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House destroyed



A Howard County Volunteer Fire Department vehicle stands guard over the smoldering remains of a house, located just off Kenly Road in Tubbs Addition, that burned to the ground Tuesday afternoon.

Cause of fire under investigation

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Officials suspect faulty wiring as the cause of a fire that destroyed one home and threatened several others south of Big Spring Tuesday afternoon.

Big Spring and Howard County home owned by Larbardo Canales firefighting units were called to Jr. engulfed in flames, but their the intersection of Matt Loop and problems were soon compounded Kenley roads in the Tubbs Addition shortly after 4 p.m. nearby homes. Tuesday.

Once there, they found a vacant See FIRE. Page 3A

when the fire started threatening

Council moves to raise taxes

With bonds and task force, rates to rise 31 cents per \$100

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Big Spring City Council member Greg Biddison was the lone dissenter Tuesday night as the panel voted informally 6-1 to move ahead with a tax rate above the effective tax rate.

The effective tax rate for the 2007-2008 tax year has been established at 65.9102 cents per \$100 valuation, according to City Finance Director Peggy Walker, thanks to slightly higher than expected certified values.

"The values we based the budget on was an estimate of \$470 million. However, because of higher appraisal values, the certified value came in more than \$10 million over that at \$481.4 million, which lowered the effective rate," said Walker. "The tax rate for the current year is 71.63 cents per \$100 valuation.

"I agree that we have a drug problem here.



Everyone does. But if the state couldn't afford a narcotics task force, how can we?"

"With the addition of debt service for the bonds that were approved by the voters, which is 30.14 cents, and the increase to cover the new narcotics task force, which is 7.32 cents, the revised tax rate we're looking at to cover the budget is \$1.022762 per

The average value of a home in the city of Big

See COUNCIL. Page 3A

Trustees to adopt anti-religious discrimination policy

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

It used to be that if a student wished to pray in class, it was best to do it silently and inconspicuously.

Now, if that child wishes to quote Christ, Mohammed, Buddha or Vishnu in a term paper, it's OK.

Big Spring Independent School District trustees are expected to adopt a state-wide policy regarding freedom of student religious expression when they hold their monthly meet-



Downes

Thursday in the high school board room.

Religious The Viewpoint Anti-Discrimination Act recently passed by the Texas Legislature aims to

allow students to express their religious viewpoints in a public setting without fear of discrimination, said **BSISD Superintendent Michael** Downes.

The act also requires each

ing at 5:15 p.m. school district in the state to adopt a policy to conform with this act, which is what has led to Thursday's action.

Adopting a policy is one thing. Applying it may be another, Downes said.

"The practical application of this policy will cause problems in some parts of the Texas," Downes said. "That's because minority viewpoints which are highly inconsistent with the majority of the community will now be allowed and tolerated ... Implementation for most school districts is a problem waiting to happen."

In other business, trustees will:

• Conduct a public hearing on the proposed budget and tax rate for the 2007-2008 fiscal year.

• Hear reports on the 2007 Texas Education Agency Accountability ratings, 2007 No Child Left Behind Act, summer school and a review of campus handbooks.

 Consider bids for the high school Career and Applied Technology Education department and for fire suppression

upgrades Intermediate and Big Spring High School cafeterias.

· Consider renewal of agreements concerning the alternative education program and construction technology depart-

 Approve the Howard County Appraisal District budget.

• Consider personnel matters.

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

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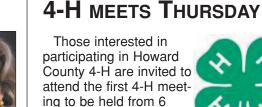
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TOWN HALL MEETING

The public is invited to at Town Hall Meeting from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, featuring U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison.

The meeting will be held at the Dora Roberts Community Center, 100 Whipkey Drive in Big Spring.

For more information, call Shea Woodard, West Texas regional director for Sen. Hutchison, at (325) 676-2839 or Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen at 268-3132 or visit hutchison.senate.gov



Those interested in participating in Howard County 4-H are invited to attend the first 4-H meet-

ing to be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Howard County Fairbarn.

Enrollment forms for the 2007-2008 4-H year need to be completed.

"This is a great way to start off an awesome 4-H year. We hope to see you there!" said Amanda L. Torek, Cooperative Extension Agent for 4-H, youth development for Howard County. For more information, call 264-2236.



NO MOWER HOME

OHNS CREEK, Ga. (AP) — Danny Fendley started more than just his lawn mower when he tugged at its pull chord he started a fire that destroyed his home.

Fendley was trying to start the mower in the garage of his two-story brick home Tuesday when the machine burst into flames. Before he could extinguish the fire, it had spread through the garage.

Then his wife tried to toss a can of gasoline out a window as the blaze spread, but she missed, spreading the fuel "everywhere," Fendley said.

The flames engulfed the house in less than a minute. The couple escaped without serious injury.



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IN BRIEF

Crossroads Youth Football sign-ups

The Crossroads Youth Association Football 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 on every Saturday during 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 is a new uniform is needed.

All children going into kindergarten through sixth grade can register. For more information, contact Daphne Coates at 714-4688.

Youth soccer signups have started

The Big Spring Youth Soccer Association signups are taking place at the former Athletic Supply site in the Big Spring Mall.

Boys and girls ages 4-13 can register for the upcoming season until Saturday. Sign-ups will be held from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Fri-day.

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

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

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

QB Club meeting set for Monday

Quarterback Club will hold its weekly meeting at 7 p.m. Monday 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.

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 Chamber 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 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

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Laird, Young lead Rangers to win

The Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Gerald Laird squared to bunt the first pitch he saw in the sixth inning, but it was a ball. Laird changed tactics on the next pitch, hitting a threerun homer that put the Texas Rangers ahead to stay.

Michael Young also homered and Kevin Millwood struck out nine in seven innings to help the Rangers to a 5-3 victory over the Kansas City Royals on Tuesday night.

The Royals had taken a 3-1 lead in the sixth, scoring two runs on Rangers first baseman Jarrod Saltalamacchia's double error. But the Rangers answered with a Laird's homer.

Nelson Cruz's RBI single in the sixth chased starter Kyle Davies (1-1) and pulled the Rangers within 3-2.

David Riske relieved with runners on first and second and Laird came to the plate intending to bunt.

After taking the first pitch, Laird saw the Royals infielders on the move to defend what they suspected would be another bunt. Given the option to swing awav by manager Ron Washington, Laird ripped a 1-0 fastball into the seats in left for his seventh homer and a 5-3 lead.

"I was supposed to bunt the

fourth-run sixth capped by runners over," Laird said. "I had side. He allowed three runs in the chance to swing if they ran the wheel play. I decided to take a hack. I was 100 percent sure it was going to be a fastball."

> Royals manager Buddy Bell was surprised to see Laird swing away.

> "I don't think I've ever seen a guy square around and then hit a home run," Bell said.

> Millwood (8-9) gave up three runs — one earned — and four hits in his longest outing since July 13, when he went seven innings against the Los Angeles Angels.

Millwood changed his position on the rubber in his previous start, setting up on the first-base

six innings of his last start, and was effective again against the Royals.

"I'm getting more used to it each time out," Millwood said. "It feels good. I'm able to locate better. I was trying to throw everything across my body. This has freed my arm up a lot. It's making things easier.'

C.J. Wilson got four outs for his fifth save in six chances, stretching his scoreless streak to 15 1-3 innings.

Davies was making his third start since he came to the Royals on July 31 in a trade with the

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Steers continue two-a-days



Big Spring's Sidney Parker Jr. (right) jumps to catch a pass in front of a junior varsity defender during Steers practice Tuesday at Blankenship Field. Parker and the Steers will get their first chance to hit someone in an opposing jersey Saturday, when they scrimmage Wichita Falls Hirschi at 6 p.m. at Shotwell Stadium in Abilene.

NEW YORK — Former referee surrendered

surrenders

By PAT MILTON

Donaghy

Associated Press Writer

NBA Donaghy Wednesday for his anticipated plea to gamblingrelated offenses, a person familiar with the probe The Associated told Press.

Donaghy surrendered early Wednesday for an appearance in Brooklyn federal court, the person, who was not authorized to speak publicly about the case, told the AP on condition of anonymity.

The charge to which Donaghy would plead was not immediately known.

NBA spokesman Tim Frank told the AP on Tuesday that the league was informed Donaghy would take a plea on Wednesday.

Besides allegedly placing his own wagers, investigators examined whether Donaghy provided inside information to others, including referees' schedules.

Stern blamed a "rogue, isolated criminal" for the betting scandal that has devastated the league and threatened the credibility of every referee.

Donaghy was rated in the top tier of officials, Stern said, and there was nothing suspicious about the frequency of his foul calls.

He was assigned to work in the second round of the playoffs.

No other NBA officials or players were expected to be involved in the scandal.

Spears believes new scheme will fit his style of play

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

IRVING Marcus Spears went home this summer and back to a proven method to get ready for the season. The Dallas Cowboys defensive end ran up and down levees in the hot Louisiana

The former first-round pick came back trimmer, quicker and ready to prove himself in a restructured 3-4 scheme similar to the one he mastered in college.

"It's a fun thing for me because for the first time I think that this is the type of football that I play," Spears said. "To go in and be able to do some things that you're good at, and hopefully make some plays out of it."

Spears had 83 tackles and 2 1/2 sacks in his first two seasons, when his role in former coach Bill Parcells' system was often

to "hold offensive linemen up.'

New coach Wade Phillips' version of the 3-4 is similar to what Spears played when he won a national championship at LSU. He will have more flexibility to get after quarterbacks and ball carriers.

"He really, really wants to have an opportunity to show people what he can do," defensive line coach Kacy Rodgers said. "He's excited because he thinks it plays to his strength, which is good. ... This scheme frees up (defensive ends) and turns them loose."

During drills Tuesday, the offense had to pause briefly at the line of scrimmage. The defenders hadn't broken their huddle yet because they were still doing chants led by Spears.

Beside running up and down the hills in Baton Rouge, Spears

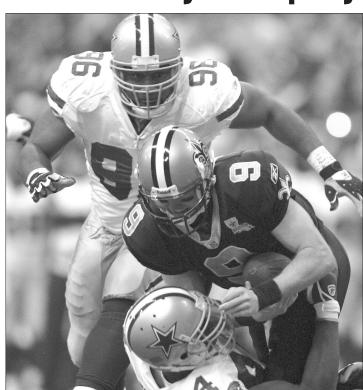
changed his diet, meaning he had to avoid much of the Cajun food he loves so much. He lost 24 pounds — down to 301 and wants to drop at least six more pounds before

the season opener Sept. 9. "In order to do what we're doing in this scheme, you need to," Spears said. "If you are slow and sluggish, this ain't going to work for you, not the way this is going. It's a lot of run-

ning.' Spears had only one assisted tackle in the preseason opener, but played only about a quarter in the 23-10 victory over Indianapolis. Phillips said the starters will play at least a half, maybe more, against Denver Saturday night.

The 20th pick in the 2005 draft, Spears was taken nine spots behind DeMarcus teammate

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MCT photo/Kelley Chinn/Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Dallas Cowboys 2005 first-round draft picks DeMarcus Ware (94) and Marcus Spears (96) sack New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees (9) during action Dec. 10, 2006, at Texas Stadium in Irving. The two have found different levels of success since joining the Cowboys with Ware shining, while Spears has struggled.

Obituaries

Mable Wilson



Mable Wilson, 77, of Big Spring died Monday, Aug. 13, 2007, at Mountain View Lodge following a lengthy illness. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 17, 2007, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Walter McCall, Odyssey Hospice chaplain, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial

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Mrs. Wilson was born June 2, 1930, to Howard County pioneers Myrtle and John Kerr and was a lifetime resident of Big Spring,

except for 14 years spent in Lubbock.

She married James Hale on March 23, 1948 in Lovingon, N.M., and later married Ray Eugene Wilson on Dec. 9, 1966 in Wichita Falls. She worked as a cook and waitress in several restaurants including Webb Air Force Base and Howard College, as well as various local establishments. Following retirement she worked as a volunteer at the Veterans Administration Medical Center for 10 years. She was a member of the East Fourth Street Baptist Church.

She is survived by five daughters, Patsy Horn, Linda Kay Hale, Diane Farmer, Loretta Norwood and Tina Word, all of Big Spring; one son, James Hale Jr. of Big Spring; 16 grandchildren, Sherry Johnson, Debbie Sheaffer, john Farmer, Tonya Wombwell, Eddie Hernandez, Kristina Miller, Russell Jones, Tammie Sue Horn, Claudie Joe Horn II, Lisa Marie Rhoudes, Jason Wilson, Joshue Wells, Jennifer Wells and Wendy Walker, all of Big Spring, and Sabrina Hale of Lubbock; and 25 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by both of her husbands, Ray Wilson in 1984 and James Hale in 1992; one daughter, Barbara Sue Hale; and three brothers, Dewey Kerr, Lawrance Kerr and Howard Kerr.

Pallbearers will be grandsons Jason Wilson, Joshue Wells, Eddie Hernandez, John Farmer, C.J. Horn, Michael Horn and Marshall Horn.

The family expresses its thanks to Dr. Mel Juan and the staffs of Odyssey Hospice and Mountain View Lodge for the excellent and loving care provided our mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

The family suggests memorials to the American Heart Association.

The family will be at 1408 Nolan.

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

J.C. Ringener



J.C. Ringener, 75, of Big Spring died on Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2007, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 16, 2007, at the Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Dr. Randy Cotton. pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating and Kenneth Womack of McKinney assisting. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

J.C. was born on Jan. 15, 1932, in Smith County and lived in Big Spring for most of his life. He served in the United States Army during the Korean War and was discharged in 1960. J.C. worked in civil service at Webb Air Force Base until his retirement in 1972. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He was a member of Trinity Baptist Church.

He married Maurine Chapman on July 3, 1952, in Big Spring and she preceded him in death on May 14, 1977. He later married Nell Harris in 1987 and she passed away in 1998. He then married Emma Pitts on Jan. 8, 2000, in Big Spring.

Survivors include his wife, Emma Ringener of Big Spring; a son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Sue Ringener of Breckenridge; a daughter and son-in-law, Clarice and Greg Birrell of Big Spring; a daughter-inlaw, Letha Ringener of Lamesa; four step-daughters, Paula Sosebee and husband, Britt, of Amarilllo, Julie Stewart and husband, Frankie, of San Antonio, Delores Perkins and husband, Earnest, of Fort Stockton and Tina Gray and husband, Troy, of Abilene; five grandchildren; 10 step-grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; 15 step-great-grandchildren; two step-great-great-grandchildren; a brother and sister-in-law, Donald and Arlene Ringener of Roby; a sister-in-law, Lynell Ringener of Big Spring; a brother-inlaw and sister-in-law, Leo and Viola Smith of Lindale; and numerous other relatives.

He was also preceded in death by one son, Gary Ringener; his father, Howard Ringener; his mother, Clara Johnson Ringener; three brothers, Floyd Ringener, Loyd Ringener and William Martin Ringener; and one sister, Audrey Smith.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Trinity Baptist Church Building Fund, 810 East 11th Place, Big Spring 79720 or to a favorite charity.

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

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Tuesday and 7 a.m.

- JUAN JOSE ULATE, 36, address not provided, was arrested Tuesday on an Ector County warrant.
- THEODORE RIOS, 37, of 3206 W. Eighth Street, was arrested Tuesday on two local capias warrants.
- LAURA GUTIERREZ, 35, of 2614 S. Monticello, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- BOBBIE OLIVARES, 25, of 2517 Chanute, was arrested Tuesday on four local warrants.
- NANCY FIELDS, 45, of 15784 Hwy. 216, was arrested Tuesday on three local citations.
- BEVERLY ARMSTRONG, 60, of 1402 Wood, was arrested Tuesday on two local capias warrants and two local warrants.
- CAMILO NIETO JR., 33, of 611 Bucknell, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving while license invalid - enhanced.
- JESSE D. CONTRERAS, 21, address not provided, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- AMBER LEONOR DAVIS, 23, of 1401 Dixie, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- JESSE L. WOODRUFF, 22, of 2539 Gunter, was arrested Tuesday on two local warrants and charges of possession of marijuana - more than two ounces less than four ounces in a drug free zone, no driver's license and an unrestrained child in the vehicle.
- PATRICIA ANN WILLIAMS, 38, of 2516 Dow, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA MORE THAN TWO OUNCES LESS THAN FOUR OUNCES IN A DRUG FREE ZONE was reported in the 1000 block of Wood.
- FORGERY was reported in the 7000 block of Interstate Highway 20.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 3000 block of Rutgers.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1000 block of Nolan.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 2900 block of Highway 80.

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the fol-

lowing activity: Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail

- reported having 55 inmates at the time of this report. • TONY MONROE GAMBLE, 40, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on charges of driving while license invalid, possession of drug paraphernalia and unlawfully carrying a weapon.
- RONALD LEE SIMONEK, 52, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of no driver's license.
- REYNALDO DIAZ LARA, 35, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of failure to appear.
- JESSICA RAMIREZ RANGEL, 25, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on capias pro fines for no liability insurance, violations of driver's license restriction and violation of a promise to appear.
- NICHOLAS EDWARD ROSS, 18, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of graffiti.
- VERNON LEE WILLIAMS, 47, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of violation of parole.
- AARON PAUL DELEON, 21, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of burglary of a habitation.
- WILLIAM RYAN LOCKE, 32, was arrested Tuesday by DPS on charges of possession of a controlled substance and driving while license invalid.
- GABRIEL NIETO, 30, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of theft by check.

Lottery

ATLANTA (AP) — The Mega Millions lottery drawing grew to \$148 million Tuesday.

The winning numbers from Tuesday's drawing were: 5, 8, 9, 24 and 34. The Mega Ball number was 17.

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

Winning numbers drawn: 4-13-15-17-36.

Number matching five of five: 2.

Prize per winner: \$14,046.

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• Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third St.

THURSDAY

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
- · Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.
- Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association meets at 5:30 p.m. in the RSVP office at 501 Runnels.
- League of United Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information, contact John Ybarra at 264-1628. The public is invited.
- American Legion Post 506 meets at 6 p.m. Call 263-2084 for more information.
- Rackley-Swords 379, Vietnam Veterans of America meets at 7 p.m. in the Sparenburg Building, 309 S. Main St.
- Big Spring Masonic Lodge No. 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 2500 block of
- Central. One person was transported to SMMC. • TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the 181 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20. One person was
- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of Matt Loop Road. Service refused.

transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1200 block of Wright. Service refused.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1100 block of E.
- Sixth Street. Service refused. • GRASS FIRE was reported in the 1500 block of W.
- First Street.
- STRUCTURE FIRE was reported in the area of Matt Loop Road.

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s. Southeast winds around 10 mph becoming light and variable.

Thursday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday night...Partly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s. East winds 10 to 15 mph.

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

Friday night...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s.

Saturday...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s.

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COWBOYS

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Ware, who switched from defensive end to linebacker and has started all 32 games with the Cowboys. Ware was a Pro Bowl starter last season, when he had 82 tackles and 11 1/2 sacks.

Spears, slowed by injuries in his first two training camps, knows people are now looking at him to see what he can do in the redone defense.

"It's not what I think. They are. That's the obvious thing," Spears said.
"You pull a guy kind of out of his element, then you see him go back to his element a different guy. ... With what we're doing, I think I can make plays, a lot of plays."

During his rookie camp, Spears sprained his right knee and ankle when an offensive lineman rolled up on his leg during a team drill.

He still played in all 16 Saturday night.

games, but didn't become a starter until the seventh

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He tore cartilage in the same knee in the first workout of training camp last year, but still started every game after arthroscopic surgery.

This time, he's healthy and excited.

"You can just see there's a lot more opportunity," Spears said. "The scheme is really to create plays for people, and that's all you can ask for as a player."

Extra points: The last time Terrell Owens faced cornerback Denver Champ Bailey, caught a short hitch pass against Bailey and turned it into a 91-yard TD. That was in October 2005, in Owens' last game with Philadelphia. The Broncos will be at Valley Ranch for two practices each Wednesday and Thursday. The teams also play a preseason game at Texas Stadium

RANGERS

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Atlanta Braves for reliever Octavio Dotel.

Davies allowed four runs and eight hits in five-plus innings. He struck out seven and walked one in 99-degree heat, the highest temperature for the first pitch of a Rangers' home game this season.

frustrating," "It's Davies said. "I elevated some pitches and they hit them. I thought I pitched pretty good until the sixth. Then things snowballed. The good thing is I'm making progress."

With the game tied at 1, the Royals had Mark Grudzielanek at second and Billy Butler at first when Ross Gload hit a grounder Saltalamacchia at first.

Saltalamacchia booted the ball for one error, allowing Grudzielanek to score. Saltalamacchia tracked down the ball in

threw wildly to the plate for his second error on the play, this one allowing Butler to score for a 3-1 lead.

The Royals went in front 1-0 in the first on Butler's RBI single. Millwood retired the next 12 batters until he walked Jason Smith in the fifth.

Young tied it at 1 with a leadoff homer in the fourth, his seventh.

Notes: Texas has won four of its last six. ... The Kansas City bullpen carried a 0.51 ERA in its previous 17 2-3 innings before Riske's blown save. The Royals had converted 15 of their previous 15 save opportunities. ... Ian Kinsler's stolen base in the fifth for the Rangers made him 15-for-15 this season.

Red Sox 2, **Devil Rays 1**

Lester hadn't Jon pitched in Fenway Park in nearly a year. Eric Gagne hadn't pitched well

short right field and for the Boston Red Sox in ing after eight innings. two outings.

A rare ninth-inning rally by the Red Sox on Tuesday night gave them a 2-1 victory over the Tampa Bay Devil Rays, saved Lester a loss and gave Gagne his first win with his new team.

Mike Lowell hit his 16th homer to tie the game for Boston and three batters later Coco Crisp drove in the winning run with a single. It was only the second time this season the Red Sox won when trail-

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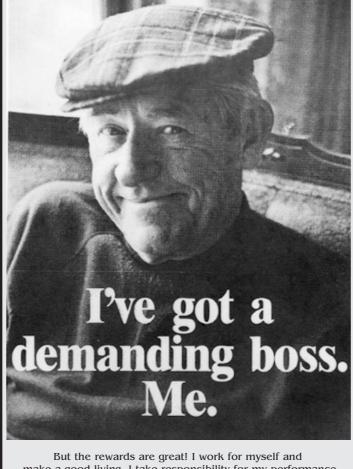
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THE CITY of Coahoma is now accepting bids for the following used vehicle until 400 p.m. on August 20, 2007:

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To inquire more information on the above vehicle, please contact John Wayne Metcalf at 394-4287 or 270-1297.

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Legals

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

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

said suit is as follows: Defendant has defaulted in paying a Note held by The State National Bank of Big Spring.

If this citation is not served within 90 days after date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF SAID COURT on this the 25th day of July, 2007, in Big Spring, Howard County, Texas.

Clerk of the District Court of Howard County, Texas #5472 August 1, 8, 15 & 22, 2007

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Wednesday, August 15, 2007

BIG SPRING HERALD

Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS As the moon moves

from Virgo Libra, into the ingredients relationship are as measured as

cake recipe. While Libra wants equal parts in

everything,

Virgo adds modifications, heavy on loving honest, communication. Mercury and the sun lighten the batter with thoughtful conversation. Pluto and Venus deepen it with a secret wish.

HOLIDAY

MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Differentiate between what you want to know and what you'd rather not focus on. Once your mind is stretched to include all you learn today, it won't return to its previous

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You have so much promise. While some

think it's cool to be jaded, you're better to go the opposite direction. Keep naive optimism alive, and you'll eventually embody your dreams, one by one.

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GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Someone likes you a lot. Maybe because you sensed what this person needs and provide exactly that. Or maybe because your strong underlying sense of identity is so attractive. Probably a little of both.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There's no stigma against being human. So stop worrying that you should be stronger. When you need a nap, take a nap. And when you're lonely, pick up the phone.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's hard to convince the confident cat that insecurities are a good thing. But really, Leo, they are. If you weren't vulnerable in some way, no one could relate to you or feel the pride that comes from being needed

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Sit tight and think fascinating conversations

the thoughts that make you feel good. Until your current situation has blown over, it doesn't make sense to take action. Send out happy vibes — that's action enough.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Ideally you have a clear goal. But right now, a fuzzy feeling that you want to be doing "this" or even "not that" will be enough to progress you to the next stage.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Did you know that your sign is associated with eagles as well as scorpions? Eagles don't hang out in flocks, and they prefer to hunt alone. You'll have luck now when you do the same.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You continually do what makes you happy. No need to feel guilty about that. After all, what kind of friend would begrudge you a life filled with more pleasure? Hopefully not you!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're part of with people you would do well to impress. Offer something unique about yourself to secure a peculiar, powerful place someone's in imagination.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're in the mood for familiar faces and places. You feel grounded around voices from your past. And you provide a similar sense of comfort for others.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It's a fine time to get rid of things that don't work for you, including relationships, goals or ideas. After your figurative trip to the dump, it will be easier to see what you need to do next.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I was born

July 7, 1948. During the past two years, I have struggled to recover from health and business problems that have sidelined my professional personal goals. Everything's significantly improved, and I feel better and more confident and feel at home. Instead SYNDICATE, INC.

in years, but worry that I may be overly optimistic. I'm not happy where I am now living and working, and yearn to move to the Northeast and restart my life there. Overall, I'm full of cautious hope. What does the future hold?'

Sending a big hug

through the astral waves! This birthday year, give yourself time to gently recover and heal. Examine whether your limiting circumstances are real, or a leftover perception from years of wearing darkcolored glasses. I see you shedding outgrown skin. Your attitude will change, but not necessarily your latitude! While I'm not discouraging you, a crosscountry move now, at your second Saturn return, warrants cautious hope. After just finding your balance, a huge move is disruptive — are you ready for that? It takes years to make friends, establish contacts

of the future than I have of one big leap, a small one changes everything.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Romance-making under the domain of Leo, who, when it comes to courtship rituals, lavishes his object of affection with demonstrative love. Danielle Steel's novels capture the luxury-loving aspect of the romantic Lion — wealth, affluence, beauty and love. Is it every woman's fantasy to be scooped up by a handsome mogul? We're not complaining.

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Annie's Mailbox •: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I have been married for eight years and have three children under 7. Over the years, my husband's behavior has become increasingly bizarre and alarming. When we first married, everything seemed fine. Slowly, he became more more verbally abusive. Over time, this abuse extended to the kids. He calls us every name in the book, curses, screams, threatens, has tantrums and more. In the past year, he has grabbed my older son around the neck and squeezed, once leaving a handprint.

A few years ago, my husband was diagnosed with OCD, and his on or just let her find out doctors wanted to speak him about bipolar disorder, at which point he refused to return for treatment.

Annie, our lives are so miserable, and I am afraid to leave my kids alone with their father. I would love to get a divorce and get out, but I am terrified that he will get partial custody and hurt them when no one is there to stop him. He has threatened me with all sorts of repercussions should I attempt a divorce, and so have members of his family. I have no tangible proof of anything except in my journal.

I run a small, part-time business, and he has tried many times to destroy it. He goes on massive spending sprees makes sure I don't have access to "his money." Please don't say he should see a mental health professional. He won't. I already am seeing someone. What else can I do? — Scared Mom

Scared: Your Dear husband may be bipolar, but it's irrelevant, since he refuses to get help. He abusive threatening to you and the children, and you have to get out of that house now. Call the National Domestic Hotline Violence (ndvh.org) at 1-800-799-SAFE (1-800-799-7233) and ask for help so you can leave safely.

Dear Annie: My friend, "Diane," has a second home in my city, and many times, she and her husband go out of town. Their neighbor has a key to pick up mail and water the plants, but sometimes will entertain in their home while they gone. Occasionally, the neighbor even lets her



KATHY MITCHELL Marcy Sugar

company sleep in their beds. She does not have permission to do this.

This is unbelievable to me. Such nerve! Should I tell Diane what is going on her own? — Friend in

Need Dear Friend: We're not sure how you know this information, but we'll take you at your word. Yes, tell Diane. Say, "You must have a very close relationship with your neighbors to allow them to use your house for parties and sleepovers when you're away." She'll take it from there.

Dear Annie: I have a question for "Lonely in Connecticut," the almost-40 short, bald man with below-average looks who can't get a date. Does he zero-in on the 5-foot-8 slender, model-like blonde with the great body? How about giving the smallish, even pudgy, brown-haired gal with a nice smile and quiet ways

When my attractive,

personality-plus charismatic son complained that he couldn't find anything high-maintenance girls, I asked if, when he entered a club, for the best scanned lookers He there. answered, "Of course!" I suggested that eliminate all those girls and check out the next level and see if he finds more interesting and lessneedy girls — those who don't depend on their looks alone to attractive. Today my son is

married to a wonderful gal, average-looking and slightly overweight, but the next day, she doesn't Hercely loyal, supportive and hard-working. They started out as friends, and their friendship "caught fire," as Ann Landers used to say. "Lonely" Maybe has overlooked women who would enjoy his company and have much to offer if only he would LOOK at them. — Southern Mama

Dear Southern: We completely agree that too many men who refuse to look past the exterior are missing some fabulous women. Thanks for the testimonial.

Dear Annie: Four years ago, my father died of a massive coronary right in front of my mother. Since then, Mom has been slipping both mentally and physically.

Mom lives on her own, move into a retirement

smokes a pack and a half complex. My sister is out of cigarettes per day and drinks away her loneliness, as she "has nothing else to do." I've also noticed lately that she is not taking care of herself or her house like she used to.

Mom depends heavily on her three children for her entertainment and support. We take her to doctor appointments, help with her financial affairs and do minor repairs around the house. She expects us to call her every day and visit every weekend. If we don't, she complains that no one calls or visits her and threatens to change her will. If I mention the call remember making it.

Mom leaves her house only to buy groceries, get her hair done and see her doctor. We have arranged therapy appointments, but she cancels them at the last minute. We have suggested she get involved in a seniors group, but she won't unfamiliar drive in territory. She visits my house at least once a month, but her smoking is a huge issue and she refuses to smoke outside.

We can see that Mom is terribly lonely. She has been diagnosed with depression and put on medication, but as soon as she feels better, she stops taking it. She currently has her house up for sale and intends to of patience, and my brother has a young family and not much time to devote to Mom. What else can I do? — T.T.

Dear T.T.: Moving into

a retirement complex could turn out to be a good thing because it might encourage Mom to socialize more. Hopefully, there will be many activities for your mom to participate in, and this just may give her a boost mentally physically. This is a major step for Mom, so all of you should be as loving and supportive as possible. Also, many depressed people resist taking medication, and self-medicate by smoking

doctor about this. Dear Annie: daughter, who is gay, has a partner who has become very special to us. Her partner has a "Peter," young son, whom we have come to love as a grandson.

and drinking. Talk to her

We recently retired and moved closer to them. What concerned me was how to introduce them to our new friends without making anyone uncomfortable. One night earlier this week, when I couldn't sleep, the answer came to me: "These are our daughters, Jane and Mary, and our grandson, Peter."

I thought I'd share this idea with your readers. My bet is that there are many parents who might

find it useful. — One More Life Puzzle Solved

Dear One More Puzzle: It's a sweet idea, although a little deceptive. You don't need to protect your friends or your daughter from the truth about the relationship. Why not introduce them as "Our daughter, Jane, her partner, Mary, and our grandson, Peter"? would save a lot of trouble in the long run.

Dear Annie: You missed the boat with "Playing Second Fiddle California," who said her husband's dog nipped her child. She was most definitely overreacting. The child didn't need stitches, so it probably wasn't much. My dog often takes fingers into mouth to affection.

These dogs were his children first, and they grew up in the house and got lots of love and attention. "Playing" says she is not a dog person, and I believe she is using this incident to make him get rid of his dogs. — An Animal Lover

Dear Animal Lover: You are being naive. It is not unusual for dogs to show hostility when a new baby arrives, and the child must be protected. We hope the dogs can be trained to accept the baby, but if not, it is best for everyone, including the animals, to have the dogs live where they are welcomed and loved.

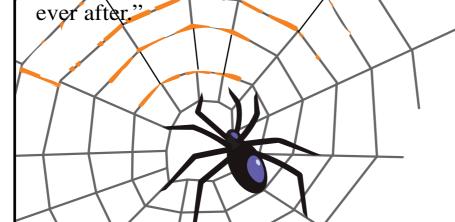
Annie's Mailbox

The Spider

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

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

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



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FIRE

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That caused firefighters to shift their focus from fighting the original fire to preventing the blaze from torching the other homes.



Sullivan

While a Big Spring Fire Department crew remained near the original fire, five Volunteeer Department crews fanned out to fight the expanding grass fire.

Tall, dry grass and windy conditions combined to provide the fire plenty of impetus, said Tommy Sullivan, chief of the county volunteers.

The home that originally caught fire was a total loss, with damages estimated at \$45,000. No other homes were damaged, he said.

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As to what caused the fire, Sullivan suspected faulty elecrical wiring.

"The house had been vacant for four years," Sullivan said. "Mr. Canales was there working on it, then went outside to get some water. He said he heard a pop and turned around to see his house catch fire."

Canales was treated on the scene by Big Spring Emergency Medical Service personnel for burns to his hands. No injuries other were reported, Sullivan said.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331, ext. 234.



Cody Carnes, left, Austin Cox, center, and Tanner Churchwell of Hit the Ground Running perform in the Teen Tent Friday at the 2007 Rock the Desert in Odessa. The Big Spring natives were featured at the venue's main stage Saturday afternoon.

COUNCIL

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Spring is estimated at \$37,165 — up considerably compared to last year, thanks to higher valuations, according to Big Spring City Manager Gary Fuqua.

Walker said the tax hike would translate to a tax bill increase of approximately \$100 for the average valued home.

"The average home owner is paying \$237 per year based on this year's tax rate," said Walker. "With the proposed rate they would be paying \$338, an increase of approximately \$101 a vear. The owner of a home valued at \$100,000 is looking at an increase of \$275.

The proposed rate of slightly more than \$1.02 would put the city approximately 5 cents over the rollback rate, which could trigger a rollback election if citizens petitioned for it, according to Walker.

"If the council decided not to fund the narcotics task force, it would put the tax rate approximately 3 cents below the rollback rate," said Walker.

A successful rollback election would force the city to go with a tax rate of 97.78 cents per \$100 valuation.

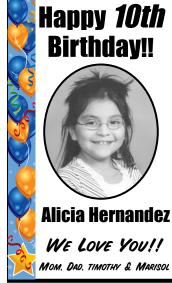
According to Police Chief Lonnie Smith, the 7.5 cent tax hike would fund the expansion of the Spring Police existing Department's two-man narcotics unit into a five-officer with a single supervisor.

While the informal vote taken Tuesday night was simply to determine if the council members were willing to move forward with a tax rate that was above the effective rate necessary to implement the bond projects recently voted in by area residents

— Biddison said he voted against it because of the inclusion of the narcotics task force.

"I agree that we have a drug problem here. Everyone does," said Biddison. "But if the state couldn't afford a narcotics task force, how can we? I really feel like we need to look somewhere else to find the funding for it instead of raising taxes another 7 cents.

"I just want to see if we



can do a little bit to keep it (the tax rate) as low as we can. When we first started looking at the bond issues, the Standard & Poors recommendation that came out said we were already tax burdened in this community and at a point where we didn't need to go higher. The bonds are a done deal, however."

The council also set a public hearing concerning the proposed tax rate for Aug. 28, along with a public hearing concerning the 2007-2008 budget for the same date.

Also during the meeting, the council approved:

• First reading of an

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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 ordinance approving an operation services.

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The Deadly Threat of a Nuclear-Armed Iran What can the world, what can the USA, what can Israel do about it?

Iran's president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, has declared publicly - not once, but repeatedly - that Israel must be "wiped off the map." That effort, the destruction of Israel, seems to be the main goal of Iranian policy. When Iranian missiles are paraded through the streets of Tehran, the destination "to Jerusalem" is clearly stenciled on them.

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What are the facts?

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A death wish for Israel. Ahmadinejad and the ayatollah who is the "supreme leader" have publicly mused that one or two nuclear bombs would obliterate Israel, but that, though it would cause devastating damage and millions of casualties, Iran would survive Israel's retaliatory attack. Iran is a huge country, with about 60 million inhabitants, so they are probably correct. And who can doubt that those religious fanatics would not hesitate to allow the destruction of much

of their country and to sacrifice a third state. When our country was entangled with the Soviet Union in the bitter 40year long "cold war," with both sides having sufficient nuclear weapons to destroy the opponent's country and its people, things were kept in place by

MAD - Mutually Assured Destruction. However "evil" the leaders of the Soviet Union (the "Evil Empire") may have been, there was one great consolation and assurance: They were not crazy. But the Iranians and other Muslims are crazies, as we understand the concept. Because they take instructions directly from Allah, who tells them to kill the Jews and other infidels, whatever the cost.

Israel has no problem with Iran. They share no borders and have no territorial dispute. In fact, they face common Arab enemies and should be natural allies, as they indeed were under the Shah. Iran's death wish for Israel is based entirely on religious fanaticism. In contrast even to the intractable North Koreans, the determination of the Iranians is immutable. It cannot be changed by persuasion, by diplomacy, by sanctions or by threats.

Once Iran is in possession of nuclear weapons, it will not only be a deadly danger to Israel, but to all of the Middle East and to virtually all of Europe. The flow of oil from the Middle East, the lifeblood of the industrialized world, would be totally under its control and so would be the economies of all nations of the world, very much including the United States.

What is to be done? In 1981, then prime minister of Israel Menachem Begin, being aware of Iraq's nuclear ambitions and looming realization of those ambitions, decided that its nuclear reactor at Osiraq had to be destroyed. The IAF

(Israeli Air Force) accomplished that in a daring and unprecedented raid. Iraq's nuclear capability was eliminated in one stroke, never to rise up again. Israel had done the world an enormous service. Had it not been for Israel's decisive action, the Iraqi conquest of Kuwait and, without question, also of Saudi Arabia and its enormous oil fields, and, for that matter, of Iran, could not have been prevented. Saddam Hussein would have been the ruler of the world. The solution to the deadly threat that Iran poses to the

world is obvious. Of course, diplomacy or even one-half of their population in "An attack on the Iranian nuclear and persuasion, threats and promises, order to eliminate the hated Jewish installations would fall under the sticks and carrots - every possible means short of military action - should be used until it becomes clear even to the most obdurate that nothing can sanctioned by international law deviate Iran from its chosen path of becoming a nuclear power and to dominate the Middle East.

There is reason to believe that the people of Iran, especially the young people, oppose the oppressive and theocratic regime of their country and are hostile to the mullahs who control everything. But the government has the tools of power firmly in its hands. It controls the instruments of coercion – it can kill people and it controls the oil money. While it would be most desirable and in the interest of the world to be able to foment an overthrow of the Iranian

regime, that is an unrealistic and unattainable prospect. Regrettably, there is only one solution to the terrible dilemma confronting the world, the unacceptable danger of a nuclear-armed Iran. The terror, the destruction and the 60 million dead of World War II could have been prevented at several times during the Nazi regime. But the Allied powers, under the leadership of Britain's prime minister Neville Chamberlain, opted for appeasement and for "peace in our time." We cannot afford to make that same mistake again. The world must give Iran an ultimatum: Desist immediately from the development of nuclear weapons; if you do not, we shall destroy the facilities that produce them. There still is a window of opportunity to do that. That window may close very soon. But who would do the job? The United States would be the obvious choice. But if the United States were in accord, Israel could do it, just as it did the job in 1981 in destroying Iraq's nuclear potential once and for all.

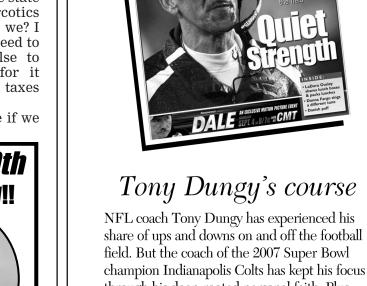
An attack on the Iranian nuclear installations would fall under the heading of "anticipatory self-defense," recognized and sanctioned by international law and by common sense. Nobody really knows for sure how far Iran is from reaching its goal — six months. six years? The experts disagree. But if Iran is not stopped now, it may well be too late not very long from now.

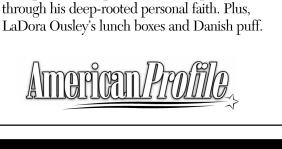
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OUR VIEWS

Tax exempt weekend is back again!

veryone likes holidays and not paying taxes — we are, after all, only human. And that's why this weekend will be one of the busiest for Texas retailers, thanks to the sales tax holiday.

The state's annual sales tax holiday, in which most clothing and footwear priced under \$100 is exempted from sales and use taxes, will be held Friday through Sunday.

In past years the sales tax holiday has been the first weekend in August, but with the school year starting later this year, state officials decided to move the holiday closer to the start of classes for all of the state's school districts.

You can bet virtually every clothing and shoe retailer in Big spring will participate in the annual event. Remember, state officials say the weekend always approaches Christmas-season levels of sales.

According to the State Comptroller's Office, customers will receive the tax break on individual items, regardless of the total amount they buy. For example, sales tax is not due if a customer buys six shirts priced at \$99.99 each. But full tax is due on any item sold for \$100.

There are a few exceptions, however. Clothing and footwear used primarily for athletic activities, such as golf cleats or football pads, are not exempt from sales tax. However, athletic wear which is also used for non-athletic activity (tennis shoes and baseball caps, for example) may be purchased tax-free this weekend.

Also excluded from the sales tax holiday are accessories such as jewelry and watches, items that are carried rather than worn (such as handbags and briefcases), clothing rentals and repairs and alterations.

A list of some tax-free items would include baby clothes, belts, boots, caps/hats, coats and wraps, diapers, dresses, gloves, gym suits and uniforms, hooded shirts and sweatshirts, hosiery, jackets, jeans, jerseys, jogging apparel, neckwear and ties, pajamas, pants and trousers, raincoats, robes, shirts, shoes, socks, shorts, sits, swimsuits, underclothes and work clothes and uniforms.

Items that will be taxed include accessories, backpacks, baseball cleats and pants, belt buckles (without belt), buttons and zippers, cloth and lace, knitting yarns and other fabrics, dry cleaning services, football pants, golf gloves, handbags and purses, handkerchiefs, hard hats and helmets, ice skates, jewelry, leather goods, rented clothing, roller blades and skates and safety clothing.

Of course, neither of those lists is complete, should anyone want clarification concerning the tax free holiday, they can call the comptroller's office toll free at 1-800-252-5555.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

All work and no prayer does not work, Lord.

Amen

Who needs enemigos?

then he first ran for president, George W. Bush wanted us to think he was a "compassionate conservative," the kind of leader who could be firm yet humane while fixing the nation's broken immigration system. But when members of his administration announced a

series of enforcementonly immigration measures last week, the president betrayed many Latinos and other immigrants who voted for him. Instead of insisting

on passing comprehensive reform legislation that included

some kind of legalization program for undocumented immigrants, Bush caved in to GOP anti-immigrant zealots and practically guaranteed that Latinos and other immigrants will reject Republicans in 2008.

The package of regulatory measures, shamelessly announced by Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff and Commerce Secretary Carlos Gutierrez, includes many of the get-tough regulations that were part of the White House-backed immigration reform bill that was rejected by the Senate in June.

But under that bill, those harsh measures were meant for future illegal immigrants, not the 12 million undocumented immigrants who are already here and were to be put on a path to legalization.

Without a legalization program, these new rules are downright inhumane. They will cause economic hardship, hurt American businesses and lead to widespread discrimination against Latinos

and other immigrants, including those who are legal residents or American citizens.

Chertoff and Gutierrez said the administration will toughen workplace enforcement and crack down on employers who hire undocumented immigrants. The government will force employers to fire millions of workers whose Social Security numbers don't match those in federal databases and increase civil and criminal penalties for employers who don't com-

This will cause serious hardship, not only for the workers but for the businesses that depend on them. It means that agriculture, construction, service and other industries will suffer serious labor shortages, and American consumers likely will pay higher prices. Also, some of these jobs may be forced to go abroad.

According to a Pew Hispanic Center analysis of U.S. Census figures, about 7.2 million undocumented immigrants were employed in March 2005, accounting for 4.9 percent of the U.S. civilian workforce. That included 24 percent of all workers in agriculture, 17 percent of employees who clean, 14 percent of all construction jobs and 12 percent of those involved in food prepara-

The "compassionate" Bush administration also will continue to build a fence along the Mexican border, expand the Border Patrol to 20,000 agents by 2009, build additional detention facilities for undocumented immigrants and accelerate the training of state and local officers to combat illegal immigration.

Immigrant rights advocates had been willing to swallow these bitter pills as long as they applied

only to future illegal immigration. But when they are applied to the undocumented immigrants who are already here, it's not compassion that Bush is practicing; it's betraval.

Pressured by the xenophobic GOP extremists who are alienating their party from Latino voters, the president has chosen to make life miserable for people who are already part of our society and essential to our economy. It's as good as cutting off your nose to spite your face.

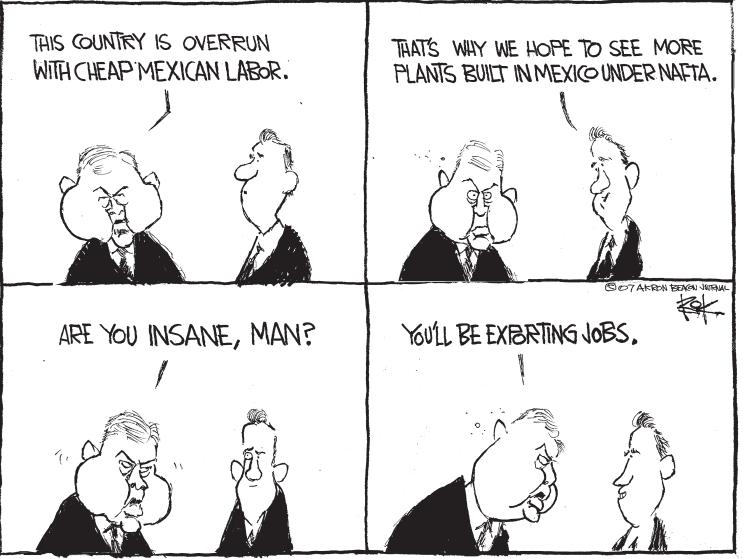
Implementing these measures during the next year — with all the hardship stories that they will create — surely will hurt the Republican Party in the 2008 elections. Apparently, Republicans don't yet appreciate the strength of the Hispanic vote in key Electoral College states. They don't realize that Latinos have the power to swing a presidential election.

Bush should know better. If it weren't for the Cuban-American vote in Florida, he wouldn't even be president. In the 2000 presidential election, it was the Cuban-American vote that swung the state of Florida in Bush's favor, and it was Florida that gave Bush the presidency.

But even in southern Florida, formerly a bedrock of Latino support for Republicans, people are getting tired of hollow GOP rhetoric. Even in Miami's Cuban-American community, the number of registered Republicans has dropped dramatically.

That's because people are realizing that with amigos like Bush, Latinos and other immigrants don't need enemigos.

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A weekend visit in Santa Fe

y friend Bill Murchison called and said he was going to Santa Fe for Bill Worrell's new showing of his 2007 artwork. Looking for any excuse to go to northern New Mexico, I said we would go,

too. The area around Santa Fe has always fascinated me. There is something about the sky, the old ruins and the mountains that make it a mystical place.

We took Highway 3 off Interstate 40 and headed north. It is a small, two-lane road that has steep grades up and down, follow-

ing the natural features of the valleys and hills. We passed through stretches of pastureland and small towns that had colorful houses with hollyhocks blooming in front of them. We bought peaches, cherries and melons at fruit stands along the way.

TUMBLEWEED

We met Bill Murchison at the Holiday Inn. We were pleasantly surprised at our room which was spacious, well decorated, comfortable and had a wonderful bed. We went downtown and walked around the plaza for an hour or so, then went to the Frank Howell gallery for Worrell's opening.

We spent the rest of the evening doing the things I love to do in Santa Fe: Visit with friends and go to Vanessie's to hear some good music. I made arrangements to interview Bill Worrell the next morning at his place on Upper Canyon Road. Bill also has a home and studio at New Art, near Mason.

I've known Worell for sometime. He is one interesting character. He and Murchison took a canoe trip down the lower Pecos River years ago and were forced to take refuge in a cave because of heavy

Worrell saw some pictographs on the walls of the cave and his life was forever changed. He spent the next seven years studying pictographs, petroglyphs and rock art all over the world. The result are some striking sculptures of ancient Shaman. His 10-foot sculpture in front of the Frank Howell gallery just off the plaza in Santa Fe is one of the most photographed objects in the country.

Worrell is always thinking. He keeps a journal with him all the time. If he sees something at a restaurant that intrigues him, he'll get out his pen and write something. Or he might ask for crayons and do a drawing or design.

If he stacked all the journals he has kept over the years, the stack would be taller than he is.

Bill Worrell not only sculpts. He also paints. He's also a musician and has two CDs of songs he has written and performed, with friends like Brooks and Dunn, Jay Boy Adams, Jessie Colter and Lloyd Maines doing backup. He has lots of famous friends. Some of them, like Robert Redford, visit him at New Art.

Bill must love hands. Both his residences have handprints of some of his special visitors. They are in several colors and are fun to look at. He has his visitors sign their name by their handprint.

When we concluded the interview, he asked me to put my handprint on a doorway wall. I was flattered. He painted my palm with orange acrylic then pressed my hand firmly against the wall.

I considered it a real privilege to do that.

Why not check this out? At the library

wo-a-days have already started, so get doubly warmed up by thumbing through "Rites of Autumn: The Story of College Football" (796.332 WHI R) by Richard Whittingham. Full of great photos and prose, real-

ly a treat to read and enjoy.

Poetry

"Creating Poetry" (808.1 DRU J). Do you have poetry inside of

HOLLIS McCright

you and cannot let it \equiv out? This book by John Drury will show you the basics of writing poetry with chapters on how to start a poem, the use of word combinations, how to choose words and many more techniques. It is quite an interesting book.

Non-Fiction/Regional

• "Don't Mess With **Texas: The Story** Behind the Legend" (363.705 MCC T), now in is a fantastic book by Tim McClure and Roy Spence. They were the wonderkids who brought the whole "Don't Mess with Texas" into the most successful anti-litter campaign. Tim was a speaker in San Antonio and I was privileged to hear some of the ads as recorded and to hear how they were formulated and chosen. A super, super book for any true-blue, deep-dyed Texan.

• "Start with a Laugh" (808.51 CAR L). Another Texas treasure is Liz Carpenter. She was a speech writer for Lyndon Baines Johnson, press secretary to Mrs. Johnson and a superb "Start with a Laugh" will get you going when you have to speak to any size group. There are suggestions for structuring the speech, opening gambits and much more. As an added bonus, the text of many of her speeches are also included.

Non-Fiction/Inspiration • "Don't Leave Me this Way" (3623.196 GAR J). At the age of 37, Julia Fox Garrison, suffered a massive cerebral hemorrhage that left her with a physically devastated body and more spiritual resolve than she'd ever had in her life. "Don't Leave Me this Way" is the story of her recovery

after suffering a stroke. She overcame obstacles that would have killed lesser spirits and refused to accept the diagnosis of total paralysis for the rest of her life. She does walk again. Inspirational is too weak a word to describe Garrison's mem-

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Mystery

Some mysteries have appeared magically in my office:

• "Desert Blood: The Juarez Murder" by Alicia Gaspar de Alba. Taken somewhat from the El Paso newspapers, it is the story of young women whose bodies are found in the desert out and around El Paso (Franklin Co.)

 "Lying with Strangers" from James Grippando.

• "Lean Mean Thirteen" by Janet Evanovich has a long reserve list.

I am not familiar with these two authors, Rebecca Stott who wrote "Ghostwalk" and Kathrvn R. Wall's "Sanctuary Hill". If you like listening to books on tape or CD, then we have received Dorothy Sayer's "Gaudy Night" (AU F SAY D)

Biography/Financial · "Tearing down the Wall of Sound: The Rise and Fall of Phil Spector" (B SPE P). Mick Brown has written a thoughtful and stylish writing biography of Phil Spector. Mick manages to cram the book with myriad facts, while never seeming to make it information heavy, but he also never loses sight of his subject.

Unlike many biographers, Mick places Spector within the broad sweep of his life and times while simultaneously showing him to be a three dimensional character. From the earliest pages Spector, becomes more than just a name, a reputation and a myth he becomes a real per-

This book will stand out for many years to come as one of the single best biographies about a musician, or for that matter a man or woman from whatever walk of life. This review is taken from Amazon.com.; I have not read the book. Spector is currently on trial for the murder of actress Lana Clarkson, so more books on the creator of the "Wall of Sound" production technique will no doubt be

forthcoming.

Large Print "Blessings of Mossy Creek" (LP F BEL B), Fun and light-hearted, this is a collection of stories that are all based upon people who live in

Mossy Creek, a nosy lit-

tle town in Georgia.

• "Moving is Murder" (LP M ROS S) by Sara Rosett. Ellie Avery is a U.S. Air Force wife who is an expert in moving wherever her husband is stationed. She discovers the neighborhood's activist, Cass, dead on the side of the road. Is it

an accident or murder?

Ellie decides to find out.

• "Nefertiti" by Michelle Moran is "compulsively readable" writes Diana Gabaldon. Maybe this is enough to tempt you to read it: The fictionalized life of the notorious queen is told from the point of view of her younger sister, Mutnodimet. In 1351 B.C. Prince Amunhotep secretly kills his older brother and becomes next in line to Egypt's throne: He's 17, and the 15-year-old Nefertiti soon becomes his chief wife.

You might also like

Wilbur Smith's "The

Quest" — it also takes

place in Egypt during

ancient times.

 "Capital Crimes" is a new thriller from the team of Jonathan and Faye Kellerman. Two thin novellas that dedicated fans will most appreciate; Peter Decker is in a cameo role in solving the murder of California state representative, Davida Gray. The second offering gives Jonathan Kellerman's consulting psychologist, Alex Delaware, a little more to do after Nashville detectives probing the stabbing murder of recording artist Jack Jeffries learn that Delaware had been treating the dead man. Two stories from two great authors.

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World/nation briefs

Rescuers search for victims of 4 bombings in northern Iraq

BAGHDAD (AP) — Rescuers dug through the muddy wreckage of collapsed clay houses in northwest Iraq on Wednesday, uncovering victims of four suicide bombings that Iraqi officials said killed at least 200 people in one of the worst attacks of the war.

The victims were members of a small Kurdish sect — the Yazidis — sometimes attacked by Muslim extremists who consider them infidels.

Four suicide truck bombers struck nearly simultaneously on Tuesday, killing more people than any other concerted attack since Nov. 23, when 215 people were killed by mortar fire and five car bombs in Baghdad's Shiite Muslim enclave of Sadr City.

It was most vicious attack yet against the Yazidis, an ancient religious community in the region. Some 300 people were wounded in the blasts, said Dakhil Qassim, the mayor of the nearby town of Sinjar.

said the four trucks Qassim approached the town of Qahataniya, 75 miles west of Mosul, Iraq's third-largest city, from dirt roads and all exploded within minutes of each other. He said the casualty tolls were expected to rise.

Flossie downgraded from hurricane to tropical storm

SOUTH POINT, Hawaii (AP) — Flossie was downgraded from a hurricane to a tropical storm hours after sideswiping Hawaii's Big Island, turning its seas into roiling giant surf.

Flossie had delivered 30 minutes of steady rain to the small town of Naalehu on Tuesday night, but there was little

significant wind.

The storm lost its hurricane status as its maximum winds dropped below 74 mph to 70 mph. At the time, it was about 175 miles south-southwest of Hilo, moving to the west-northwest at speeds near 10 mph.

The Central Pacific Hurricane Center in Honolulu canceled a hurricane watch for the Big Island, although a tropical storm warning remained in effect late Tuesday, meaning the island could experience winds of more than 39 mph.

A flash flood watch for the Big Island was also canceled as the threat of up to 10 inches of rain dissipated. But the Kau region could see 6 to 8 inches of rain, forecasters said.

India celebrates 60th anniversary of independence from British rule

NEW DELHI (AP) — India celebrated the 60th anniversary of its independence from British rule Wednesday in a triumphant mood, with many here feeling the country is finally taking its rightful place as a major global player.

"I assure you that for each one of you, and for our country, the best is yet to come," Prime Minister Manmohan Singh told the nation in his traditional Independence Day speech.

But with many of India's 1.1 billion people being left behind by the country's lightning economic growth, Singh warned: "we must not be overconfi-

Wednesday's celebration came a day after neighboring Pakistan marked its independence from Britain with colorful displays of national pride. Tens of thousands rallied throughout the world's second most populous Muslim nation, waving Pakistan's olive-green flag with a white crescent. Others held prayer gatherings at home.

Britain's partition of the subcontinent in 1947 brought one of modern history's biggest mass migrations as some 10 million people crossed the newly created frontier, and one of its bloodiest chapters as sectarian and religious fighting killed hundreds of thousands.

Historians seek to preserve artifacts from bridge collapse

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Certain images will be indelibly linked to the Interstate 35W bridge disaster: Mangled green steel beams, giant concrete slabs that seem to float on the Mississippi River, a school bus frozen on a downward plane. Even as the search for those believed killed in the collapse continues, historians are thinking about how they should document the carnage.

Those who have chronicled other major tragedies say it's important to move quickly to secure artifacts, photographs and witness accounts that will convey the magnitude of the collapse years from now. Waiting too long, they say, can cause key items to be lost forever.

Minnesota Historical Society officials are discussing how to do that while being sensitive to the recovery and the investigation.

"We certainly don't want to be ghoulish or in any way disrespectful of the people who suffered in this tragedy," said Jennifer Jones, head of the society's collections department. But, she added, "This is indisputably an important event in Minnesota history and in American history, in fact."

As they gather media clippings, digital images and other written material related to the bridge, members of her team are compiling a list of iconic objects they want preserved.

Dollar coins honoring presidents provide a history lesson as well as a break from the bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Most folks can correctly name George Washington as the nation's first president. After that, things get tricky.

The U.S. Mint is hoping its new dollar coin series will help refresh some hazy memories of Adams, Jefferson and all the rest.

That could be a tall order, however, given the results of a poll the Mint commissioned to find out just how much knowledge Americans have about their presidents.

According to the telephone poll, conducted by the Gallup Organization last month, nearly all those questioned knew that Washington was the first president. However, only 30 percent could name Thomas Jefferson as the nation's third president, and memories of the other presidents and where they fit in was even more limited.



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2006 Chevrolet Avalanche 1500 · Stk# H150.

2005 Chevrolet Suburban 2WD Z71 · Stk# H124.

2005 Lincoln Aviator 4D · Stk# H158.

2007 Cadillac SRX • Stk# H140.

2007 Chevrolet Tahoe 4D · Stk# H165.

2007 Cadillac Escalade 4D - Stk# H164.

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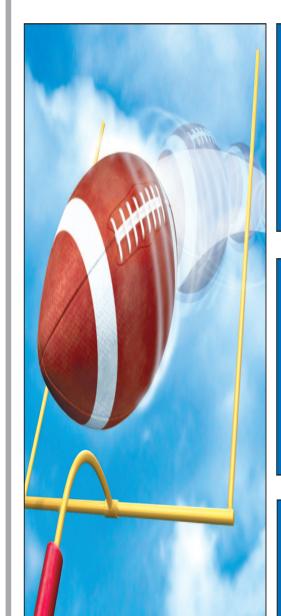
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2004 Pontiac GTO Coupe - Stk# H089. Was \$21,495.....**NOW \$20,495** 2006 Buick Lucerne CXL Sedan 4D · Stk# H020.

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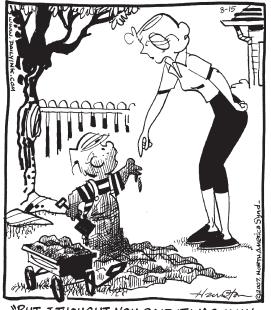
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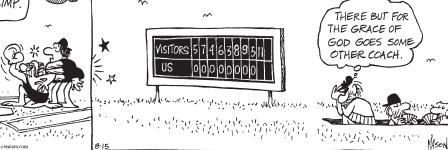






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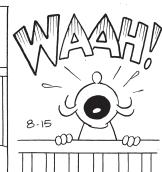






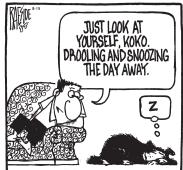
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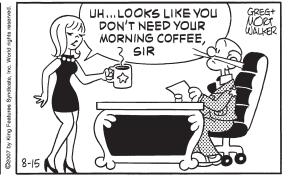
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Aug. 15, the 227th day of 2007. There are 138 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 15, 1945, Emperor Hirohito announced to his subjects in a pre-recorded radio address that Japan had accepted terms of surrender for ending World War II.

On this date:

In 1057, Macbeth, King of Scots, was killed in battle by Malcolm, the eldest son of Duncan, King Macbeth had slain.

Napoleon In 1769,Bonaparte was born on the island of Corsica.

In 1914, the Panama Canal opened to traffic.

In 1935, humorist Will Rogers and aviator Wiley Post were killed when their airplane crashed near Point Barrow, Alaska.

In 1944, during World War

II, Allied forces landed in southern France Operation Dragoon.

In 1947, India became independent after some 200 years of British rule. In 1948, the Republic of

Korea was proclaimed.

In 1969, the Woodstock Music and Art Fair opened in upstate New York. In 1971, President Richard

Nixon announced a 90-day freeze on wages, prices and rents. In 1998, 29 people were

killed by a car bomb in Omagh, Northern Ireland; a splinter group calling itself the Real IRA claimed responsibility.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Rose Marie is 84. Political activist Phyllis Schlafly is 83. Actor Mike Connors is 82. Jazz musician Oscar Peterson is 82. Actress Lori Nelson is 74. Singer-producer Bobby Byrd is 73. Civil rights activist Vernon Jordan is 72. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer is 69. Musician Pete York (Spencer Davis Group) is 65. Author-journalist Linda Ellerbee is 63. Songwriter Jimmy Webb is 61. Britain's

Princess Anne is 57. Actress Tess Harper is 57. Actor Larry Mathews is 52. Actor Zeljko Ivanek is 50. Rock singer-musician Matt Johnson (The The) is 46. Movie director Alejandro

Gonzalez Inarritu ("Babel") is 44. Actress Debra Messing is 39. Actor Anthony Anderson is 37. Actor Ben Affleck is 35. Singer Mikey Graham (Boyzone) is 35. Actress Natasha Henstridge is 33.

Thought for Today: "Life has taught me to think, but thinking has not taught me how to live." — Alexander Herzen, Russian author (1812-1870).

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Newsday Crossword

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Willard

2 "Yeah!"

book

5 Cheer

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address

Champion

4 Accepts a

proposal

1 Weatherman

3 Authoritative

result

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- 1 Sits in (for)
- **5** Majestic 10 Engrave
- with acid __ pet (TV ad
- product)
- 15 Pueblo's
- exterior
- 16 Depend (on)
- 17 "One more thing . . .'
- 19 PDQ relative
- **20** Oral Roberts University site
- 21 Parrot's pad
- 22 Eyelid
- annoyance 23 "__ baaaaack!"
- **25** Staggered
- 27 Wyatt of the Old West
- 29 Miscue 32 Churlish ones
- 35 Modern music genre
- 39 Little devil 40 Old hand
- 41 Fitness system
- **42** Vitality 43 Sense of self
- 44 Reveals 45 Complete
- collections 46 Shifty trick
- 48 Annoyance
- 50 Hue and cry **54** Spurts of
- energy 58 "Hold on
- there!"
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- player 62 Islamic
- **Almighty**
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 - daggers (at)
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 - 57 Beach find
 - 58 Senate official
 - **61** "__ even think it!"
 - **65** River, in Spain

