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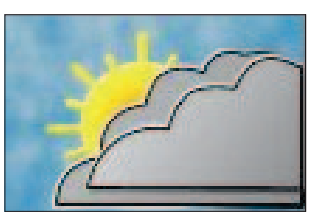
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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
This hang glider pilot — one of many competing in the Federation Aeronautique Internationale World Hang Gliding Championships going on at the Big Spring Airport — enjoys a tow from an ultralight aircraft up to a higher altitude Wednesday afternoon. The competition continues through Saturday.

Flying like a bird

Hang gliding puts Hungary's Bertok in touch with nature

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

If the sport of hang gliding were to have a patron saint, it might very well be Hungary's Attila Bertok, who currently leads the standings in the Federation Aeronautique Internationale World Hang Gliding Championships going on at the Big Spring Airport.

"To me, hang gliding is as close as you can get to what it feels like to be a bird."



Attila Bertok

committee decides the course the day's competition will follow.

Bertok, who sits on the committee, said he and his fellow pilots work hard to make sure the day's task is both challenging and attainable.

"We try to draw on our experience," said Bertok. "Developing the tasks is basically the job of the meet director, but he asks a select group of



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
A hang gliding competitor waves a greeting over Big Spring Wednesday.

pilots to give our input and let them know what we think is good. We try to develop a task that is

reasonable but still a difficult level for the championship. We don't want to make it too hard,

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Tax holiday starts Friday

Shoppers to get break before school begins

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Back-to-school shoppers will have an extra reason to hit the stores starting Friday.

The state's annual sales tax holiday, which exempts shoppers from state and local taxes on many clothing and footwear items, will be held Friday through Sunday.

The holiday effects most clothing and footwear priced under \$100 from sales and use taxes, which means buyers can save up to \$8 on every \$100 they spend, according to information released by Texas Comptroller Susan Combs.

For the first time, backpacks used by elementary and secondary students

will also be exempt from taxes this year. This includes backpacks with wheels, provided they can also be worn on the back in a traditional manner, the news release stated. Ten or fewer backpacks can be purchased tax-free at one time without providing an exemption certificate to the seller.

As in past years, the exemption does not include items that can reasonably be defined as luggage, briefcases, gym bags, computer bags, purses or framed backpacks.

Below is a sample of items that will be either exempted or taxed this year:

- Tax-free — Baby clothes, belts with

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HOWARD Co. 4-H MEETS TONIGHT

Those interested in participating in Howard County 4-H are invited to attend the first 4-H meeting to be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. today 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.



Howard County woman killed in two-vehicle crash Wednesday

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

A two-vehicle collision north of Big Spring claimed the life of a Howard County woman Wednesday afternoon.

Velta Cates Hiltbrunner, 87, of Center Point Road, was killed when her mid-1980s Chrysler sedan was struck broadside by a Peterbilt tanker truck at the intersection of Highway 87 and Center Point Road about six miles north of Big Spring shortly before 4 p.m. Wednesday.



Hester

Eyewitnesses said Hiltbrunner, traveling west on Center Point, apparently failed to see the northbound 18-wheeler, driven by Alvin Gean Rucker of Hereford, before attempting to cross Highway 87.

Department of Public Safety Sgt. Jason Hester said that Rucker, who drives for Texas Feed Fat Inc., attempted to take evasive action but struck Hiltbrunner's automobile along the midpoint of the driver's side compartment, pushing the vehicle approximately 300 feet before being able to come to a stop.

"Witnesses said she stopped, but for whatever reason, she didn't see the truck and attempted to cross the highway," Hester said.

Emergency units with the Big Spring Fire Department, Emergency Medical Service, Howard County Sheriff's Office

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
Department of Public Safety Sgt. Jason Hester, facing camera, talks with a fellow DPS trooper while investigating the scene of a fatal two-vehicle accident north of Big Spring Wednesday afternoon.

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IN BRIEF

Big Spring Tennis Boosters meeting

The Big Spring Tennis Boosters will meet at 6 p.m. Monday in the Athletic Training Center.
All parents of junior high and high school tennis players are invited to attend.
Contact Jeri Farmer at 267-6093 for more information.

Crossroads Youth Football sign-ups

The Crossroads Youth Football Association have begun their sign-ups 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 sign-ups have started

The Big Spring Youth Soccer Association sign-ups 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 Friday.
Cost is \$50 and furnishes players with a jersey, shorts and socks.
Coaches are still needed and anyone interested can also sign up during registration times.
For more information, contact Jamie Scott at 264-0001.

QB Club meeting set for Monday

The Big Spring Quarterback Club will hold its weekly meeting at 7 p.m. Monday at the Athletic Training Center.
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.

YMCA hosting skateboard contest

The fourth annual Summer Skateboard Contest will be held Aug. 23 at the YMCA Skate Park.
The contest begins at 6:30 p.m. with participants able to register until 6 p.m.
The registration fee is \$8. Divisions of competition will be set up based on the number of entries.
Prizes will be awarded to first and second place winners in each division.
For more information, call the YMCA at 267-8234.

Kinsler, Young lead Rangers to 4-3 win

The Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Michael Young hit a two-run double, Ian Kinsler homered and the Texas Rangers held on to beat the Kansas City Royals 4-3 Wednesday night.
Royals starter Gil Meche allowed only two infield singles before Ramon Vazquez drew a leadoff walk and Kinsler singled in the sixth. Both runners raced home when Young's drive split the gap in right-center, giving Texas a 2-1 lead.
Mike Wood (3-1) allowed two hits in one scoreless inning to earn the win.

Rangers reliever C.J. Wilson had his scoreless streak of 16 2-3 innings end in the ninth.
Pinch-hitter Emil Brown reached on an error leading off, and Wilson walked Esteban German before John Buck hit an RBI double to center field. Joey Gathright followed with an infield single that made it 4-3.
With runners on the corners, Tony Pena Jr. hit into a game-ending 5-4-3 double play for Wilson's sixth save in seven chances.
Kinsler's 15th homer leading off the eighth stretched the lead to 4-1.

Meche lost his fifth straight start, giving up three runs — two earned — and five hits in 6 1-3 innings. He struck out four and walked three.
The Rangers got a strong return to the rotation from right-hander Vicente Padilla, who struck out a season-high eight. Padilla left after five innings trailing 1-0.
Padilla was activated from the 15-day disabled list before the game. He hadn't pitched since June 21 when he was shut down with right triceps inflammation, and he looked fresh when he struck out the side in the first

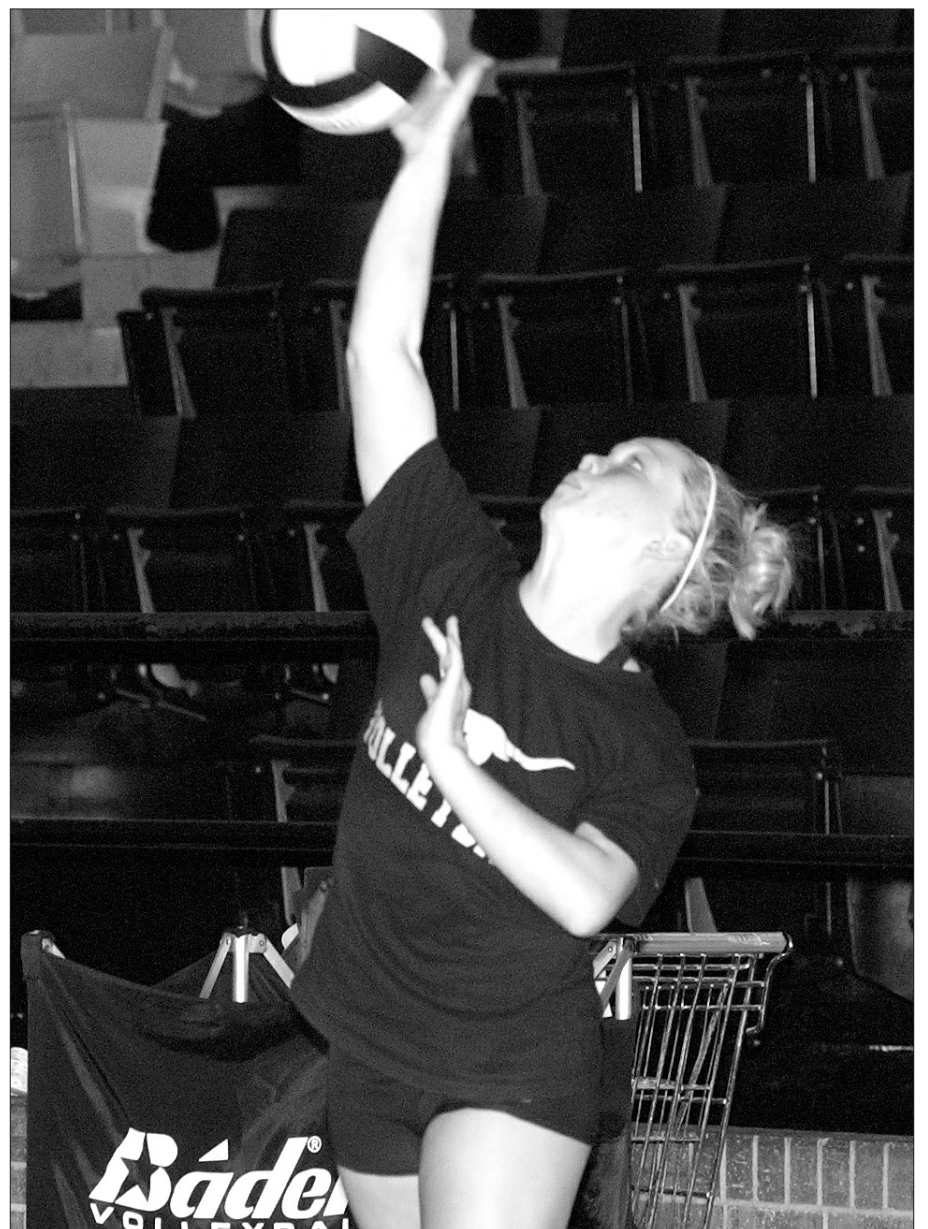
and fifth innings.
Padilla allowed one unearned run and four hits without a walk, throwing 80 pitches.
Kansas City threatened to go in front in the seventh, loading the bases with one out against Texas reliever Frank Francisco. Joey Gathright hit a fly ball to center, but Marlon Byrd threw out pinch runner Jason Smith attempting to score from third to complete the double play.
Texas made it 3-1 in the seventh when Nelson Cruz scored from third on reliever Jimmy
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Lady Steers start season with early obstacles

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor
Obstacles have already presented themselves in the path of Big Spring's Lady Steers volleyball team this season.
And the school year hasn't even started yet.
The Lady Steers surged into their season by visiting Midland and Abilene for scrimmages. The warm-up matches left the Lady Steer coaches feeling like they had a lot of work to do.
"If you're not excited when you practice volleyball then you're not excited when you play in the games," said head volleyball coach Amanda Whitaker. "Volleyball is a game of spirit. We've been beaten by teams that we were better than, but they had more spirit. If a team has spirit and gets behind each other then they're going to be better. We didn't have that spirit at the start of two-a-days and in the scrimmages."
The Lady Steers opened regular season play on the road against Sweetwater's Lady Mustangs Tuesday. Although they suffered a three-set loss — 21-25, 19-25, 20-25 — Whitaker felt like the team made great strides with their energy.
"The girls know we have to keep our spirits high," she said. "Against Sweetwater, the girls got out on the court and were really energetic. They were ready to play and our performance showed it on the court. They competed with a team that is going to make a deep run into the Class 3A state playoffs."

on the court. We kept up with Sweetwater in every game, but we let them get the best of us at the end of the match."
The Lady Steers will participate in their first tournament in Fairfield, just south of Dallas, starting Friday. When asked about why she chose a tournament that is 375 miles away, Whitaker gave two reasons — the chance for the girls to bond as a team and an opportunity to play several games against some of the state's top teams.
"It's a tournament that features several East Texas teams and some of them are state champions. There are going to be some good 3A and 4A teams there," explained Whitaker. "We're going to get to play eight or nine games against these teams, which is great because we need some game experience in a hurry."
The Lady Steers will get the opportunity to play four games on Friday and another four or five games Saturday. They open with the hosting Fairfield Lady Eagles as their first opponent.
Unfortunately the Lady Steers will be without four players as the injury bug has recently bitten the team.



HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull
Big Spring's Baylea Fox serves to teammates during Lady Steers volleyball practice Wednesday at the Big Spring Junior High. The Lady Steers will take part in a tournament in Fairfield Friday and Saturday.

Senior Amanda Caskey tore her ACL, MCL and cartilage in one of her knees while play on an All-Star team in Hawaii this summer. Clarissa Carrisaliz injured her ankle during Big Spring's first scrimmage Friday in Midland and will be out for at least two weeks. Freshman Valerie Ross figures to contribute to the varsity squad this season, but an ankle injury is temporarily keeping her on the sidelines.
The injuries continued to pile up on the Lady Steers this week, when leading blocker Andrea Claxton broke her collar bone in Wednesday's practice.
"We're out with a bunch of injuries right now, but we're going to try to work past them," said Whitaker. "We started with eight seniors at the beginning of

the season. We're down to five right now. It's just going to be a learning process for the team."
Whitaker doesn't deny that the injuries could be a bit of a setback for a team that was already young.
"This is still going to be a building year," she said. "We're going to be a young team once again and we're even younger now thanks to these injuries. It might be another year or two until we can get to where we will
be more consistent every season."
However, the injuries will not deter her from trying to reach the goals she has set for the volleyball program. She feels these injuries can be a great teaching tool, giving the team a chance to toughen up mentally.
"I want to build a solid program here, but it has to start with a change in attitude,"
See **LADY STEERS**, Page 2B

Romo turned down more money from Denver to be a Cowboy

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Long before Tony Romo was a Pro Bowl quarterback for the Dallas Cowboys, he was a rookie free agent who turned down twice as much money to sign with Denver.
Not even Broncos coach and fellow Eastern Illinois product Mike Shanahan could persuade Romo to go to Denver instead of Dallas in 2003.
"I tried to sign him very hard. I really liked him coming out of school," Shanahan said Wednesday. "We offered him \$20,000 and (the Cowboys) offered him \$10,000. To show you my recruiting ability (they) beat me. ... That really disappointed me at that time."
Shanahan finally had the chance "not too long ago" to ask Romo why he went to Dallas.
"He said 'coach, I



MCT photo/Sharon M. Steinman/Fort Worth Star-Telegram
Dallas Cowboys' Tony Romo drops back to pass in the second quarter against the Indianapolis Colts during a preseason football game Aug. 9 at Texas Stadium in Irving.

thought I had a much better chance to make the team here than at your place," Shanahan said. "So he's a politician as well."
At the time Shanahan was trying to get Romo, the Broncos had just signed free agent Jake Plummer to a \$40 million, seven-year deal and had Danny Kanell and Steve Beuerlein as the backup quarterbacks.
The Cowboys had Quincy Carter and Chad Hutchinson.
"It's never been about money," Romo said. "It's just about playing the game and having fun doing it. This was just a good situation. Denver was too. It really came down to Denver and Dallas. I think I made the right choice for right now."
Shanahan and Romo visited briefly Wednesday after the Broncos and
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Obituaries

SPC Braden J. Long



Sherman funeral services for SPC Braden Joseph Long will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 19 at Waldo Funeral Home. Burial with full military honors will follow at Cedarlawn Memorial Park. Mr. Long passed away Saturday, Aug. 4 in Baghdad, Iraq while serving in the U.S. Army. He was 19.

Braden was born Aug. 7, 1987, in Grand Prairie to Melanie and Bill Long III. He graduated from Sherman High School in 2005 and married Teresa Duley on Nov. 4, 2005, in Sherman. Braden joined the U.S. Army and was deployed to Iraq in February 2007. Braden will be remembered for his love of cars. He was a Lutheran.

Braden is survived by his wife, Teresa of Big Spring; parents, Melanie Thrasher of Sherman and William "Bill" Long III of Arlington; one brother, William Long IV of Sherman; one sister, Michaela Thrasher of Sherman; grandparents, William Long Jr. of Florida, and William Euans, Susan Long and Shirley Dickinson, all of Ohio; one great-grandparent, William G. Long Sr.

The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18, at Waldo Funeral Home. The register book can be signed online at waldofuneralhome.com.

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Charley Dunn



Charley Lee Dunn, of Midland, went to be with his Lord and Savior Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2007.

He was born Feb. 7, 1923, in Colorado City to Charley Lee Dunn Sr. and Sarah Jessie Blalock Dunn. Charley served his country in the Navy during World War II. He married Rachel Margaret Milligan on Jan. 16, 1945, in Birmingham, England. After serving in the war they lived and worked in Midland. Charley retired from Arco Pipeline after 40 years. Retiring at 60, he loved to garden and work in his orchard for the next 20 years. He was a past president of the Lions Club and served on the Greenwood School Board for 12 years. He enjoyed fishing at the coast, reading his Bible, gardening books, medical magazines and playing bridge. Charley enjoyed visiting with his grandchildren, family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 62 years, Rachel "Rae" Dunn in April of 2007; son-in-law, Hugh Douglas Alderson; grandson, Jay David Dunn; granddaughter, Courtney Lee Moats; and great-grandchild, Jay Mark Stroud.

Charley is survived by his son, David M. Dunn and his wife, Carolyn, of Greenwood; daughters, Kathleen Alderson of Greenwood, Joy Armstrong and her husband, Wayne, of Big Spring, and Maureen Dunn of Midland; nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Charley's family would like to thank the staff of Hospice of Midland for the wonderful loving care he was given and the support they provided.

The family will receive friends at Ellis Funeral Home, Thursday, Aug. 16, 2007 between the hours of 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Graveside services have been scheduled for 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 17, 2007, at Resthaven Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home, 801 Andrews Hwy. in Midland. To place on-line condolences, visit www.mem.com.

Memorials may be directed to Grace Presbyterian Church, 2801 N. Garfield, Midland 79705 or Hospice of Midland, 911 W. Texas, Midland 79701.

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Kenneth Merle Stroup

Kenneth Merle Stroup, 71, died Monday, Aug. 13, 2007, in Sheffield. A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 17, 2007, at Sheffield Cemetery with Bro. Jerry Fortune officiating.

Mr. Stroup was born Aug. 1, 1936, in Centerpoint. He married Betty Berry in 1958 in Lubbock. He served in the Army.

Survivors include his wife, Berry Stroup of Sheffield; sons Wendell Stroup of Sonora and Jay Stroup of Sheffield; daughter-in-law Carlene Stroup of Delta, Colo.; brothers Dan Stroup of Longview and Wayne Stroup of Big Spring; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Merle and Charlene Stroup.

Arrangements are under the direction of Memorial Funeral Home of Fort Stockton.

Velta Hiltbrunner

Velta Hiltbrunner, 87, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Aug. 15, 2007. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Maria Gloria Garcia



Maria Gloria Garcia, 63, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Aug. 15, 2007, at the Hospice House of Odessa. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 17, 2007, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Deacon Johnny Arguello, officiating. Interment will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park. A rosary will be held Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

She was born April 14, 1944, in Big Spring and married Vaudelio Yanez Garcia in August, 1960 in Big Spring.

Maria enjoyed cooking, shopping, and spending time with her family, especially the grandkids. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Survivors include her husband, Vaudelio Yanez Garcia of Big Spring; her children, Vaudelio Garcia Jr. and wife Mary of Big Spring, Victor Garcia of Big Spring, Irene Lakey and husband Craig of Peralta, N.M., Valerio Garcia of Big Spring, Velen Esquivel and husband Michael of Big Spring, Vernor Garcia of Big Spring and Vergil Garcia of Big Spring; 14 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Maria Gloria Garcia and two sons, Victor Garcia and Veraldo Garcia.

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

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Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 55 inmates at the time of this report.

- **CHRISTINE MICHELLE BEAM**, 26, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on charges of bondsman off bond for possession of marijuana - two ounces or less and bondsman off bond for failure to identify as a fugitive from justice - giving false information.
- **LAURA RODRIGUEZ GUTIERREZ**, 35, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **ASHLEY COLEGROVE**, 19, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on charges of no insurance and violation of a promise to appear.
- **CAMILO MARTIN NIETO JR.**, 33, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of no liability insurance and driving while license suspended/invalid.
- **JESSE LENDELL VANDERBILT**, 22, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of criminal mischief, terroristic threats and possession of marijuana in a drug free zone.
- **BENJAMIN FRANKLIN CLINTON**, 31, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of bondsman off bond for manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance.
- **AMBER LEONOR DAVIS**, 23, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- **GUERRERO OLIVAS JR.**, 24, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of bail jumping - failure to appear.
- **JESSE DEAN CONTRERAS**, 21, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- **DAVID RIOS**, 68, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a Tom Green County warrant for indecency with a child.
- **JUAN JOSE ULATE**, 36, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on an Ector County warrant for driving while intoxicated - third or more offense.

Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1700 block of Gregg Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1100 block of E. Sixth Street. Service refused.
- **TRASH FIRE** was reported in the 1600 block of Robin.

Bulletin Board

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

TODAY

- 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.

Police blotter

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

- **TABENIA SUMMER**, 31, of 608 Lancaster, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of theft.
- **EARNEST CLARK**, 67, of 4000 W. Highway 80, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **JACOB MARTINEZ**, 19, of 1809 Nolan, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **CARL ROBER CURRIE**, 30, of 903 Dallas, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **ALICE M. GONZALES**, 35, of 2911 W. Highway 80, was arrested Thursday on a local warrant.
- **MICHAEL CRUZ SOTO**, 20, of 607 Linda Lane, was arrested Thursday on charges of interfering with an emergency phone call and assault Class C/family violence.
- **THEFT** was reported:
 - in the 1400 block of Highway 87.
 - in the 2500 block of Wasson Road.
 - in the 1100 block of Lamesa.
 - in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.
 - in the 400 block of Runnels.
 - in the 1200 block of 11th Place.
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported in the 400 block of Westover Road.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 1900 block of Wasson.
- **ASSAULT BY CONTACT** was reported in the 2500 block of Hunter.

Lottery

AUSTIN (AP) - Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 12-21-24-35-38-39.
Number matching six of six: 0.

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AUSTIN (AP) - Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 3-6-21-22-32.
Number matching five of five: 0.

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AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-7-7.

Weather

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

Friday...Cloudy with showers and thunderstorms likely. Locally heavy rainfall possible. Not as warm. Highs in the lower 80s. East winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation 60 percent.

Friday night...Cloudy with showers and thunderstorms likely. Locally heavy rainfall possible. Lows in the upper 60s. East winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation 60 percent.

Saturday...Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

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

Sunday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s.

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AN ENCOURAGING WORD

By Eddy Pitchford

Football season is almost here. Training camps are in full swing on the professional level. Collegiate and high school teams are working out. Recliners and remote controls are being checked out at home.

I think it is incredible that so much time is spent getting ready for football season. More time is spent on the practice field than in the game itself. The number of hours invested in the weight room, film room and training room far exceeds the amount spent in front of cheering fans.

Maybe we can learn a basic lesson for life. If we are really going to make wise decisions and treat people in a godly way, we better invest time in personal prayer and Bible study. We need to devote time to building faith, encouraging family and blessing church members prior to taking the field at work and school. Failure to do so may result in a lot of fumbles, penalties and losses in the game of life.

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That said, let me begin this review with a criticism: With a base price starting at \$92,500, the 2007 Jaguar XKR Convertible is out of my price range.

While ownership is a very unlikely scenario on the salary of a mild-mannered reporter, testing the XKR sure has been a week to remember.

Constructed on an aluminum monocoque body structure — which makes for a lighter, stiffer vehicle for improved agility and handling — the XKR is powered by a supercharged 4.2-liter V-8 engine that cranks out 420 horses and a 0-60 mph time of 4.9 seconds.

It's fast. Really fast.

Mated to a six-speed automatic transmission with steering-wheel-mounted "paddles," the XKR is absolutely flawless in terms of performance.

Utilizing upgraded springs and dampers and a recalibrated Computer Active Technology Suspension (CATS) system, there are few vehicles on the road that can match the prowess of the XKR on the curves.

Without question, this vehicle was built for a sports car enthusiast. Just pushing the button to start the engine and hearing that supercharged V-8 roar to life gets the blood pumping a little faster.

And once you get it on the road, the thrill does-

n't stop.

Sure, it's a premium luxury sports car filled with all kinds of bells and whistles such as keyless entry and start, advanced touchscreen control and active front lighting.

But hey, for \$92,500, what else would you expect. The actual MSRP of the test vehicle was \$96,010

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(which included the optional Alpine premium audio system, Denso DVD-based navigation and Bluetooth wireless connectivity telephone system).

While the extra amenities were nice — and the super plush luxury appointments and soft grain leather seats were very nice — we can't lose focus on the fact this is a high-performance, great handling sports car.

Sure, the back seat is a back seat in name only and Jaguar isn't fooling anyone by claiming the XKR Convertible seats four, but who cares?

If you've got the dough, this car is the way to go — as long as you only want to take along one other person.

The back seat does make a nice place to stow a few more pieces of luggage.

The XKR comes with a four-year/50,000-mile new vehicle warranty with Jaguar Assistance benefits which include Roadside Assistance, trip interruption/emergency travel expense benefits and complimentary scheduled maintenance throughout the first year of ownership.

And I almost forgot, the rear-wheel drive XKR is also available in a coupe.

I was having so much fun with the top down I



The 2007 Jaguar XKR Convertible.

nearly forgot.

Standard safety features on the XKR Convertible include security system with remote central locking; front side, head-chest, seat-

mounted driver and passenger airbags and dual front airbags; whiplash reduction system; and roll-over protection system, to name a few.

When it comes to top

down performance, the XKR convertible is an absolute must test drive.

Neal White has been covering the automotive industry for more than 15 years and is affiliated

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Area youth raising funds as mascot

Westbrook High School junior Kingslee King, mascot for the Wildcats, is attempting to raise funds to participate in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade and the pre-game performance at the Citrus Bowl in Orlando, Fla.

Kingslee attended an all star cheer camp in San Angelo in June. A plaque was presented to him by the University Cheer Association, honoring him for being a leader on and off the field. The UCA judged Kingslee's performance as so outstanding it suggested he pursue being a mascot in college. He won Camp Champ and received a trophy and superior ribbons.

He has raised money through bake sales, garage sales and barbecues in order to make the trip to Orlando in December.

He is a piano student of Sallie Wilson, who will host a garage and bake sale at her home all day Friday. The address is 2607 Rebecca Drive in



Kingslee King

Big Spring. All donations will be appreciated.

Friends of Library need books for sale

Herald Staff Report

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 Geographic 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.

The Friends of the Library is a non-profit organization which provides supplemental support for the library. Its most recent project has been the summer reading program.

For more information on the book sale, contact the library at 264-2260.

Anyone interested in joining the Friends of the Library should stop by the library for an application. Dues are \$5 annually, beginning in April.

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of living **JIMMY AND WANDA DULANEY**
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THEY ARE AVID COLLECTORS OF COINS/GUNS/GLASSWARE AND OTHER ITEMS. VIEW TIME WILL BE DAY OF SALE. PLEASE BRING A CHAIR. AND ENJOY THE DAY WITH US.

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2007 Property Tax Rates in City Of Big Spring

This notice concerns 2007 property tax rates for City of Big Spring. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	\$2,914,324
Last year's debt taxes	\$260,144
Last year's total taxes	\$3,174,468
Last year's tax base	\$443,175,764
Last year's total tax rate	\$0.7163/\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$3,163,366
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$479,950,553
= This year's effective tax rate	\$0.659102 /\$100

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)

In the first year a hospital district or city collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, it must insert the following lines unless its first adjustment was made last year.

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ /\$100
= Effective tax rate	/\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$4,216,810
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$479,950,553
= This year's effective operating rate	\$0.878593 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$0.948880 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$0.301437 /\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	\$1.250317 /\$100

A hospital district or city that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, including one that collects the tax for the first time this year, must insert the following lines:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$0.272497/\$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$0.977820/\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If City of Big Spring adopts a 2007 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.659102 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2006 taxes by \$406.

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
M&O (General Fund)	\$4,120,655
I&S-2002 Refunding G.O. Bonds	11,212
I&S-2007 Series G.O. Bonds	92,815
I&S-2007 Certificates of Obligation	3,670

Schedule B - 2007 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
General Obligation Bonds				
2002 Refunding Series	\$220,000	\$13,200	\$500	\$233,700
2007 Series	\$150,000	\$961,046	\$500	\$1,111,546
Certificates of Obligations				
2007 Series	\$6,273	\$29,281	\$250	\$35,804
Total required for 2007 debt service				\$1,381,050
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources				\$0
- Excess collections last year				\$1,635
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2006				\$1,379,415
Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 95% of its taxes in 2006				\$72,601
= Total Debt Levy				\$1,452,016

Schedule C - Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax

(For hospital districts, cities and counties with additional sales tax to reduce property taxes) In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive \$1,312,605 in additional sales and use tax revenues. For County: The county has excluded any amount that is or will be distributed for economic development grants from this amount of expected sales tax revenue.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 315 Main (County Annex)

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Date prepared August 13, 2007

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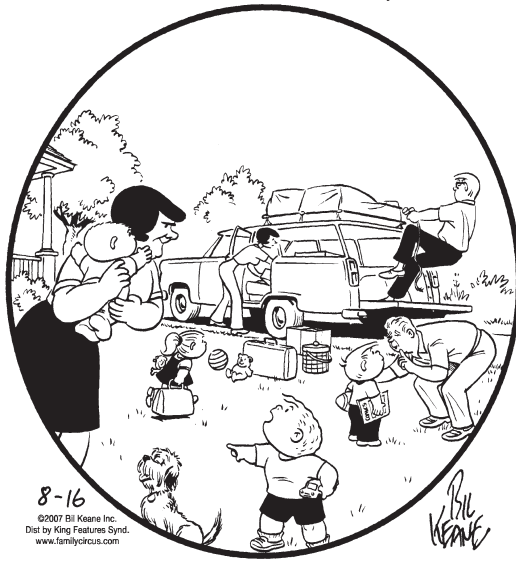
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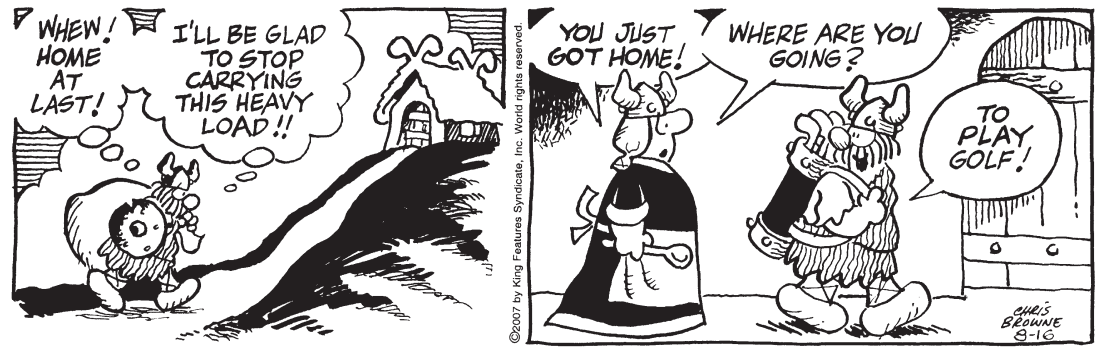
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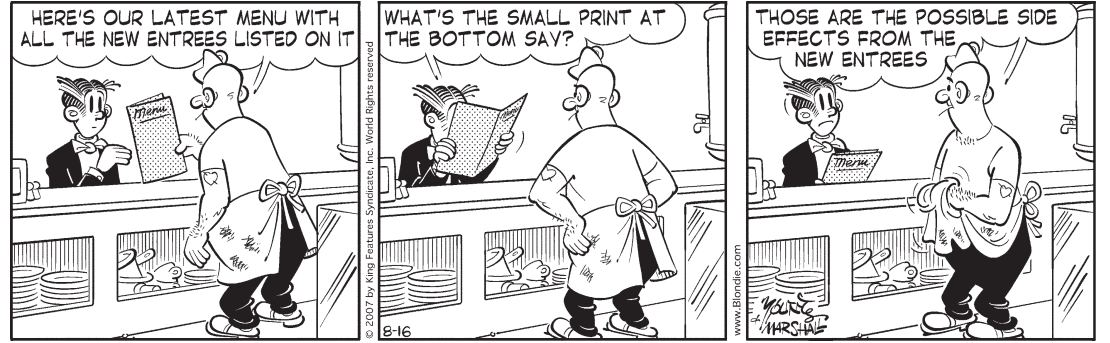


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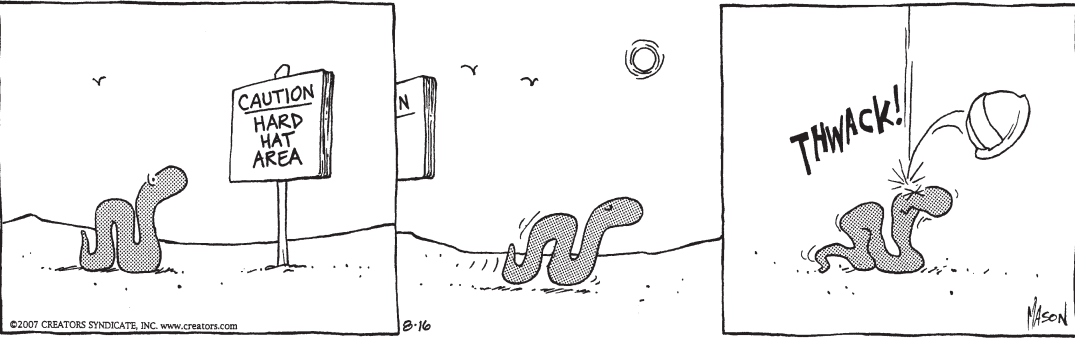
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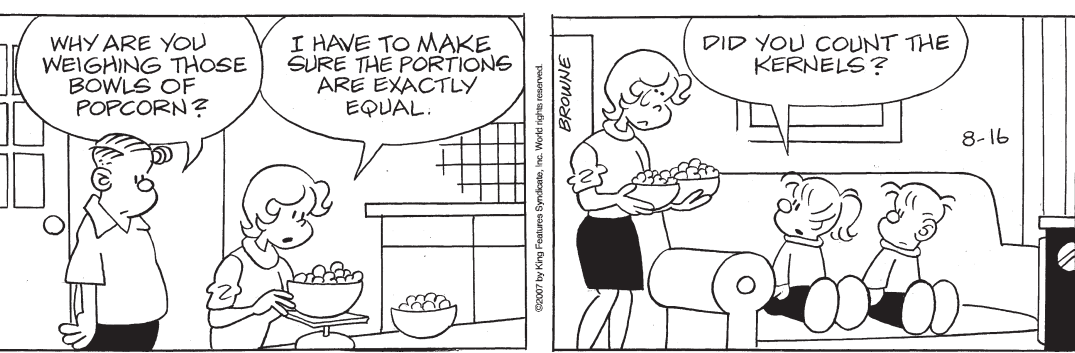
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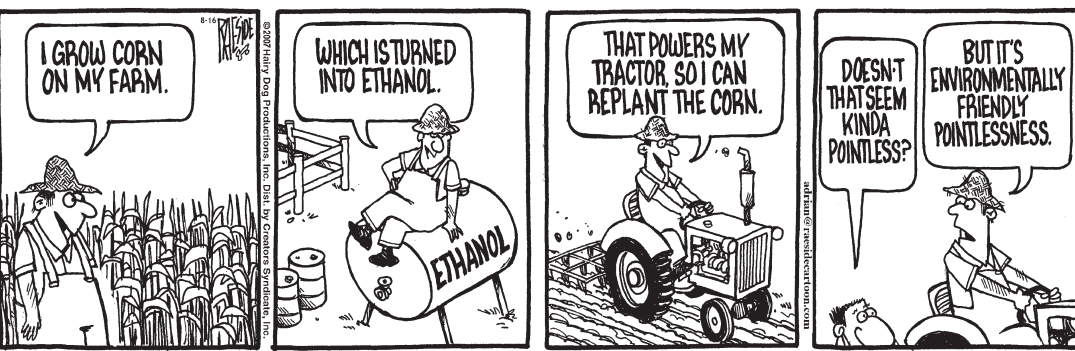
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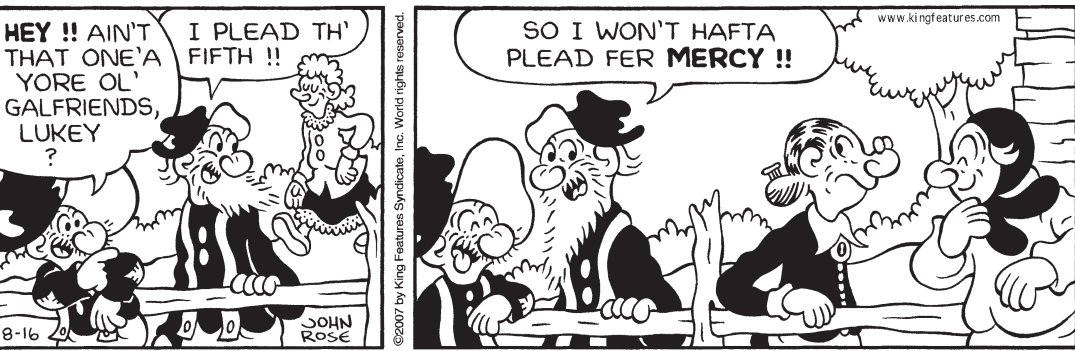
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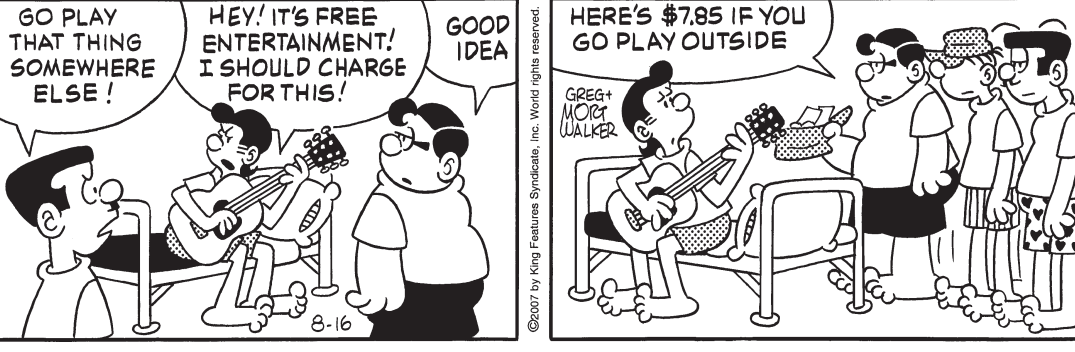
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Aug. 16, the 228th day of 2007. There are 137 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 16, 1977, Elvis Presley died at his Graceland estate in Memphis, Tenn., at age 42.

On this date:

In 1777, American forces won the Revolutionary War Battle of Bennington.

In 1812, Detroit fell to British and Indian forces in the War of 1812.

In 1858, a telegraphed message from Britain's Queen Victoria to President James Buchanan was transmitted over the recently laid trans-Atlantic cable.

In 1948, baseball legend Babe Ruth died in New York at age 53.

In 1956, Adlai E. Stevenson was nominated for president at the Democratic national convention in Chicago.

In 1960, Britain ceded control of the crown colony of Cyprus.

In 1987, 156 people were killed when Northwest Airlines Flight 255 crashed while trying to take off from Detroit.

In 1987, thousands of people worldwide began a two-day celebration of the "harmonic convergence," which heralded what believers called the start of a new, purer age of humankind.

In 2000, delegates to the Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles formally nominated Al Gore for president.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Fess Parker is 83. Actress Ann Blyth is 79. Actor Robert Culp is 77. Sportscaster Frank Gifford is 77. Singer Eydie Gorme is 76. Actress Julie Newmar is 74. Actor John Standing is 73. Actor Gary Clarke is 71. Actress Anita Gillette is 71. Actress Carole Shelley is 68. Country singer Billy Joe Shaver is 68. Movie director Bruce Beresford is 67. Rhythm-and-blues singer Robert "Squirrel" Lester (The Chi-Lites) is 65. Actor

Bob Balaban is 62. Ballerina Suzanne Farrell is 62. Actress Lesley Ann Warren is 61. Rock singer-musician Joey Spampinato (NRBQ) is 57. Actor Reginald VelJohnson is 55. TV personality Kathie Lee Gifford is 54. Rhythm-and-blues singer J.T. Taylor is 54. Movie director James Cameron is 53. Actor Jeff Perry is 52. Rock musician Tim Farris (INXS) is 50. Singer Madonna is 49. Actress Angela Bassett is 49. Actress Laura Innes is 48. Actor Timothy Hutton is 47. Actor Steve Carell is 44. Actor Donovan Leitch is 39.

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Answer to previous puzzle

Grid of words: SUBS, REGAL, ETCH, CHIA, ADOBE, RELY, OHBY, THEWAY, ASAP, TULSA, NEST, STYE, THEYRE, REELED, EARP, ERROR, OAFS, NEWAGE, IMP, PRO, PILATES, VIM, EGO, LETSON, SETS, DODGE, PEST, CLAMOR, SPASMS, WHOA, IPOD, ALLAH, HOUR, MEMORY, LANE, INRE, IRANI, EVIL, PETS, CANTO, DEAL

Newsday Crossword

SIGN LANGUAGE by Doug Peterson Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

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