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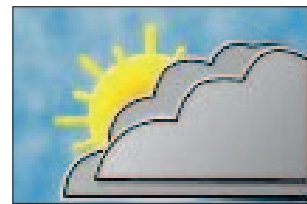
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Maria Hagland, manager of the Salvation Army Thrift Store on N. Gregg Street, looks at a battered upright piano which is one of several junked items dropped off at the store recently.

SA thrift store awash in unwanted items

But donations still welcome

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Officials at the Salvation Army Thrift Store don't want to sound ungracious, but there are some donations they really don't need.

Maria Hagland, manager of the store, said some people recently have been dropping off items at the store that are, in effect, junk — broken furniture, torn mattresses, wet or soiled clothing and, in one case, a battered old upright piano.

"It's just stuff that will end up going to the trash dump," Hagland said. "People are dropping off

"It's not that we don't want things," she said. "We really appreciate a lot of the stuff people bring in, but not things like broken chairs."

Maria Hagland, thrift store manager

stuff like that all the time."

The unwanted items end up costing the thrift store in more ways than that — Hagland said the city charges the store \$35 per truck load to dump the items at the landfill.

"Whoever is dropping off these items here could just take the stuff to the landfill, and they'd be able to drop it off for free," she added.

However, Hagland was hesitant to complain too

much about the unwanted items, fearing it might discourage legitimate donations.

"It's not that we don't want things," she said. "We really appreciate a lot of the stuff people bring in, but not things like broken chairs."

Among the items the store readily accepts are clothing, kitchen ware and household items, knick knacks and furniture in decent repair.

Money raised at the

thrift store goes to support Salvation Army operations elsewhere in the city. Proceeds also aid other local organizations such as the Boys' Club, Hagland said.

For more information or to determine if a donation will be accepted, contact the store at 267-8635.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331, ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com.

Opening ceremonies

World Hang Gliding Championships debuts

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Area residents will get a chance to meet the men and women who will compete for the hang gliding world title, as coordinators with the World Hang Gliding Championships prepare for opening ceremonies at 7 p.m. tonight.

Debbie Wegman, director of the Conventions and Visitors Bureau and one of many city employees helping to coordinate the event, said that more than two dozen countries will be represented tonight when the ceremony begins at the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater.

"The FAI (Federation Aeronautique Internationale) has shipped in 27 different flags for the opening ceremony," said Wegman. "Each one of these flags represents the home countries of the pilots participating in the championships. We've had a special stand built for them, and during the ceremony each of the team captains will place these flags on the display.

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Herald photo/Thomas Jenkins

Opening ceremonies for the World Hang Gliding Championships will be at 7 p.m. today in the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater.

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BSISD: More students may mean fewer transfers

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

A glut of students in the lower elementary grade levels may mean delayed or denied campus transfer requests for many Big Spring Independent School District students this school year.

For the third year in a row, BSISD is expecting more than 350 kindergarten students to enroll in classes here. While more students are always welcomed by school officials,



Dunnam

they cause a problem at the elementary level for two reasons.

First, elementary grades (K through 4) are limited to a 22-to-1 student/teacher ratio. Second, there are only so many classrooms available. Put those two factors together and it makes for jam-packed elementary campuses, said

Carie Dunnam, assistant superintendent for BSISD.

"We're expecting full enrollment across the district in those grade levels," Dunnam said.

What it also means is that inter-district transfer requests, once basically handled as a matter of course, now become a more iffy proposition, she said.

"Normally, we can almost guarantee that if you attended a campus (on a transfer)

the previous year, you'd be allowed to attend that campus again," Dunnam said.

Because of the influx of students in grades K through 2 — and the limited number of classrooms — transfer requests will be subject to much more scrutiny, particularly in those early grades, she noted.

"If we automatically approved transfer requests

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IN BRIEF

Lady Steer Booster Club meets Monday

The Big Spring Lady Steer Booster Club will meet at 6 p.m. Monday 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.

Canty thriving in Phillips' scheme

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**

AP Sports Writer

SAN ANTONIO — Chris Canty emphatically pumped his fist after getting to the quarterback, then celebrated another tackle with a leaping in-air bump with one of his Dallas Cowboys teammates.

There was also a scuffle with a running back.

And this is only training camp. "I'm an aggressive personality," said Canty, the third-year defensive end. "I live to compete. I like the physical play."

Especially in the Cowboys' restructured 3-4 defense under new coach Wade Phillips. It is a more aggressive blitzing style, far from the somewhat conservative way Bill Parcells used the system, which sometimes shackled the 6-foot-7, 299-pound Canty.

"Oh man, he's really playing well," linebacker Bradie James said. "He's getting in the backfield, and he's a big man. ... We have a new scheme that allows these guys to move and get in the backfield. So these guys are very excited."

Despite starting every game

last season, Canty had only one sack and didn't have a tackle for a loss. He did tie for the team lead with seven quarterback pressures.

In Parcells' version of the 3-4, the defensive ends played mostly technique — forced to read and react rather than just attack. That often left them stuck on the line of scrimmage dealing with offensive tackles or tight ends. Marcus Spears, the other starting end, also had only one sack.

Canty and Spears expect to do so much more in Phillips' scheme.

"The coaches are putting us in position and give us opportunities to do that," Canty said.

"Chris is a really strong disruptive force," Phillips said. "He'll go in there and just knock two people out of the way and make a play. ... We're going to try to use him more upfield and into people, and knock people back. He's got some natural skills there."

The first chance to hit somebody else is Thursday night when the Cowboys play their preseason opener at home against the Indianapolis Colts.

Bonds hits 756 to pass Aaron

By **JANIE McCAULEY**

AP Sports Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — For one spectacular moment, Barry Bonds and everybody cheering him could forget about the controversy surrounding his chase and appreciate the phenomenal feat: 756.

Nobody in the majors — not Hank Aaron, not Babe Ruth — has ever hit more home runs than the San Francisco star.

On Tuesday night, in his home ballpark, it didn't matter how many of them might have been fueled by steroids or performance-enhancers. Bonds has the title of home run king all to himself, ending Aaron's 33-year reign.

"This record is not tainted at all. At all. Period," Bonds said.

And more than 43,000 adoring Giants fans, including his godfather, Hall of Famer Willie Mays, surely agreed.

Bonds raised both arms over his head like a prize fighter in victory, fists clenched — and then he took off. It was over at long last.

Bonds did it with a shot to the deepest part of the ballpark with one out in the fifth inning against Washington's Mike Bacsik.

Bonds sent the 84-mph fastball arcing high into the night, 435 feet into the right-center field seats. And then, the celebration began in force — fireworks, streamers, banners commemorating the accomplishment, and even a party in McCovey Cove.

Conspicuous by their

absence were the commissioner and Hammerin' Hank himself.

Though he was on hand for the tying homer three days ago, deciding to put baseball history ahead of the suspicions plaguing the Giants slugger, Bud Selig wasn't there for the record-breaker.

Instead, he sent two emissaries, Major League Baseball executive vice president Jimmie Lee Solomon and Hall of Famer Frank Robinson. Selig also issued a statement.

"While the issues which have swirled around this record will continue to work themselves toward resolution, today is a day for congratulations on a truly remarkable achievement," Selig said.

Bonds also heard personally from the commissioner with congratulations.

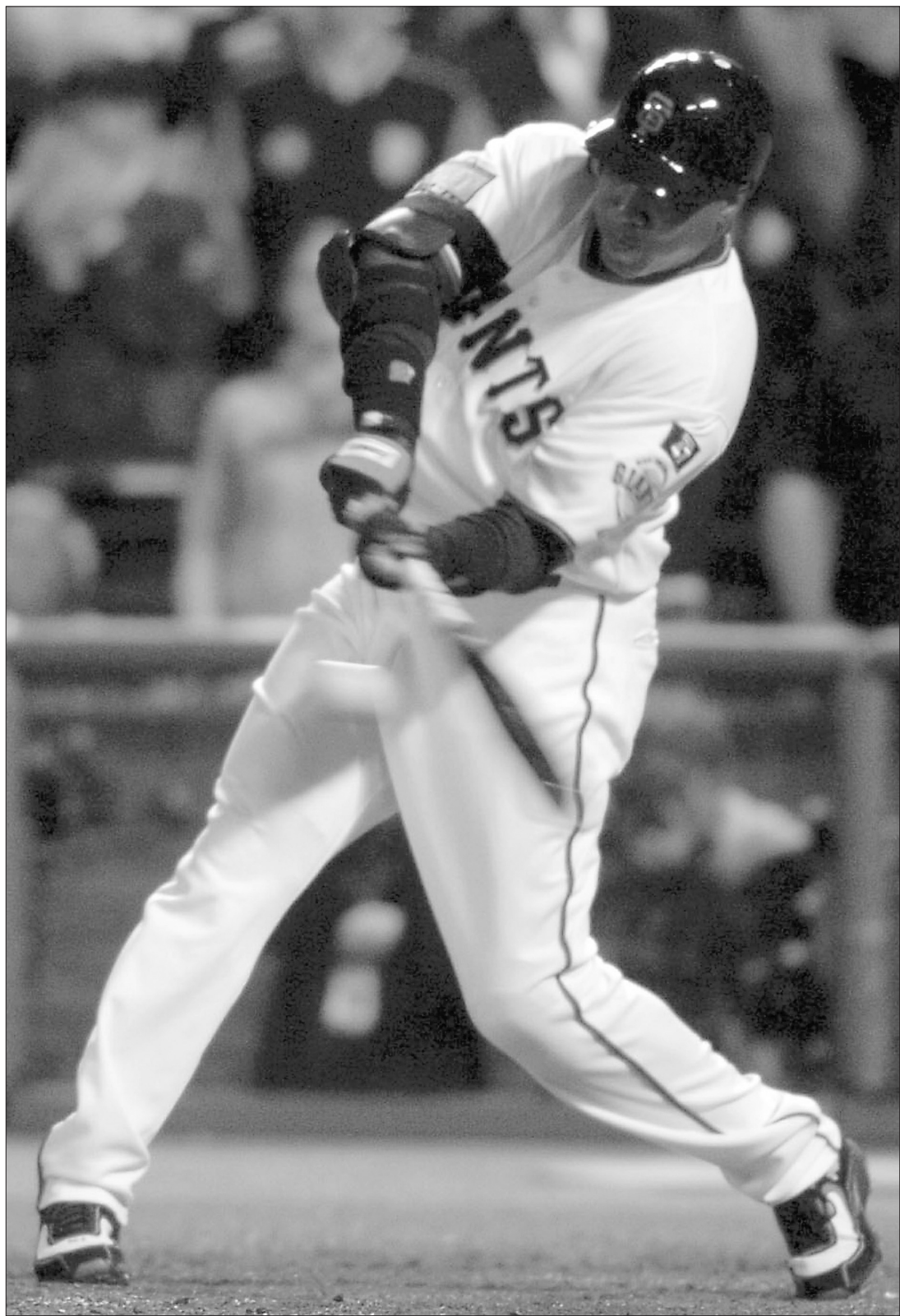
"I was very happy about that," Bonds said.

As for Aaron, he said all along he had no interest in being there whenever and wherever his record was broken. He was true to his word, but he did offer a taped message of congratulations that played on the stadium's video board during a 10-minute, in-game tribute.

"It is a great accomplishment which required skill, longevity and determination," he said.

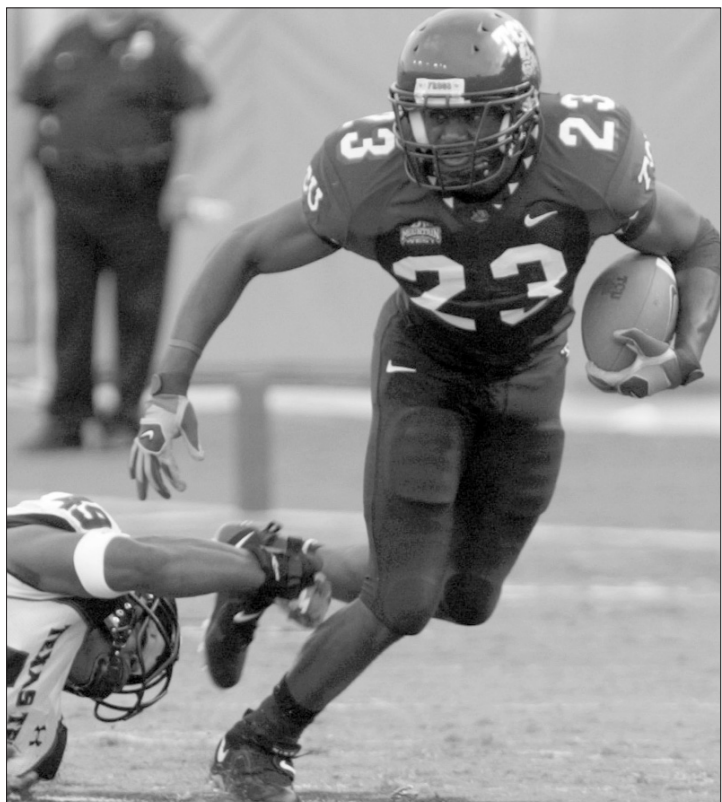
"Throughout the past century, the home run has held a special place in baseball and I have been privileged to hold this record for 33 of those years. I move over now and offer my best wishes

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MCT photo/Bob Larson/Contra Costa Times
San Francisco Giants Barry Bonds follows the flight of home run number 756 in the fifth inning of their game Tuesday against the Washington Nationals at AT&T Park in San Francisco.

TCU enters season as likely BCS Buster



MCT photo/Sharon M. Steinman/Fort Worth Star-Telegram
Texas Tech's Joe Garcia can't hold on to Texas Christian University ball carrier Aaron Brown (23) during action Sept. 16, 2006. Brown led TCU in scoring last season and is one of the reasons the Horned Frogs are favorites to be a BCS Buster this season.

Last year, it was Boise State. In 2005, it was Utah.

Year after year in college football, there is a school from a mid-major conference — such as the Western Athletic Conference or the Mountain West Conference — that plays the role of BCS Buster.

The term BCS Buster refers to any team not from a Bowl Championship Conference that manages to earn a spot in a BCS bowl game.

With the exception of Notre Dame, it is more difficult for a non-BCS team to reach one of the series' bowls that it is for a team from a major conference.

Several teams over the years have threatened to play the buster role, but only two have succeeded — the 2004-05 Utah Utes and the 2006-07 Boise State Broncos.

Both of those teams would have been considered busters by just making it into the BCS' Fiesta Bowl, but each took advantage of their opportunities and proved that they belong with the big boys.

Utah had the easier game. They actually went into the 2005 Fiesta Bowl as favorites over the Pittsburgh Panthers. They easily covered the spread with a 35-7 rout.

However, Boise State was considered an underdog heading into the 2007 Fiesta Bowl against the Oklahoma Sooners in January. The Broncos didn't believe the hype and produced one of the most memorable finishes in college football histo-

ry. It was truly a matchup of David and Goliath with David's stone coming in the forms of an overtime forcing hook-and-ladder play and a statue of liberty play for a two-point conversion to give the Broncos the 43-42 victory.

Each season media members and college football fans will pick a likely BCS Buster. This season is no different and there are three teams that seem most likely to play the role — the TCU Horned Frogs, the Hawaii Warriors and 2007's busting Boise State Broncos.

Of those three teams, TCU pops out to me as the favorite. The Horned Frogs return nine starters from a defense that ranked in the top 10 in every major statistical category last season.

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Obituaries

Mattie Murphree Patterson



Mattie Murphree Patterson, 76, of Big Spring, died Monday, Aug. 6, 2007, in a local nursing home. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 9, 2007, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Jim Binnix, pastor of Midway Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

She was born Aug. 23, 1930, in Perryton. Mattie married J. B. Murphree and he preceded her in death. She then married Marvin "Bobby" Patterson in 2001 in Ruidoso, N.M.

Mattie had been a resident of Big Spring since 1939 and managed Mrs. Baird's Bread Store for 15 years. She was a member of Midway Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Bobby Patterson of Big Spring; one son, Jackie Murphree and wife, Ruthie of Big Spring; two sisters, Pat Harris and husband, John of Brownwood, and Martha Kate Kyles of Idaho; three brothers, Bobby Wayne Whitehead and wife, Linda of Idaho, Don Whitehead and wife, Brenda of Arizona, and Carl Whitehead and wife, Annetta of California; three grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, Jack and Lomesia Thomas Whitehead; five brothers and one sister.

The family suggests memorials be made to the donor's favorite charity.

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

Take Note

• **A RELAY FOR LIFE FUNDRAISER DANCE AND SILENT AUCTION** will be held from 7 p.m. to midnight Thursday at Club 432, located at 3103 S. Gregg. Music will be provided by DJ Big Roc. Cover is \$5 per person. Food, drinks and dancing will be available at the event, which is sponsored by the Yellow Dogs. Call 213-1117 for more information.

• **A FUNDRAISER FOR HOLY TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST** will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at 408 NE 11th. Barbecue brisket, chicken and sausage, potato salad, beans and bread will be available for \$6.50 a plate. Also available will be chocolate cakes, lemon pie and coconut pie at \$6.25 each. Call 263-5621 for more information.

• **ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN** until 6 p.m. Friday and 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Saturday at 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 at St. Thomas Parish Hall, 605 N. Main. The Menu will consist of munedo, carne guisada, 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. The fund has been set up 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.

• **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.

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

Police blotter

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

- **JOSEPH COOK**, 28, of 1425 E. Sixth, was arrested Tuesday on 11 local warrants and a Howard County warrant.
- **ANTONIO IBARRA**, 18, of 1504 Kentucky way, was arrested Tuesday on two local warrants and a capias warrant.
- **SAMMY FERRELL**, 45, of 509 Johnson, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- **GEORGE KOSTELAZ**, 47, of 4306 Highway 80, was arrested Tuesday on charges of public intoxication and Class C assault - family violence.
- **AGUSIN FIERRO JR.**, 40, of 707 Electra Dr., was arrested Tuesday on charges of public intoxication and a parole warrant.
- **ROBERT SANCHEZ**, 43, of 1023 Stadium, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **SAMANTHA LUCAS**, 18, of 632 Tulsa, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of consumption of alcohol by a minor.
- **XAVIER GONZALES**, 18, of 404 N. Fifth, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- **EARNEST CLARK**, 67, of 4000 W. Highway 80, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **MICHAEL HERNANDEZ**, 39, of 604 N.E. Ninth, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **NATASH MORRIS**, 21, of 911 Scurry, was arrested Wednesday on charges of public intoxication and resisting arrest.
- **LEROY ELMER DOLLEY**, 38, of 2116 Neal Road, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **THEFT** was reported:
 - in the 3200 block of Drexel.
 - in the 1100 block of Lamesa.
 - in the 200 block of Marcy.
- **POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - TWO OUNCES OR LESS** was reported in the 500 block of Johnson.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1200 block of Young.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported:
 - in the 1700 block of Purdue.
 - in the 800 block of FM 700.
 - in the 800 block of Goliad.
 - in the 1400 block of Sixth Street.

Sheriff's report

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 50 inmates at the time of this report.
- **STEVEN JOHN ALVAREZ**, 42, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of criminal mischief and driving while license invalid.
- **ISAAC DANIEL CHAVARRIA**, 21, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **DAVID ANTHONY HARVENDER**, 47, was arrested Tuesday by DPS on a charge of violation of parole - burglary of a building.
- **ROBERT C. HERRING**, 29, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of issuance of a bad check.
- **ANTHONY THOMAS MCGRUDER**, 36, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of violation of parole for sexual assault of a child (Austin).
- **CRYSTAL COBLE**, 20, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of bondsman off bond for resisting arrest, search or transportation.
- **FRANCIS MAURICE OVERTON**, 23, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on charges of bail jumping - failure to appear, bondsman off bond for driving while license invalid, bondsman off bond for possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, bondsman off bond for criminal mischief and bondsman off bond for driving while license invalid with a previous conviction.

Support Groups

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.

Bulletin Board

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

TODAY

• **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.

Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1000 block of Hearn. Service was refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 8000 block of W, Highway 80. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3000 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 500 block of Young. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 300 block of N. Fourth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1600 block of 11th. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2400 block of Alabama. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1700 block of Todd Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 4000 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2000 block of Virginia. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported at the Flight Line unit. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 300 block of E. Third Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

Lottery

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

Winning numbers drawn: 2-7-21-22-31.
Number matching five of five: 1.
Prize: \$26,602
Winning ticket sold in: Plano.

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-5-9.

Weather

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

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They're led by defensive end Tommy Blake, who is considered by many as a sure-fire first-round draft pick in next year's NFL draft.

Blake finished among the national leaders in sacks and tackles for loss. His presence in opponents' backfield is so common that he should be forced to apply for permanent residency.

Teams would love to throw double teams Blake's way, but are unable to because of fellow defensive end Chase Ortiz. Together, Blake and Ortiz might make up the best defensive end combo in the country.

TCU plays a 4-2-5 defense that depends

heavily upon the versatile play of the team's safeties. The Horned Frogs lost their top safety, Marvin White, to graduation last season. However, David Roach and Brian Bonner return to keep TCU strong at the integral position.

Bonner is the most accomplished of the two. He's solid in coverage, but also shows a knack for blitzing, recording 4 1/2 sacks last season.

Offensively, the Horned Frogs aren't nearly as talented as Hawaii or Boise State. Hawaii boasts Heisman-candidate quarterback Colt Brennan, while Boise State returns last year's national scoring leader, running back Ian Johnson.

However, TCU will feature a potent running

game featuring running back Aaron Brown. Brown split carries last season with Lonta Hobbs, but will become the featured back this season following Hobbs' graduation.

Brown was TCU's leading scorer despite the split of carries. He'll run behind an offensive line that returns three starters and nine lettermen.

TCU's line allowed just 15 sacks last season, while averaging 194 rushing yards per game.

Predicting the Horned Frogs to run the table and bust the BCS means they must pull off an upset of former Southwest Conference rival Texas. The Longhorns are ranked fourth in the nation to start the season, but will

find themselves on the losing end if they take TCU for granted.

If the Horned Frogs can make it past Texas in the second week of the season, then a BCS berth should be well in reach, provided they can avoid upset bids by Brigham Young and one-time BCS busting Utah along the way.

However, if TCU should fall, the hopes of another BCS Buster falls to Hawaii and Boise St. Both teams could be undefeated when they meet November 23 in Hawaii with a possible BCS berth on the line.

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BONDS

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to Barry and his family on this historic achievement.

"My hope today, as it was on that April evening in 1974, is that the achievement of this record will inspire others to chase their own dreams."

A woman who answered the phone at Aaron's home in Georgia shortly after Bonds' homer said that Aaron was asleep.

"When I saw Hank Aaron that made everything," Bonds said. "We've always loved him.

He's always the home run king."

With a long, satisfied stare, Bonds watched as the ball sailed over the fence and disappeared into the scrum in the first few rows. Then he raised both arms over his head like a victorious prize fighter, fists clenched, and took off.

"I knew I hit it," Bonds said. "I knew I got it. I was like, phew, finally."

Bonds saved his most poignant words for last, addressing his late father, Bobby.

"My dad," he said, looking to the sky and choking back tears. "Thank you."

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Legals

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: PHIL BARBER, d/b/a B&B ROOFING

You are hereby commanded to appear and answer before the 118th District Court of Howard County, Texas, in the Courthouse in Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance hereof, being at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on Monday, the 10th day of September, 2007, then and there to answer the Petition of the STATE NATIONAL BANK OF BIG SPRING, Plaintiff in Cause No. 45077, styled THE STATE NATIONAL BANK OF BIG SPRING vs. PHIL BARBER, d/b/a B&B ROOFING, in which THE STATE NATIONAL BANK OF BIG SPRING is the Plaintiff and PHIL BARBER, d/b/a B&B ROOFING is the Defendant. The said Petition, filed on the 17th day of November, 2006, discloses that the nature of said suit is as follows:
Defendant has defaulted in paying a Note held by The State National Bank of Big Spring.
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

Venus continues her retrograde, backing out of Virgo into Leo (again), giving we earthlings, her adoring love slaves, yet another opportunity to appreciate our dear ones.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

Recognizing someone's special-ness with kudos is the Leo way. A round of applause satisfies even the most ornery Lion — and makes for a more peaceable kingdom.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). When you reach a small objective, celebrate it — don't wait to hit the milestone. Your attraction to passionate people makes this evening one of the most interesting in recent history.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're so lucky when it comes to attracting just

the right teacher for the lesson you want to learn. You could meet a role model for all seasons — likely a Capricorn person.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Many of your opinions have changed over the years, but there are some long-held beliefs you simply don't want to let go of. If they've stood the test of time, maybe it's because they're true.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). If a person offends you without knowing, is it really an offense? Not if you don't take it that way. Let strange comments roll off of you like water off a duck's back.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Sharing sometimes feels more like doing nothing than doing something — like when you're sharing the spotlight with a creative friend. Refrain from adding your flair.

VRIGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The planets seem to illuminate the very flaws you'd most like to ignore. Consider giving up the

battle and simply loving yourself for who you are right now, as-is.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Power and wisdom are best used together. However, you're around people who have one quality without the other. Where there's lack, you can fill in. Go where you're needed.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). With enough sleep, water, food, exercise and friendship, potentially stressful situations are a piece of cake. You can handle anything that comes up.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Grand plans hang in the balance. If only you could build a reputation on what you're going to do. For now, keep finding ways to strengthen your resolve until you see results.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). To dread a task will only make it more time-consuming and weighty. Take away the dread, just drop it, and the job will be finished in

half the time. **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Fairy tales can come true, it can happen to you ... or to your best friend instead. Rather than being overly generous with what's rightfully yours, stake your claim.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Wheel and deal until you wind up with exactly what you want. Of course you know better than to start with your bottom line. Another Pisces person will be the easiest to negotiate with.

ASTROLOGICAL TOPICS:

Venus Retrograde in Leo: As Venus moves from Virgo into Leo today (through early October), our desire for love and recognition is more than mere flattery — it's a contemplation of heart. What do we need to feel really loved and alive? A captive audience? A captivated heart? And how do we tell the difference? We all need to feel we're the most

special person in the world, and to have that "in love with life" feeling. Venus in Leo has that endearing quality of falling in love with everyone she meets. Your song, your creativity, your cooking — you have a talent no one else has, so let's celebrate it! No one's more devoted to the cause of love. She's devoted to celebrating love, a river unending in supply. We devote ourselves to love when we make a practice of seeking out the beauty in another, then worship, adore and glorify it like no other. Venus only re-enters a sign when she has a reason — maybe, like an actress, you might hear applause, but feel empty. Perhaps you find yourself saying, "My heart isn't in it anymore." That's just Venus retrograde in Leo, reminding you that it's time to figure out what makes your heart sing again!

CELEBRITY PROFILES:

Dustin Hoffman has a rare and special planetary configuration between Jupiter, Uranus and Mercury in crafty earth signs. In character he appears at once chameleonesque and observationally astute. Leos are the original artists, born entertainers. With his talent for studied productions that look improvised, if he weren't an actor, Hoffman would make a great sculptor or mime.

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Annie's Mailbox ®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: Recently, I let my ex-husband's mother, "Gladys," watch my daughter for the weekend. She hasn't been allowed to do this for quite some time due to problems we had with her and her other grandchildren.

While here, Gladys grilled my daughter with questions about me, my current husband and other family members. She has a history of backstabbing me. She is very sneaky. While in my home, she and her oldest son hacked into my e-mail account, read all of my mail and changed my password. Luckily, I had my laptop with me and was able to catch it before they did too much damage.

Gladys got into my account by calling my mother and innocently asking for her maiden name, which was the "question" my account asked to help me remember my password. Please let your readers know not to use something so simple to discover. I feel I can never trust Gladys again. Is there some law I can mention to scare her so she won't do this again? — Maine

Dear Maine: Discovering your password and opening your e-mail is the equivalent of eavesdropping on your phone calls. It's not nice, but no one is going to arrest her. If Gladys had done real damage-taken money from your bank account, for example, then she would be breaking the law. First, change your password and make the "clue" more cryptic, so only you will understand it. In fact, you should update your password frequently. Then tell Gladys that she is no longer allowed in your home when you are not present. Period. That bridge is burned.

Dear Annie: My mother-in-law read the column from "Michigan Grandmother," whose granddaughter was diagnosed with fructose intolerance. When our daughter was 3 months old, she had some constipation, and the pediatrician recommended corn syrup be added to her formula to stimulate her system. The corn syrup threw her into liver and kidney failure. The wonderful doctors at the Cleveland Clinic discovered she had Hereditary Fructose Intolerance and saved her



**KATHY MITCHELL
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life. There is a lot of cooking involved with this type of diet, but it can easily be managed.

That grandmother can find a wealth of information regarding recipes, eating out, etc., at www.hfiinfo.proboards42.com. As with any information, you should always check with your own doctor before following any dietary advice.

My daughter is now 3 and doing great. She's a beautiful, smart ball of fire. — K.G.

Dear K.G.: Thanks so much for the useful information. Our readers were eager to help "Michigan Grandma" and offered a plethora of websites. Read on:

From Iowa: I was diagnosed with Dietary Fructose Intolerance in 2005 and had to learn a new way of eating, but it freed me from being almost house-bound with

intestinal problems. There are two types: "Dietary" and "Hereditary" Fructose Intolerance, the latter causing many more problems. The University of Iowa Medical Center (where I was diagnosed) has good information at: www.uihealthcare.com (search for fructose). The U.S. Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) has a publication online entitled "Sugar Content in Selected Foods," which is available through the search box at www.fnic.nal.usda.gov.

Wisconsin: We have a daughter who is allergic to eggs, and the Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis Network (foodallergy.org) has been very helpful. It's \$30 for a one-year membership and well worth it.

Boston: I found my local natural food stores or boutique markets to be incredibly helpful (the staff is familiar with different dietary needs), and foods marked "natural" at regular grocery stores often do not contain added fructose or sucrose.

Illinois: The best website I've found is kidswithfoodallergies.org. The support forums there are filled with information on recipes, negotiating with insurance companies, picking a great doctor, explaining diet restrictions to family members, schools, day

care centers and so on. It has been a lifeline for my family.

Dear Annie: I was a live-in caregiver for my elderly parents for more than 10 years. I did their cooking, cleaning, laundry, lawn work, shopping and chauffeuring. I spent many sleepless nights by their bedsides and had no life of my own. My sacrifice enabled my siblings to pursue lucrative careers, build retirements, purchase beautiful homes and travel the world. Furthermore, because my parents did not need to go into a retirement home, my siblings received a substantial inheritance.

When my parents passed away, my siblings demanded that I move because they wanted to sell the house. They screamed verbal abuse at me when my sister did not get her hands on Mother's dining room set. The door to my room was kicked in, my belongings were picked through, and Mother's property was taken. They got a court order to look into my bank account. In the dead of winter, while I was in the process of moving, they changed all the locks on my parents' home, without informing me or giving me a key. My sister lied that I had stolen Mother's china and other valuables, when those items were later found in that sister's

home.

My siblings caused me so much grief and distress that I had to be treated for clinical depression. I have now moved to a beautiful area 500 miles away and am happy. I haven't forgotten the outrageous hurt, nor do I trust my siblings. However, they are sending me e-mails and letters, acting as if nothing happened and asking to visit. I actually get sick when I receive their messages and have not replied. I no longer want to associate with them. How can I gracefully, but firmly, make sure they don't visit? — No Good Deed Goes Unpunished

Dear Good Deed: It's possible your siblings were guilt-ridden when Mom died, behaved abysmally and are trying to reconnect. But frankly, they sound like a pack of vultures. If they show up on your doorstep, you do not have to invite them in. Simply say, politely, sorry, but you are not entertaining visitors.

Dear Annie: My husband, "Rick," forgot to call his mother on Mother's Day. I reminded him twice, but he never got around to it. I told him if he were my son, that would have hurt my feelings. He said he didn't care about his mother's feelings.

As far as I know, there wasn't any physical abuse in his childhood,

but there was a large dose of neglect. But really, Annie, what parent doesn't struggle with time when there are four kids and a full-time job?

My mother-in-law used to visit our children on their birthdays, but this year, she sent a present by mail. I think she feels unwanted. How can I bridge this gap? — Wishing My Boys Had Two Grandmas

Dear Wishing: You are a special daughter-in-law to want this for your husband and your children. If Rick is maintaining an estrangement because of childhood issues, it would be good for his emotional health to clear them up. Ask him to talk to a counselor about his lingering bitterness. Explain that his attitude affects your entire family and is unfair to your sons. Perhaps he will reconsider for their sake.

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The Spider

During Mark Twain's days as a newspaperman, he was the editor of a small Missouri paper.

One day, he received a letter from a subscriber stating that he had found a spider in his paper and asked if this was an omen of good or bad luck.

Twain replied, "Finding a spider in your paper is neither good nor bad luck. The spider was merely looking over our paper to see which merchant was not advertising so that he could go to that store, spin his web across the door and lead a life of undisturbed peace ever after."



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Dewhurst demands details on deficient Texas bridges

By **APRIL CASTRO**

Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst cast doubt Tuesday on assertions that Texas bridges are safe and demanded details about deficient bridges from state transportation officials.

More than 2,100 Texas bridges were classified under the same structurally deficient rating given to the bridge that collapsed last week in Minnesota and killed at least eight people,

according to a 2006 report. State officials insist that all 50,000 bridges in Texas are completely safe.

"I read with relief your statement that 'all of the bridges on Texas public roads are safe,'" Dewhurst wrote in the letter to Ric Williamson, chairman of the Texas Department of Transportation. "But the Minnesota highway department, I assume, thought that was true for their state, too."

Dewhurst, expected to be

eyeing a bid for governor in 2010, gave Williamson an Aug. 17 deadline for the department to compile a report detailing "the number and locations of all structurally deficient bridges, the status of their maintenance contracts and their anticipated date for repair."

The letter is dated Aug. 3. Dewhurst's office released it in an e-mail to reporters Tuesday.

"Whatever is being requested of us, we will comply," said

transportation department spokesman Mark Cross. "We feel that all of our bridges are safe."

Structurally deficient bridges accounted for 4 percent of the state's bridges, according to the report by the Texas Department of Transportation. Seventy-seven percent of Texas bridges were labeled good or better, while most of the rest were deemed functionally obsolete, meaning they were not designed to handle current traf-

fic demands.

"I really do believe right now what TxDOT is saying. Our bridges are currently sufficient," said state Sen. John Carona, a Dallas Republican who chairs the Senate Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security. "But I want to emphasize that because of the average age of our system, it would not be appropriate to say that they are in good condition. They are instead in sufficient condition."

MAKING FRIENDS



Courtesy photo

10-year-old Colton Hughes swims with Capricorn, a bottlenose dolphin during his summer vacation at Discovery Cove in Florida.

Library book program used to smuggle drugs

DALLAS (AP) — A prison library book exchange program led to inmates getting something more than just new reading material.

An inmate from Fort Worth and his girlfriend were sentenced to prison after both used the book swap to smuggle drugs to inmates, the U.S. attorney's office announced Tuesday.

Drugs turned up in the spines of some books or in the shipping cartons, spokeswoman Kathy Colvin told The Associated Press.

Edmond Wright, 34, was sentenced Monday to 30 years in federal prison.

U.S. District Judge David C. Godbey also sentenced Wright's girlfriend, Sherry Mathews, 42, to five years in prison.

Both were convicted in April of conspiracy to possess with the intent to distribute methamphetamine.

Wright also was con-

victed of attempting to possess contraband in prison. Mathews was convicted of attempting to provide contraband in prison, officials said.

Wright, who was serving 15 years and three years, respectively, for two other convictions, must now serve a total of 48 years, prosecutors said. He has served 10 years.

Further details on his previous convictions were not immediately available.

Wright was incarcerated at the Federal Correctional Institute in Seagoville for part of 2005.

Wright, working in the unit's education department, had meth smuggled in using the Inter-Library Loan Program.

The program allowed inmates to request specific books from certain libraries.

Wright planned to sell the drugs while behind bars, authorities said.

TRANSFER

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for students who attended a campus last year, we would literally fill up the grade levels on that campus," Dunnam said. "So, we'd have to bus students out of that attendance zone to a campus that hopefully would have an

opening."

Inter-district transfer requests are usually prioritized in the following manner:

- Students living in a particular campus attendance zone get first priority to attend that campus.
- Students who attended a campus the previous year get second priority.
- Students who had a

sibling attend a campus the previous year get third priority.

- Students who have a parent employed at a particular campus get fourth priority.

- Students who have a parent employed elsewhere within the district get fifth priority.

- Finally, transfers from outside the district are

considered.

Dunnam said it may be several weeks — if then — before the district will be able to approve transfer requests.

"We will send out a round of letters by the end of next week with approvals," she said.

"We're going to do our best to get students with second or third priority

status approved ... We just won't know until we get through with new student registration."

Dunnam added that transfer requests for stu-

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GLIDING

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Wegman said entertainment will be provided by local residents Margarita Durand-Hollis and Jackie Henry, as well as a special performance with a definite Texas flavor.

"We asked Jody Nix to play his fiddle for us," said Wegman. "We want them to get a taste of real Texas music, and nothing does that better than the fiddle."

The FAI anthem is also expected to be performed during the ceremony, according to Wegman, along with presentations from Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen and Col. Jim Little, director of the Big Spring Airport and Industrial Park.

The welcome and introduction is expected to be made by competition organizer, David Glover, with presentations from Jim Zeiset, director of the Region IV U.S. Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association, and Flip Koetsier, president of the Commission Internationale de Vol Libre of the FAI.

Pilots representing countries including the Czech Republic, Spain, Venezuela, France, Ecuador, Sweden, Germany and the United States — just to name a

few — are expected to begin taking to the air in search of the world title Thursday at the Big Spring Airport and McMahon Wrinkle Airpark.

Competition will continue through Aug. 19, officials said.

Team leader briefings are expected to follow each day at 10 a.m., followed by weather briefings at 11 a.m. Launches are expected to begin at or just before noon, depend-

ing on weather conditions.

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OUR VIEWS

It's time to buy season tickets to BSHS games

Football season is virtually upon us. The NFL Hall of Fame inductions were conducted last weekend. The Dallas Cowboys and other professional teams are making their way to camps around the country, and here in West Texas, high school teams are toiling through two-a-day practices.

That means it's time for Big Spring Steers fans to purchase season ticket packages.

And with new Head Coach Mike Ritchey and his staff taking the Steers helm, there's considerable excitement in the community as to just what this season might bring.

Big Spring is the only area school district that offers season tickets. Coahoma, Forsan, Garden City, Grady, Sands and Stanton offer only single game tickets.

As is always the case, season ticket holders from 2006 had the first opportunity to purchase tickets for the Steers' five home games in 2007. But now, everyone else can get in on the act.

Well at least they can today. Kay Cook, the Big Spring Independent School District Athletic Department's secretary, said ticket sales re-opened to the general public today and continue through Aug. 22.

The five-game packages, still priced at \$20 each, include tickets for the Steers' home opener on Sept. 14 when they host Hereford's Whitefaces, as well as the Sept. 21 home date with Abilene Wylie's Bulldogs.

Homecoming will be Oct. 5 when the Steers play host to traditional rival Andrews' Mustangs.

The final two home games are Oct. 12, when the Steers open District 4-4A play entertaining Plainview's Bulldogs, and Nov. 2 when Lubbock Estacado's Matadors come to call.

Ticket can be purchased at the Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center office from 7:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

For more information, call Cook at 264-3662. We once again want to encourage Big Spring residents to give serious thought to taking advantage of the savings season tickets provide and get behind the Steers this season.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we carefully listen to what You are saying, Lord.
Amen

For GOP, it's about self-preservation

We knew it all along: Self-preservation was always the main reason why so many Republicans were opposed to giving illegal immigrants a path to citizenship.

But if we had any doubts, a new proposal by Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., confirms the main thing Republicans fear is a backlash once these immigrants become voters.

After bashing immigrants for so long, Republicans know that once these immigrants are eligible to cast ballots, they would remember those who made them feel so unwelcome for so long.

And that's why Specter, the senior Republican on the Senate Judiciary Committee, is now floating a plan that would grant legal status to the nation's 12 million illegal immigrants but offers them no path to citizenship.

With this proposal, Specter expects to change the minds of at least some of his GOP colleagues, who derailed a comprehensive immigration bill in June. Apparently, he believes if he eliminates the threat of a voter backlash, at least some recalcitrant Republicans will finally realize they can't deport 12 million people and go along with his plan.

But of course, there is one huge problem with this idea: It creates a new category of second-class workers in the nation that Abraham Lincoln said was "dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal."

Because so many illegal immi-

grants are eager to come out of the shadows and lead normal lives, there is no doubt such a proposal would have many takers. But at what cost? Can we afford to betray our commitment to the concept of equal opportunity? Can we be proud of a nation that institutionalizes second-class citizens?

Whatever happened to, "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free?" We used to be proud of those words. Are we renouncing the inscription on the Statue of Liberty?

Specter claims he has discussed his new proposal with President Bush and the two Cabinet members who led immigration talks with Congress this spring — Homeland Security Chief Michael Chertoff and Commerce Secretary Carlos Gutierrez. He has also sent letters to all his fellow senators urging them to restart the difficult immigration debate.

His new measure would be very similar to the bill recently rejected by the Senate, but it would omit the "Z visa" program that would have put illegal immigrants on a path, albeit long and arduous, to citizenship. The reasoning is that this proposal would give hard-liners less of an excuse to dismiss legalization as "amnesty."

"We litigated amnesty and that lost," Specter told reporters last week.

But as we've seen in the past, it doesn't matter how many draconian amendments they make to a comprehensive immigration reform bill. If it allows illegal immigrants to stay here legally, to the hard-liners, it will always be "amnesty." And for that reason, amending these measures to move them further to the right serves

no logical purpose. Some xenophobes would never go along with it.

Specter says the new status he proposes for illegal immigrants "might be the equivalent of (having) a green card."

Well, not quite. While green card holders are eligible to become U.S. citizens within five years, Specter's plan only makes them eligible for indefinite exploitation. He says his plan's main thrust is "to bring the 12 million out of the shadows" and eliminate their fear of arrest and deportation.

Well, again, not quite. The main thrust is obviously to appease the hard-liners, fix the damaged Republican image among immigrants and give President Bush a desperately needed legislative victory. Certainly this is not the solution sought by illegal immigrants and their advocates.

Many observers are skeptical that the Senate will be willing to take up another comprehensive immigration reform bill so soon, especially because last week the Senate voted to spend an additional \$3 billion on border security. Because of that vote, now there is even less of an incentive for resurrecting the defunct immigration debate.

Bottom line: Real immigration reform will not occur until politicians learn there is a high price to pay for bashing illegal immigrants. It will not happen until a few of the hard-liners get booted out of office. Who knows? Perhaps after the 2008 elections, no one will dare suggest that this "nation of immigrants" should have second-class citizens.

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MIGUEL PEREZ

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

I've just read the article "Petition Seeks Citizen Initiative" in the Aug. 6 edition of the *Big Spring Herald*. While I would love to be able to take credit for the initiative and referendum amendment to the city charter, I feel it is incumbent upon me to give credit where credit is due. That credit goes to the members of the Big Spring/Howard County Concerned Citizens Council.

It was the Concerned Citizens Council that originally promoted the idea of circulating a petition that would amend our city charter to give the citizens of Big Spring an added measure of oversight with the council. Initiative and referendum does exactly that by allowing

the citizens to create and/or repeal city ordinances and resolutions through a petition and election process.

The article is accurate in the fact that I did run on this issue during my mayoral campaign and I am honored to have been a part of crafting the amendment. I believe that initiative and referendum will help open up the democratic process to more of our citizens, will encourage more people to take part in the process and will hold the city council to a higher standard of responsibility.

Where the article is entirely incorrect is where it states that this petition drive is an effort on the part of me and my "supporters." This petition effort was conceived

and is being executed by the Concerned Citizens Council.

I personally am simply a volunteer in that effort and I told the interviewer as much on Saturday morning when I spoke to him at the post office.

What is the "Concerned Citizens Council?" Simply put, it is an organization made up of your friends and neighbors who have an interest in good, responsible government and in improving our community. Our members come from widely varying backgrounds and experience. If you have similar interests, we would love to have you attend one of our meetings.

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The Orange Show in Houston

Houston is the biggest city in the country that does not have zoning. So you can have all sorts of interesting things right in the middle of a residential neighborhood. Such is the case with Houston's Orange Show.

It's a complex of whimsy, featuring whirligigs, a museum, an outdoor theater and all sorts of funky things to see and do. It was the brainchild of Jeff McKissick, who made his living as a mailman. During the Depression he was an orange man. Like the apple men who sold apples, Jeff bought oranges at the farmers market in Atlanta and sold them all over the South. He moved to Houston after World War II.

"He lived alone and had a big interest in health and longevity," says Susanne Theis, executive director of the foundation that operates the Orange Show. "He thought oranges were the perfect

food. So he started building a monument to the orange. He traveled all over the country and brought back tractor seats, wagon wheels, bricks, anything that he thought would help him build the monument. He brought in rocks because he thought they would show that oranges are strong and would make people strong. Signs show how oranges bring nutrients from the ground and convert them into energy in your body. Signs also tell folk tales about oranges. Jeff thought we should all live to be 100 years old. He didn't believe in people being lazy. He worked on building the Orange Show for 25 years, building it with his own hands. He died in 1980 at the age of 69, just two weeks after opening the Orange Show to the public."

The Orange Show became a Houston institution. It attracted all types of people, including some of the wealthiest families in the city. When Jeff died, he left a note to his heirs, telling them if they didn't know what to do with the Orange Show, contact Marilyn Oshman, whose family is in the sporting goods business. She is involved in Houston's art commu-

nity and put a group together to save the Orange Show. She is still involved with it. The Orange Show has become a place for artistic expression.

"We do concerts, plays, movies, workshops and all kinds of fun things here at the Orange Show," says Susanne. "We also do some wonderful education programs for at-risk kids because we feel that art is a powerful healing force and gives meaning to life. We've done 37 community murals now in Houston by kids who are at risk for gang involvement."

Susanne's foundation also stages Houston's famous art car parade, which attracts entries from all over the world. It also has just purchased the beer can house, another famous Houston landmark. John Milkovich, an upholsterer, got tired of painting his house so he covered it in flattened beer cans. It is slated to open later this fall and will show vintage beer cans from all across the United States.

"He made one of the most visited private homes in Houston," says Susanne. "Houstonians just love it."



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Why not check this out? At the library

The library is accepting books for the annual Friends of Howard County Library.

As reporter Steve Reagan's articles stated so very clearly, the library needs nice books, movies, DVDs and even CDs to place in the book sale.

The book sale will be Sept. 14-16. Hours will be announced later. Remember, we will not accept National Geographic magazines, Reader's Digest books and dirty, icky books.



HOLLIS McCRIGHT

Biographies/Politics

Several great biographies have come. Two have a special significance as they offer two very different views of New York Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton.

• **"Her Way: Hopes and Ambitions of HRC"** (B CLI H) is written by Jeff Gerth and Don Van Natt Jr. Gerth and Natta

are investigative reporters on the staff of the *New York Times*. They scrupulously researched the life of Hillary Clinton and have produced a fair and balanced account of her life (or at least as fair and balanced an account as one can produce without the cooperation of its subject). "Her Way" may give you the information needed to make a fuller assessment of Senator Clinton and her place in U.S. politics.

• **"A Woman in Charge"** (B CLI H), written by Carl Bernstein of Watergate fame, also examines Hillary's life in exhaustive detail. In a review from Publisher's Weekly, Bernstein's book is a sprawling, muddled look at her life. In PW's opinion, the book is ill-balanced and will give you little sense of where the journey has taken her.

Take your pick of either book or even read both. Either book is not overwhelming long and both books will be on the New Book Display.

Other biographies now in are: **"American Legacy: Story of John**

and Caroline Kennedy" (B KEN J) by C. David Heymann; **"God in My Corner"** by George Foreman; **"Rickle's Book"** by Don Rickles; and **"I'm Chevy Chase and You're Not"** by Rena Fruchter.

Fiction

• **"Elements of Style"** is written by Wendy Wasserstein. This is so foreign to how and why I grew up that it reads to me like a fantasy. Some women will revel in this tongue-in-cheek, thoroughly satirical depiction of post-9/11 New York society.

Wasserstein's skill as a playwright is evident through the witty dialogue and farcical situations she used to create her deeply shallow, largely revolting characters. Inane values, a terrorist bombing, an accidental death, and a debilitating illness compose the dark elements of the novel, initially obscured by the author's light writing style.

Our mutual vulnerability to these situations, she reminds readers, is beyond what money, power, and beauty can

control.

• Another book, **"The Manny,"** by Holly Peterson, plays along on the same theme. Who, where and what you do, is far more important than being a nice person.

• **"Un-Veiled"** by Eileen Rendahl could be written in any small town with a hair salon. Twin sisters Cinnamon and Sage hold secrets told to them by their customers. How many women tell their hair stylists secrets not even their husbands know? This is published by Downtown Press who specializes in light, frothy books.

• **"The Bright Side of Disaster"** by Katherine Center is the story of Jenny Harris who is nesting in her Houston home with her fiancé, Dean, awaiting the birth of their child, to be followed by their wedding. But Dean grows more distant, especially after a coworker dies in a plane crash and Jenny ends up becoming a single mother.

Determined to take good care of her child, she tries to forget about Dean, relegating him to

the past. Coping with a baby takes all Jenny's time, so when her perfect single neighbor takes an interest, Jenny is flattered but exhausted.

Then, when she finally decides to take a chance and get to know him, Dean comes back into her life. In her stellar first novel, Center paints an accurate and humorous view of motherhood, from the physical changes to lack of sleep and exhaustion as well as the changes in friendships and feelings about men. Both of these reviews are from Booklist.

Thrillers

Enough fluff — how about a true thriller?

• **"Death Angel"** In Martha Power's third novel, Kate and Richard Warner's 10-year-old daughter is murdered. Kate struggles to keep her own sanity and fight against the rising tide of suspicions. Eventually she realizes that the only way to discover the truth is to join forces with the police, digging through the facts of the crime in order to help bring the murderer to justice.

"Death Angel" deals with the murder of a child and the appalling aftermath when the parents come under suspicion. In a story seemingly ripped from the headlines, the devastation and courage of a family in crisis is laid bare. Kate's need to find answers puts her in jeopardy as the murderer realizes that her determination could uncover the secrets he is desperate to keep hidden. In the stunning conclusion, Kate will risk death in order to find Jenny's murderer.

Howard County Library hours have changed. The library hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. We are closed Saturdays during August. The Internet/Video room will be closed from noon until 2 p.m. for the lunch hour and will close one hour before closing. The library is located at 500 S. Main St. Our phone number is 264-2260 and the Web site is www.howard-county.lib.tx.us

Hollis McCright is director of the Howard County Library.

Nelson again leads Farm Aid lineup

By **DAVID BAUDER**

AP Entertainment Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — There's something to be said for consistency — go to Farm Aid and you see John Mellencamp, Willie Nelson, Neil Young and Dave Matthews.

For this year's inaugural show in New York, they'll be joined by Counting Crows, the Allman Brothers Band, Montgomery Gentry and the Derek Trucks Band, among others, Farm Aid announced Wednesday.

The concert will be held Sept. 9 on Randalls Island, an island just east of Manhattan.

"I've always felt we should do it in New York because New Yorkers consume so much food," Mellencamp told The Associated Press. "I think everyone was kind of waiting around for an invi-

tation and we finally got one."

Nelson, who lives near Austin, Mellencamp and Young organized the first Farm Aid in 1985, figuring one year would be enough to convince the government to adopt policies to help family farmers.

"We were naive," Mellencamp said. Farm Aid, which has raised more than \$30 million over the past two decades, has evolved into an organization that helps small farmers in financial crisis and promotes organically raised foods. Farm Aid hopes next month to have the first major concert with all local, family-farmed food served.

Farm Aid has been reaching out to the big cities recently. Last year's concert was in Camden, N.J., just outside of Philadelphia, and Chicago was the host in 2005.

Nelson and Young have performed at every show, with Mellencamp missing only one when he was recuperating from a heart attack.



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► News in brief

North and South Korea announce that their leaders will hold their second-ever summit

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — The leaders of North and South Korea, capitalizing on progress in shutting down the North's nuclear program, plan to meet later this month for the second-ever summit between the longtime foes, officials said Wednesday.

North Korean leader Kim Jong Il will host South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun from Aug. 28-30 in Pyongyang, North Korea's capital, South Korean presidential security adviser Baek Jong-chun told reporters.

At the first North-South summit, Kim met then-South Korean President Kim Dae-jung in June 2000, also in Pyongyang.

"The second inter-Korean summit will contribute to substantially opening the era of peace and prosperity between the two Koreas," South Korea's presidential office said in a statement.

The two Koreas remain technically at war since the 1950-53 Korean War ended in a cease-fire, not a peace treaty, but the 2000 meeting led them to embark on economic cooperation projects and stage reunions of thousands of relatives split by their shared border.

Mine executive says setback in rescue operations means delay in reaching miners

HUNTINGTON, Utah (AP) — Dangerous conditions that forced rescuers to halt attempts to reach six trapped miners will prevent crews from reaching the men for at least a week, a mining executive said.

Seismic activity "wiped out" all progress rescuers had made in clearing rubble that has trapped the miners since Monday, said mining company executive Robert E. Murray, chairman of Murray Energy Corp., owner of the Crandall Canyon mine.

"We are back to square one underground," he said, adding that the rescue operation would resume no earlier than Wednesday afternoon.

Though rescue crews withdrew from inside the mine, drilling continued on the surface Tuesday.

Two holes were being bored vertically in an attempt to get air and food to the miners and to communicate with them, said Richard Stickler, head of the federal Mine Safety and Health Administration.

Direction of Iraq war hangs on the words of Gen. David Petraeus as he readies war report

BAGHDAD (AP) — If Gen. David Petraeus is feeling the heat as he readies his momentous Iraq war report to Congress, it is hard to tell by the cool confidence with which he discusses the toughest mission of his career.

Rarely in recent history have the words of one general loomed so large in determining the direction of a war.

Two things in particular give his coming September

assessment and testimony to Congress great weight: He is viewed as the master of counterinsurgency strategy, having written just last year the military's manual on how it should be done. And secondly, President Bush has repeatedly said he would count on the judgment of his top Iraq commander.

"I will rely on General Petraeus to give me his recommendations for the appropriate troop levels in Iraq," Bush said last month when pressed on the timing of when Americans might start coming home — five years into the war and 18 months before he leaves the White House.

"I'm going to wait to see what David has to say. I'm not going to pre-judge what he may say. I trust David Petraeus' judgment," the president added.

Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki arrives in Iran for talks to focus on security

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)— Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki arrived in Iran on Wednesday for talks expected to focus on bilateral relations and overcoming "terrorism challenges" in his war-torn nation.

It was the Iraqi premier's second visit to Tehran in less than a year.

Iraq, which like Iran is majority Shiite Muslim, has managed a difficult balancing act between Tehran and Washington since the U.S.-led invasion in 2003, trying to maintain good relations with its powerful neighbor while not angering Americans.

The U.S. has accused Iran of providing money and weapons to Shiite militias in Iraq. Tehran denies the charges and argues that the presence of U.S. troops is destabilizing the region.

Iran and the U.S. have held three rounds of talks on Iraqi security since May, and al-Maliki said he would push for these talks to continue at an ambassador level.

Clinton and Obama fend off Edwards and other rivals in labor-sponsored debate

CHICAGO (AP) — This was supposed to be John Edwards' chance to shine, with 17,000 union members eager to be impressed, especially by a presidential candidate who has been actively courting labor support ever since his failed vice presidential run in 2004.

Sens. Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama used the AFL-CIO's Democratic presidential forum Tuesday night at Soldier Field to fend off their primary rivals hoping to move up in the polls, impress organized labor and maybe land an early primary endorsement.

"I thought the candidates left the forum in exactly the same condition they came in," said Marick Masters, professor of business administration with the Katz Business School at the University of Pittsburgh. "Clinton and Obama are still the front-runners. The race is still between them. I don't think Edwards got in any major hits in this stadium."

Edwards has long staked his campaign on the labor vote, telling the crowd that he has walked 200 picket lines in the past two years. At stake is a possible primary endorsement from the AFL-CIO, the nation's largest labor federation, or its individual member

unions.

Sen. John Kerry's 2004 candidacy got a major boost from the International Association of Firefighters, whose endorsement kept him in the race after favorites Howard Dean and Richard Gephardt flamed out in the early primaries.

Beijing's yearlong party begins as Olympic countdown clocks reach 1-year mark

BEIJING (AP) — Sprawling Tiananmen Square was the center of celebrations Wednesday as the countdown to the Beijing Games reached the one-year mark, an event China's communist government hopes will showcase the country's rising clout on the world stage.

Political and environmental challenges remain and have been underscored by recent reports from human rights groups and the head of the International Olympic Committee, who on Wednesday said air pollution could delay some of the games' events.

Eight is a lucky number in China, so the magic moment was to come at 8:08 p.m. — and 8 seconds — marking one year until next year's opening ceremony on Aug. 8, 2008.

Everything seems on schedule for Beijing to host the most expensive Olympics in history. Beijing's new anthem — the just-released pop song "We're Ready" — was to be part of a grandiose two-hour ceremony played out on a temporary stage under banks of searchlights.

"From what we have seen so far, the preparations for Beijing 2008 are truly impressive in every regard," said International Olympic Committee President Jacques Rogge, who is in Beijing this week meeting students, planting trees and greeting Olympic sponsors.

U.N.: Pledges received of troops and police for a predominantly African force in Darfur


UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The United Nations said it has received pledges of troops and police for a predominantly African peacekeeping force to help end the four-year conflict in Darfur that has claimed over 200,000 lives, a development that would meet a key Sudanese demand.

A large number of countries from Africa, several from Asia, one from the Middle East and none from the West were included in a preliminary list of nations that have offered military and police personnel for the 26,000-strong joint African Union-United Nations force, issued by the U.N. Peacekeeping Department.

"We are hitting the target of a predominantly African force, and we're very pleased about that," Assistant Secretary-General Jane Holl Lute, acting head of the Department of Field Support, said Tuesday.

The U.N. Security Council authorized the "hybrid" force a week ago after months of delay in getting agreement from the Sudanese government. It is the first joint peacekeeping operation by the African Union and the U.N. and will replace the beleaguered 7,000-strong AU force that will remain in Darfur no later than Dec. 31.

Lute, a lawyer and retired U.S. army officer who was formerly on the staff of the National Security Council, said she was pleased with the number of infantry battalions pledged at an "extraordinary" meeting last week of potential troop and police contributing countries.



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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Rules Are Made to be Broken

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
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♥ 7 4 2
♠ A 6 4
♣ A J 9 5

WEST
♦ 8 7 6
♥ Q 8 6
♦ J 9 8 2
♣ K 7 3

EAST
♦ A Q 4 3
♥ K 3
♦ 7 5
♣ Q 10 8 4 2

SOUTH
♦ 9 5 2
♥ A J 10 9 5
♦ K Q 10 3
♠ 6

The bidding:
North East South West
1 ♣ Pass 1 ♥ Pass
1 NT Pass 2 ♦ Pass
2 ♥ Pass 4 ♣ Pass

Opening lead — eight of spades.

There are all kinds of rules promulgated by all kinds of authorities that tell you never to do this, or always to do that, lest dire consequences ensue.

But the mark of a good player is that he knows when to override these commandments. The experienced player has learned that when critical decisions have to be made, hard thinking is much more reliable.

For example, take this deal where West leads a spade against South's

four-heart contract. East cashes the Q-A of spades and plays a third spade, hoping West will ruff.

Declarer wins in dummy and returns the deuce of trumps. If East is a firm believer in "second-hand low," he follows with the three. South then finesses the jack and sooner or later makes the contract.

West wins the jack with the queen and, let's say, returns a club. Declarer takes the ace, plays another trump, gobbling up East's king, cashes the A-K-Q of diamonds, ruffs his fourth diamond in dummy, ruffs a club and draws West's last trump to make the contract.


But let's say that at trick four East plays second-hand high because he foresees what might occur if he follows low on the trump lead.

In that case, declarer must go down one. If he wins with the ace and leads a second trump, West takes the queen and plays a third round of trumps. Eventually West scores a diamond trick to sink the contract.

If declarer stops leading trumps after winning the king with the ace and attempts to cash the A-K-Q of diamonds, East ruffs the third diamond, and South winds up with the same unhappy result.

The deal demonstrates that under certain circumstances, such as those in this deal, it can be right to play second-hand high!

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Learning from playing

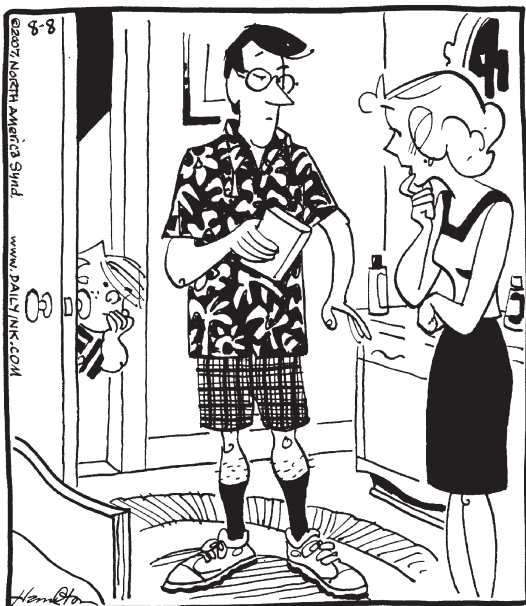
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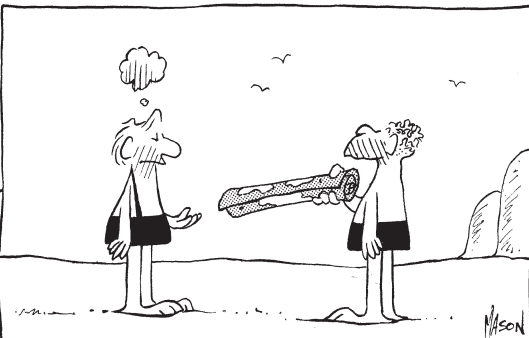
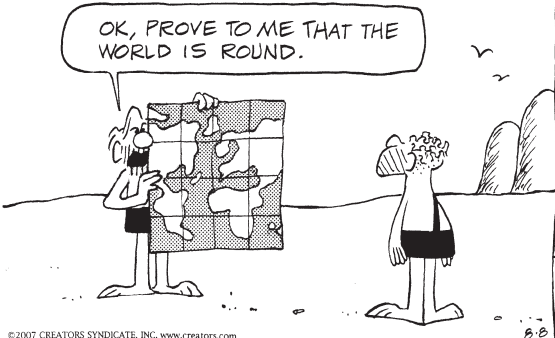


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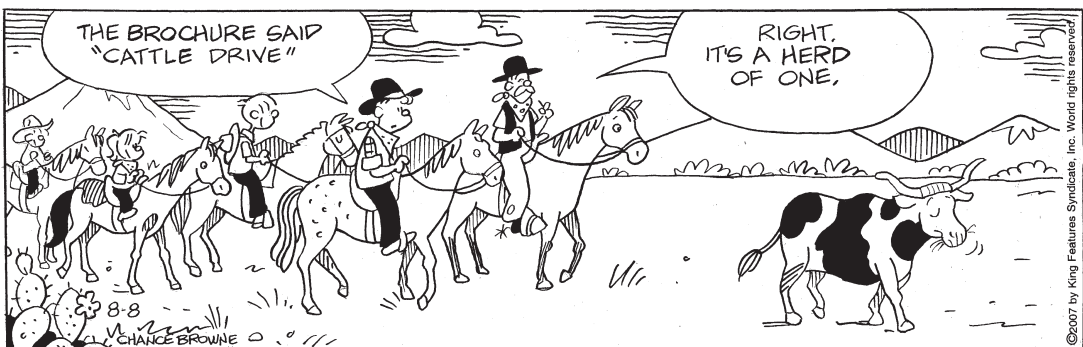
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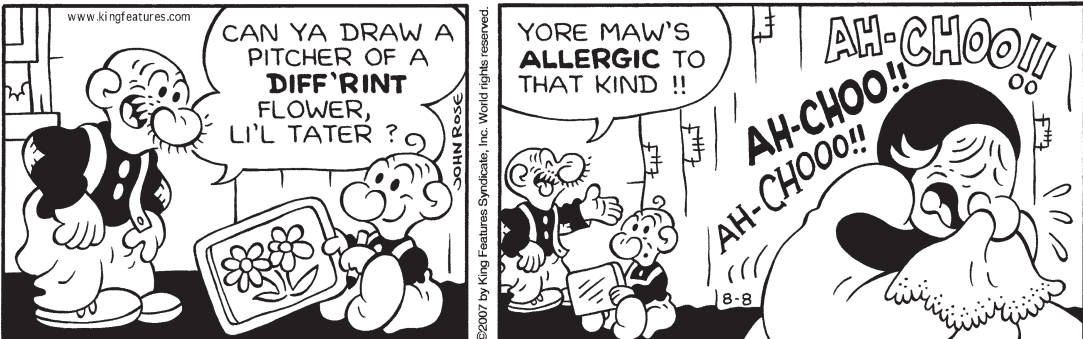
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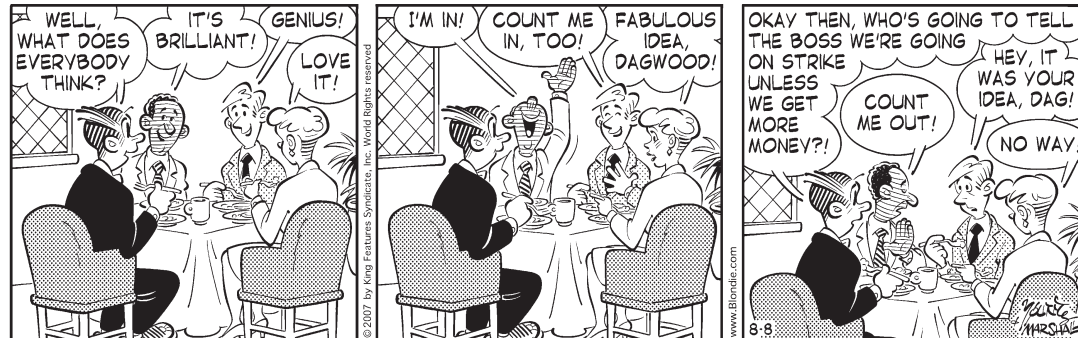
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Aug. 8, the 220th day of 2007. There are 145 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 8, 1974, President Richard M. Nixon announced he would resign following damaging new revelations in the Watergate scandal.

On this date: In 1876, Thomas A. Edison received a patent for his mimeograph.

In 1907, 100 years ago, jazz musician, composer and bandleader Benny Carter was born in New York.

In 1942, six convicted Nazi saboteurs who had landed in the U.S. were executed in Washington; two others' lives were spared.

In 1945, President Harry Truman signed the United Nations Charter.

In 1945, the Soviet Union declared war against Japan

during World War II.

In 1963, Britain's "Great Train Robbery" took place as thieves made off with 2.6 million pounds in banknotes.

In 1968, Richard M. Nixon was nominated for president at the Republican national convention in Miami Beach, Fla.

In 1973, Vice President Spiro T. Agnew branded as "damned lies" reports he had taken kickbacks from government contracts in Maryland, and vowed not to resign — which he ended up doing.

In 1978, the U.S. launched Pioneer Venus II, which carried scientific probes to study the atmosphere of Venus.

In 1994, Israel and Jordan opened the first road link between the two once-warring countries.

Today's Birthdays: Producer Dino DeLaurentiis is 88. Actress Esther Williams is 86. Actor Richard Anderson is 81. Joan Mondale (wife of former Vice President Walter F. Mondale) is 77. Actress Nita Talbot is 77. Singer Mel

Tillis is 75. Actor Dustin Hoffman is 70. Actress Connie Stevens is 69.

Country singer Phil Balsley (The Statler Brothers) is 68. Actor Larry Wilcox is 68. Actor Keith Carradine is 58.

Rhythm-and-blues singer Airrion Love (The Stylistics) is 58. Country singer Jamie O'Hara is 57. Movie director Martin Brest is 56.

Actor Donny Most is 54. Rock musician Dennis Drey (10,000 Maniacs) is 50. TV personality Deborah Norville is 49.

Actor-singer Harry Crosby is 49. Rock musician The Edge (U2) is 46. Rock musician Ricki Rockett (Poison) is 46.

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Hamm reflects on 26-year military career

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

Local resident and retired Air Force jet mechanic Charles E. Hamm would most likely disagree if you called him a war hero, but with time spent in both the Korean and Vietnam wars, it's a title the Big Spring man has earned during more than 26 years of service to this country.

The Hangar 25 Air Museum honored Hamm as its Veteran of the Month Monday evening with a special reception, and while he's certainly honest about what happened during his service these days, it was a little white lie that actually got him in uniform in the late 1940s.

"At 16 years old, I joined the Air National Guard in Maine. And you had to be 17 years old to join, but I lied on the paperwork. My dad just signed it for me because I had made myself 17," said Hamm with a laugh. "That's how I got into the Air National Guard. That was in 1948. In 1950, Korea happened and we got activated and they sent me there."

Hamm said Korea was anything but a cake walk, with long hours and plenty of hard work.

"It was 18-hour days, sometime 20- and 24-hour days," said Hamm with a sigh. "They gave me two airplanes, and we were working on F-86s. I was the crew chief on two of them, and normally you only got one plane. You have to hang drop



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
Local resident and retired Air Force jet mechanic Charles E. Hamm chats with Hangar 25 Air museum board member Emma Bogard during a special reception held in his honor at the museum Monday evening. Hamm was recently named the museum's Veteran of the Month.

tanks every time they fly, and they flew six times a day, so do the math. You had to duck-walk those things under the wings and put them up and latch them in. It was certainly interesting."

Hamm said the news that American troops were with-

drawing from the Korean War was a bittersweet moment for him.

"It was 1953 when we got the word," said Hamm with a finger thoughtfully on his chin. "It's not over. Trust me, it's not over. They have a peace treaty and a cease fire. I was glad, but

Veteran of the Month

I'm sorry we didn't finish the job."

With Korea behind him, little did Hamm know he would soon be right back in war time duty, but at least the amenities were better.

"Vietnam was a whole new ball game. I was in air conditioned quarters," said Hamm with a hearty laugh. "I was working on F-100s at that time. They were about 13 years old at that time, but they were still quite an airplane.

"I was stationed at Tui Hoa for about a year. Once again it was 12 hours on and 12 hours off, but then I was running the inspection hangar," said Hamm. "I worked it around with the guys to work eight hours on, but if they messed up they went right back on 12-hour shifts. I would give them a day off, and if they messed up, it was the same thing all over again. Right back to 12 hours on and 12 hours off, seven days a week. But they were really good. Good troops."

When asked what his most memorial moment was while in uniform, Hamm said an incident while stationed in Alaska still makes him laugh and smile.

"I was in Alaska, and we had a flush, which is what they call it when you have 19 F-102s parked in a space where you're supposed to have 12, and they had to be parked so you could pick a particular tail number,"

he said. "We had a flush and in less than five minutes we had 19 F-102s in the air. And NORAD (North American Aerospace Defense Command) said, 'No you don't.'

"And the guy upstairs told them, 'If you don't think so, count the blips on your radar.' They came back with, '10-4!' The colonel came down and shook my hand and thanked me and asked me what he could do for me. I told him I wanted to go home, because this was a remote site. That was fun."

Hamm retired from the Air Force in September of 1974 after approximately 26 years of service, and while many men might think about kicking back and enjoying the civilian life, he said he and his wife — Lawanda Hamm — simply didn't have time for that.

"Retire? Heck no, I went to work at Saunders Oil Equipment here in Big Spring," said Hamm with a chuckle. "I had to serve four more years in the Air Force Reserve after I retired, but that was just a formality. If something had happened, they could have called me back. I can still tell them how to work on those planes, no problem.

"It's been fun ever since. I'm just that kind of person. I've got a good woman and everything is just fine."

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News in brief

It's now official: The drought is broken

LUBBOCK (AP) — The first seven months of the year were the wettest on record in Texas, further confirmation of the recent declaration that the state is drought-free for the first time in at least a decade.

The statewide average through July was 27.11 inches, nearly 11 inches above the norm of 16.21 inches, National Weather Service meteorologist Victor Murphy said Tuesday.

"When we broke the drought, we broke it with a bang," Murphy said.

The previous record for the first seven months was 25.88 inches in 1941.

July was the third-wettest since 1895, and the wettest since 1903. The month was also the coolest since 1976 and the fourth coolest in 113 years.

Jury pool assembles for trial in mass murder from 24 years ago

NEW BOSTON (AP) — Nearly 350 potential jurors have been summoned to the Bowie County Courthouse for the trial of a convicted burglar charged with the notorious Kentucky Fried Chicken murders, one of Texas' oldest unsolved mass murder cases.

Romeo Pinkerton, 49, of Tyler, is the first of two men to go on trial for the slayings of five people abducted during a Sept. 23, 1983, holdup of a KFC restaurant in Kilgore in East Texas.

The five, all shot execution-style, were found the following morning about 15 miles away along a remote oilfield road.

Also charged in the almost 24-year-old case is Pinkerton's cousin, Darnell Hartsfield, 46. Like Pinkerton, Hartsfield is from Tyler and with a long criminal record. His trial likely will be next year.

Both men have pleaded not guilty. Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty.

A few potential jurors already have been excused for health- or work-related reasons.

TXU profit drops on lower pricing and nuclear plant shutdown

DALLAS (AP) — Electric utility TXU Corp. said Tuesday its second-quarter profit plunged 76 percent due to cool weather that turned down demand for air conditioning and to costs related to its pending sale to private investors.

TXU, which agreed in February to be bought by a group of private-equity investors for \$32 billion, said

earnings after dividends to preferred shareholders dropped to \$121 million, or 26 cents per share, from \$497 million, or \$1.07 per share, a year earlier.

Excluding one-time costs and gains, TXU said its earnings fell to 93 cents per share from \$1.40 per share a year ago.

Analysts surveyed by Thomson Financial had forecast \$1.17 per share.

Revenue fell 24.2 percent to \$2.02 billion, far below analysts' forecast of \$2.51 billion.

State security costs for Perry's trips abroad exceed \$250,000

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas has spent more than \$250,000 to provide security for Gov. Rick Perry and his wife during international trips, a newspaper reported.

Most of the trips were touted as economic development missions, but the security tally also includes a Grand Cayman vacation last year and a 2004 trip to the Bahamas with campaign donors that the governor's office said was to discuss education.

The Texas Department of Public Safety has spent \$259,428 on the Governor Protective Detail for nine trips since 2004, according to figures obtained by the *San Antonio Express-News*.

Senator supports road amendment

IRVING (AP) — The chairman of the state Senate transportation committee called for a state constitutional amendment to protect funding for roads and bridges, an issue that he said will have more support in light of the bridge collapse in Minnesota.

Sen. John Carona, R-Dallas, said Tuesday that the Texas Constitution should be amended to prevent lawmakers from diverting gas tax revenues for expenses other than transportation construction and maintenance.

"That's going to be probably the most important single issue in this next session, Carona stated.

The gas tax brought in \$2.99 billion last year for transportation-related expenses. State law already restricts the use of those funds for transportation.

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