Ladies Only meets each Monday night at 6:30. Ladies Movie Night is tonight at 6 in the youth recreation room downstairs. Youth meets each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Winning Wednesday, a time of fellowship, food and fun, begins at 6 p.m. You Woman of God retreat is set for 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Aug. 11. Rock The Desert is Aug. 10-11.

Remodeling projects are ongoing at the church, and skilled craftsmen are needed. If you can donate your time and expertise to any of our projects, from tape and bedding to grouting floor tile to wiring and plumbing, give us a call.

Sunday worship services begin at 10:30 a.m. A special Children's Church is available for 4-year-olds through fourth grade. Nursery care is provided for those children 2 and younger.

Cornerstone Church is a member of the Every Nation Ministries. The

church is located at the corner of 12th and Owens streets, south of the administration buildings for Big Spring Independent School District.

Office hours are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. If you call outside these hours, please leave a message.

For more information about any of these programs, or for a ride to church, call 263-3072.

### North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church

If you have ordered Angel Food boxes for July delivery, make note of the delivery time this Saturday. You will need to pick up your order between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. at North Birdwell UMC, located at 2702 North Birdwell Lane. Bring a box about the size of a large laundry basket to place your food in. Order forms for August will be available at that time.

Orders for August will also be taken from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Aug. 3, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 4, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Aug. 10 and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 11. You must have cash or a money order when you place your order.

Angel Food Ministry is a program presented by North Birdwell Lane UMC where a box of assorted food items is available for \$25. Items included range from meat to vegetables and staples. There is a dessert item each month. The menu changes from month to month. Also available with the purchase of a \$25 box are usually a choice of three meat boxes for an additional \$18 each. This program is intended to help you extend your food

budget. There is no qualifying and no restrictions other than having cash to pay for your order when it is placed. For more information, call 267-2203 or 267-4082.

The Wednesday night Bible study group is winding down the study of the Disciple series and will begin a study of the Apocrypha in the fall. The group meets the first and third Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. If you are interested in learning more about the books of the Bible, join in with this study in September.

Regular Sunday services begin at 9:30 a.m. with worship. Sunday school is at 10:30 a.m., followed by the evening service at 5. You are invited to attend any of the services, programs and activities of North Birdwell Lane UMC. In addition to the Bible study on the first and third Wednesday, United Methodist Women will start meeting again in August on the second and fourth Thursday at 4:30 p.m.

### Salem Baptist Church

Salem Baptist Church will have its Fifth Sunday sing, Sunday at 6 p.m. Join us for an evening of praise worship followed by a fellowship meal.

Sunday services this Sunday are 10 a.m. Sunday school and 11 a.m. worship and Children's church. The praise worship service will take place of the usual evening service. Nursery service is available for all services.

Salem is located at the corner of Salem Road and Old Colorado City Highway and pastored by Bro. Monroe Teeters. For further information please call 394-4655.

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**CHURCH**

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**St. Paul Lutheran Church**

Everyone is invited to the big tent on our church lot at Eighth and Gregg streets for a free concert by Mariachi San Pablo at 7 p.m. Saturday. Mariachi San Pablo is from the Ysleta Lutheran Mission on the border near El Paso. They were with us last year in our worship services and were an inspiration to all of us.

Come join us on Saturday night and if you are hungry you may purchase Mexican food furnished by the St. Thomas Catholic Church women. You'll be glad you came and so will we!

Worship services are at 9 a.m. with Sunday school at 10:15 a.m.

**Spring Creek Fellowship**

Your family is very important to us. Kids are a huge part of our church family and are special. We will be "taking the plunge" in Vacation Bible School Aug. 5-8 starting at 5:45 p.m. and lasting until 8 p.m. We'll have lots of fun in this water park adventure as we learn to take the plunge with Jesus. We'll plunge into learning about what Jesus teaches about obedience, worship, courage, faith and service. You can get more information by calling the church office at 714-4854.

"Kiddin' Around" around continues on Wednesday evenings as kids have fun learning about God in stories,



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**Children make the world go around. That is the way Birdwell Lane Baptist Church looks at the boys and girls of Big Spring and the communities of Howard County. Vacation Bible School was a big success at BLBC. Four four days, 39 children were able to learn about God and be a servant for the Lord.**

recreation and music.

Out pastor, Dennis Teeters, continues the sermon series on the "University of Adversity" this week with the sermon titled, "...Recess." We'll be studying God's word in Genesis 41:41-57 and learning about how Joseph dealt with adversity, with God on his side. Bro. Dennis will continue leading us in a study of prayer as we look at "Praying for Proof" in Judges 6:13-17. We are a Bible believing and praying church and would love to have you come join us. Bible study connection time on Sunday's begin at 9:30 a.m. We have a place for each member of your family.

Our student ministry is a vital part of our church. After coming back from Glory Camp, our teens are more committed than ever to living lives that will please and honor God. There is a great time of music and Bible study for teens that will encour-

age them and help them build relationships with each other and the Lord at 6:15 on Wednesday evenings, after our free fellowship meal that begins at 5:30.

Adults have a Bible study led by our pastor at the same time as the youth worship time and "Kiddin' Around."

Come connect with us at Spring Creek Fellowship. You can get to the church by going east on Interstate Highway 20 to the Salem exit.

Take a left going under the highway and then another left on the service road. SCF is about 300 yards down the road on the right. We'll be looking for you and your family.

**East Side Baptist Church**

You are invited to join us for our anniversary service Sunday at 9:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. East Side Baptist will be 19 years in the Lord's ser-

vice this week.

We are planning a special day of celebration and fellowship, with special music, testimonies and gospel preaching. We have invited former pastor Lonnie Collier to be our guest speaker for the 10:45 a.m. service. We would love to have each of you come and celebrate with us and all that God has done.

We know you will receive a friendly welcome and a blessing from our Lord.

**St. Mary's Episcopal Church**

Everyone is invited to attend worship services at St. Mary's this Sunday. Our summer schedule has begun with Holy Communion celebrated at 9:30 a.m.

The Parish of St. Mary's Church invites all the community to a farewell reception for the Rev. Jim and Kathleen Liggett this Sunday, following the 9:30

a.m. service. Fr. Jim and his family have faithfully served St. Mary's Parish and the community of Big Spring for 13 years, and now have accepted a call at St. Nicholas' Church in Midland.

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 our Web site at www.stmarysbt.org. St. Mary's is located at 1001 S. Goliad.

**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 Hall. To register, call 267-7429 no later than today.

The first session will

begin at 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 3. Participants are asked to bring a snack or bag supper.

On Saturday, Aug. 4, the second session is scheduled from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m.

There is a charge of \$15 per person, which includes a "Loving Well" Journal, two meals on Saturday and door prizes.

Nineteen CBC members, including Bro. Ken, will be in Grand Junction, Colo., July 21-28. They will conduct a Vacation Bible School at Monument Baptist Church and be involved in other evangelistic activities in the community.

CBC Youth and their sponsors attended Centrifuge in Glorieta July 9-14.

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**Club News**

**Capt. Elisha Mack Chapter DAR**

Members of the Capt. Elisha Mack Chapter of Big Spring hosted a lineage workshop July 14, 2007, at the Big Spring Country Club. This was a first for the chapter and part of the proceeds will be used for a scholarship at Howard College or Angelo State University for a veteran trying to further their education by going back to college to obtain an advanced degree, someone who is presently in college working toward an undergraduate degree, or someone just starting their college level studies.

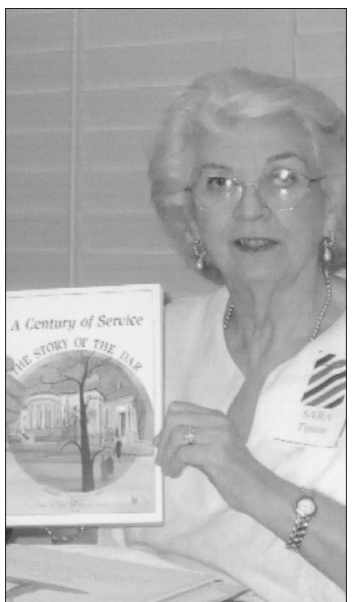
Interested people from Odessa, Midland, Andrews, Lamesa and Big Spring were present for the programs offered. Door prizes were awarded. Winners were Carol Scott, Bernice Cason, Sandra Wegner and Sara Tipton. The workshop included a continental breakfast, light lunch and afternoon refreshments. Research material was available for the participants to look at and some were available for purchase.

Jan Fields, Regent, Alexander Love Chapter NSDAR, Houston, and a consulting genealogist, gave a program on what can be gleaned from the U.S. census 1840-1930 and what constitutes documentation. Mrs. Fields had several examples of marriage and death certificates to show the differences in information given in different areas of the United States.

Sue Ann Damrom, registrar of the Capt. Elisha Mack Chapter NSDAR, gave a program on the national archives in Washington, D.C. She presented an informative talk on what to expect on arrival and what is available for research. Mrs.

Damron also had material from the regional archives in Fort Worth to give participants.

Mary Schuelke, treasurer of the local chapter,



**Sara Tipton was winner of a door prize, "A Century of Service: The Story of the DAR."**



**Luci Gabehart, Carol Scott and Bernice Cason visit during a lineage workshop held at the Big Spring Country Club.**

gave a program on HeritageQuest and other Web sites that offer genealogical information. She talked on how to get to the sites and what to do with the information obtained. Mrs. Schuelke also presented information on area libraries and what they have to offer. A question and answer period followed the program and participants exchanged family information.

Sandra Wegner, former Midland County librarian, told us about what was available in the genealogical section of that library. Midland County Library has more than 7,000 books and is one of the leading research libraries in the state.

Anyone interested in having more information about the Daughters of the American Revolution can contact Sue Damron

at (432) 393-5790 or Mark Schuelke at 353-4337.

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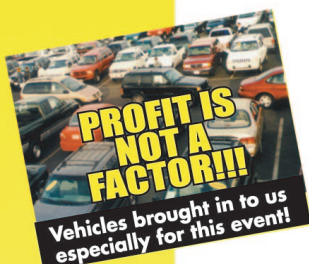
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