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# BSISD getting ready for school year

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By STEVE REAGAN

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Staff Writer

Preparations for a new school year are shifting into overdrive in Big Spring.

The new school year starts for Big Spring ISD students Aug. 27, but a small flurry of registration, schedule pickup and orientation events are scheduled for the next several days.

Big Spring High School

sophomores and juniors will 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. receive their schedules for the new year Tuesday, school officials announced. Juniors will pick up their schedules from 9 a.m. until noon, while sophomores will do likewise from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m.

On Thursday, it will be the turn of freshmen and seniors. Seniors will get their schedules from 9 a.m. until noon, while freshmen will do the same from

For more information, contact the high school at 264-3641.

Goliad Intermediate School plans orientation for its students on Aug. 23. Fifth graders will assemble at 5 p.m., followed by sixth graders at 6 p.m. Those with questions should call 264-4111.

Big Spring Junior High School orientation will be held Aug. 24., starting with seventh

graders at 4 p.m. and followed by eighth graders at 5:30 p.m. Contact the school at 264-4135 for more information.

BSISD Assistant Superintendent Carie Dunnam said that elementary students who attended BSISD schools in 2006-2007 are registered for the new school year, but may need to update information such as addresses or telephone num-

Elementary campuses and their respective phone numbers are:

• Bauer — 264-4121.

• Kentwood — 264-4130.

• Marcy — 264-4144. • Moss — 264-4148.

• Washington — 264-4126.

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

# Heat gets to festival

## Attendance down, but participants enjoyed day

#### By STEVE REAGAN Staff Writer

It must have been the

The Second Annual Big Spring Flight Festival had a little bit of everything — except visitors, it seems. A smaller than expected crowd put a damper on the festivities, hosted by Hangar 25 Air Museum Saturday afternoon.

Heather Wallace. administrator of the museum, estimated that 200 people visited the festival Saturday, fewer than last year and below this year's expectations.

"Our vendors didn't do so well," Wallace admitted. "But the people had a good time, and the kids had fun, too.

"I think it was mostly because of the heat, and were competing against the Rock The Festival Desert Midland," Wallace said. "That kept attendance here down.'

Those who braved the blistering conditions saw or competed in a variety of contests.

"Deuces Wild," a musical duo consisting of brothers Eddie and Rickie Vasquez, took first



Courtesy photo

"Dueces Wild," a musical duo consisting of brothers Eddie and Rickie Vasquez, won the "Big Spring's Got Talent" competition at the Second Annual Big Spring Flight Festival at Hangar 25 Air Museum Saturday afternoon.

place in the "Big Spring's Got Talent" competition, on the takeoff a "America's Got Talent" television show.

"They were really, really good," Wallace said. "They played just about anything, from '50s rock on up.'

Taking second place was gospel singer Mike Payne, while the Danzation dance group and singer

Rainwater tied for third. Zack Humphries was the champion in the

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## Council ready to OK increase

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council is expected to move forward with a 2007-2008 tax rate of \$1.05 per \$100 valuation during its Tuesday evening meeting, calling for public hearings for the tax rate and proposed budget.

The city had originally looked at a proposed tax rate of 97.3266 cents, deciding during budget work sessions in July to tack on another 7.5 cents to fund a the expansion of the Big Spring Police Department's existing two-man narcotics unit into a five-officer unit with a single supervisor.

"Not taking account any office supplies or materials like that, we're looking at \$341,340 to start the program," City Finance Director Peggy Walker told the council. "That would translate into a 7.5cent increase in the tax rate, which would put it over the rollback rate. If we go over the rollback rate, we're required to hold public hearings and publish the rate, and citizens would have the opportunity to start a petition and force a rollback election."

Walker said the 7.5-cent

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#### **BLOOD DRIVE AT REFINERY**

Alon USA employees are celebrating life by sponsoring a blood drive from 8 a.m. to noon Tuesday at their location next to I-20 and Refinery Road.

Blood donated at the Big Spring Refinery will be used to meet the needs of patients in local hospitals who are waiting for transfusions.

Donors will be entered to receive a trip for two to Las Vegas, special T-shirts and free cholesterol checks. To sign up for an appointment, call the

blood drive coordinator, Verna Davis, at 263-9392. It is not necessary to make an appointment but it will speed the process for those who have limited time.

#### **BOOKS NEEDED FOR SALE**

The Friends of the Howard County Library are requesting donations for a book sale.

"We want nice, used books," Howard County Library Hollis McCright said. "We don't want books that look like they've been out in the chicken barn. We also ask that people do not donate Reader's Digest books, National Georgraphics or magazines."

McCright asks that the donated books be boxed, if at all possible and that they be brought to the library during normal business hours.

The book sale will be held Sept. 14 through Sept. 16 in the library basement.

#### **ROVE RETURNING HOME**

Karl Rove, President Bush's close friend and chief political strategist, plans to leave the White House at the end of August, joining a lengthening line of senior officials heading for the exits in the final 1 1/2 years of the administration.

On board with Bush since the beginning of his political career in Texas, Rove was nicknamed "the architect" and "boy genius" by the president for designing the strategy that twice won him the White House. Critics call Rove "Bush's brain."

An investigation put Rove under scrutiny for months during the investigation into the leak of a CIA operative's name.

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## IN BRIEF

#### **Desert Thunder** Speedway results

Big Spring's Gene Hector took first place in the 95.1 BOB FM & 97Gold FM Radio Night Open Body Shootout.

He defeated Eddy Tidwell of Andrews in the finals, running the course in 4.34 seconds and reaching 158 miles per hour.

#### Crossroads Youth Football sign-ups

The Crossroads Youth Football Association have begun their signups for the 2007 season.

Registration will take place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the old Athletic Supply building in the Big Spring Mall every Saturday August.

Cost is \$40 for flag football and \$100 for tackle. Any cheerleaders who will not need a uniform can sign-up for \$35. The cost is \$100 if a new uniform is needed.

All children going into kindergarten through sixth grade can register. For more information,

contact Daphne Coates at 714-4688.

#### Lady Steer Booster Club meets today

The Big Spring Lady Steer Booster Club will meet at 6 p.m. today 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 signups have started

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. Signups 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 Fri-

Cost is \$50 and furnishes players with a jersey, shorts and socks. Coaches are still needed and anyone interested can also sign up dur-

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

#### QB Club meeting set for today

The Big Spring Quarterback Club will hold its weekly meeting at 7 p.m. today at the Athletic Training Cen-

They will be looking to put the finishing touches on this season's football program, which celebrates the 100th anniversary of Big Spring football.

All personal ads for the program need to be in by Wednesday.

Contact Denise Carillo at 816-1685 or Frank Stiles at 270-3041 for more details.

#### **Hunter education** class scheduled

The next hunter education class in Big Spring will be held Saturday and Sunday at

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# Ellis remains plagued by injury

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Cowboys linebacker Greg Ellis is no longer worried about losing his job to a rookie or about wanting a new contract. His new concern is whether he may be forced to retire because of an injury.

Ellis tore his left Achilles' tendon last November and went through an aggressive rehabilitation to trim a few months off the usual 12-month recovery so he could be back for the start of training camp. Thinking he was

ready, he went out for the first ery. They remain confident Ellis be part of it.' workout, but lasted only a few minutes.

The pain forced him to stop. Nearly three weeks later, a spot above his heel and below the surgically repaired tear is still hurting him badly.

"It's a pain you can't deal with," he said. "It never goes away — even when I wake up in the morning, walking around, the whole deal."

An MRI shows no problems, so the team's medical staff isn't too alarmed by this first setback in what had been a flawless recovwill return. Ellis wishes he could share their optimism.

"It's just frustrating," he said. "What the heck is going on? Why won't it go away? I just keep saying maybe there's something to the time period."

Ellis was hurt Nov. 12, meaning Sunday was the nine-month mark. Waiting three more months would be nice, but the season starts in four weeks, at home against the New York Giants on Sunday, Sept. 9.

"I want to be ready for the Giants game," he said. "I want to

The best of Tiger Woods is

We're not talking about some

indefinite time off in the future.

We're talking next season.

Woods won the PGA

Championship on

Sunday by just

No current player has been with the Cowboys longer than Ellis, who hopes to be heading into his 10th season. He's led the team in sacks six times and has been the captain of the defense the last two years.

He made headlines last year when coach Bill Parcells moved him from defensive end to outside linebacker so he'd be a better fit in the team's 3-4 scheme. Ellis was so afraid of failing that he asked to be traded or released,

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# Tiger's best is still to come



MCT photo/Travis Heying/Wichita Eagle Tiger Woods lifts the Wannamaker Trophy after winning the PGA Championships at Southern Hills Country Club in Tulsa, Okla. Sunday.

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two shots. He started the day with a threestroke lead, saw it balloon to five and then shrink to one. In the end, he had to hold off a journeyman named Woody

still to come.

Austin, who was playing lights-out in a major championship for the first time in his life, and a

hadn't played anywhere near that tough in a long, long time. "I just felt if I played the back nine under par that I would win the tournament." Woods said.

familiar rival, Ernie Els, who

"That didn't happen." The only time he was in real danger of losing, though, came after a three-putt at No. 14.

"I felt like I gave all the momentum back to Ernie and to Woody. And I just felt like, I got myself in this mess, I need to get myself out of it. I did some serious yelling at myself going up to the 15th tee," Woods added, "just to get back into what I do."

He then made pars the rest of the way to win the tournament. It was one of his most controlled, masterful performances between the ears, even if it didn't always look that way out on the golf course.

Most people put Woods at his most dominant during a stretch that began with the PGA Championship at Medinah in 1999 and lasted until the middle of 2002. And it's hard to argue otherwise. During what qualifies as the greatest sustained

run in major championship history, he won seven of the 11 majors contested, including three in 2000 and the first two of 2002.

That run ended in the wind and sideways rain at Muirfield in the third round of the British Open, when Woods shot 81. Less than two years later, he pinkslipped swing coach Butch Harmon, who had been at his side since Woods was 17 and began revamping his swing in private, at first — under the tutelage of Hank Haney.

As the winless streak in the majors stretched to 10, Woods stubbornly insisted he was "close." Then he proved he was as good as his word by using the flatter, wider swing — it lets Woods bring the clubhead through the hitting zone on a more consistent path, for a nanosecond longer — to win the 2005 Masters.

And guess what? Beginning with that win at Augusta and continuing through Sunday's triumph at Southern Hills, Woods has now won five of the last dozen majors and one each of the last three years. He also won nine times in 2006 and five times already this season, not to mention finishing second at both the Masters and U.S. Open.

When someone asked whether he considered himself a better player now than in 2000, he didn't hesitate.

"Yeah," Woods replied, "by far. Just experience. Understanding how to handle it and how to manage my game around the golf course. I have more shots than I did then, just because I've had that many more years to learn'em. And how to make adjustments on the fly, that just comes with experi-

"And I'll say the same thing

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## Newly acquired Murphy shines in Rangers win

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

**AP Sports Writer** 

ARLINGTON — Kason Gabbard came out after throwing only one pitch in the second inning because the Texas Rangers didn't want to take any chances with the rookie left-hander's stiff forearm.

Even with Gabbard out, the Rangers got a promising preview from one of the rookies they got from the Boston Red Sox when Texas dealt closer Eric Gagne at the trading deadline.

Outfielder David Murphy went 3-for-4 with three doubles, three runs scored and an RBI as the Rangers beat the Tampa Bay Devil Rays 9-1 on Sunday night. He is the only rookie in the majors with three doubles in a

game this season. "Babe Ruth," manager Ron Washington jokingly said. "He looks like he knows what he's doing out there. He's a ballplay-

Woods won the tournament by two strokes over Woody Austin.

Murphy is 4-for-6, all of his hits doubles, in two starts since the Rangers brought him up from Triple-A Oklahoma before the weekend series. He played college ball at Baylor, only about a 90drive minute Arlington.

"I'm getting an opportunity here. All I want to do is make the most of it," Murphy said. "There is time left before the end of the season. As a whole, that's going to make up my first impression."

Michael Young hit his 100th career homer, Marlon Byrd had a tworun single and Willie Eyre (4-5) threw 3 2-3 scoreless innings of emergency relief.

After Delmon Young led off the second with a deep fly ball, Gabbard took a moment on the mound. Manager Ron Washington then came out with trainer Jamie Reed and they

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

The Texas Rangers' John Rheinecker throws a pitch in the first inning as Texas faced the Tampa Bay Devil Rays at Rangers Ballpark in Arlington. The Rangers blasted the Devil Rays

#### LOCAL

## **Obituaries**

#### **Buford Hull**



Buford Hull, a lifetime resident of Howard County, went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, Aug. 11, 2007, at the age of 81 years. He was preceded in death by his parents, Floyd and Eunice Hull, and his adopted mother, Maude Hull. Buford was born on Dec. 22, 1925, in the Salem Community and graduated from Coahoma High School before joining the United States Army. Buford served in the Army from March 14, 1945,

to December 7, 1946, with tours to Japan and the Philippines. Upon discharge from the Army, Buford returned to Howard County and worked at the United States Post Office until his retirement. However, he was a farmer at heart and lived and farmed in the Salem Community many, many years.

Services will be held at College Baptist Church at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2007, with the Rev. Ken McMeans officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. Grandsons will be pallbearers and the members of his Sunday School class will be honorary pallbearers. The family will receive guests at the family home on Monday evening.

Buford was a faithful member of College Baptist Church for more than 40 years, where he attended the Men's Sunday School class and served on multiple committees throughout the years. He loved his church family and greatly missed being able to attend when his illness gradually confined him more and more to

Buford was a beloved husband for 39 years and 9 months to Jerrye Taylor Sandridge whom he married Nov. 3, 1967, at the family home in Luther. Buford is survived by his wife, Jerrye, and their children, Vicki LeClair and husband, Gerald; Mike Hull and wife, Beverly; Larry Sandridge; and Wanda Gamble and husband, Perry, all of Big Spring.

Buford's love and commitment to his family was second only to his love for Jesus Christ. He raised his children to know the importance of family by consistently demonstrating that commitment to them. He got a lot of practice at that with his 14 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren: Joshua Rainey E5/AM2 USN and wife, Christina, and children, Paige and Garrett Rainey, of Aubrey; Jordan Rainey E5/AM2 USN and wife, Jennifer, and children, Sidney, Kailey and Jaxon, of Guam; Justin Gamble, wife, Kristen, and daughter, Kaitlyn Rose, of San Angelo; Ingrid Gamble of San Antonio and children, Collin Smith of Roscoe; Christian and Cassidy Gamble of Big Spring; Blake Hull and Katie Coffee of Hankamer; Lindsay Glave and husband, Tyrone, of Rockport; Steve Sandridge, Randi and children, Brandon, Mildred, Harley, Paige and Blake, of Big Spring; Fayelyn Clark, husband, Casey, and children, Britt and Bree, of Big Spring; Terry Joe (T.J.) Sandridge and children, Skylier, Jace and Haley, of Big Spring; Tonyia Grigg, husband, Steven, and children, Crystal, Kelly, Stormie, William and Savannah, of Big Spring; Pascen Booth and wife. Bianca, of San Antonio; Richard LeClair, wife, Monica, and daughter, Skylar, of Midland; James LeClair, wife, J'anna, and son, Kaleb, of Lubbock; and Jennifer Henry and children, Keagan, Mellisa, Ann Marie and Jayden (deceased), all of Big Spring.

Yes, family was his life priority, but Buford was also a staunch baseball fan. In his younger days he coached Little League baseball to many Big Spring boys. He taught his teams that playing fair, treating each other with respect, and having fun was more important than winning. He followed Major League Baseball faithfully from beginning to end and always looked forward to the World Series. Buford had favorites but in the end it didn't matter which team won as long as they beat the Yankees! In addition to baseball, Buford had been previously active in the Howard County Youth Horsemen and later became vice president of Region 6 American Association of Sheriff's Posses and Riding Clubs. He and his beloved wife, Jerrye, elected to end their participation in outside activities and devote themselves to providing end of life care for his mother and dad.

Buford will be greatly missed by many as husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather and friend. He was a man of principle and honor, that taught his family the importance of those traits by word and example throughout his life.

The family suggests that memorials be made to College Baptist Church, 1105 Birdwell Lane, Big **Spring 79720** 

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

#### Amanda Ryals Barber



Amanda Ryals Barber, 28, of Big Spring died on Friday, Aug.10, 2007, in an Odessa hospital. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2007, at the Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel with the Rev. R.T. Havener, pastor at First Assembly of God, officiating.

The family will receive friends from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at the funer-

al home.

She was born on May 6, 1979, in Midland.

Amanda liked sports, drawing, listening to music, and coloring with her daughter. She especially enjoyed visiting with her friends and family. She was a member of First Assembly of God.

Survivors include her parents, Shirley and Jim Ryals; her daughter, Brookelynn Jensen; her son, Zacary Barber; her grandmother, Goldie Clawson; and a special aunt, Wanda Phipps, all of Big Spring.

She was preceded in death by her grandfather, Hubert Clawson, and a special cousin, Tony Phipps.

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

Paid obituary

Stephen Wingelman
Stephen Wingelman, 88, of Big Spring, formerly of Milwaukee, Wis., died Thursday, Aug. 9, 2007, in a local nursing home. Private family services will be held at a later date.

He worked in the auto salvage business. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the European Theater.

He is survived by two sons, Richard Wingelman of Milwaukee, Wis., and Robert Wingelman and his wife, Yvonne, of Hartford, Wis.; one grandson; and three great-grandchildren.

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

#### Georgia Cross

Georgia Cross, 76, of Big Spring died Sunday, Aug. 12, 2007, at a local hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 9 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today:

- **KEITH HILARIO**, 23, of an unidentified location on 19th Street, was arrested Saturday on a local capias warrant.
- JERRY RUSHIN, 36, of 2530 Fairchild, was arrested Saturday on charges of public intoxication, possession of marijuana and two local capias warrants.
- **GEORGE LUEVANOS**, 25, of 111 E. 16th Street, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication and two local capias warrants. • ERNEST CLARK, 67, of 4000 W. Highway 80, was
- arrested Saturday on a charge of disorderly conduct language.
- MARTHA MARTINEZ, 44, of 1512 Sycamore, was arrested Saturday on a Howard County warrant.
- RAMON PINEDA, 33, of Mexico, was arrested Saturday and held for immigration.
- VANESSA HOLLIS, 33, of 615 Ridglea, was arrested Saturday on a charge of criminal mischief.
- ALISHA MCGEE, 29, of 1403 Sycamore, was arrested Saturday on charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a dangerous drug.
- TEKIA WILLIAMS, 24, of 910 N.W. Fourth Street, was arrested Saturday on a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.
- DAVID WESTBROOK, 33, of 2527 Gunter, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- EUGENE FRANCO, 18, of 1200 Grafa, was arrested Saturday on a charge of disorderly conduct - fight-
- GENARO CASTILLO, 18, of 2400 S. Monticello, was arrested Saturday on a charge of disorderly conduct - fighting.
- AMANDA SAUCEDA, 24, of 624 Settles, was arrested Saturday on charges of burglary of a habita-
- ANDY CUELLAR, 22, of Midland, was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- CARLA CUVIELLO, 39, of 2604 Langley, was arrested Sunday on a charge of theft.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 200 block of Marcy.
- RESISTING ARREST, SEARCH OR TRANS-PORTATION was reported in the 500 block of Fifth
- EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION was reported in the 200 block of Birdwell Lane.
- FORGERY was reported:
- in the 200 block of Marcy.
- in the 1800 block of FM 700.
- in the 1200 block of 11th Place. • CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:
- in the 400 block of Highway 80.
- in the 1300 block of Pennsylvania.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 1300 block of Fourth Street.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported:
- in the 1900 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard.
- in the 500 block of Fifth Street.
- AGGRAVATED ROBBERY was reported in the
- 2500 block of Wasson.

## Weather

Today — Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 90s. Light and variable winds becoming southeast around 10 mph in the afternoon.

Tonight — Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s. East winds around 10 mph in the evening becoming light and variable.

Tuesday — Sunny. Highs in the upper 90s. Southeast winds around 10 mph.

Tuesday night — Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 60s. Southeast winds around 10 mph in the evening becoming light and variable.

Wednesday — Sunny. Highs in the mid 90s.

## Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 17-25-30-36-38-41. Number matching six of six: None.

Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$13 million.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 7-11-25-27-35. Number matching five of five: 2.

Prize per winner: \$13,326. Winning tickets sold in: Azle and Boerne. Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night, in order: 0-2-5

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday afternoon, in order: 1-0-1

## Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 33 inmates at the time of this report.

- LOGAN WAYNE LLOYD, 20, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of assault/family violence.
- MICHAEL CARDONA, 20, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of evading arrest/detention.
- LUIS ARNULFO GONZALES, 27, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of evading arrest/detention with a vehicle and possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- MARK EDWIN FORT, 50, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of forgery of a government financial instrument.
- BILLY MANN KIRK, 61, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of forgery.
- CLARISSA ADAMS RENTERIA, 27, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of theft by check. • CODY GENE CARLILE, 29, was arrested Saturday
- by DPS on a charge of possession of a controlled sub-• TONY BINGHAM, 26, was arrested Saturday on a
- charge of driving while intoxicated second offense. • **KEVIN GLENN CATE**, 35, was arrested Saturday
- by DPS on a charge of possession of a controlled substance. • JOE OLIVIO JR., 35, was transferred to the coun-
- ty jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid. • BOBBY PHILLIP MASTERS, 45, was transferred
- to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of TIMOTHY JOSEPH MAJOR JR., 33, was trans-
- ferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less. • ANDREA LEEANN HILARIO, 20, was transferred
- to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid. • JOHN WILLIAM SALAZAR, 31, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of
- NICK RODRIGUEZ VALENCIA, 24, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of a
- controlled substance. • JERRY MCGREGOR RUSHIN, 36, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a
- charge of possession of marijuana two ounces or less. • CARLA SABRINA CUVIELLO, 39, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a
- charge of theft. • AMBER FAYE PIERCE, 25, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on charges of failure to identify as a fugitive from justice and violation of parole - blue war-
- MATTHEW BROWN, 33, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- AMANDA SAUCEDA, 23, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of burglary of a habitation with intent to commit assault.
- VANESSA DAWN HOLLIS, 33, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief.

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Wasson. Service was refused.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 900 block of Culp. One person was transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL was reported near the intersection of Martin Luther King Blvd. and Abrams. One person
- was transported to SMMC. MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of Wright. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1100 block of Stadium. Service refused. • MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of
- Sycamore. Service refused. • TRAUMA was reported in the 1800 block of FM
- 700. One person was transported to SMMC. MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of Veterans. One person was transported to SMMC

## Take Note

• 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.

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## Monday, August 13, 2007 Gordon spins out, Stewart wins third race

By JOHN KEKIS

AP Sports Writer

WATKINS GLEN, N.Y. — Tony Stewart can't wait to start the Chase.

Trailing leader Jeff Gordon by two car-lengths with two laps to go Sunday at Watkins Glen International, Stewart stared in amazement when Gordon spun out on his own entering the first turn on the 11-turn road course and went on to win the Centurion Boats at The Glen.

It was the third victory in four races for Stewart, who is on one of his midsummer rolls with only four races remaining before the Chase for the Nextel Cup title begins.

"You see how easy a streak can end and go the opposite way," said Stewart, a two-time Cup champion. "Once the Chase starts, I feel like we're in the best position of anybody. We just have to keep our fingers crossed."

Gordon's bobble was stun-

ning, especially to Stewart.

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"He's the last guy you expect to have a problem like that," Stewart said after his 36th career victory, tying him for 19th all-time with Dale Jarrett. "Trust me, I was probably the most shocked person. Our only shot of getting by him was to keep the pressure on him and hope he'd make a mistake."

For Stewart, who spun out in the same place as Gordon while leading earlier in the race and dropped to 19th, it was his sixth win on a road course. That ties him for second all-time with Richard Petty, Ricky Rudd, Rusty Wallace, and Bobby Allison.

"I think our car was a tick better than Jeff's, but if Jeff doesn't make that mistake, we run for second," said Stewart, who has won four of the last five Cup races at Watkins Glen and finished second a year ago to Kevin Harvick. "You were going to have to be a bunch faster to get by him."

Even though Gordon has a

commanding lead in the points Stewart. and became the first driver to clinch a spot in the Chase after finishing ninth Sunday, it was a bitter disappointment. He seemed set to extend his Cup record for road course victories to 10 before making that uncharacteristic mistake on that hard 90-degree right-hand

"I wanted that win real bad," said Gordon, who has four wins at The Glen. "Points don't mean anything. I pushed and pushed too far.I don't like making mistakes. That mistake is not a difficult one to make. That corner is ridiculously difficult and I knew I needed to make sure I didn't do it. I didn't do it all day until it came down to when it counted. What happened is the team deserved to win and the driver didn't get it done."

Despite the setback, Gordon still posted his 20th top-10 in 22 races and is tied with Hendrick Motorsports teammate Jimmie Johnson with four wins, tops in the series and one more than

The top 12 drivers in the standings after 26 races will race for the title and the points for every driver will be reset at 5,000. But each win counts for an extra 10 points once the Chase begins.

"We gave up 20 (points) because I didn't get the 10 that would have kept him (Stewart) from getting the 10," Gordon said with a laugh. "Had I won, I would have been 20 more points ahead of him than I am now. I'd probably rather have the trophy than the bonus points. I think we can beat him in the final 10 races."

All but assured of a spot in the Chase, both Stewart and Edwards fought hard for the victory on the last lap. Edwards made a desperate final try in the rapid four-turn Inner Loop coming out of the high-speed

"I just figured, the heck with it," said Edwards, who went off course and finished eighth.

Denny Hamlin ended up sec-

ond, Jimmie Johnson was third for the best road course finish of his career, Canadian road race ace Ron Fellows was fourth, and Robby Gordon fifth.

Dale Earnhardt Jr. suffered a big blow to his chances of making the Chase. After complaining in practice about how bad was handling. car turned Earnhardt things around in the race and was running up front much of the day. But while running third behind Gordon and Kurt Busch, the engine in the red No. 8 Chevrolet blew, ending his day on lap 63. He finished 42nd.

It was the fifth DNF of the season for Earnhardt, and four have been engine-related. He entered the day trailing Busch by seven points for the 12th and final spot in the standings and dropped to 14th, four points behind Ryan Newman and 100 points behind Busch, who rallied to finish 11th after being penalized for speeding on pit road and remained 12th.

### **RANGERS**

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only talked to Gabbard, who handed the ball to Washington and walked to the dugout.

Washington said they knew before the game that Gabbard was stiff, but said "it's nothing to be concerned with" even though the pitcher has had four arm operations in the past. The manager expects Gabbard to start as scheduled Friday at Minnesota.

"I threw on the side on Friday and I guess I did too much. It was tight when I went home. But it's a minor setback," Gabbard said. "It's frustrating and aggravating. I felt it on all my pitches."

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or to have more security

written into his contract.

He wound up being tied

for the lead in sacks when

In April, the Cowboys

spent their top pick on

Anthony Spencer, a col-

lege end being converted

to outside linebacker.

Seeing Dallas invest in

his replacement, Ellis

squawked again. He con-

tinued grumbling even

after his training-camp

setback. His slow return

has prompted accusations

"This is not about me

trying to get more money," he said. "This

might be it for me.

Hopefully it's not, but

that's the reality of the

question

Cowboys owner Jerry

Jones and coach Wade

Phillips are willing to

What if he needs that

full year? That would

mean Dallas going at

least seven games with

essentially a 52-man ros-

Ellis could go on

injured reserve, but that

would wipe out his entire

season. He can't go on the

physically unable to per-

form (PUP) list because

he's already participated

in a practice, even if it

was only the initial few

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wait for him.

**ELLIS** 

he was hurt.

Gabbard threw only 18 pitches (12 strikes) in a reunion with Florida high school battery mate Jarrod Saltalamacchia, the rookie catcher who came from Atlanta for Mark Teixeira in a trade finalized at the trading

In 2000, Gabbard was a senior and Saltalamacchia a freshman starter for the Royal Palm Beach High team that made it to

Gabbard gave up a leadoff single to Jonny Gomes, then retired his last four batters with two strikeouts. He is 1-1 for Texas after going 4-0 in seven starts for the Red Sox.

ness side of it," Ellis said. 'What are Jerry and Wade going to do? I don't

comes down to, the busi-

Phillips sees no reason

to-day," the coach said. "I am going with that."

While the team has been steady with its prognosis, Ellis keeps picking up negative vibes else-

For instance, at the preseason opener last Thursday, Pat Summerall told him, "You know, Greg, a lot of guys don't make it back from this." Ellis also got a call last week from his wife, who was in North Carolina when longtime Panthers safety Mike Minter held a tearful news conference announcing his retire-

it, I don't want you to be crying and stuff. I want you to be all right," Ellis said. "I told her, 'I'll be all right. I can't tell you I won't shed a tear or two."

has entered his mind. With his 32nd birthday on Tuesday and only one good leg, he can't help but wonder if he's already played the last game of

"They say some people don't make it back, some make it back and have no problems and some make it back and they're not quite the same guy," he said. "Which category am

"That's what it always

deadline like the deal with the Red Sox.

the 6A state tournament.

know. They haven't talked to me about it."

to have that chat. "Our guys say he's day-

where.

ment. "She was like, 'If this is

Ellis admits the thought

his career. I going to fall in?

#### WOODS

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seven years from now," he added, "when I'm more experienced than I am now.'

The wins may never look as easy as they did back in 2000, in part because the wide gap in talent, fitness and drive Woods had over the field has narrowed.

"Back when I first came out here on Tour, how many guys had personal trainers? I don't think any of them did. Now, going to the fitness van, everyone has a trainer there. Everyone's gotten stronger, more fit. They're hitting the ball farther. Technology has certainly helped that out. ... And guys are shooting a lot better scores. It has become a lot harder to win tournaments.

"But that's the fun of it," he added. "That's the challenge.

Yet more has changed than just Woods' swing and the quality of the competition. He lost his

father, Earl, last year and became father to Sam Alexis, the daughter wife Elin gently rocked to sleep as she paced in the trailer where Woods tallied and then signed his scorecard. He's become not just smarter and more versatile about navigating his way around a golf course, but away from it, too.

Sunday's win was Woods' 13th career major, tying him with Bobby Jones and leaving only Jack Nicklaus and his record 18 ahead. After Augusta National, where Woods always does well, the majors detour through Torrey Pines, where Woods won as a junior and five times already as a pro; then to Royal Birkdale for the British Open and Oakland Hills for PGA Championship, courses that Woods can sink his teeth into.

Yet for the first time since he taped a list of Nickiaus accomplish ments to his bedroom wall and made a competition of trying to beat Jack to every mark,

#### **BRIEFS** public sales set

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Chamber the Commerce office. Classes start at 8 a.m. both days.

Cost is \$15 per student. All persons born after Sept. 1, 1971, are required to have hunter education before they can legally hunt in Texas.

All states have some sort of hunter education class and have a reciprocal agreement with the state of Texas.

Students must be at least 12 years old at the time of the class.

For more information or to register, call Steve Poitevint at 264-7033, preferably in the evening.

#### Meet the Steers on Aug. 25

The Big Spring Quarterback Club will be hosting a Meet the Steers event at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 25 at Memorial Stadium.

The public is invited to get a first glimpse at this Steer football year's teams.

All players from junior high to varsity will be introduced.

## Steers season ticket

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

Call Kay Cook at 264-3662 with any questions.

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

The Big Spring Country Club is hosting an over-80 scramble tournament starting at 1 Saturday.

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 Sunday.

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

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

Woods didn't sound like he was in such a hurry.

"When you first start your career.18 is just a long way away. And even though I'm at 13. it's still a long way away. You can't get it done in one year," he said.

"It's going to take time. It took Jack 20 years to get it done. 20-plus years. It's one of those things where it's going to take some time. And hopefullv. health permitting and if everything goes right and I keep improving, I'll one day surpass that.'

Jim Litke is a national sports columnist for The Associated Press. Write to him at jlitke@ap.org

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## Puzzles by Pappocom

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box. Solution, tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com

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#### Famous Hand

heart

Both sides vulnerable. **NORTH EAST ♥** 10 9 4 ♣QJ1094 SOUTH **↑** A K Q 7 6 3 **♥** Q ♦ Â K Q 10 9 The bidding:
North East West South Pass Pass Pass Pass Opening lead queen of clubs.

North dealer.

This hand was played many years ngo by Harry Fishbein, well-known New York expert. He bid and made six spades, luckily staying out of a grand slam that would have failed because of the bad trump break.

**However,** it took a bit of doing just to make the small slam. In case you don't believe it, try the hand out on your friends and see if they end up with 12 tricks.

Fishbein won the club lead with

the ace and trumped a club at trick two. When he then played the ace of spades and discovered that East had think of except in retrospect — came at trick two when Fishbein trumped dummy's low club. If he had played a spade to the ace instead, he would have been defeated.

the four missing trumps, he cashed

the queen of hearts and led the A-K

East could ruff the king if he

wished, but he would then either

have to return a spade, which would

provide an entry to dummy's ten and

permit the discard of two diamonds

on the A-K of hearts; or a heart,

which would be equally ineffective;

or a club, which dummy could ruff as

mond and discarded a heart instead.

Fishbein thereupon played the queen

of diamonds. If East ruffed, he again

could not avoid putting dummy on

lead. So East discarded another

Fishbein was then able to ruff the

nine of diamonds, establishing his

ten, and although East could overruff

if he wanted to, declarer could not be

stopped from scoring the rest of the

The key play — a hard one to

East decided not to ruff the dia-

South discarded a diamond.

Let's say he had done this and next led the A-K of diamonds. East could ruff and return a club, and there would then be no way for South to make the contract. The club ruff at trick two was a simple play to make, but not many players would think of

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Crimson Soul's lead singer/guitarist Brandon Tant plays Saturday at Rock the Desert in Odessa. The band, originally from Big Spring, played in the venue's Teen Tent.

# Rove leaving Bush administration

By TERENCE HUNT

AP Correspondent

WASHINGTON — Karl Rove, President Bush's close friend and chief political strategist, plans to leave the White House at the end of August, joining a lengthening line of senior officials heading for the exits in the final 1 1/2 years of the administration.

On board with Bush since the beginning of his political career in Texas. Rove was nicknamed "the architect" and "boy genius" by the president for designing the strategy that twice won him the White House. Critics call Rove "Bush's brain."

A criminal investigation put Rove under scrutiny for months during the investigation into

the leak of a CIA opera-right time to be giving tive's name but he was never charged with any crime. In a more recent controversy, Rove, citing executive privilege, has refused to testify before Congress about the firing of U.S. attorneys.

Bush was expected to make a statement today with Rove. Later Monday, Rove, his wife and their son were to accompany Bush on Air Force One when the president flies to Texas for his vacation.

"Obviously it's a big loss to us," White House deputy press secretary Dana Perino said. "He's a great colleague, a good friend, and a brilliant mind. He will be greatly missed, but we know he wouldn't be going if he wasn't sure this was the

more to his family, his wife Darby and their son. He will continue to be one of the president's greatest friends.'

Since Democrats won control of Congress in November, some top administration officials have announced their resignations. Among those who have left are White House counselor Dan Bartlett, budget director Rob Portman, chief White House attorney Harriet Miers, political director Sara Taylor, deputy national security adviser J.D. Crouch and Meghan O'Sullivan, another deputy national security adviser.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld was forced out immediately after the election as the war in Iraq dragged on.

Rove became one of Washington's most influential figures during Bush's presidency. He is known as a ruthless political warrior who has an encyclopedic command of political minutiae and a wonkish love of policy. Rove met Bush in the early 1970s.

Once inside the White House, Rove grew into a right-hand man. He is expected to write a book after he leaves.

He said he decided to leave after White House Chief of Staff Joshua Bolten told senior aides that if they stayed past Labor Day they would be obliged to remain through the end of the president's term in January 2009.

# Big Spring man, 22, suffers minor wounds in Saturday robbery

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

A Big Spring man was treated for minor wounds Saturday night following an aggravated robbery in the 2500 block of Wasson

According to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer for the Big Spring Police Department, the 22-yearold victim was attacked while walking to a nearby convenience store.

"According to the victim, a car pulled up and nearly hit him," said Everett. "At that time, a single suspect got out of the car and attacked him. Shortly after, three more

suspects exited the vehicle and proceeded to assault the victim with beer bottles."

Everett said in the course of the attack one of the assailants took approximately \$100 in cash from the victim.

"One of the suspects is known to the victim, but he said he had no idea who the other three were," said Everett.

No arrests have been made and the investigation is ongoing, according to Everett.

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## Consumers head to malls to buy clothes, furniture and electronics products

WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumers went shopping for clothes, furniture and electronics products last month, helping give a modest boost to retail sales despite continued weakness in the demand for new cars.

Commerce The Department reported Monday that retail sales edged up 0.3 percent in July after having plunged by 0.7 percent in June, the worst showing in 16 months.

Consumer spending, which accounts for twothirds of total economic activity, is being watched carefully now. The fear is that the

recent turmoil in financial markets combined slumping home with prices will make Americans more hesitant to spend in the months ahead, raising the threat of a possible recession.

Wall Street suffered through some stomachchurning days last week because of worries about how credit problems that began in the market for subprime mortgages

might spread to other types of loans.

The Federal Reserve and other central banks around the world sought to calm investor fears by injecting billions of dollars into the banking system in an effort to keep short-term interest rates from rising.

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John Arriola Viera, 58, of Big Spring died Thursday, August 09, 2007, at his residence. Funeral Services were at 10 a.m. Monday at Primera Iglesia Bautista, with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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increase — when added to the currently proposed tax rate of 97.3266 cents would put the proposed tax rate for 2007-2008 at approximately \$1.05 per \$100 valuation.

The average value of a home in the city of Big Spring is estimated at \$37,165 - up considerablycompared to last year, thanks to higher valuations, according to Big Spring City Manager Gary Fuqua. With an estimated homestead exemption of \$7,433, the average taxpayer will be looking a \$76.40 annual increase in taxes before the proposed 7.5 cent hike, up to \$289.37 compared to last year's tax of

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\$212.97.

With the additional 7.5 cents to fund the narcotics task force program, taxpavers could expect to see that total increase in their tax bill ride to \$312.18.

Despite the prospect of a rollback election, McEwen said he is willing to back the program and the increase.

"Of all of the things the council asked the staff to look at, I really feel like this has the most merit," said McEwen. "And I feel like if we're going to move forward with it, we're going to have to just bite the bullet and do it

right.
"This will give the people in the city a chance to say they don't like it by supporting a petition and rollback election.

took top honors in the

master-dog look-alike con-

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Maybe going above the rollback rate on this is a good thing. We feel very strongly about this, and it's as important as anything we can do in the budget this year. We're talking about our children."

In addition to discussing the tax rate, the council is also expected to entertain:

 First reading of an ordinance approving an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance including a zone change from agriculture to planned development for the Avalon Subdivision.

• Emergency reading of a resolution authorizing

the mayor to execute an agreement with Air-Evac EMS Inc. for lease of land at McMahon Wrinkle Airport and Industrial Park for air ambulance operations.

• Emergency reading a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute an agreement with Jack Perry, dba Lone Star Aviation for lease of property located at the airpark for operation of fixed base operation services.

• First reading of a resolution suspending the Sept. 25, 2007, effective date of the proposal by Atmos Energy Corp. West Texas Division to implement interim grip rate adjustment for gas utility.

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## OUR VIEWS

# We should all be proud of our schools' ratings

t's called making the grade. Big time! Three Crossroads area school districts recently received superlative rankings when the Texas Education Agency released its most recent accountability ratings.

That means the Glasscock County, Sands and Grady school districts need to take a bow after having all received "recognized" ratings from the TEA. Those "recognized" designations are the next to highest ranking the TEA bestows.

That said, the rest of the area's school districts — Big Spring ISD, Coahoma ISD, Forsan ISD and Stanton ISD — received "academically acceptable" ratings from the TEA.

What that means, of course, is none of our children are forced to attend schools in sub-par districts.

It also means the public school teachers, administrators and staff throughout our area are doing a good job and not wasting our tax dollars.

To our way of thinking, that should put a smile on virtually everyone's face.

It should be noted that the three districts rated as "recognized" had at least 75 percent of their students in all socio-economic groups passing all sections of the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) test during the 2006-2007 school year.

While none of the area's campuses received an "exemplary" (highest) rating from the TEA, Big Spring had two "recognized" campuses — Kentwood and Washington elementaries, as were the Forsan ISD's Elbow Elementary and Stanton Elementary.

While fewer campuses in the area were rated "recognized" or better, Big Spring ISD Superintendent Michael Downes we believe was correct in attributing that to tighter standards imposed by the TEA during the past year.

Thus, we believe the ratings received by all of the Crossroads' public schools are cause for us to collectively celebrate.

While we here at the *Herald* are no where close to changing our minds concerning our belief that state law has put public schools in the business of teaching children to take a standardized test rather than truly educating them, we must be pleased that at least by state standards all of our schools pass muster.

We should all be exceedingly proud of the teachers. staff and students at our public schools. Collectively, they have clearly worked hard to live up to the requirements that have continued to increase in difficulty during the past few years.

In other words, they've all done very well and we encourage them to keep up the good work.

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#### A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Amen

When a little adversity gets in our way, Lord, may we give it to You.

Sorry kids, sex not allowed in Texas

he first time I wrote, 'Teenagers have sex," in a column advocating comprehensive sex education, a woman from my church appeared on my doorstep at home, unannounced and uninvited. She was there to offer her unsolicited opinion, and to castigate me for

revealing a truth she preferred not be discussed in "polite company" — a varia-tion of nice girls don't, and if they do, they don't talk about it — and for supposedly "encouraging promiscuity" among members of the church youth group, including her son. I patiently listened



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to her concerns fantasies, fallacies, folklore, whatever — until she said, a little too smugly for me, "Surely, you are going to teach your son (who was not even 8 years old at the time) abstinence only, like the Bible recommends." Surely not, without apology, equivocation, or hesitation (and likewise snootily), was my answer then, and still is, moreso now that my son is 10. That would be a "No" with a capital "H," as in, hell no I won't advocate abstinence-only to my

And why not? Because it doesn't work. Because I don't want my soon-to-be teenage son to be a father too soon or contract a sexually transmitted infection (STIs). Because I'm a pragmatist, unafraid to acknowledge reality.

Teenagers have sex, always have, always will. That's truth, not theology. Teens are doing "it," despite some parents' protestations

of "not my child." Me thinks they protest too much, or as my maternal grandmother, a Southerner born and died, used to say, "Bit dog always hollers.'

An abstinence-only approach is ineffective. And what's the empirical proof? Texas has a law adopted in 1995 that requires public school districts to emphasize abstinence in sex education classes. And Texas has the highest birth rate of any state among teens ages 15 to 19. See the correlation?

The recently-released Kids Count study showed a Texas rate of 63 births per 1,000 teens, unchanged from 2003 to 2004. Texas tied with New Mexico and Mississippi in 2003, but the latter lowered its teen birth rates the next year. We didn't. We're holding down last place alone. We're losers here in Texas, with a big "L," on lowering birth rates among adolescents, but we persist in funding the futility of abstinence-only.

A lecture to "keep your pants zipped" or "keep your panties on" to hormonal young men and women lasts only as long as the school day, and for some caught in the act of the down and dirty in school bathrooms or a hallway corner, not even that long. Doubtful many remember those lessons after Friday night's football game. Likely fewer teens recall them on prom night, in the desire to conceive a "prom baby," the voguish memento of the occasion. Texas can legislate abstinence-only. We can fund it, glorify it and slap cutesy slogans on billboards about virginity, but teenagers are still going to have sex, get pregnant and contract STIs.

Meanwhile, in the zealot zone, Jonathan Falwell, spiritual succes-

sor to his father's earthly empire, debated in a recent e-mail to ministry supporters whether Christians in committed relationships should kiss on dates or wait until they get married. He offers a vague perhaps, but with stringent boundaries which the couple promises not to cross.

In his missive, young Falwell also laments comprehensive sex education, linking it to increased sexual activity among youth. (It's the chicken and egg argument, as in which came first — sex or sex education?)

Falwell redux whines, "There is even a movement occurring that would bring sex-education courses into our nation's kindergarten classes." Which one, he doesn't mention, just some nebulous and nefarious "movement," presumably. None too soon, kindergarten is fine with me.

We can argue whether teens should have sex — "would of, could of, should of," my mom frequently quips about pointless discussions — but they are. Period. Teenagers have sex.

The Texas teen birth rate proves

We've got to stop teaching the Bible, and start teaching the birds and the bees in biology class.

We can pay to teach adolescents how not to have babies or we can pay for the kiddos they conceive.

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## U.N. chief's sense of security tepid

f you really believe that the planet is at the tipping point on global warming and the consequences will be fatal for people around the world, especially the poor, then all industrialized nations need to curb their greenhouse gas emissions. If the United States must sacrifice, so must

China, which is fast emerging as the largest producer of industrial greenhouse gases on Earth.

Yet U.N. Secretary Ban ki-Moon, in a breakfast meeting with the San Francisco Chronicle editorial board, recently suggested that industrialized nations — read the United States — have



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a "historical responsibility" to cut emissions, which are "almost to the saturation point," while China and India, two superpowers that were not bound to reduce emissions as part of the 1997 Kyoto global warming pact, "have their own positions.'

As for the Democratic Congress, Ban said: "They have already begun moving. It's only the (Bush) administration" that has not. And, while he said he is not a scientist or economist: "The science is very clear. The economics is very clear."

I understand the social justice argument. America has produced more industrial greenhouse gases than any other nation, hence Americans should have to cut back more than other countries. But who knew in 1910 that global warming would be an issue?

"The few who did know about it thought it was a good thing," noted the Cato Institute's Pat Michaels. "And when global sur-

face temperature declined from 1945 through the mid-1970s, the feeling was one of absolute alarm. The world was going to have a food crisis. The shipping lanes in the North Atlantic were cluttered with ice.'

Remember global cooling? That's what the — all bow — scientists warned about 30 years ago. Now, bygone Americans are to blame for not foreseeing science's current end-of-the-world scenario, global warming.

Unlike Ban, I know many scientists who don't think the science is conclusive as to whether global warming is caused by man. But if the tipping point is near, you'd think Ban would talk as tough on China as he does with George W. Bush. According to the

**Netherlands Environmental** Assessment Agency, China's coalfired plants are increasing their emissions annually by double the total emissions growth of all the world's industrialized economies combined. China's about to be Hertz, and Ban's focused on Avis.

"Given the emissions growth rate of China, if the United States drops its emissions 25 percent over the next 20 years, it simply won't be noticed," Cato's Michaels noted. "Everyone who's looked at this knows that." Everyone, perhaps except the U.N. secretarygeneral.

Greenhouse gases will have the same effect, whether they emanate from San Francisco or Shanghai. But politics, not science, keeps the focus on Bush, not Beijing.

You see, Bush had the audacity to refuse to support Kyoto. If he had been all lip service, like President Clinton — if Bush had signed the treaty but not asked the Senate to ratify it, while U.S. greenhouse gas emissions rose to 14 percent higher than 1990 levels

when he left office — then the vaunted international community would approve.

Science is supposed to be about results, but global warming is about belief. President Clinton's good because he said he believed. If you say you believe, you don't have to deliver.

If global warming is facing the tipping point, then the United Nations should lean on China. Believers shouldn't put their politics — United States a must. China a maybe — before the plan-

If undeveloped countries will pay the biggest price for global warming, as Ban said, then that's more reason to make them curb their emissions — not less.

If the economics are clear, as Ban said, he should not have to pressure countries and businesses, execs would be making the right changes without government pressure. And Ban would not have to ask the media for help, as he did

If results matter, Ban ought to be hectoring Democrats in Congress, who are about as likely as Bush to pass a carbon tax.

But he's not.

And if results really were paramount, why aren't global warming advocates talking about the sacrifices necessary to meet their goal of 50 percent to 90 percent fewer emissions?

Instead, they talk as if Americans can change their light bulbs, or drive a hybrid, not an SUV — and that will do the trick.

It's as if they don't care about results, they only care if you believe.

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The applicant proposes to perform

brine mining from the Salado Formation, Coahoma Brine Station Lease, well number 1. The proposed brine mining well is located 0.5 miles Southwest of Coahoma in the Sand Springs (Fusselman) Field, in Howard County, Texas. The subsurface depth interval of the proposed brine mining operation will be from 950 to 1300 feet. LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code. as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin,

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# Wonderful watermelon

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## Something different with Dana Jacobi

On a hot summer day, eating ice-cold watermelon can be as refreshing as a quick swim. Maybe that why National Watermelon Day falls in August and why, throughout the month, local watermelon festivals take place in at least 14 states from Hope, Arkansas to Sunland-Tujunga, California.

Eating watermelon has gotten easier thanks to the containers of ready-toeat cubed melon sold at supermarkets and what are called either personal or ice box melons: bowling ball-sized specimens that are usually seedless. I confess, however, to being seduced at least once each summer by Moon and Stars, an heirloom variety of watermelon that has black-green skin splashed with bright yellow markings shaped distinctly like golden suns or full moons and dot-like stars. (It was originally called Sun, Moon and Stars.) Fit for an oldfashioned church picnic, this variety can be found at many farmers' markets or roadside stands. It's studded with big, fat pits, making it the ideal ammunition provider for that rite of sloppy summer fun, the seed-spitting contest.

Eating watermelon, which is 92 percent water, is a delicious way to stay hydrated. When you or your kids are active, it makes a nice change from reaching for the water sugar, divided bottle, fruit juice or iced tea, plus you get useful



vitamins and fiber in the bargain. Watermelon is also getting more respect recently because its red flesh contains lycopene, a phytochemical that discancer-fighting plays potential, which is also tomatoes. found in (Yellow-fleshed melons are good, too, but do not contain lycopene, which is a red pigment.)

When the temperature skyrockets and watermelon and tomatoes are at their peak, slices of both, alternating on a plate and sprinkled with crumbled feta, make a perfect meal. The salty cheese nicely balances the melon's sweetness. Or try this delicious Watermelon Granita for another watermelon recipe that helps beat summer heat.

#### **Watermelon Granita**

2 limes

- 1 tsp. sugar + 1/3 cup
- 1/3 cup water
- 1 1/2 to 2 pounds

cubed seedless watermelon

Mint leaves, as garnish

Using a rasp or fine grater, zest the limes. Place the zest in a small bowl. Add 1 teaspoon of the sugar. With back of a teaspoon, rub the zest and sugar together until the mixture is pale green, 1 minute. Juice the limes to equal 1/4 cup juice. Add the juice to the zest mixture, and set aside.

Place the remaining 1/3 cup sugar in a small saucepan. Add 1/3 cup water. Over medium-high heat, bring the mixture to a boil. When the hot syrup is clear, add the zest and sugar mixture. Off the heat, stir well, then set aside to cool to room temperature.

In a blender, puree the melon to make 3 cups pulpy liquid. Place the melon in a metal pan that is 9" square or larger. Mix in the cooled lime syrup. Cover with plastic

and place in the freezer. The mixture should be no more than 3/4-inch deep.

Freeze until just hardened, about 6-8 hours, then stir the mixture. To serve, scrape well and mix with a fork, then mound the granita into 6 small, clear bowls or glasses. Garnish with mint and serve immediately. (It is best served the day it is made, but the granita can hold in the freezer for 24 hours. Scrape well to loosen it before serving).

Makes 3 1/2 cups, (4 servings.)

Per serving: 123 calories, 0 g. total fat (0 g. saturated fat), 32 g. carbohydrate, 1 g. protein, 0 g. dietary fiber, 2 mg. sodi-

"Something Different" is written by Dana Jacobi, author of 12 Best Foods Cookbook and contributor to AICR's New American Plate Cookbook: Recipes for a Healthy Weight and a Healthy Life.

## Get the most from your dental insurance

ast time we discussed the basics of dental insurance. Now, let's get personal. How do you get the greatest financial and health benefits from your policy? As discussed last time,

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cent or less

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for more involved therapies such as crowns, bridges, partials, dentures, root canals and gum disease treatment.

Also remember that all policies have a calendar year maximum of benefits that they will pay per calendar year per patient. The maximum for most plans is around \$1,000 to \$1,500 and has been for the last 25 years. Unfortunately \$1,000 doesn't go near as far as it used to.

How high yearly maximum is, what percentages are paid, what deductibles or elimination periods exist and whether you can choose your own dentist are determined entirely by how much is paid for the policy.

Now remember this! Dental insurance is far better at keeping you out of trouble than it is at getting you out of trouble. Your \$1,000 annual maximum could be spent on a single tooth with big problems. So here are my suggestions to help.

First, get to a dentist and get examined now. You won't know you have a problem yourself until it is big.

Second, go every six months! Little problems are much easier and less expensive to fix than big problems.

Third, remember each of your family members has their own yearly maximum. So make sure the kids and spouse go

Fourth, it's often possible to double your benefits by spreading it into two calendar years! But

> Fifth, don't let your insurance dictate your dental health. What your insurance may cover is often not the best treatment for a dental problem. Remember, insurance companies are in business to make money, not to insure you have the best dental health possible. To really have excellent dental health, you are going to have to invest some of your own money.

Is it worth the investment? How important are having a nice smile and being able to chew well?

Now every one of you is a dental insurance expert. You have the tools to make wise decisions. As Dr. Laura says, "Now go do the right thing."

Dr. David Ward practices family dentistry in Big Spring. He is past president of the Permian Basin Dental Society. He is also a member of the Texas and American Dental Associations and the Academies of Cosmetic Dentistry and Gp Orthodontics.

## NUTRITION WISE: Some substitutes for exercise

Q: I hate exercise! Do other ways of being physically active protect health?

A: Certainly. United States Department of Agriculture recommendations to reduce risk of cancer and heart disease and promote overall health call for at least 30 minutes a day (preferably 60 minutes) of physical activity classified as "moderate."



Moderate activity is described as activity during which you can talk but not sing, or activity that leaves you energized but

ty can include household activity such as mopping, vacuuming, window washing, raking and lawn mowing. If you walk at a brisk pace to work or to do errands, that can be a moderate activity. Recreational activities and sports, such as leisurely cycling, lawn or indoor bowling and golf (without a cart) also fall in this category. More vigorous activities are great, too. Studies show that people have a wide range of energy they put into household and recreational activities. Some people move with enough zest that an activity is properly classified as moderate or vigorous while others take a leisurely approach that expends so little energy the activity would be classified as not exhausted. Moderate activilight. A light activity would

not count toward the 30 minutes or more recommended daily activity.

#### Q: Is it true that ketchup supplies lycopene, just like tomatoes?

A: Lycopene is a natural antioxidant found in tomatoes that seems to help lower risk of cancer (as do many other compounds from vegetables, fruits and whole grains). Because ketchup is made from tomatoes, ketchup also supplies lycopene and in a highly available form. But usually our ketchup portions are not large enough to provide the amount that we would get from tomato sauce, tomato soup or tomato juice. One tablespoon of ketchup provides 2.9 milligrams (mg) of lycopene.

That's helpful, but foods we eat in larger portions can provide much more: a half cup of tomato sauce provides about 19 mg and one cup of tomato juice provides about 23 mg, for example. If you eat large amounts of ketchup, of course you will get more lycopene. But keep in mind that sugar and salt consumption also rises as vou boost vour ketchup portion. If you had 7 tablespoons (almost half a cup) of ketchup, you would get as much lycopene as in a half cup of tomato sauce and cup of juice, but you'd also be getting half a day's worth of sodium and about 6 teaspoons of sugar. Tomato juice and sauce can also provide quite a bit of sodium (if you don't get the reduced-sodium varieties), but

even they wouldn't provide that much.

Q: Are brown eggs more nutritious than white eggs?

A: The breed of hen that lays an egg determines the color of its shell. White hens lay white eggs and dark hens lay brown eggs. Shell color has nothing to do with egg quality, flavor, nutritional value or cooking characteristics.

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#### FOCUS ON HEALTHY PETS

## Owners spare no expense on rabbit — including \$4,000 cataract surgery

By CONNIE BLOOM

Akron Beacon Journal

AKRON. Ohio — Harry is royalty, no doubt about it, but he doesn't live in England.

And unlike his princely namesake on the other side of the pond, this guy has eye-popping ears and a racing stripe across his hind end.

We found him," said Donna Jasany, mother to the lop-eared rabbit. "He just hopped up to the neighbor's yard about six years ago and needed a home, so we took him in."

While Jasany, 54, didn't have to pay the usual pet adoption fee for this freerange rabbit, the hare ended up costing \$4,000 anyway.

explained that She Harry began bumping into things.

"He had eye surgery last year," she said.

And like scores of other pet owners these days, Jasany is more than willing to bankroll her pet passion.

BusinessWeek estimates that Americans spend \$41 billion a year on their pets, more than the gross domestic product of all but 64 countries in the world. This is double the amount that Americans spent on pets a decade

Bob Vetere, president of American Products Manufacturer's Association, said commerce is happy to oblige the country's 71.1 million pet households. Pet owners want more and are

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Harry the Bunny, an English Lop Ear, is having a post surgery check up for cataract operation at Eye Care for Animals in Copley, Ohio.

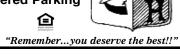
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**BIG SPRING HERALD** 

## Tomorrow's Horoscope

When a person with madly in love. self-esteem esteems you, it's easy to believe. Consistency of character assures you're getting the real deal. As retrograde Venus circulates the desire for admiration, respect and love today, ardent hearts seek the reliable appraisal of Saturn, who dignifies your question with a quality answer.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're courteous, concise and direct. There are those who want more from you, and you consciously construct barriers. Everyone has a limit, and

you're enforcing yours now. **TAURUS** (April 20-20). May Something you feel awkward about won't much get notice at all. Sweet



liberation!

The situation begs the question: What would you do if no one were looking?

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Insomnia is good for productivity. Personal good is for creativity. There's a silver lining in every cloud, and you find it, focus on it and let it bathe your world in a lovely kind of light.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're a top priority. A partner's attention confirms this. It's the beginning of a blissful chapter in which you trust another person enough to fall deeply, success. Someone may

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's time to take an environmental inventory. Get out a pad of paper, and do a walk-through of your living space. You won't have any trouble at all filling a couple of pages with complaints and ideas to make things better.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Love has many forms. Sensitive Virgo people have probably noticed their relationships taking another shape, morphing into a new phase, trying on an alternative manner of being.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're a little tired of having to be "on" all the time. You will enjoy the peace that comes from feeling the pulse of humanity — without actually talking to a human. Go where you can anonymously observe

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll likely read everything pertinent to your problem and then follow none of it. Still, it's empowering to educated. It helps you have confidence when you make an intuitive choice that's right for you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). If you find yourself wondering, "Is it me, or have I just achieved a new level of greatness?" let thought develop into a belief that you have indeed achieved a new level of greatness.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). People have strange reactions to your

actually be angry with you for making more money than he or she does. For this reason, keep sensitive information close to the

vest. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You can't help but draw fans! You're so well thought of now that you may be patted on the back for something you didn't do. This presents a moral dilemma: Should you take credit or not?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Even if you create barriers for yourself in love, it won't keep others from loving you. Try to be objective, kind to yourself and accepting of your own temporary limits.

ASTROLOGICAL

"My **QUESTIONS:** birthday is Aug. 22, 1954. I've never married and am not really prospering where I live. I've lived in Los Angeles since 1993. ... Is it possible this is not the place for me? I'm a Midwest native, moving here after 14 years in NYC. People always say, "You're so stylish, smart and talented -- why aren't you married or famous?" ... which doesn't really help much. Help!'

Wow, I'm experiencing a rash of e-mails from readers who want to leave L.A.! You're all feeling the unsettled the energy of Virgo/Pisces eclipses, which began emitting powerful impulses to get on with things in July, continue through September. While Uranus is in Pisces, this eclipse axis can stimulate sudden upheavals and

shocking moves. La-La Land is the city of glamour, big dreams and dashed hope — the promises are big and so are the disappointments. You need to draw your expectations down to scale. And "somewhere else" ... you're easily uprooted bv shimmering allure. Have you heard the saying "no matter where you go, there you are"? As the summer progresses, you'll slim down your focus, decide what you can and can't live without and make an effort to move forward with what you've got. By all accounts, a lot!

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Is athleticism an art form? Sure, Leos have the incredible stamina and strength of an athlete, as record-holding champion tennis player Sampras proved, but oncourt grace and stylistic signature volleys also please crowds. Mars in Aquarius places dynamic tension on his sun, making Sampras highly competitive. To play to win. he's undoubtedly pushed his strong body very hard.

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## Do Not Quit Your Job!

Dear Margo: I am about ready to walk away from my job and not look back. It's not the job itself or my co-workers. It's the public that I have to deal with eight hours a day, five days a week.

I am a telephone receptionist at a major hospital in the Midwest. I have been there 15 years. Many times, I am the first person callers speak with, so I give them their first impression of the hospital.

What is my frustration with the public? I spend much of each day playing 20 questions

with callers. A majority of incoming calls are from patients who want to know who their doctors are, what appointments

might have been made for them, what their appointments are for, etc.

In addition, when I try to draw out just a little more information, they respond with, "I don't know. That's why I am calling you." I have lost count of how many times I have been yelled at and called ugly The names. other frustrating calls are from local people wanting the number for out-of-town restaurants, hospitals and various agencies. Sometimes I even offer to look them up.

Margo

Howard

Unfortunately, getting to where I can no longer keep my cool and be polite. Do you have any advice other than to start looking for a new job? —

Dear Liz: You are going beyond the call of duty, my dear, at the potential cost of an ulcer. (Then you will need a doctor.) You are not 411. The idea of people not knowing who their doctors are boggles the mind, as does asking a hospital operator for restaurant recommendations.

I think you should just tell the people with nutty questions: "I am sorry, I do not have that information," then disconnect, or switch them into an office you think might be helpful. — Margo, tenaciously

Can You Tell Me Where

All the Hammers Are? Dear Readers (though being a fan of Stephen Colbert's, I want to say, "Nation"): Not long ago, I ran a letter giving a young, single woman advice I'd heard from a male friend: Go to a hardware store on a Friday night. I got tons of wanting elaboration of why. I asked my pal to explain why that was a premium place to scope out single men. Here's his answer:

Dear Margo: There I was in the hardware store one Friday night picking up supplies for my weekend project, and I looked round wondering why I was surrounded by single guys. Then I realized: A guy is in a hardware store on a Friday night because . . .

— he is not out on a date. — he likely has a house project, which implies he is stable enough to have a place.

– he has time over the weekend to do the project because there is no woman in his life.

— he is good with his hands because he didn't hire a repair person to do the job.

This man is a specific kind of guy who . . cares about the things

in his life. is good with his hands/handy.

— is single. The kind of guy who fits into the above categories is also the kind who wears his wedding ring. Plus, simply by looking at what the guy is holding, or which aisle he is in, the woman can figure out what his project

is and make conversation

accordingly.

It is important to note these guys might not clue in that this conversation is a social opportunity, so even after 15 minutes of talking, the woman may need to ask if he'd like to continue the conversation over a cup of coffee.

This expedition has the added benefit that the women don't have to dress to the nines; they can just throw on their favorite old jeans and a sweater. -- Just

#### A Tip About the Bartender

Dear Margo: I am a 35year-old single guy. I met a wonderful young, single mother. Her son is 4 and spends time with her and with his father. I have been with this woman for about a month and absolutely love spending time with her.

Having to juggle work and caring for her son, I understand that I may not be her first priority. She is a bartender at a local restaurant that I frequent. That way, I get to see her a couple times a week.

My concern is that I am the only one putting forth any effort here. I don't call a lot, but she has yet to return my calls when I do. She does not return my text messages. When I go into the restaurant, she always seems happy to see me. Our interaction is great, and I never bring up the fact that she doesn't return my messages. When I leave, she always tells me to call her.

I'm confused. I like her and respect the fact that she wants to go slowly, but if it goes any slower, it would be called stop. I am not asking for much, just a sign that she might be interested. I am at a crossroads here. Is she testing me? Do I hold on, or take the hint and move on? Mystified

Dear Myst: When you say you have "been with" this woman for a month, it sounds to me like you have been with her in a bar. Not to put too fine a point on it, but your perception that she is always happy to see you causes me to remind you that she is a bartender, after all. Bonhomie is good for business.

Because this woman never responds to your calls or messages, I suggest that the next time she says, "Call me," tell her that the ball's in her court, and if she'd like to see you away from the bar — the way to do that is to call is being cordial. Period. — Margo, regretfully

I'll Drink to That

Dear Margo: I am 44 years old and have been drinking alcohol since I was 15. Every time I had some type of disturbance in my life, alcohol was usually to blame. I finally decided enough is enough, and started attending meetings and have been sober for seven days (the longest I can remember). I've never felt better and wish I would've done this vears ago.

work for international marketing firm that represents some the biggest alcohol brands in the world. Would it be wise to inform my boss that I no longer drink? We have tastings at trade shows and meetings all the time, and I will no longer be participating in these.

Of course I won't tell him this, but this past week has been the most productive week I've had in months. Early to bed, early to rise and with a clear head! What think? vou

Somewhere in Europe Dear My Some: congratulations recognizing your affliction and doing something about Not every problem drinker has your 20/20 hindsight about where the 'disturbances" came from.

As for your job, you were not hired because you could drink alcohol . . . though, as you know, some people are fired because they drink alcohol. Also, employer is not manufacturer of alcoholic beverages, merely marketer, so the liquor companies are not your employer, they are your

clients. Don't go out of your way to announce you are now a teetotaler. If asked, by all means say you are in AA. Your work speaks for itself. To my knowledge, people's abilities are not judged on how many they can knock back.

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## Annie's Mailbox ®: Advice for those in need

Annie: husband has a sister who that is obsessed with him. "Fawn" is in her 30s. She sends him e-mails every day, with "Love" on the subject line, droning on and on about how much she misses him and wishes he still lived at home with her and her mother. She calls and leaves twisted messages our answering machine (which our kids can hear), saying he doesn't belong with me, marrying me was a mistake and he needs to come home. She tells our mutual friends that my husband doesn't really love me and only stays because of the kids.

My husband doesn't reply to her e-mails and only answers the phone when she creates some emergency for him to deal with. He is afraid if he hurts her feelings, she will attempt suicide. Surely this isn't normal sisterly behavior. What is wrong with her, and how can we make her stop? —

At Wits' End Dear Wits' End: Fawn sounds mentally unstable and very manipulative. She will continue the harassment until your husband makes it crystal clear that he is not Fawn leaving you. believes she is influencing him. He needs to tell her directly that he loves her, but her fixation is pushing him away. You and your husband should also speak to his mother,

My explaining Fawn needs psychiatric help, because her obsession with brother unnatural and

disturbing. Dear Annie: My mother passed away less than a year ago. It was traumatic experience,

and I'm still not quite you can in order to over it. I assume my father is also suffering, but in a different way.

months Two after Mom's death, Dad started dating. Now he is seeing a woman who is almost my age, hardly speaks English and dresses very seductively. Dad lavishes gifts and trips on this woman. She stays at his home, and although she is rude enough not to respond when I greet her, she certainly enjoys talking to me about things that happen while

they are lying in bed. I have told Dad what I think of this woman, but insists she is he wonderful. My aunts and uncles supportive of the relationship and even invited her on a family trip. My father wants me to give her the same respect I did my mother. This just makes me sick, and I feel I've lost my

dad, too. What can I do?



KATHY MITCHELL MARCY SUGAR

Grieving Grieving: Your father finding solace in the arms of this woman, and right now, absolutely nothing you will say make a dent. only Your decision is whether or

not to accept her as best maintain a relationship with your father. Try not to judge him too harshly. It is fairly common widower behavior to seek immediate female

companionship. You don't have to like this woman or listen to her racy commentary, but we think you can manage to be civil and polite. Our

condolences. Dear Annie: I'd like to respond to the letter about "Tandy," the thirdgrade girl who is having problems with her friends. While I agree that she needs to develop other friends and not react to the mean ones, you did not go far

enough. In the school district where I work, we have been undergoing bullying recognition training. What these girls are doing has a technical "relational aggression." Girls who bully are less likely to be

Still physically intimidating, and instead practice or isolation social ridicule of peers. In many ways it is more damaging than physical bullying, as it is more difficult to detect and much easier to deny.

Girls who are bullied

are under stress. Her school and the church both need to be made aware of the bullying, and Mom should make herself a pest if she does not get the responses she E-mail needs. principal, the superintendent or the school board. Bullying should not be tolerated. — Geneseo, N.Y.

Dear N.Y.: We hope some sensitivity training will help these girls understand why their behavior should stop. Thanks for weighing in.

Mailbox is

Annie's

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## No-kill shelters hurtful to animals? Sometimes, advocates say

By ELIZABETH WHITE

Associated Press Writer

SAN ANTONIO — In the old lobby of San Antonio's Animal Care Services, a cheerful-looking sign written in neon pink, blue and yellow delivers a somber message: In a week's time, the city-run shelter took in 1,004 dogs and cats and adopted out or rescued 76. It killed 925.

The shelter wants to those numbers around. By 2012, San Antonio plans to become a "no-kill" facility, meaning it wouldn't kill any animal deemed healthy or treatable.

By reducing the homepet population through spay-neuter programs and working with other shelters to find permanent homes for animals, the San Antonio shelter believes it has learned from those that

become no-kill.

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But the pitfalls are many, animal welfare advocates say, and some aren't at all convinced that the national trend toward no-kill shelters is always in the best interest of the animals that need

"It sounds very good, but the reality is that it will probably leave some animals to suffer," said Daphna Nachminovitch, director of the domestic animal department at People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

No-kill shelters that have worked elsewhere in the country have succeeded because they partner with other local facilities.

"We are definitely seeing a broad movement toward no-kill," said Richard Avanzino, president of Maddie's Fund in Alameda, Calif., which aims for the U.S. to be no-

have tried, but failed, to kill by 2017. "And there when a shelter decides to are some isolated examples of horror stories where things have gone astray and people in their zeal have actually done harm. ... It's not something that you just flip a switch and it happens immediately."

National organizations want to reduce needless killing. The ASPCA this year launched "Mission: Orange" to increase adoption and reduce euthanasia in five U.S. communi-The American ties. Humane Association has initiative called "Getting to Zero."

But many no-kill shelters have no backup plan and hang onto animals for months, sometimes years, until they are adopted, causing crowding and health problems for the animals.

The practice of "warehousing" is a top concern for animal organizations

Its vets treat not only pri-

vate clients, but also zoo

"We have over 1,800

clients in our database,"

said registered technician

June Boyles, referring to

the Copley practice. "All

we do are eyes. We see a

lot of things regular doc-

tors may not see or have

experience with. We work

residents and wildlife.

trouble occur.

go no-kill. And animal advocates say they understand that killing the animals is sometimes the only humane way to ease overcrowding.

PETA said it routinely receives complaints that animals are stacked in kennels one on top of another and allowed water only once a day so they don't urinate in their cages. Others spin around and around in their cages because they're rarely let out for a walk.

"I've been to good nokills, and I've been to bad no-kills," said Jef Hale, the San Antonio shelter's director. "I was at a nokill in Louisiana and basically what they did is they just put animals in a cage and they just continued to add animals to a cage. ... If we put them in a cage and we don't interact with them, we slowly drive them crazy."

on a referral basis and medications and anesthework hand in hand with

Veterinary ophthalmologists specialize in treating a wide variety of ocular problems, including glaucoma, dry eyes, retidiseases, severe injuries, cancer of the eye and even cosmetic conditions, such as cherry eye. They may be able to treat or slow the progression of some genetic eye dis-

said.

don't warehouse animals fill up quickly and are forced to stop taking in new ones.

"Now what's their alternative?" said Kim Intino. director of animal sheltering for the Humane Society of the United States. The animal likely ends up either in an openadmission facility that does euthanize, or worse, on the streets.

Animal Care Services has traditionally taken in 50,000 dogs and cats and euthanized 95 percent of them, Hale said. It once used a gas chamber, but switched to the more humane lethal injections about a year and a half

Nationally, about 6 million to 8 million dogs and cats enter animal shelters each year. About half are killed.

"The problem of course is that 8 million animals

But no-kill shelters that are being discarded,' Nachminovitch said, "If it were as easy as simply stopping euthanasia, then that would have been done a long time ago."

In pursuing the no-kill label, some shelters will only take in animals they're sure they can adopt out, said Charlene Jones, founder and director of Animals at Heart in Jacksonville, Fla.. Others will adopt out potentially dangerous animals just to make space.

Another topic that has created a tense divide is the no-kill label. If one shelter is "no-kill," that makes the others "kill" shelters.

"There is no room for no-kill as morally superior," said Ed Sayres, president of the ASPCA.

*On the Net:* American Humane Association: http://www.americanhumane.org

#### **PETS**

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getting it.

"Wherever you are, people have tended to humanize pets, give them a higher status than ever before," Vetere said. "People are no longer satisfied to reward pets in pet terms. They have to reward them in human terms and it costs more to reward humans than pets. ... My niece spent \$10,000 on hip replacement surgery for her dog."

Among the more bizarre extravagances: Neuticles, prosthetic testicles for neutered dogs — a quarter million of those were sold last year. Some have even bought braces for crooked pet teeth and liposuction.

None of this is a secret to lop-eared Harry or the staff of Eve Care for Animals, a year-old vetophthalmology erinary practice based in the emerging medical corridor of Copley, Ohio.

Before Harry knew it, he was peering into the business end of Mark Bobofchak's fancy magnifying glass. The doc confirmed the hare had cataracts.

"Cataracts means the lens is no longer crystal clear," said Bobofchak, who moved to Copley when the practice opened.

Bobofchak clucked his tongue to get Harry's attention while he peered deeply into the orbs above the constantly twitching nose.

"It's looking very good," he said of Harry's left eye, cautioning that eye surgery usually has a positive outcome but is not without its risks for bunveterinarians." nies, in particular, who

may respond to anesthesia unpredictably. Unlike cats and dogs, rabbits can't be intubated should Eve Care for Animals, based in Scottsdale, Ariz., has ridden the wave of the expansive pet economy, responding to consumer demand. It has expanded to 25 other facileases. ities around the country.

"We see a fair number of cataracts, especially in dogs and cats," Boyles

The tab for Harry's surgery, just under \$4,000, covers a lot of territory, including the initial and follow-up exams, pretesting, retina testing, IV catheters, monitoring, the labors of both ophthalmologists and technicians,

sia.

Jasany's heart broke last year when she noticed Harry bumping into the furniture. He went under the knife in October to repair his left eye by aspirating the lens, Bobofchak said.

In cats and dogs, he can replace the original lens with an artificial one for a lasting result, but no one has made replacement lenses for rabbits

"There are not a lot of rabbit owners who are going to do cataract surgery," the vet said.

Harry is navigating quite nicely now, even though he remains blind on his right side. The downside is that the cataract could grow back. and Harry will forever need eye drops.

Cost aside, Jasany is considering having Harry's other eye repaired, but the vet is advising caution.

"If he's getting around and doing well, you may not need to," he said.

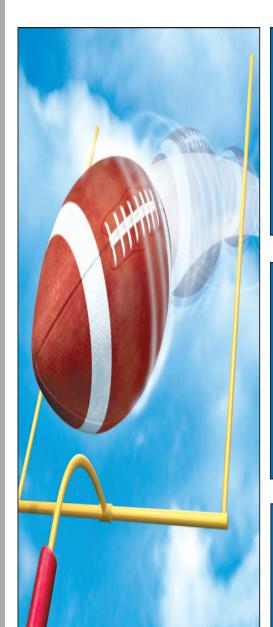
But Jasany wants to improve the quality of life for her 6-pound fluff ball with big floppy feet the size of footballs and dramatically draped ears.

Jasany and her husband, Dennis, hand-feed him little bits of fresh strawberries, parsley, bananas and timothy hay.

She said he is no bother, really, because he used the litter box as soon as it was presented. He likes to nestle in his mom's lap while she sips coffee and reads the newspaper.

Prince Harry never had it this good.

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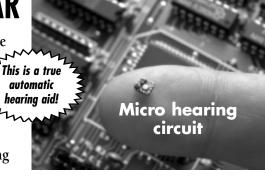
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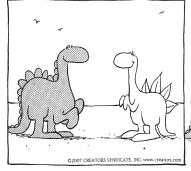
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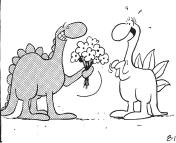


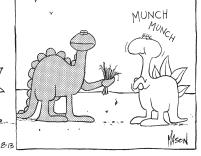
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Today is Monday, Aug. 13, the 225th day of 2007. There are 140 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 13, 1961, Berlin was divided as East Germany sealed off the border between the city's eastern and western sectors and began building a wall in order to halt the flight of refugees.

On this date: In 1521, Spanish conqueror

Hernando Cortez captured Tenochtitlan from the Aztec

In 1624, French King Louis named Cardinal Richelieu his first minister. In 1704, the Battle of Blenheim was fought during the War of the Spanish Succession, resulting in a victory for English and Austrian forces over French and Bavarian soldiers. In 1846, the American flag

was raised for the first time in Los Angeles. 1910, Florence In Nightingale, the founder of

modern nursing, died in

London at age 90. In 1932, Adolf Hitler rejected the post of vice-chancellor of Germany, saying he was prepared to hold out "for all or nothing."

In 1934, the satirical comic strip "Li'l Abner," created by Al Capp, made its debut. In 1960, the first two-way

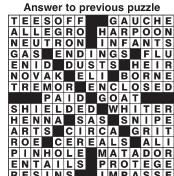
telephone conversation by satellite took place with the help of Echo One. In 1981, in a ceremony at

his California ranch, President Ronald Reagan signed a historic package of tax and budget reductions. Today's Birthdays:

Humbard is 88. Cuban President Fidel Castro is 81. Actor Pat Harrington is 78. Former General Joycelyn Elders is 74. Actor Kevin Tighe is 63. Actress Gretchen Corbett is 60. Opera singer Kathleen Battle is 59. Singer Dan Fogelberg is 56. Movie director Paul Greengrass is 52. Actor Danny Bonaduce is 48. Actress Quinn Cummings is

Television evangelist Rex

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## **Newsday Crossword**

**57** Silent

**59** Applaud

**61** Did some

**DOWN** 

1 Have a chat

("Not true!")

**3** Apt to snoop

4 Takes a walk

in the rain

5 Like a bright

6 Knight's suit

7 Faulty, as a

8 Make simpler

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**9** Prescription

night

faucet

**2** "That's !"

arithmetic

performer

58 Self-assurance

#### **ACROSS** 1 Sharp taste

- **5** Witch-trial locale
- **10** Urban pollution **60** Snow vehicle 14 Moisturizer
- ingredient **15** Auto-tire pattern **62** Song of praise
- **16** War honoree **17** Grocery
- shopper's aid
- 18 Gather up
- **19** Sign of things
- to come
- **20** Typist's action **22** Not tight
- 23 Fret
- 24 Moose relative
- 25 Airline's prime concern 28 Granted
- permission
- 31 Make a speech **32** Necklace
- components **34** Place to
- apply gloss 35 Lower, as headlights
- **36** Turnpike charges
- **37** Commotion **38** "Just
- thought!" **39** Breakfast
- bread
- **40** Solitary one **42** Compromise
- one's integrity
- **44** Leave stranded 45 Calendar span
- **46** Diamond unit
- **48** Paid to play poker
- **50** Mankind 54 Wild animal's
- home 55 Absorb,
- as gravy **56** Misfortunes

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vacation

**40** Low in fat

bird

43 Looked

**39** Frog relative

impolitely 44 Hung in folds,

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**48** Charitable

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49 Carpenter's

**47** Entertain

as banners

**46** Valentine's Day

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- **10** Chased away 11 Nostalgic
- 'location'
- **12** Mine deposits 13 No longer
- around
- 21 Large bag 22 Hawaiian
- garlands
- **24** June honorees 25 Bottled
- soft drinks
- **26** Get out of bed **27** When parents
- and kids are together 28 Pretzel topper
- 29 Comforter filling
- **30** Volleyball or
- soccer
- **33** Overhead

trains

- **32** Canoe, for one
- fastener 50 Parka part **51** Comrade
  - **52** Chowder
  - ingredient
  - **53** TV sports channel
  - **55** Fitness center

