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## Sheriff's office targeted for cuts

*Dale Walker is asked to eliminate one part-time, two full-time employees*

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

It appears one of Howard County's largest departmental bodies — the sheriff's office — won't make it through the budgetary process unscathed, as county commissioners asked Sheriff Dale Walker to come up with a plan that would eliminate two full-time and one part-time employees.

County Judge Mark Barr asked Walker to look at making the cuts — part of across-the-board cuts in preparation for a projected 2007-2008 budget shortfall of more than \$250,000, followed by a projected deficit of more than \$400,000 next year — and have a report ready for the court by Monday.

"We've already made cuts at the library, road and bridge, the maintenance department and the district clerk's office," said Barr. "I hope you understand we're not picking on any one department here. We're faced with a very tough financial deal here."

*"In the past I could just take a position we hadn't been able to fill and cut that. I can't do that now. I just hope the court is willing to work with us on this."*



Walker

Barr said he's hoping the cuts will eliminate between \$40,000 and \$50,000 per full-time position each year, and another \$20,000 for the part-time position, for a total of approximately \$100,000.

If approved by the court, the layoffs would not occur until October.



Howard County commissioners go over the proposed budget for 2007-2008 with County Auditor Jackie Olson, right, during a special work session Monday afternoon. The county is looking at a \$200,000 shortfall for the coming fiscal year.

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## Forsan ISD board gives tentative OK for tax cut

*FISD officials concerned district may be classified as 'property rich' by state*

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

FORSAN — School district trustees here gave a tentative OK to a 34-cent cut in the property tax rate during a special meeting Monday evening.

Like other school districts across the state, Forsan is following through on a state requirement to slash its property rate by more than 30 cents for the 2007-2008 budget year.

Trustees gave preliminary approval to a total tax rate of \$1.158 cents per \$100 valuation, a drop of slightly more than 34 cents from the previous year.

The new tax rate will consist of \$1.04 to cover maintenance and operation expenses and 11.8 cents to handle debt service.

School districts across the state were required to slash their property tax rates following school finance reform laws adopted by the Texas Legislature in 2005.

The school board is expected to formally adopt a budget and tax rate for the new fiscal year on Aug. 20. The

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## Grand jury indicts Stanton man for sexual assault of child

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

STANTON — A Martin County grand jury handed down two dozen indictments last week, including one for a Stanton man charged with sexual assault of a child.

Rodolfo Hernandez Redondo, 39, currently in Martin County Jail, faces a second-degree felony charge of sexual assault of a child for an incident that occurred on or about Dec. 27, 2006, according to Assistant District Attorney Robin Orr.

"The victim was 15 years old at the time of the alleged offense," said Orr. "His arrest and the investigation were handled by the Stanton Police



Department. "This is a situation where the suspect wasn't necessarily known to the victim, but he was a friend of the victim's father. The offense allegedly occurred in the home of the victim."

Orr declined to comment on whether the victim was male or female.

If convicted, Redondo faces two to 20 years in prison and a fine not to exceed \$10,000.

The grand jury also handed down true bills on:

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**TOWN HALL MEETING**

The public is invited to a Town Hall Meeting from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16, featuring U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison. The meeting will be held at the Dora Roberts Community Center, 100 Whipkey Drive in Big Spring. For more information, call Shea Woodard, West Texas regional director for Sen. Hutchison, at (325) 676-2839 or Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen at 268-3132 or visit [hutchison.senate.gov](http://hutchison.senate.gov)

**PROM FUNDRAISER SET**

John Wesley's Pickpocket Billiards will be the site of a fundraiser from 8:30 p.m. to midnight Saturday to raise money for the Big Spring High School Class of 2009 junior/senior prom. The band "Hillbilly Freak Show," consisting of Mike Speck, Keith McGuire and Donny Green, will perform. Cover charge is \$5 per person. For more information, contact Karen Martin at 213-1388.

**SILENT AUCTION UNDER WAY**

Scenic Mountain Medical Center volunteers are holding a silent auction from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. today through Thursday in rooms 214 and 215. The public is encouraged to participate. Proceeds will go to provide funds for the hospital to purchase new equipment. For more information, contact Betty Daily at 267-3473.

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# Sports

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## IN BRIEF

### Lady Steer Booster Club meets Aug. 13

The Big Spring Lady Steer Booster Club will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 13 in the Athletic Training Center.

All parents of junior high and high school Lady Steer athletes are welcome to attend.

Call Carrie Fox at 816-9687 with any questions.

### Youth soccer sign-ups begin Saturday

The Big Spring Youth Soccer Association will begin sign-ups at 1 p.m. Saturday at the former Athletic Supply site in the Big Spring Mall.

Boys and girls ages 4-13 can register for the upcoming season through Aug. 18. Sign-ups will be held from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Cost is \$50 and furnishes players with a jersey, shorts and socks.

Coaches are still needed and anyone interested can also sign up during registration times.

For more information, contact Jamie Scott at 264-0001.

### Steers season ticket public sales set

Big Spring High School will make 2007 Steer football season ticket available to the general public starting Wednesday. Potential buyers will have until Aug. 22 to make their purchase.

Tickets can be bought at the Athletic Training Center Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Call Kay Cook at 264-3662 with any questions.

### 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 Saturday.

The event will benefit a scholarship fundraiser for local high school or junior college graduates.

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.

Registration is due by Friday.

For entry and sponsor information, contact Anthony Mendoza at 264-0026 or e-mail him at anthonymendoza03@yahoo.com.

### Country club to host over-80 golf tourney

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

The format is a 2-person team with combined ages of the teammates required to equal 80 or higher.

The tournament is to benefit the Big Spring Shrine Club and will conclude Aug. 19.

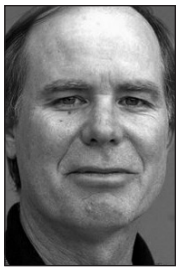
Entry fee is \$60 and includes barbecue on the course both days.

Call the pro shop at 267-5354 for more information.

## Only Aaron and Selig are ignoring Bonds

Bud Selig isn't here, because it's the commissioner's prerogative to do what is in the best interests of baseball.

The sight of Selig's dour face watching Barry Bonds tie Hank Aaron's record in San Diego certainly did nothing for the sport, and he must have realized it's time to recognize this for what it really is and let one of his minions do the one-hand-



TIM DAHLBERG

ed clap on his behalf.

Willie Mays was on hand Monday night, and maybe that's appropriate.

In addition to showing Bonds how to play baseball, he also showed him that he could be indifferent to the fans who pay his salary and get away with it. Mays was cantankerous at best over his long career, yet still managed to get a statue of himself erected outside a ballpark where the Giants' faithful gather before games to pay homage to perhaps the greatest player of all time.

The roll call doesn't end there.

Aaron didn't even bother to call in sick for No. 755, and he surely didn't bother to call Bonds and congratulate him on tying him on the home run list. Also missing is trainer Greg Anderson, stuck in a federal prison because he won't rat out his buddy to a grand jury investigating whether Bonds lied when he said he never knowingly used steroids.

Indeed, Bonds' record chase seems a somewhat lonely one, despite an entourage reminiscent of past heavyweight champions. He's got a pair of publicists, two trainers, a personal

videographer, his agent and an ever-growing list of family and friends all waiting to congratulate or console him in the hallways behind the clubhouse.

On this first night home, there was more consoling than celebrating. Bonds went 0-3 with a walk, and was outmatched by a rookie pitcher who hadn't even been born when Bonds made his major league debut.

Fans stood and cheered, though, just like many had cheered the tying home run at Petco Park in San Diego. Fans

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## Rangers strikeout 21 times in loss to A's

By DAVID JIMENEZ

Associated Press Writer

ARLINGTON — Mike Piazza helped put an end to a wild game that included a huge comeback, ejections and a whole lot of strikeouts.

Piazza singled in the go-ahead run in the 13th inning and seven Oakland pitchers combined for 21 strikeouts in a 9-7 victory over the Texas Rangers on Monday night.

"It became a war of attrition," Piazza said. "This was definitely a tough game."

Marco Scutaro hit a grand slam to help Oakland build a 7-0 lead, but the Rangers tied it in the ninth on Michael Young's solo homer off Alan Embree.

Young and Texas manager Ron Washington were ejected two innings later for arguing a called third strike.

The 4-hour, 33-minute contest finally ended when Kiko Calero struck out Marlon Byrd.

"In this ballpark we have a history of games just like this," Oakland manager Bob Geren said. "These high-scoring games, you can never get a big enough lead, and this was another one."

Rob Bowen led off the 13th with a walk and Travis Buck sacrificed. Willie Eyre (3-5), who started two days ago against Toronto, got Shannon Stewart to foul out before intentionally walking Nick Swisher.

Piazza, who is the subject of trade rumors after clearing waivers, then lined a single to right. It was Oakland's first hit since the fifth inning.

"I think I've cleared waivers before," said Piazza, who can now be traded to any team. "It's not the first time."

Mark Ellis drove in another run in the 13th with an infield single on a close play at first.

A fan threw a plastic water bottle in the direction of first after Ellis was called safe. Oakland first base coach Tye Waller immediately pointed toward the fan, who was ejected.

Andrew Brown (2-0) struck out five in two innings. Calero pitched the 13th to earn his first save in four chances, striking out Byrd with runners on the corners to end it.

Byrd struck out twice, part of the Rangers' club-record total. Ramon Vazquez fanned four times and three players had three strikeouts.

Jarrod Saltalamacchia went 1-for-6 with three Ks in his first home game with Texas.

The last time a team struck out 20 times was the Milwaukee Brewers, who struck out 22 times against the Florida Marlins on July 6, 2005.

Young hit his fifth homer of the season and first since May 6.

Young was called out on strikes and tossed by plate umpire Bill Miller for arguing.

Washington charged out of the dugout to defend Young and was quickly booted himself.

"I don't think he earned that strike," Washington said. "(Miller) gave me a lesson on the strike and I gave him my opinion. He then gave me the rest of the night off."



MCT photo/Sharon M. Steinman/Fort Worth Star-Telegram  
Texas Rangers' Ian Kinsler throws to first for a double play after getting out Oakland Athletics' Donnie Murphy in the third inning Monday at Rangers Ballpark in Arlington. The A's defeated the Rangers 9-7 in 13 innings.

## Owens sits out practice with back spasms

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

SAN ANTONIO — Terrell Owens' back pain is just spasms and isn't considered serious.

An MRI done Monday, when Owens missed the Dallas Cowboys' practice for the second straight day, showed no problems.

The Cowboys had the exam done because the 33-year-old receiver still had muscle stiffness a day after being treated by team trainers. T.O. got more treatment Monday and wasn't on the field for either of the team's two practice sessions.

Even before the test results came back, coach Wade Phillips didn't sound concerned.

"We feel sure that he just has back spasms, but we don't want to take any chances," Phillips said after the first practice. "There's no alarm, but we wanted to make sure."

Receivers coach Ray

Sherman said he didn't know if Owens would be at practice Tuesday, when the Cowboys will have their last full workout in the Alamodome. The team will break camp after a short walkthrough Wednesday.

Before missing Sunday, Owens had taken part in four straight workouts since being given time off by Phillips to rest his sore legs. Owens went through drills at full speed without any apparent problems during workouts, including two Saturday.

While the team practiced Sunday, Owens was with the trainers doing whirlpool therapy and work on a stationary bike.

"I thought he would be a little better today, because he did all the stuff our trainers wanted him to do," Phillips said. "But it wasn't better."

Still, Phillips hasn't ruled out the possibility of Owens playing in the

preseason opener Thursday night against Indianapolis.

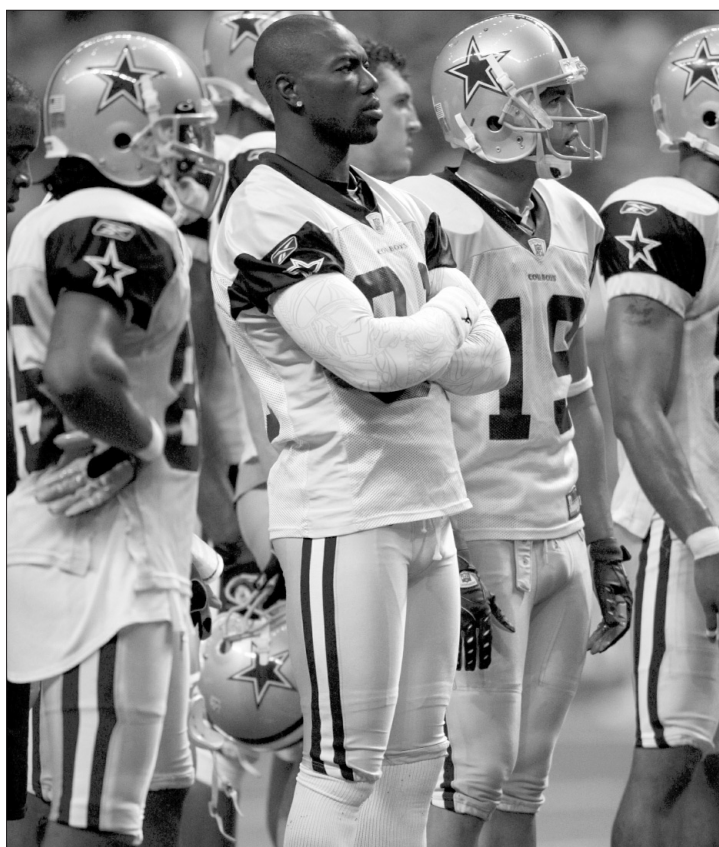
"No, he wants to play," Phillips said.

Owens missed about half of his first training camp with the Cowboys last year, including the first three preseason games, because of a hamstring problem.

Owens' coach-ordered hiatus last week included sitting out both workouts Wednesday. That was a day after he came on the field in uniform, minus shoulder pads or a helmet, after being told by Phillips to take it easy.

Notes: QB Tony Romo and the first-team offense are expected to play about a quarter Thursday. Phillips said he might use all four quarterbacks in the game. ... RB Julius Jones was in a feisty mood, slamming safety Pat Watkins to the ground at the end of a play late in

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MCT photo/Ralph Lauer/Fort Worth Star-Telegram  
Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Terrell Owens sat out practice Monday on the sidelines at the Alamodome in San Antonio. A MRI revealed that Owens was having back spasms.



# Obituaries

## Christine 'Ma' Ramsey



Christine "Ma" Ramsey, 91, of Stanton died on Sunday, Aug. 5, 2007, in a local nursing home. Graveside funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 8, 2007, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring with the Rev. Daniel Armstrong, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Stanton, officiating.

She was born on July 15, 1916, in Scurry County and married Wilford "Pa" Ramsey on Aug. 29, 1936, in Colorado City. He preceded her in death on Jan. 31, 2007.

She was a lifetime resident of Martin County. She loved to travel and collected bottles, dolls and pictures. She was a member of Assembly of God Church.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Faye and Roger Fleckenstein of Stanton; a son and daughter-in-law, Earl "Beaver" and Veneta Ramsey of Stanton; four grandchildren, Rance Ramsey, Paula Anderson, Cheryl Cook and Ricky Fleckenstein; 10 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson.

The family suggests memorials be made to Home Hospice, 901 W. Missouri, Midland 79701 or to Stanton Nursing and Rehabilitation, P.O. Box 400, Stanton 79782.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 7, 2007, at the funeral home.

Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences can be made at: [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).

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## Bobby G. Holub



Bobby G. Holub, 68, of Big Spring, died Saturday, Aug. 4, 2007, at his residence. Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 8, 2007, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Chaplain Dan Shadix officiating and Evangelist Dr. Robert Holub assisting.

He was born Feb. 4, 1939, in Ballinger. Mr. Holub had served in the U.S. Navy. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, and spending time with his family.

Survivors include three sons and daughters-in-law, Zachary and Kerri Holub and Joshua and Trisha Holub, all of Carlsbad, N.M., and Robert and Barbara Holub of Lubbock; two daughters and a son-in-law, Kolita Holub of Carlsbad, N.M., and Jennifer and Marty Meurer of Midland; his mother, Dorothy Brookshire of San Angelo; one sister and brother-in-law, Gloria and Ray Jones of Trent; one brother and sister-in-law, Mark and Jo Holub of San Angelo; and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Herbert Holub and a sister, Sandra Lewis.

The family suggest memorials be made to the Disabled American Veterans, 807 W. Maine Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20024.

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

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# Support Groups

### TUESDAY

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

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

• The Path, faith-based addiction recovery, meets at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Tabernacle Ministeries, 1209 Wright St.

• Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at 264-1213 for more information.

• Dual Recovery Anonymous (DRA), 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Howard County Library Basement Community Room. DRA is a 12-step meeting for those who have a desire to stop drinking and/or using drugs and also have a mental or emotional illness.

All meetings are non-smoking and coffee is not available but members can bring their own coffee or non-alcoholic beverage. For more information, call Deidra F. at (432) 816-3033. Leave a message if you get voice mail.

### THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

### 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.

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# Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Monday and 8 a.m. today:

- **JOSH MATTHEWS**, 22, of 610 E. 17th Street, was arrested Tuesday on charges of failure to maintain financial responsibility (two counts).
- **THEFT** was reported:
  - in the 2000 block of Gregg Street.
  - in the 400 block of Birdwell Lane.
- **FORGERY** was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 400 block of Aylesford.

# Sheriff's report

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 56 inmates at the time of this report.
- **ERIC WAYNE CEVALLOS**, 25, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
  - **MICHAEL LEE WHITE**, 21, was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid.
  - **MICHAEL NEAL BIRMELIN**, 26, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated, second offense.
  - **DANIEL RIOS**, 21, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on a charge of littering.
  - **JESSICA RAMIREZ RANGEL**, 25, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on charges of failure to identify a fugitive from justice, no liability insurance, violation of driver's license restrictions, violating promise to appear and driving while license invalid.
  - **JOSHUA CARROL MATHEWS**, 22, was arrested on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and no seat belt.
  - **DAVID ARTHUR WITTEIN**, 27, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended.
  - **DAVID MATTHEW RODRIGUEZ**, 19, was arrested on charges of no driver's license and no liability insurance.

# Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1900 block of Scurry. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2000 block of Gregg. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported at the VA Medical Center. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **AUTOMOBILE FIRE** was reported in the 2900 block of W. Highway 80.

# Lottery

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:  
 Winning numbers drawn: 23-26-32-34-36.  
 Number matching five of five: none.

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:  
 Winning numbers drawn: 12-23-25-32. Bonus Ball: 15.  
 Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: none.

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 7-2-4.

# Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.  
 Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 90s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.  
 Wednesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows around 70. South winds 10 to 15 mph.  
 Thursday...Sunny. Highs in the mid 90s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.  
 Thursday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s.  
 Friday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 90s.  
 Friday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s.  
 Saturday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 90s.  
 Saturday night...Partly cloudy. Lows around 70.  
 Sunday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 90s.  
 Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s.  
 Monday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 90s.

# Correction

In Monday's story concerning a petition drive in support of citizen's initiative referendums, it was reported that the effort was spearheaded by Shannon Thomason. The drive is sponsored by the Concerned Citizens' Council, of which Thomason is a member.

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### WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Senior Circle meets at 10:30 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.
- Senior Circle meets at 11 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.
- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
- Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

### THURSDAY

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.
- Friends of the Library meets at noon in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.
- Big Spring Main Street meets at noon in the Railroad Museum located at Second and Main streets.
- League of United Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information, contact John Ybarra at 264-1628. The public is invited.
- American Legion Auxiliary meets at 6 p.m. at 3203 W. Highway 80.
- The Prospector's Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at 606 E. Third St. The public is invited to these meetings. For more information contact Lola Lamb at 263-3340 or Doyle and Virginia McClain at 263-8407.
- Neighbors and Newcomers Club meets. New members are welcome. Call 263-2005 for more information.

### FRIDAY

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281.
- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
- Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at the Big Spring Country Club.
- Spring City Senior Citizen's Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area senior citizens are invited.

### SATURDAY

- Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

# Take Note

• **ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN** until 6 p.m. Friday and 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 10-11 at the North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church, 2702 North Birdwell Lane. For more information, call 267-2203.

• **A BENEFIT DINNER FOR RAUL ROBLES** will be held from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 12, at St. Thomas Parish Hall, 605 N. Main. the Menu will consist of munedo, carne guisda, asado, rice, beans and desserts.

• **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.

• **A FUND HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR THE FAMILY OF ALBERT "BERT" CARRILLO**, who was killed in a traffic accident near Ft. Stockton Saturday, at the Big Spring Education Employees Credit Union to help offset burial expenses. The Credit Union is located at 1110 Benton. Call 263-8393 for more information.

• **A FUND HAS BEEN CREATED** to help Garland and Malynnda Helmstetler raise the \$25,000 needed for medical treatment that the family's insurance will not cover. Malynnda, 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 Malynnda's Cancer Fund at the Federal Employees Credit Union located on FM 700.

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the second practice. On his next play, Jones had words with Jacques Reeves and then threw the football toward the defender without hitting him. "It's part of football, everybody wants to be a bully," linebacker Kevin Burnett joked. Jones ran off the field without talking, but Watkins said everything was OK between them. ... The guest list at practice Monday included former coach Barry Switzer, former Minnesota Vikings owner and San Antonio resident Red McCombs and Lee Roy Jordan, a Cowboys linebacker from 1963-76 who is in the team's famed Ring of Honor. Phillips had Jordan address the team after the first practice.

Colts

The Super Bowl champions could be a missing a big contributor on defense for much of the season.

Indianapolis Colts defensive tackle Anthony McFarland injured his knee Friday and missed Saturday's controlled scrimmage.

Colts coach Tony Dungy called the injury serious and said McFarland might need surgery but didn't give details on how the injury happened or which knee was hurt.

"It's a long-term injury," Dungy said. "It's (surgery) something that we're contemplating. It's something that I think is going to happen."

The 300-pound McFarland, who was obtained in a trade from Tampa last season and helped shore up the Colts' run defense in the play-

offs, left the field early during Friday's workout. He was sent to Indianapolis for an MRI and has an injured patella tendon.

"He's not going to be back in the next three or four weeks or anything like that," Dungy said.

Raheem Brock will start at one defensive tackle spot, but it was unclear who would eventually take McFarland's role.

Rookie defensive tackle Quinn Pitcock, a third-round draft pick from Ohio State, could fill in.

Pitcock practiced for the first time Monday after missing the first week of camp with a leg injury.

Dungy didn't rule out trying to find another defensive tackle on the NFL waiver wire or through a trade.

"We won't leave any stone unturned. But for the most part, guys that

are here are the guys that we're counting on," Dungy said.

Dolphins

New Dolphins linebacker Joey Porter sought a second opinion before deciding whether to undergo arthroscopic knee surgery that could sideline him for at least two weeks.

Porter has been out of action since Friday because of the injury, which began bothering him during the offseason. He was examined over the weekend and sought a second opinion from Birmingham, Ala.-based specialist Dr. James Andrews.

The Dolphins' first exhibition game is Saturday against Jacksonville. Porter would miss most or all of the preseason if he requires surgery.

Another injury concern

surfaced when tackle Anthony Alabi limped off the field Monday morning after hurting his left knee. He was to be evaluated.

Browns

Following substantive talks over the weekend, holdout Brady Quinn and the Browns are only \$500,000 apart in guaranteed money for the first-round pick.

The major sticking point in negotiations between the Browns and agent Tom Condon are escalator clauses based on playing time for Quinn, who slid to No. 22 in the April draft after being projected as a top 10 selection.

Condon's proposal would allow Quinn to get a \$5 million increase in the final two years of a potential five-year deal if he takes 55 percent of the snaps in any two of the first three years or 70 percent in any one of the first three.

The Browns would pre-

fer if the triggers were tougher to reach.

Quinn missed his 11th day of practice.

Chiefs

First-round pick Dwayne Bowe ended his holdout and agreed to a five-year contract.

The wide receiver from LSU will begin camp on the physically unable-to-perform list. He will work out individually until he is in good enough shape to participate in team drills, Chiefs coach Herm Edwards said.

"We've got to make sure that we get him through that first period of training camp where his legs are underneath him so he can go out and compete," Edwards said. "From there, it's just a matter of how quickly he learns."

Bowe, who missed the first 10 days of camp, is not expected to play in Kansas City's first preseason game at Cleveland this weekend, but should be ready when the Chiefs host Miami on Aug. 16.

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seemed happy they were there to see a moment of history, even one as tainted as this. Still, they booed Bonds when he returned to left field and booed him every time he came up to bat.

It was mildly amusing afterward when Bonds thanked San Diego fans for being so good to him. Maybe he missed the giant asterisk hung on a high-rise condo balcony overlooking right field or maybe he was just happy no one threw a fake syringe at him like last year.

He doesn't have to worry about that this week, now that the Giants are home for seven games before fans so desperate for a hero that they embrace one who is almost as likely to be indicted for perjury as inducted into the Hall of

Fame. The rest of the country seems to have tired of the pursuit, if the low TV ratings for Saturday night's game were any indication. Still, Bonds draws fans to the ballpark even while the aging Giants occupy last place in the NL West.

Players, too, are sticking with him.

Alex Rodriguez called to congratulate Bonds on his feat, after Bonds called earlier in the day to pay his respects when A-Rod became the youngest player to reach 500 home runs. And unlucky pitcher Clay Hensley, a steroid user himself a few years back, shook Bonds' hand after the game and got an autographed bat, a souvenir to take with him when the Padres unceremoniously sent him to the minor leagues a few hours after he gave up the home run.

It's clear, though, that Selig has no use for

Bonds, despite grudgingly watching him tie the record of a man whom he considers a good friend.

Selig stood with his hands in his pockets, his face betraying no expression, when Bonds hit No. 755. Afterward, Selig issued a statement of congratulations that included a line that all men are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Selig has his faults, and he could use a better speechwriter. But give him credit for trying to put the record into perspective, tacitly acknowledging he doesn't consider it to be legitimate.

Although Bowie Kuhn

didn't show up to watch Aaron break Babe Ruth's record 33 years ago after being there for the tie in Cincinnati, the times and the circumstances are vastly different. Kuhn made a dumb decision; Selig's moves show he has been thinking long and hard about trying to do the right thing.

Selig doesn't need to issue any more statements.

By not being here, he's already spoken volumes.

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♥ A K 10 6  
♦ Q J 3  
♣ 5

**WEST**  
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♥ Q 5 3 2  
♦ 10 9 5  
♣ K 7

**EAST**  
♠ J 6  
♥ J 9 7 4  
♦ 7 4  
♣ Q 9 6 4 2

**SOUTH**  
♠ 3 2  
♥ 8  
♦ A K 8 6 2  
♣ A J 10 8 3

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass  
2 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass  
3 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ Pass  
5 ♠ Pass 6 ♠ Pass

Opening lead — king of spades.

The power of a crossruff is shown in this hand where North undertook a slam despite the series of minimum bids South had made during the auction.

West led a spade, taken by dummy's ace. Declarer cashed the A-K of hearts, discarding his spade loser, and then embarked on a cross-

South led a club to the ace and ruffed a club. He then ruffed a heart and ruffed another club. Next he trumped a spade, a club and a spade in alternating order to bring his trick total to 10. The A-K of diamonds scored the 11th and 12th tricks, and he lost only a trump trick at the end.

Without the benefit of a crossruff, South would not have fared nearly so well. If he had chosen to draw trumps immediately, for example, he would have taken five trump tricks instead of eight.

But this obviously was not a hand on which to draw trumps. Indeed, West could have defeated the contract had he led a trump initially — not at all a far-fetched lead on the bidding. Both North and South had indicated distributional values, and a trump lead to cut down ruffing ability was well worthy of consideration. After a trump lead, South would have scored only seven trump tricks instead of eight and gone down one.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

**BY HOLIDAY MATHIS**  
Could it be that the force that makes the world go round is indeed, as the poets have suggested, love? As the closest planet to Earth, Venus assures us that love is essential to life on Earth — but war god Mars is the second-closest planet. As Mars and Venus tangle today, before taking a stand against anything, we must first stand on love.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). The constraints that keep you from having what you want may be imaginary. That doesn't make them any less effective. Use your stellar visioning powers to disintegrate the chains.  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You have your own deep insights into the human experience, which you're inclined to share with very little

provocation. In doing so, you keep another person going.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Regardless of your opinions about whether the sky is falling or will remain more or less above you, the sky does its own thing. Loved ones act much in the same fashion. So you may as well reserve those opinions.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Even though you've been at your game for a while, you still feel upbeat, enthusiastic and not afraid to show it. Your lack of pretense makes you a perfect mentor.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). If there are people standing idle around you, give them plenty to do. Heap on the requests, directions and requirements — don't be shy. Otherwise, they'll stir up trouble.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're an expert salesperson, spokesperson or performer. Whatever you're doing, you make it look easy. You also make it look fun, like anyone

who's not doing it is missing out, big time.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You don't set out to raise eyebrows, but you do it anyway.

There's something in you that needs to be the rebel. It's unusual for you to actually aim for discord, which is what makes you all the more fascinating.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Don't go for the momentary rush. Go for the real joy. It may take longer, but it's better for the soul, not to mention the pocketbook. Whatever is good for your finances is good for your general outlook.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You've paid tribute to "them" long enough. Time to pay homage to you. Tell stories about the plucky fun you had as a babe, or honor yourself with a gift including your favorite things.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Career concerns are like a nagging partner who brings up the same issues time and again. Funny how the same problem can come back

in so many different forms. An Aries person can help you conquer this one.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). As long as you're on a personal improvement kick, you may as well be recording it in some fashion. Blog it. Brag-book it. Post it on your community board at the grocery store. Tell the world you're on your way.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Once you commit, your work becomes creative, original and surprising. As you continue to explore a direction, a new style emerges. Others may comment favorably. Soak it in.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "I was born May 1, 1965, at 3:21 pm. I just finished shooting a short film as the lead with some amazing people. The experience was fantastic and has been a dream of mine since I was a small child. I'm ready to throw myself into this world and have the support behind me. What do the stars say for

this 42-year-old woman who has found the courage to pursue her dream ... finally?"

Ah, the energy of someone who has touched her dream — how divine! Your chart teems with incredible persistence and artistic vision. What you're witnessing is the slow unfolding of every courageous step you've made in a dramatic larger-than-life birthday year.

Astrologically speaking, you've successfully navigated your midlife crisis — that critical age when many people wake up one morning to discover they've outgrown the life they have (transiting Uranus opposes your natal Uranus in your early 40s). Shocking for some, you prepared for this time by nurturing and sustaining your dream for the long haul. The flowering of your life's dream will continue to unfold in fascinating shapes and colors all year. May your story inspire all of us to patiently lay track for our dreams!

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Before television programming and Cineplex's, there was only radio. Leo entertainer Garrison Keillor's radio show, "A Prairie Home Companion," makes yesterday's habit of sitting around the radio for a skit and song seem novel — if not downright old-fashioned. It seems Keillor's Venus and Jupiter in nostalgic Cancer strike a folksy chord in the heart of tradition-loving American audiences.

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Annie's Mailbox®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I have been dating a very sweet and loving man for three years. "Sam" has grown daughters who are not particularly happy that I am in their father's life. The rest of his family treats me wonderfully, and I just love them. They are good people. But it seems the girls resent the way the family has accepted me. They feel I am treated better than their mother was. They also think I am the reason behind their parents' divorce. I was not. Sam was already divorced when I met him.



KATHY MITCHELL  
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I know these daughters are, and always will be, Daddy's girls. Sam and I never argue unless it is about the way they treat me. One of the daughters never lets a moment pass without saying something to embarrass me in front of the family. He tries to make excuses for her, like "She was just kidding." But I think she's the type who takes joy in making fun of someone's weakness. I was taught to respect the feelings of others, and if you don't have anything nice to say, then say nothing.

Sam has talked to his daughters, but it hasn't improved things. He thinks I should speak up when his daughter embarrasses me. I know I should, but I'm not that quick with a comeback. I really do love this man and would spend the rest of my life making him happy, but I don't want the rest of my life to be so stressful. How do I handle this? — Woman on the Edge

Dear Woman: It is not uncommon for children of divorce to snub the new woman (or man) in a parent's life. Sam should be the one to demand his daughters treat you with respect. Insist on it. Beyond that, ignore their barbs and do your best to be polite to them, no matter how difficult. These girls will always be important to Sam, so if you want a relationship with him, you will have to find a less acrimonious way of dealing with them.

Dear Annie: I am a 40-something female who has been married for over 20 years. When we first married, my husband cared about his appearance, but he has since let himself go, and now sports a potbelly and has very little interest in what he wears or in trying to lose weight. He

does not want to give up his favorite foods, many of which are fattening, and he eats pretty good-size portions. He has no interest in joining a gym or playing a sport.

I find our sexual infrequency (once or twice a month) about right for me. While sex is satisfactory, I have to close my eyes and fantasize a lot about more attractive men. Worse, I am considering having a brief fling with a couple of these men. I am also concerned that my husband may become diabetic since it runs in his family. I am less than thrilled at the path his life seems to be taking.

He doesn't like to discuss it and gets all huffy when I try. What should I do? — Helpless Wife

Dear Helpless: You cannot force someone to eat better, but you can prepare healthful meals. You cannot force him to exercise, but you can ask him to walk with you after dinner. You've been married a long time. We assume your husband has other, more endearing, qualities. He expects you to love him regardless, and we hope you will.

Dear Annie: This is for "Lonely in Connecticut," the short, bald man who said he couldn't get a date. I've always been crazy for short, bald guys — so much so that I married one! Please tell him not to give up. There are other women out there like me. — Surprise, Ariz.

Dear Surprise: "Lonely" will be thrilled to know there are women like you out there. We also heard from a minister in Massachusetts who suggested Christian dating groups, since "Lonely" said he had a strong faith. We think that's a good idea.

Dear Annie: I have worked for "Tim" for nearly 20 years. During all that time, he has been

happily married to "Patty," and they have raised three sons. I've met Patty on many occasions and found her to be pleasant, witty, friendly and a devoted wife and mother.

Seven months ago, Tim found out that Patty has been having an affair for several years with a married man. Tim and his family have been devastated by these revelations. Patty ended her affair, but has continued to "date" men she meets online. She says she's just friends

with them. Tim and Patty are currently working through the divorce process.

Everyone in our office knows about Tim's marital problems. Here is our dilemma: Patty comes into our office two or three times a month to see Tim, and she is friendly and chatty to all of us. I do like Patty, but I find her behavior deplorable. When I hear her voice in the hallway outside my office, I quickly pretend I am on the phone so I can just wave without making

small talk.

Patty's personal life is none of my business, but I cannot bring myself to act as if I am not offended by her behavior. Is there a way to brush her off without being totally rude? — Not My Style

Dear Not My Style: Treat Patty in a professional manner, as befits your status as an employee of her husband's company. If she stops by your desk, it's OK to say hello, but you should be busy, signifying that you don't have time to chat. There

is no need to be chummy, and it is hardly rude to be doing your work when you're on company time.

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**Roadside bombs kill 4 U.S. soldiers in separate attacks in Baghdad area, military says**

BAGHDAD (AP) — Four more U.S. soldiers were killed in roadside bombings in the Baghdad area, including three in a single strike, the military said Tuesday, raising to at least 19 the number of troop deaths in the first week of August.

The numbers signaled a resurgence in attacks after July saw the lowest number of U.S. casualties in eight months. U.S. commanders have warned they expected militants to try to upstage a September report on military and economic progress in Iraq.

Iraq's political crisis also worsened as five more ministers announced a boycott of Cabinet meetings — leaving Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's unity government with no members affiliated with Sunni political factions.

**N.M. medical plane crashes in forest; infant girl among 5 dead**

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — A medical plane crashed en route to a hospital, killing all five on board, including a 15-month-old patient and her mother, authorities said Monday.

The plane left the Ruidoso Regional Airport late Sunday on a flight to University of New Mexico Hospital, and crashed almost immediately in Devil's Canyon in the Lincoln National Forest, said Peter Olson, a spokesman for the state Department of Public Safety. Tracy Smith and her daughter, Lily Smith, were among those killed, Olson said. It's unknown why Lily was being taken to a hospital.

Southwest Medevac identified its pilot as Ricky Byers, 56, of Dimmitt, Texas, who had worked for the company for a year. The other two killed in the crash were Brian Miller, a 44-year-old flight nurse from Roswell, and Deanna Palmer, a 40-year-old paramedic.

**CUTS**

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"We're already working 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year," said Walker. "Before you make cuts to emergency services, I urge the court to look at some non-essential services."

"For the first time in a very long time, we're actually fully staffed at the sheriff's office, and that makes it tough to make these kinds of cuts. In the past I could just take a position we hadn't been able to fill and cut that. I can't do that now. I just hope the court is willing to work with us on this."

Walker said one area the county could shave dollars off the sheriff's department budget, if services had to be cut, would be its dealings with dogs.

"We get more animal calls in the county than anything else," Walker told the court. "I'd say it's the citizens' No. 1 gripe. However, it's not a law enforcement issue unless the dog is sick, vicious or injured. It's a constant thing and if we have to cut back on these types of calls, you're going to hear from the citizens."

The sheriff's office wasn't the only department under the court's microscope Monday, however, as commissioners also met with Justice of the Peace Benny Green and Leslie Grantham, director of the Spring City

Senior Center.

Grantham said her department was able to cut back two full-time positions to part-time, saving the county approximately \$25,800.

The center would be able to utilize a service provided by the Texas Workforce Commission called Access Alliance, according to Grantham, to provide two to three part-time positions at the center, with TWC picking up the tab.

"We currently have one employee that's part of the Access Alliance program, and we're hoping to have a second soon," Grantham told the court. "We're also on the lookout for a third."

County Auditor Jackie Olson said talks between the county and TWC could land the governmental agency more Access Alliance employees, with talks already under way.

Green told commissioners he doesn't feel his office can survive employee cuts.

"There's just no way my office can operate with just one clerk," Green told the court. "We handle all of the hot check warrants, along with the majority of other services, and there's no way to re-route that to another JP's office. If they file it in my district, I have to handle it. I just don't see how it (employee cuts) can possibly work."

County Clerk Donna Wright echoed Green's concerns, saying her office is still operating on cuts made

in the late 1990s.

"Before those cuts we had eight employees, and we're down to seven now," said Wright. "If you look at the department's revenue, as well, you'll see that cutting another employee will actually decrease the revenues we're bringing in."

County Librarian Hollis McCright, who recently decreased the library staff by two full-time positions and one part-time position, also spoke with commissioners about possibly restoring the part-time spot to keep the facility open on Saturdays.

"I know we're not one of the core departments for the county like the sheriff's department," McCright told the court. "However, we do provide very important services to the citizens of Howard County."

"If we don't restore the part-time position, it will leave only two employees to run the library on Saturdays, and that's a major security concern for me. It will also force us to close the Internet and movie room on Saturdays, because there's just no way they will be able to handle that on top of everything else."

Commissioners agreed to consider putting the part-time position back in the 2007-2008 budget.

Last week, commissioners also approved a cut of two full-time and one part-time position from the county's road and bridge department,

one full-time and one part-time position from the maintenance department and a single part-time position with the district clerk's office.

According to Barr, declining fund balances — coupled with the recent expense of closing and reopening the county jail facility — have the governmental body searching for ways to cut costs.

"We're looking at a budget shortfall of about \$250,000 for the coming year and a shortfall of about \$400,000 the following year," Barr added. "The fund balances have been steadily declining over the past several years, and the tremendous cost of the county jail being closed simply put it over the edge."

The county jail was shut down by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards in November after it failed to meet several life-safety criteria, forcing county commissioners to not only fund repairs to the facility totaling more than \$250,000, but also to shoulder the expense of housing inmates in other county jails, an expense Barr described as tremendous. Although the jail was recently given the OK to reopen by TDJS, Barr said the damage to county coffers has been done.

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**INDICTED**

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- Christopher Bernal, 21, of 703 S. Roden Street in Stanton, indecency with a child — two counts (second-degree felonies).

- Jesus M. Bustamante, 28, of 4915 Neely Apt. 404 in Midland, possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony).

- Diana Roxanne Carmona, 37, of 3100 Caldera Blvd. Apt. 2026 in Midland, tampering with governmental records (third-degree felony).

- Anthony Johnathon Diaz, 19, of 506 W. Broadway in Stanton, burglary of a building

(state jail felony).

- Fernando Arellano Gardea, 33, OF 1116 W. Co. Road 1406.5 in Midland, driving while intoxicated (third-degree felony).

- Bobby Gutierrez, 20, of 309 N. Convent Street in Stanton, burglary of a habitation — two counts (second-degree felony) and burglary of a habitation (second-degree felony).

- Stacie Whiddon Hardin, 39, of 3332 Providence Dr. in Midland, tampering with governmental records (third-degree felony).

- Anthony Dwayne Hinojosa, 25, of 2011 CRC 2801 in Stanton, failure to

register as a sex offender — two counts (third-degree felonies).

- Nathan Craig Lowe, 18, of 407 State Street in Big Spring, evading arrest (state jail felony).

- Richard Andres Marquez, 37, of 701 E. School in Stanton, delivery of a controlled substance (state jail felony).

- Timothy Joe Marquez, 19, of 510 W. School in Stanton, burglary of a building (state jail felony).

- Brent Evan McAnally, 29, of 406 N. St. Joseph, driving while intoxicated (third-degree felony).

- Suzanne Harrison Mitchell, 42, of 2611 Fannin in Midland, dri-

ving while intoxicated (third-degree felony).

- Daniel Jesse Montez, 20, of 409 S. St. Boniface, burglary of a habitation (second-degree felony).

- Tomas David Reyna Salgado, 20, of 800 W. Bell in Stanton, burglary of a building (state jail felony).

- Bibian Navarrette Salgado, 45, of 401 N. Oak in Stanton, failure to stop and render aid (transportation code).

- Javier Cepeda Sanchez, 36, of 701 N. Ray Street in Alvarado, possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony).

- Arthur Gordon Smith, 26, of 4700 Polo Parkway

Apt. 231, evading arrest (state jail felony).

- Tiffany Tarango, 19, of 5100 FM 2401 in Garden City, burglary of a building (state jail felony).

- Pedro Vasquez, 37, of 601 S. Roden in Stanton, retaliation (second-degree felony, enhanced).

- Joey Manuel Villa, 19, of 309 N. Boniface in

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**FISD**

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board will hold a public hearing at 6:30, following by a business meeting at 7 p.m.

The major financial concern for Forsan ISD as it approaches a new budget year is the possibility it may become classified as a "property rich" school district in the near future.

Superintendent Randy Johnson said that under current state guidelines, FISD just crosses the line between "poor" and "rich" districts.

As a so-called rich district, Forsan might be forced to divert local money to state coffers for redistribution to poorer school districts.

If current rules hold, Forsan may soon join Garden City and Grady as area school districts con-

sidered property-rich.

In other business, trustees:

- Approved the hiring of kindergarten teacher Ellie Miller.

- Decided to handle concession stand and bus cover construction projects in house to hold down costs in those areas.

- Learned that all district teachers meet federal Highly Qualified guidelines.

- Approved a policy

change that brings the district into line with the Religious Viewpoints Anti-Discrimination Act.

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## OUR VIEWS

# World's best hang gliders making visit

Brightly-colored wings are already soaring in the skies around Big Spring as the world's very best competitive hang gliders prepare for The Federation Aeronautique Internationale's World Hang Gliding Championships at McMahan-Wrinkle Airpark.

The championships began today, will continue through Aug. 19 and will see approximately 150 pilots — the best the United States has to offer and an impressive array of strong international talent — vying for top honors.

Of course, one of the reasons the FAI World Championships are being staged in Big Spring — only the second time the competition has ever been held in the United States — is the reception members of the United States Hang Gliding Association have received in past few years when the USHGA has staged its Open and National Championship competitions here.

That and the fact that our area excellent natural qualities for hang gliding. This portion of West Texas has the geography and weather necessary for excellent soaring conditions.

Actual competition in the nearly two-week-long event will begin on Thursday and continue through Saturday, Aug. 18. Gliders will begin lifting off around noon each day, taking part in what can only be described as "three-dimensional yacht races in the sky."

Clearly, this will be the top hang gliding event in the world this year and spectators are welcomed to show up at the airpark and take in the competitions.

Spectators are welcome to bring their folding chairs, sunshades and coolers with drinks.

Pilots taking part in the competition are involved in timed "out-and-return" events, as well as distance competitions.

We want to encourage local residents to take some time and spend a few hours or maybe even a whole day watching the best hang gliders in the world.

And while we're at it, we here at the *Herald* want to welcome all the FAI World Championships participants. We hope you enjoy your stay here in Big Spring and want to return whenever possible.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

*How we see a situation should be how You see a situation, Lord.*

Amen

# The fair-weather constitutionalists

Sen. Patrick Leahy has mounted his high horse again and is on the warpath against all things Bush and all things Republican. It might be instructive to examine certain statements in his tirade disguised as an interview with Politico.

Leahy said, "The president, with others, has stated in effect that he is a law unto himself and the president can overrule the law, the courts and congressional actions. We have seen this with regards to torture, signing statements and the president determining who will be prosecuted."

For Leahy this is nothing new. Like a spoiled kid who can't always have his way, he has been blowing things out of proportion for some time now — turning every political frustration into a supposed constitutional crisis. In early 2006, he betrayed his true colors when he said the constitutional "checks and balances that have served to constrain abuses of power for more than two centuries in this country" are at risk when Republicans control the legislative and executive branches.

To Leahy it was a constitutional crisis for voters to elect Republicans to power in the executive and legislative branches. But what's his excuse now, with Democrats in control of the legislative branch? Instead of admitting he has policy differences with President Bush, he says Bush is abusing the Constitution.

I'd like Leahy to cite just one case where President Bush has said that he can overrule the law, the courts or congressional actions. Of course Bush believes the executive branch doesn't have

to bend over in rank subordination to the legislative branch, and the Constitution happens to be on Bush's side on this matter. If Bush were the autocratic bully Leahy and others say he is, would he not have wielded the veto pen a little more often?

When Leahy talks about Bush being "a law unto himself," he's usually talking about the NSA surveillance program. But with this program, Bush doesn't claim he can violate or "overrule" the law. He just has a different view of the law and his inherent constitutional authority in this area. He takes the position that the law permits the government to engage in warrantless wiretaps of conversations of suspected terrorists when one party to the conversation is not in the United States.

But Leahy has been playing fast and loose with the facts and law on the NSA surveillance program almost since its inception. Remember when he (and many other Democrats) intentionally mischaracterized the program as domestic spying? Leahy went as far as to say, preposterously, "My concern is for peaceful Quakers who are being spied upon and other law-abiding Americans and babies and nuns who are placed on terrorist watch lists."

Why in the world, other than to damage Bush at the expense of the national interest, would Leahy aid and comfort the Al Qaeda propaganda machine by saying Bush is spying on little old ladies in the United States instead of suspected international terrorists? Leahy certainly isn't doing it to vindicate the Constitution. It's just a wild guess, but I doubt that many Quakers are on the average Jihadist's Rolodex.

Leahy and other Democrats conveniently cite the Constitution on the NSA issue for the same reason they accuse Bush of authorizing torture when Bush has expressly

denied it and when he's made it clear that torture is not the administration's policy. Their statements are designed to damage the Bush administration.

Let's admit Bush and Republicans favor tougher interrogation techniques than do Democrats. How could it be otherwise, given the Democrats' knee-jerk propensity to sympathize with the plight of the enemy combatant, their tendency to take the Guantanamo terrorist detainees' word over the Bush administration on how the detainees are being treated, and their reckless desire to afford full-blown constitutional rights to such detainees?

On that point, seriously, how can Leahy and friends, with straight faces, contend it is the Constitution they are vindicating when they want it to apply with full force to enemy combatants? How can anyone take these people seriously about their allegiance to constitutional principles when they are the ones who champion twisting the Constitution to achieve any policy end — like the promotion of abortion rights?

Yet Leahy had the audacity to claim, in the Politico interview, that the Roberts Supreme Court, in rolling back some of the liberal activist decisions of the Court, has become "an arm of the Republican Party."

Black is white and white is black. Just repeat a distortion often enough and it moves from laughable to possibly believable to conventional wisdom.

That's Leahy's and the Democrats' m.o. They are constitutionalists, all right, as long as being or saying so serves their political interests.

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# Feeling just a little insecure

Samantha was the name of the woman who finally put me over the edge. I could deal with the two and a half hours it took my friend to have her MRI, just to make sure the fact that her wrists won't move doesn't mean the breast cancer has spread to her bone. I warned her it wouldn't be nearly as quick and easy as she thought based on her prior experience with PET scans and CT scans. I had an MRI myself last week. Not only did the procedure, all told, take two hours, but ever since, I have been working almost full-time just following up.

And I was all right with the traffic in Los Angeles being so bad on every cross street, and with all the people beeping their horns and cutting in front so that I almost missed my much anticipated appointment with the breast surgeon, who told me everything was probably fine, but just to be sure, I should have another mammogram and sonogram by the same folks who did the MRI. Then they can compare results.

Two mammograms and sonograms in one year, not to mention an MRI? I can see the fight with the insurance company coming. But what the heck? I'm one of the lucky ones. I fight for a living and make a good enough one to be able to afford to pay the bill when I lose.

No, it was when I got home and

found out that the UPS Store helpline run by UPS was taking the position that UPS wasn't responsible for delivering my nephew's long-awaited birthday present (a Wii, which I schlepped across town to buy from a seller on Craigslist, then schlepped to a UPS Store to send) to the wrong address, because the UPS Store had put the wrong address down, and UPS isn't responsible for the mistakes of the UPS Store.

"Come again?" I said, with all the calm of a woman who has spent the day getting ready for more tests and more fights with insurance companies, not to mention seeing my close friend struggle with the side effects of the medicine she takes to stay alive. "You're telling me the UPS Store, called the UPS Store, found on the UPS website, with a helpline run by UPS, has nothing to do with UPS? That the insurance I took out with UPS doesn't apply because UPS delivered to the correct wrong address they were given by the UPS Store, entered by the UPS Store clerk, who apparently couldn't read my handwriting (that earned me straight As in penmanship at the Hadley School in Swampscott) and got both the street number and the phone number wrong?"

She thought I was dim, so she explained it again. I thought her advertising was totally deceptive, to the point that even a smart, attentive lawyer wouldn't know there was a difference between UPS and the UPS Store. You might as well go to the corner Smith Packing Store as to the UPS Store,

for all the protection it got you from UPS.

I'm not sure who hung up on whom, but it was not pleasant.

It shouldn't be this hard. And I'm lucky. I know it. Most people can't afford the extra test and don't know how to fight and win. Most people don't have columns to complain in and extra cash if they need it to replace the Wii for the heartbroken kid.

It took me an hour or two, and a walk and a talk and a break trying on sale items at the secondhand store, before I finally figured some of it out.

Once upon a time, I believed that growing up brought security, that if you worked hard, did well and took the tests you were supposed to, that if you didn't smoke and bought insurance for everything, you could count on having some security. But everywhere I look, it ain't so.

My friends are getting sick and finding themselves out of work, short of cash and strapped with bills. And they're not in their 60s and 70s. They're in their 40s and 50s. Job security means a couple of years.

Personal security means a home alarm system.

Staying well means finding out what's wrong with you before it kills you, not when it's about to.

National security means only 3,000 kids and a few hundred billion down the drain.

And the UPS Store doesn't mean anyone from UPS will help you.

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**Bird Poop:**

# Restless cardinal takes a bite out of rescuer

**T**umbling on the pavement toward the curb, he had been spared a crushing end to his life by the downdraft of the speeding truck. In the vehicle's path as he returned to his territory, the songbird never saw the approaching danger.

As she walked back to her classroom, a teacher observed the aftermath of yet another speeder in front of the school.



**BEBE McCASLAND**

After crossing the street, she noticed the bird was covered with sand and grit as it stood to regain its composure. When it did not fly away, she realized it was disoriented. To leave it curbside would probably result in another, more deadly consequence.

Walking into my office,

the teacher held both hands together. Even though the bird's head was covered, its long, red tail could only belong to a male cardinal. "Dazed. Absolutely out of it," were her first words. After telling of the bird's close call, she placed it in a cardboard box we had on hand for such emergencies. "With time, he could recover," was my answer to her worried query about his outcome.

During the rest of the morning, no sound was heard from the box. An hour before the final bell rang that afternoon, a welcome thump, followed by footsteps, echoed from the cardinal's enclosure. His long rest had ended when he awakened to find himself in a semi-dark place. Although daylight came through the air holes, the bird did not know where he was. He proceeded to explore and escape if possible. To me, those were welcome



Courtesy photo  
The name "cardinal" was first used to describe the red songbird because it was reminiscent of the brilliant red robes worn by religious leaders. Although secretive in choosing a nest site, the Northern cardinal is more public in announcing its presence with distinctive, easily recognizable songs.

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**Parent's Corner:**

## English can be extremely difficult for someone trying to learn language

**I** enjoy exploring the English language. Our language is something we take for granted but it must be extremely difficult for an individual trying to learn it.

I think you will understand their frustrations as you "read" this column, or should I say reed or possibly Reid!



**DARRELL RYAN**

English words are often so very confusing! Just as the above example, many words sounding the same have totally different

meanings, or in some cases, are spelled the same with different pronunciations. No wonder our children or folks who are trying to learn the English language are confused.

We say things that just don't appear to make sense, such as, "the bandage was wound around the wound," or, "the farm was used to produce produce," or, "the dump was so full that they had to refuse more refuse."

Just attempting to understand what we are trying to say could totally confuse a philosopher from another language!

Let's look at some other interesting word usages:

- I love to polish the Polish furniture.

- I know a guy who could lead if he would get the lead out.

- The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert since there was no time like the present to present his present to his commander.

- A young man started to paint a bass on the head of the bass drum, but decided to go hunting and as he shot at the dove, he dove into the bushes.

Confused yet? Try these:

- I did not object to the object of the accident but the insurance was invalid because it was written for the invalid.

- We went for a ride in a large boat and there was a row among the

oarsmen about how to row because they were too close to the port hole to close it.

- The buck does funny things when the does are nearby.

- When the seamstress tried to assist the sewer she fell into the sewer line.

- It's interesting that the farmer taught his sow to sow the wheat.

- The wind was too strong to wind the sail.

- Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear so I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.

- I wonder if I can intimate this to my most intimate friend.

Let's face it — English is full of things that just

don't make sense. There is no egg in eggplant, nor ham in hamburger, neither apple nor pine in pineapple nor grapes or nuts in grape nuts.

English muffins weren't invented in England or French fries in France. Sweetmeats are candies while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet, are meat.

We find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig. And it doesn't stop there.

Why is it that writers write but fingers don't fing, grocers don't groce and hammers don't ham? Also, if the plural of tooth is teeth, why isn't the plural of booth,

beeth?

Have you ever considered that if there is one goose but two geese then why not one moose and two meese? Doesn't it seem crazy that you can make amends but not one amend?

If you have a bunch of odds and ends and get rid of all but one of them, what do you call it? How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites?

You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which your house can burn up as it burns down, or in which you fill in a form by fill

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## NORMAN SQUIRREL NEEDS HELP

**D**o you remember the story I told you long ago about Lebau the squirrel? Lebau was afraid to climb high into the tree-tops and fetch the acorns from his favorite tree, but his little brother Norman, wasn't afraid. Norman was not afraid to climb the highest trees in the whole world if it would help his big brother. He even taught

Lebau not to be afraid because all squirrels must know how to do this. Lebau climbs the highest trees almost every day now, thanks to his little brother helping him. Now, it is time for Lebau to help his little brother, Norman!

Norman could climb trees, scamper all around the ground, and run, hide,

and play with the other squirrels. He could do almost everything all the other squirrels could do. Almost! He was ashamed to tell any of the other squirrels this, but he didn't know how to build a squirrel's nest, like all of the other squirrels do. No one had ever taught him how build a nest.

Lebau would have taught Norman, but he had never asked for help and

Lebau didn't know. He loved his little brother and would have done anything for him.

It happened almost a year ago. Lebau had been in his favorite tree, collecting acorns for the winter. He knew, as all squirrels do, that he must collect enough food to last him all winter long, when there are no acorns, or any other foods to eat. Norman knew this too, but he had no place to store his acorns. He had no nest! He did dig little holes in the ground and hide some of the acorns and would come back to find them later on, but he needed a place to keep some of them handy. He needed a squirrel's nest! A nest would also keep him warm and safe. Have you ever seen a squirrel's nest? Try to find one tomorrow if you have lots of trees in your neighborhood.

Lebau collected all of the acorns he would need for the winter because his favorite tree was a very big tree and had lots

of acorns. He wanted to help Norman gather enough for the winter, too. He went over to where he always found Norman, playing and eating those wonderful acorns and nuts. He had always wondered why Norman had never invited him to visit his squirrel's nest. He had never even seen Norman's nest! He did find Norman. But Norman was not feeling well. He was so sick. He had a cold. Do squirrels catch colds, like you and me? In this story, they do!

"Norman, how did you catch your cold? Squirrels are not supposed to catch them. Your nest should protect you from the cold air and keep you warm, cozy, and away from the germs that would make you catch a cold. Let me see your nest. Maybe we could fix it so it will be warmer and more safe for you." What could poor little Norman do? He finally had to tell someone that he did not know how to build a

nest!

When he told Lebau that he did not know how to build the nest, Lebau didn't laugh at him as he had thought he might. Instead, Lebau gave him a big hug and asked, "Why didn't you tell me that no one had ever taught you how? I will be very happy to show you. Do you remember when you taught me not to be afraid of high trees? I have always wanted to help you too, and didn't know how, until now!"

First, Norman picked his favorite tree where he wanted his nest. Then, Lebau found a nice fork in that tree. He found a little twig that had been lying on the ground. This would be the first twig of many that Lebau would use that day. Norman watched very carefully as Lebau placed each twig, being very careful to put it where it would only make the nest stronger and stronger. He didn't want Norman or his nest to fall!

When he was done,

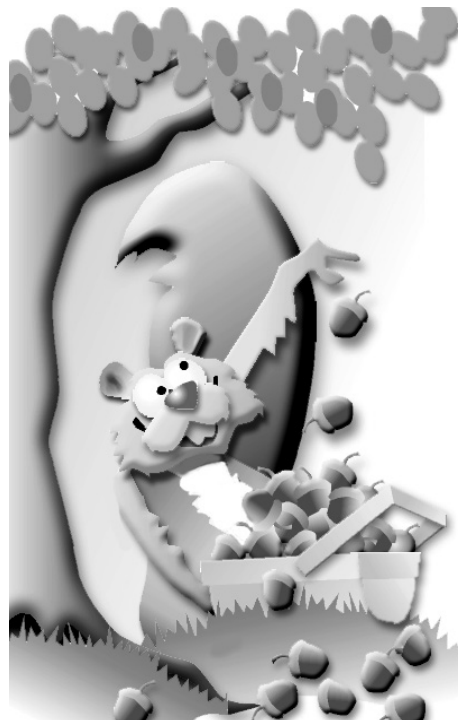


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Norman thought is was the most beautiful squirrel's nest in all of the woods. He couldn't wait to sit proudly in it. He felt better already. The cold was almost gone. He would never catch another one. He would be safe, warm, and cozy all winter long now! And, he knew how to build a new one next year. He was so glad that Lebau had shown him how to build that nest. He also knew that he should never have been ashamed to ask for help a long time ago. He remembered that even Lebau had needed help at one time. We all do!

Norman is in his squirrel's nest right now. It is dark and time for bed. He pulls the covers up, fluffs his pillow, and says, "Good Night"

★★★





# San Antonio bus driver says he's not quitting now

By PATRICK DRISCOLL

San Antonio Express-News

SAN ANTONIO — On April 1, 1953, menacing Soviets repeated demands to let communist China join the United Nations, suggesting that it could help settle the Korean War. General Electric bumped up the price of a 60-watt light bulb, from 14 cents to 16 cents.

And John Moreno started as a bus driver in San Antonio.

Now 77, Moreno is still driving buses, clocking more than 30 hours a week. He does it just to stay busy, saying, "I have enough free time."

His 54 years on the job predates the city's transit system.

Moreno began with the privately owned San Antonio Transit Co. He was 23, fresh out of the Army and happy at the bottom, working week-

ends and earning well under the union's top wage of \$1.55 an hour.

At the time, Deason Radio Co. was unloading its latest shipment of Philco televisions; Handy Andy was selling loaves of rye bread for 18 cents.

The basic bus fare was 10 cents, a tenth of what it is now. Most buses didn't have air conditioning. Black people had to sit in the back.

Somewhere on Carson Street, 5-year-old John Milam was busy playing, napping or perhaps bugging his mom. He wouldn't step on a public bus for another three years, but eventually rose to take the helm of VIA.

As a boy, Milam may have passed Moreno at the fare box — he can't say. But he knows Moreno now, and, with the way workers hop jobs these days, considers him a rare gem.

"Of course, he's got a lot of experience," Milam said. "And we need drivers. I wish we had a lot more John Morenos."

For years, Moreno drove buses that are now best left for gawking at in museums.

With standard shifts and no air conditioning, they were essentially sweat boxes lurching along streets. The windows were rolled down much of the year, hot air whipping in and damp arms hanging out and gathering a sticky film of dust and tiny insects.

"You felt like you were driving an old pickup or something like that," Moreno said. "But of course it was much bigger."

Another relic, since tossed on the trash heap of history, was a pair of signs on each bus that told blacks to go to the back. Bus company offi-

cials said they had stopped enforcing Texas segregation laws for several years, yet the signs remained until 1956, when the U.S. Supreme Court struck down such laws for intrastate travel. Seven more years passed before the first black bus driver was hired in San Antonio.

Moreno doesn't like talking about segregation, but said there were times when he told blacks to move to the back.

"It's just the job," he said.

Evolving ridership, fares, wages, strikes and threats of strikes over the years were another part of the job for Moreno. But they weren't life changing or threatening, like two events on buses that he can't forget.

By the 1960s, Moreno's marriage had soured, and after a divorce he was raising three children

with help from relatives. Sometimes the bus had to double as day-care center.

Then in 1966, a woman with long black hair and a big smile began riding his bus several times a week. She had striking legs, which spilled out from the miniskirts she wore.

Moreno couldn't help checking her out in the rearview mirror. And Connie, a seamstress at Joske's who had come from Mexico years earlier with a son from a previous marriage, noticed him looking.

"I got nervous when he looked," she said.

Moreno was nervous too, but soon worked up the courage to ask her out. They went to a coffee shop at North Star Mall, where he was so jittery he spilled coffee on her.

"Oh, she never forgets that," he said.

Connie slipped into her

native tongue and ripped into Moreno. But she was already in love.

A week later, on a "real date" at Luby's, Moreno professed his love. They married three months later and together had three more children.

"Another man like him won't be born," Connie said. "He doesn't drink, he doesn't smoke and he's a family man."

Most days on the bus are quiet, which suits Moreno. The calm is filled with a growling whine of the motor, blasts of air from the brakes and chatter from passengers.

As the most tenured driver, Moreno picks his route, and that's the McCullough-Rigsby line because he can walk to it and knows so many riders.

"I'm going to stay there until they tell me they don't need me around," he said.

## CARDINAL

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noises and possible signs of recovery.

Before the turbulence created by the truck had flipped the cardinal to the pavement, the teacher had seen him heading toward the school. We both felt he was "ours." Every day, staff and students enjoyed the feeder outside my window. A pair of cardinals was seen frequently throughout the year.

Almost entirely red, except for the black patch of feathers surrounding the base of his large, thick bill, the male would often raise and lower his crest as if to accentuate his feelings. His mate was gray, brownish above, with reddish wings, crest and

bill. Being early to school meant one could enjoy their morning songs, whoo-ett, whoo-ett, whoo-ett; tuer, tuer, tuer. Their pret-ty, pret-ty, pret-ty aptly described their coloration and stature.

Although we never found their nest, two fledglings appeared on the ground near the feeder one summer. When the school was eerily silent because all students and teachers were in their classrooms, the male would choose one of the cars in the parking lot for his attention. Not only would he peck at his reflection in the hubcaps, but the outside mirrors were frequently attacked.

Once home, I prepared a long cage for his journey back to nature. Sunflower seeds, cracked corn, wild bird seeds, crickets and meal worms

would be tempting morsels, along with a large bowl of water for drinking and bathing. If I were able to catch a grasshopper or cicada, perhaps the cardinal could really enjoy his captivity.

With everything ready, I reached inside the box and placed my hand around the beautiful, restless creature. As he looked around the room, I could feel a vibrant energy emitting from him that I had never felt before in other birds his size. Quick to size up the situation, he stared at me for only a second before he bit me.

Adapted to cracking seeds, the cardinal's bill was firmly pinching the thin, loose, fleshy skin that joins the base of my right thumb and the last knuckle of the index finger. Like a pair of pliers,

he had suddenly grabbed a very vulnerable part of my hand. Pulling him off might cause damage. If I could stand it, I thought it better to raise my hand just enough so that his feet were barely off the floor. When he finally decided to let go because his beak was being pulled off by the weight of his body, he would not have far to fall. I waited. And waited. Nothing happened.

With no one to help, gravity and time would have to come to my rescue. As I stood there with my loose flesh holding this irate bird, I knew that no bite from a hawk or owl had ever hurt that much. Minutes passed.

Finally, he let go. Quickly grabbing him with my left hand and placing him inside the cage, I noticed he imme-

diately flew up to a perch, turned and glared back at me.

Having observed the cardinal for several hours, and with about an hour of daylight left, we took the bird back to the school for release. No longer confined, the cardinal easily reached the top of an Arizona

cypress. Checking his territory, he then flew to other trees on the campus. With no visible injuries except to his dignity, the cardinal was more inclined to accept nature's healing rather than ours.

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## RYAN

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ing it out or in which an alarm goes off by going on.

English was invented by people, not computers, and it reflects the creativity of the human race, which, of course, is not a race at all.

That is why, when the stars are out, they are visible, but when the lights are out, they are

invisible.

Hmm, I wonder why "Buick" doesn't rhyme with "quick?"

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

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The major elements of the proposed project will consist of 48 one, two and three bedroom units. As required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), USDA Rural Development has assessed the potential environmental effects of the proposed project. To avoid any significant environmental impacts, the following mitigation measures have been adopted: (No Mitigation Measures).

With the inclusion of these measures, USDA Rural Development has assessed the potential environmental impacts of this proposed action and has determined that it will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment. Therefore, USDA Rural Development will not prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action.

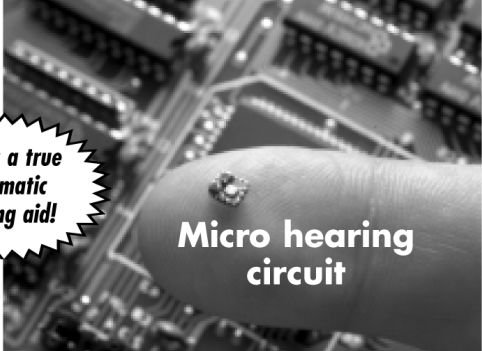
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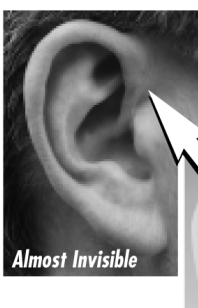


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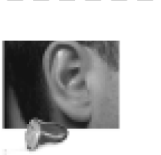
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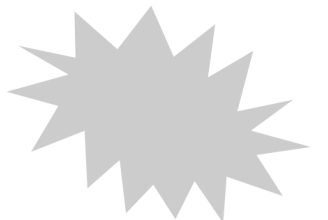
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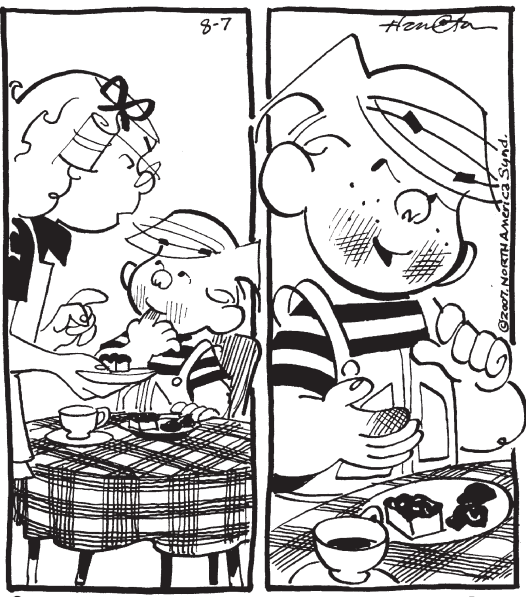




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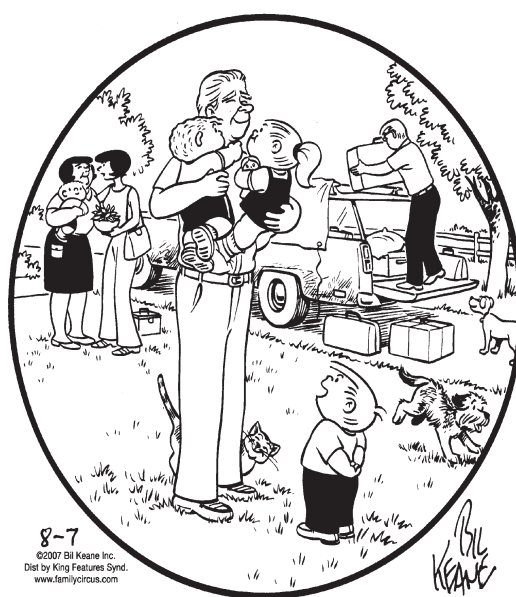
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"DENNIS, WE DON'T LICK OUR FINGERS." "MAYBE WE DON'T, BUT I DO!"

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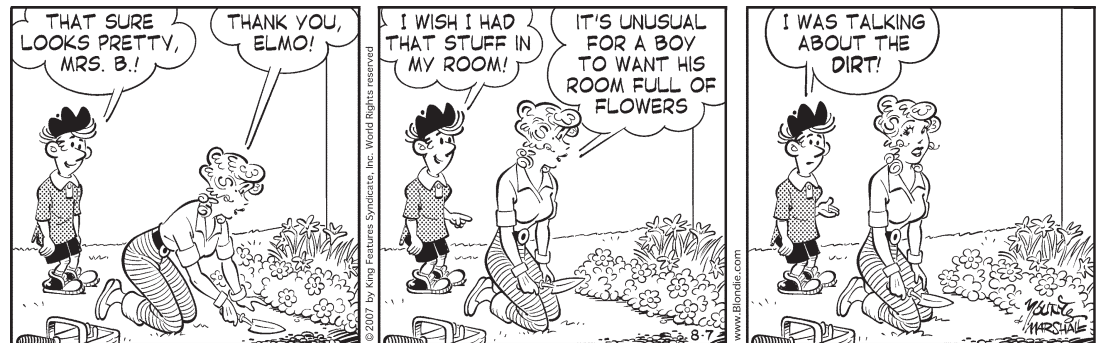


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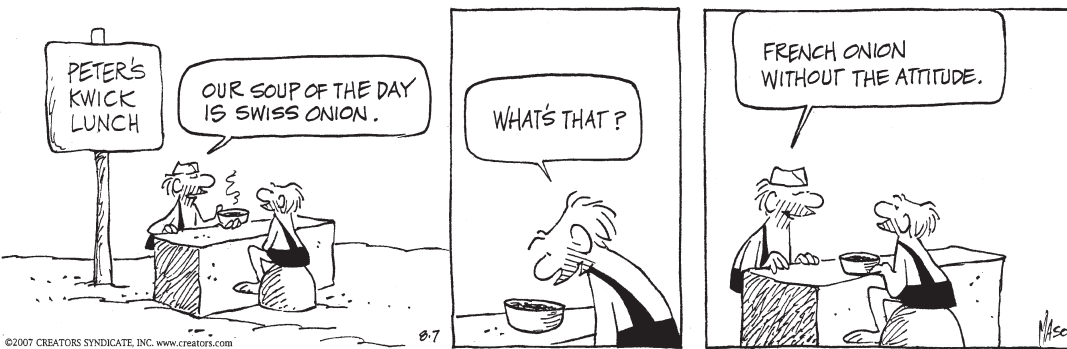
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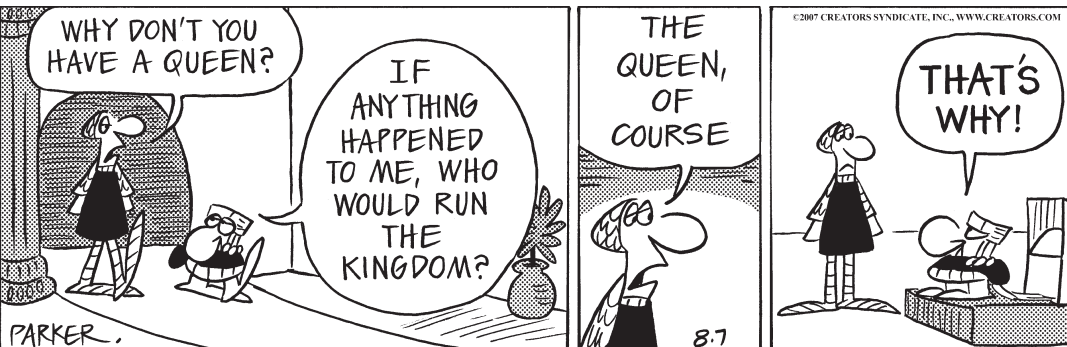
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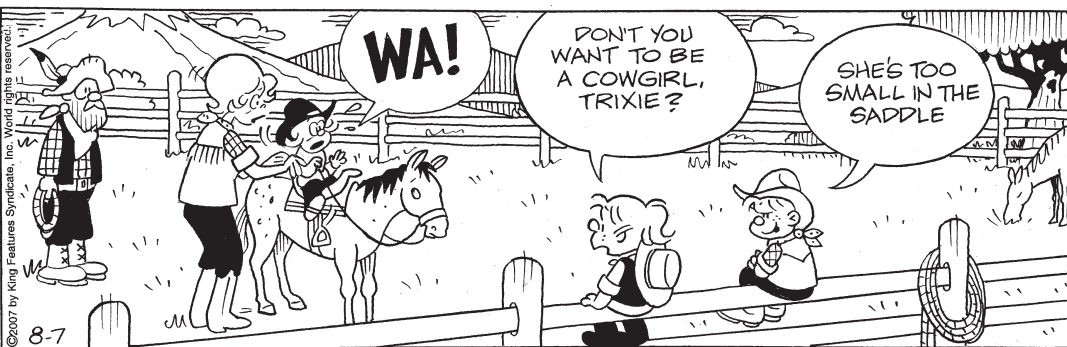
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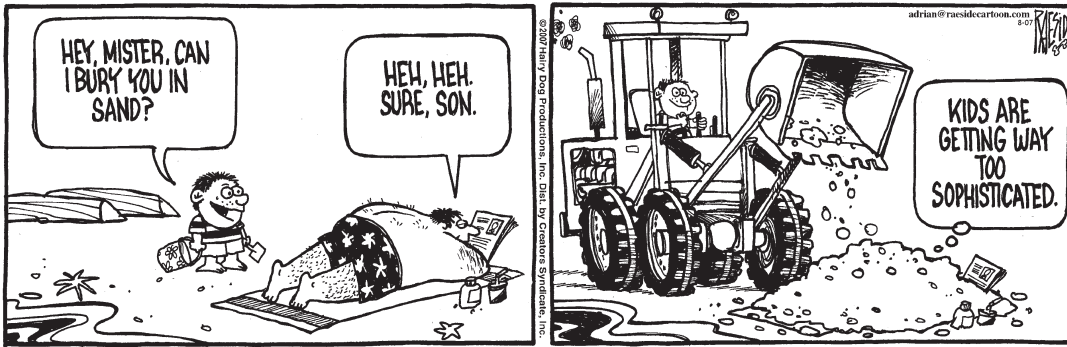
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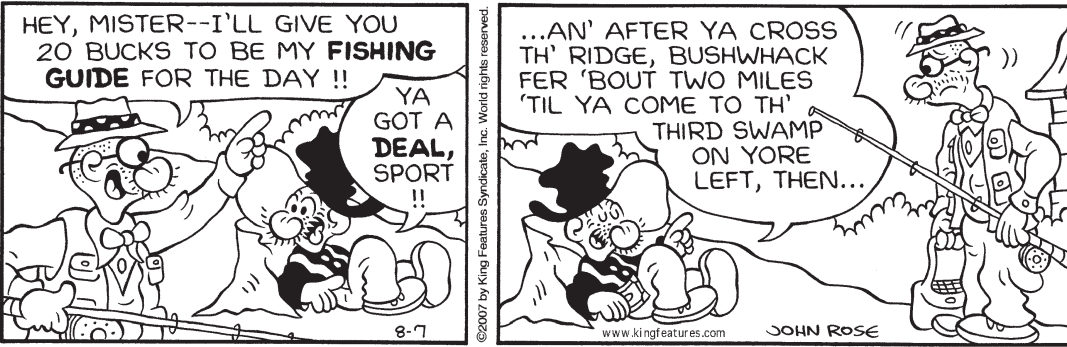
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Newsday Crossword

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