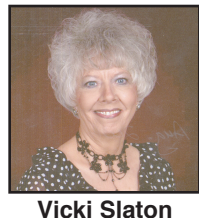




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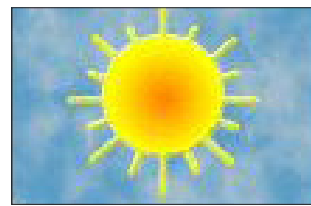
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BSISD trustees to consider filling vacancies

Assistant superintendent, athletic director posts open

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer
Big Spring Independent School

District trustees are expected to consider two major personnel vacancies when they hold a special meeting at 5:15 p.m. today in the high school board room.

Personnel matters will be the only action item on the special agenda and the two biggest vacancies trustees need to address are that of assistant superintendent and athletic director.

The assistant superintendent position became vacant when

Carie Dunnam, who held the post for two years, resigned in May to accept a similar position with Stephenville ISD.

Dunnam, whose resignation was effective May 23, cited the desire to be closer to family for her resignation.

"I wanted to get closer to my family," Dunnam said. "My dad lives in Granbury, my son lives in Dallas and my sisters live in McKinney.

I'll be 30 minutes away from

them, so this was a great opportunity."

BSISD also has been in need of a full-time athletic director since Mike Ritchey was named high school principal May 14. Ritchey was high school principal for eight years before accepting the AD position in May 2007.

Ritchey first came to the local school district as a teacher/coach in 1985 and spent 13 years in the athletic department before

becoming high school principal in 1998.

He moved back to the athletic department as director and head football coach in May 2007 following Tim Holt's resignation. In his sole season at the helm, the Steers finished with a 4-7 record.

Under his direction, four BSHS teams — football, girls' softball, boys' cross-country and boys' track — either won district titles or qualified for postseason play.

From the front

'Pops' seeks photos of active military

By **JOHN A. MOSELEY**

Managing Editor

With just a month left to work with before this year's "Pops in the Park" concert and fireworks display at the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater, members of the Big Spring Fourth of July Foundation, the event's organizers have put out a call for donations.

However, it's not the same call many might expect.



Hansen

While the organizing committee is most certainly amid the process of raising the approximate \$40,000 needed to stage the event, they're also looking for the community's help on another front.

In fact, it could be said they're looking for a little help from the "front," asking community members who have loved ones serving in the military to share photographs of their soldiers, sailors and airmen

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Jason Worthington, top, and Chris Weihert rehearse a scene from "Arsenic and Old Lace," a comedy that will be staged by the Howard College Theater Department at 8 p.m. today and Friday in the Hall Center for the Arts. Admission is \$3 for students and college staff and \$5 for general admission. Call 264-5161 to reserve tickets.

Trades skills students get summer work

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

Local building trades students are getting first-hand experience this summer, thanks to a partnership between Big Spring High School and Crossroads Housing.

Crossroads Housing head Paul Pryor said BSHS building trades students will spend most of their summer remodeling a home on Birdwell Lane for the agency.

"This lets them get practical experience in the building trades, plus they get extra school credits during the summer," Pryor said. "And we pay them a

"This lets them get practical experience in the building trades, plus they get extra school credits during the summer."



Pryor

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Commissioners convene Friday

Howard County commissioners will convene Friday for a special called meeting at 10 a.m. in the commissioner's courtroom, located on the second floor of the county courthouse. The court is expected to award bids for aggregate for the new county jail being constructed on Big Spring's west side, as well as hold a budget workshop. For more information, contact County Judge Mark Barr at 264-2202.

Continental Airlines to cut 3,000 jobs, capacity

DALLAS(AP)—Continental Airlines said Thursday it is cutting 3,000 jobs and reducing capacity by 11 percent, citing record fuel costs that have pushed the industry into its worst crisis since 9/11. It also said its two top executives will forgo pay for the

rest of the year.

The job cuts represent about 6.5 percent of the company's work force of 45,000.

Houston-based Continental said it will begin pulling back on flights in September, when departures on its mainline operations will be about 16

percent below the numbers of September 2007. For the year, capacity will fall 11 percent.

The company also said Chairman and Chief Executive Lawrence Kellner and President Jeff Smisek will not take salaries or incentive pay for the rest of the

year.

Last year, Kellner got a salary of \$712,500 and total compensation that the company valued at nearly \$6 million, down 9.3 percent from the year before, according to an

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IN BRIEF

Steers raising money at local Sonics Saturday

The Big Spring Steers baseball team will be at the Sonics on Gregg St. and FM 700 from 11-2 Saturday, hoping to raise money for the booster program. The Steers will be asking for donations as well as selling Steer Gear.

BSHS schedules start of several summer camps

The school year may be over soon, but Big Spring High School's athletic department will be keeping itself busy with the start of several summer programs and camps.

Camp of Champs

The Camp of Champs is a weight conditioning program that runs through June 19.

Fourth and fifth graders lift from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Monday through Thursday.

Sixth and Seventh graders occupy the weight room in the ATC from 11 a.m. to noon on the same days.

Cost is \$25 per person and \$10 for T-shirt.

Football Skills Camp

The Big Spring Steers Football Skills Camp is set for June 9-12 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Athletic Training Center. The camp is for first through eighth graders and costs \$25 a person with an optional \$10 T-shirt fee.

Girls Basketball Skills Camp

A Lady Steers Girls Basketball Skills Camp starts June 9 and runs through June 12 from 9 a.m. to noon each day at Steer Gym. The camp is for first through eighth grade girls and costs \$25 dollars with an optional \$10 T-shirt fee.

Baseball Skills Camp

Baseball coach Burt Otto will conduct a Baseball Skills Camp starting June 16 and running through June 19 at Steer Baseball field. There will be two sessions. Fifth and sixth graders participate from 1-3 p.m. and seventh and eighth graders take the field from 3-5 p.m.

Cost is \$25 with an optional \$10 T-shirt fee.

Softball Skills Camp

Coaches John Sparks and Jennifer Reyes lend their services for a Softball Skills Camp June 16-19 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Lady Steers Field.

The camp is for first through eighth graders and costs \$25 with an optional \$10 T-shirt fee.

For information or to register for any of the above camps and to learn about a full BSHS summer athletic programs and camps schedule, contact Kay Cook at 264-3662.

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Three Hawks named All-American

Sophomores Ladendorf, Sample, Curry honored as nation's best

By JONATHAN HULL
Herald Sports Editor

It was a landmark year for the Howard College Hawks baseball team.

It was a season that witnessed the Hawks climb as high as No. 2 in the national JUCO rankings before having a disappointing showing at the Region V tournament.

However, the season accomplishments didn't go unnoticed as three Hawks — Tyler Ladendorf, Matt Curry and Travis Sample — were named to the NJCAA All-American team earlier this week.

Ladendorf has been the center of attention all season for the Hawks with several MLB scouts attending each of his games to get a better look at the sophomore shortstop.

Ladendorf received first-team all-American honors and was also one of just 10 players in the nation to receive a Rawlings Big Stick Award for his accomplishments at the plate in 2008.

The Des Plaines, Ill., product led the NJCAA with a .542 batting average and was also named first-team in Region V, WJCAC and the Southwest District. Ladendorf was named the Western Junior College Athletic Conference's Most Valuable Player.

He set single-season school records in runs scored (100) and batting average (.531). He also tops

the career list in runs scored with 175 and is second all-time in batting average (.456). Ladendorf set the single-season record for stolen bases (65) in 2007 and is the all-time Hawks leader in that category as well with 97.

Ladendorf was ranked 61st on Baseball America's top 200 prospects for today's MLB draft and is rumored to be going to the Atlanta Braves with the 41st overall pick. He has been drafted in the 34th round the last two years by the New York Yankees and San Francisco Giants, but turned down each deal in hopes of improving his draft status.

Sample joins Ladendorf as a first-team all-American. The sophomore designated hitter was also a first-team selection in the WJCAC, Region V and the Southwest District.

Sample posted single-season numbers that were top five all time in school history in 2008. He tied for fifth for runs scored (76), is fourth in hits (96), tied for third in home runs (20) and is third in batting average (.505).

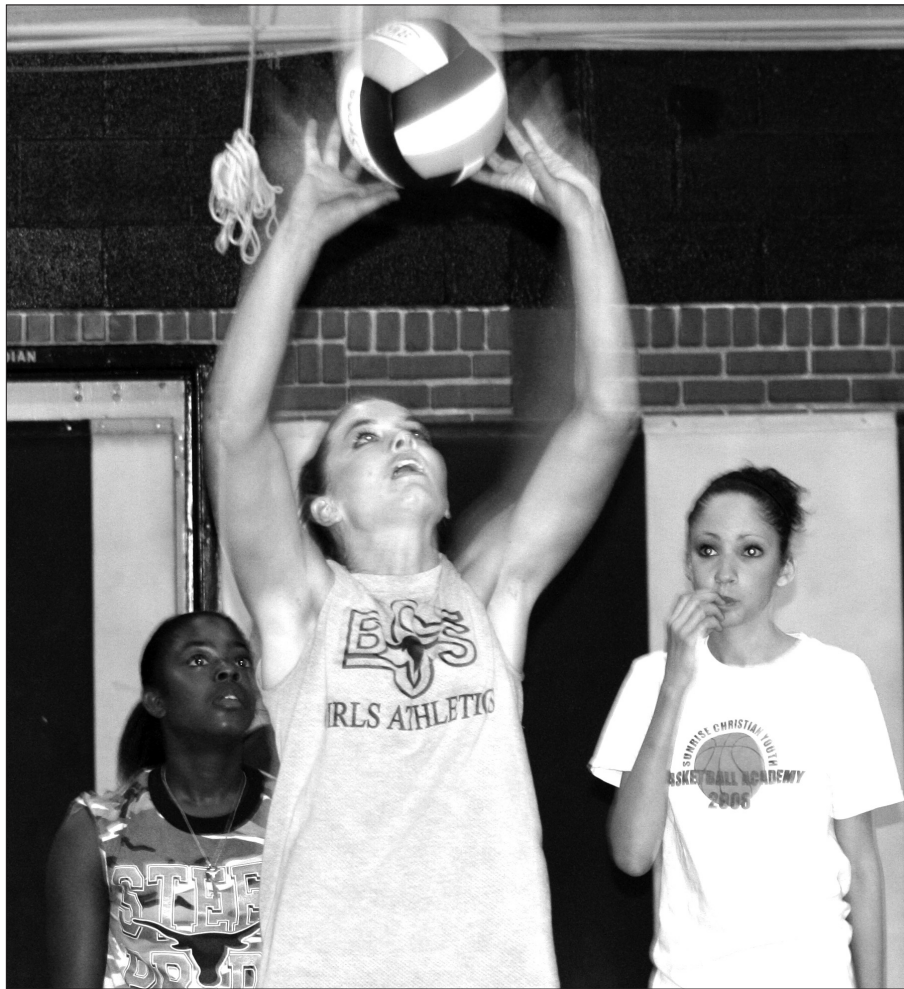
Curry was a third-team all-American selection and a first-teamer in Region V and WJCAC.

He is second all-time at Howard in at-bats with 415 and hits with 184 and first all-time in doubles with 61. Curry hit 30 home runs,

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HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull
Howard College Hawks first baseman Matt Curry tosses the ball to first to retire a batter in action for the Region V Tournament at Lubbock Christian University May 12. Curry was one of the three Hawks named to the 2008 NJCAA All-American team earlier this week.



HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull
Cerbi Ritchey sets the ball for a fellow camper to spike Wednesday at Steer Gym at the Lady Steers' Volleyball Skills Camp.

Future Lady Steers get early start on learning volleyball

By JONATHAN HULL
Herald Sports Editor

It could all start at camp.

Under the tutelage of Head Coach Amanda Whitaker and Assistant Coach John Sparks, several potential Big Spring Lady Steers had the opportunity to start a possibly bright career as a volleyball player this week at the Lady Steers Volleyball Skills Camp at Steer Gym.

"We've had a successful camp," Whitaker said. "The girls are having fun and are learning how to pass, set and do an overhead serve, which is really good for the younger players."

Thirty-nine girls ranging from grades first through eighth have participated in this week's camp which concludes today.

As it is with most athletic camps, fun has been greatly emphasized.

"I try to make it enjoyable because I want them to see how much fun volleyball can be," Whitaker said. "We'll do a lot of different relay races and contests.

What I'm trying to teach with that is for the girls to learn to watch the ball while they're on the court."

Whitaker has spent the week working with the girls in grades 3-8, while Sparks has taken control of the tutelage of the first and second graders.

A lot of time has been spent on simulating games as well as running through relays and other contests, urging the girls to improve their abilities while learning the basics of the game.

Most importantly for Whitaker though, is the opportunity to meet the girls at a young age and plant a foundation of volleyball skills early in their development.

"I like getting to know the girls," Whitaker said. "It's been a lot of fun getting to know them and watching them improve each day. Even the first and second graders are picking up the game really well. They're already getting the ball over the net. It's just been great to see that and to get to know them at a young age."

Young athletes have fun, learn skills at Steers' basketball camp

By JONATHAN HULL
Herald Sports Editor

Most of us don't mind learning new skills when it's fun to do.

That's the goal of the Steers Boys Basketball Skills Camp taking place this week at the Big Spring Junior High gymnasium.

There have been two sessions for the camp with the first taking place in the morning for second through fifth graders and the second occurring in the afternoon for sixth through eighth graders. The camp ends today, but, according to Big Spring's head basketball coach Marcus Morris, the participants in each camp have had the opportunity to pick up a few new skills.

"Morning session with the younger kids is more about teaching the basics," Morris said. "Some of them are strong enough to perform the skills of the afternoon kids, but we do get a little more advanced in that session."

Nine young athletes have attended the morning session and the afternoon camp has drawn 18 participants.

Regardless, enjoying the game of basketball is most important to Morris and the rest of the coaching staff.

"In both sessions, we're trying to emphasize fun while teaching the fundamentals," Morris explained. "I just hope they enjoy it."

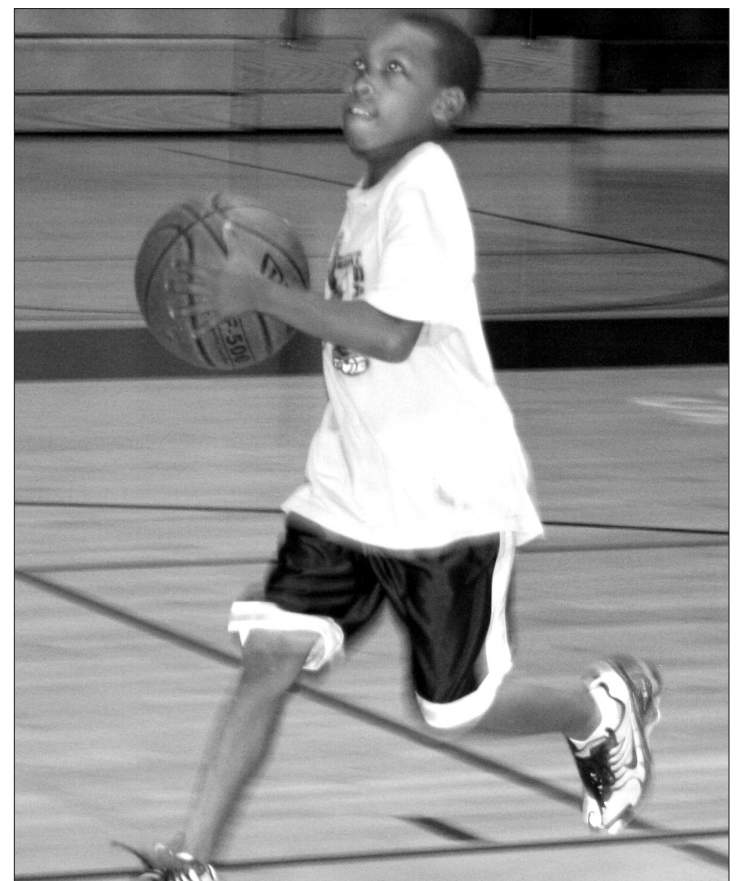
Morris also notes how

important it can be for the Steers' basketball program by getting athletes into the gym to learn the basic skills of the game as early as possible.

"If you're trying to build a program like we're trying to do in Big Spring, then it's important for kids of all age groups to know about the basketball camps and that the gym is going to be open for them all summer," Morris said. "It starts with the young kids and builds from there."

Of course, the camp has its perks for its teacher as well.

"I just like coming out and having fun with these kids and to see them grow," Morris said. "It's as much fun for me as it is for them."



HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull
Kameron Cooper goes up for a layup as he participates in the Steers' Boys Basketball Skills Camp Wednesday at Big Spring Junior High.

Obituaries

Juanita Saldana



Juanita Saldana, 82, of Lubbock, passed away peacefully June 2, 2008. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at Resthaven Funeral Home. A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 7, 2008, at Resthaven's Abbey Chapel. A memorial service is planned for 10 a.m. Monday, June 9, 2008, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses at 1907 E. 13th St. Interment will follow in the City of Lubbock Cemetery. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home.

Juana R. Saldana was born June 27, 1925, in Harlingen to Agapito and Ignacia Reyna. She married Simon Saldana Oct. 31, 1946, and they moved to Lubbock in 1959. He preceded her in death in August of 1971.

Juanita was passionate about her yard and her garden. She grew all types of flowers, but especially loved roses. Juanita was a fortress of faith for herself and for her family. Her faith helped her through cancer and her life. She was a devout Jehovah's Witness and a loyal and dedicated person. She felt happiest when she was at church.

Juanita is survived by her children, Simon A. Saldana (Mary Lou) of Big Spring; Diana Martinez (Cecil); Elizabeth "Liz" Saldana; Rebecca Picon (Jimmy), of Lubbock; 13 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; 12 great-great-grandchildren; sister, Emily Reyna, brother, Steve Reyna, both of Harlingen, brother Felix Reyna, of Lubbock, and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to convey their heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the Covenant Nursing Staff of the fifth and seventh floors (South), Hospice of Lubbock, and especially to Dr. Rao.

Paid obituary

Luis Puga

Luis Puga, 69, of Big Spring died Wednesday, June 4, 2008, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Take Note

• A benefit to raise funds to pay for Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club youngsters to swim at Comanche Trail Park Pool once a week this summer will be held from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday in front of Granny's Kitchen at 206 Main. Various items will be for sale, including breakfast burritos, hot dogs, drinks, baked goods and more. Donations will also be accepted.

• The Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third, will host a benefit Saturday for 6-year-old Chloe Scroggins, who needs pancreatic surgery. Hamburger plates will be served from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. for \$5 each. Texas country/rock n' roll band Blackeye Shiner will play from 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. with a cover charge of \$5 per person. Join us for games, food, music and lots of fun for a good cause. For more information, contact the Lodge at 263-6862.

• June is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month. Any group that would like to see a program on the topic can contact Bill Birrell at 263-0659. He has an 18-minute American Cancer Society VCR tape edited by Sidney Poitier.

• Mobile Meals needs volunteers to deliver meals Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. The organization delivers approximately 70 meals each day and needs drivers to donate just one hour per week. Mobile Meals also needs back-up volunteers to fill in when regular drivers can't make it. For more information, contact Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

• Road to Recovery, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call Nancy Koger at 267-7809.

• The purpose of life is a life of purpose. Join Nurses' Hospice of Big Spring volunteer program and become an "Angel" or "Teen Angel" in someone's life today. Come by 1008 E. Third St. or call (432) 517-4073 to register.

• Bring joy and kindness to others by becoming a Compass Hospice volunteer. Help those at the end of life's journey. Make a difference in someone's life. Call 263-5999 to begin your journey.

• All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue has an account set up with Big Spring Salvage at 3608 N. Hwy. 87 for all types of metals and aluminum cans. Please tell them that your donations are for All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is also still taking weight circles off of all Purina brand dog foods. Send your Purina Weight Circles, to A.C.S. & R. at P.O. 871, Coahoma 79511. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is still accepting old and used cell phones and ink jet cartridges, for drop off locations in Big Spring and Coahoma, Call Melanie at 267-7387.

• Christ Community Fellowship is collecting infant car seats and carriers. These are given to new mothers who cannot afford them. To donate your old or new car seats and carriers, call Karen Allen at 263-3517 or leave a message at Christ Community Fellowship, 263-love.

Police blotter

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

- **KRISTEN LEWIS**, 23, of 800.5 Nolan, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance in a drug free zone.
- **RICKIE HOUSTON**, 50, of 3304 W. Highway 80, was arrested Wednesday on a local warrant.
- **THEFT** was reported: in the 3800 block of Hamilton. in the 1700 block of FM 700.
- **POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE** was reported in the 700 block of Wyoming.
- **POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE IN A DRUG FREE ZONE** was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.

Sheriff's report

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 69 inmates at the time of this report.
- **DANIEL RAY TOLLER**, 19, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of sale to certain person.
- **MICHAEL RYAN BAILEY**, 26, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- **FREDDY RODRIGUEZ JR.**, 21, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana — two ounces or less.
- **KEVIN RAMIREZ**, 36, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of credit card abuse.
- **JASON DEAN DANIELS**, 30, was arrested Wednesday by DPS on charges of driving while license invalid and violation of a promise to appear.
- **ROGER LEE SMITH**, 41, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of marijuana — two ounces or less.
- **CHRISTOPHER JOHN LOPEZ**, 33, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of no driver's license.
- **LATASHA JEANETT SMITH**, 22, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance (two counts).

Fire/EMS

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

- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported near the intersection of Ninth Street and the Lamesa Highway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported near the intersection of Interstate Highway 20 and FM 821. Service refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 100 block of N.E. Ninth Street. Service refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 4500 block of S. FM 821. Service refused.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 200 block of E. 24th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 200 block of Refinery Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1100 block of N. Goliad. Service refused.

Support Groups

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

FRIDAY
• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY
• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY
• Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.

MONDAY
• Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

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

• Life Recovery, a non-denominational Christian group of recovering alcoholics and addicts, meets at 7 p.m. at

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Bulletin Board

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TODAY

- 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.
- Genealogy Society of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.
- Big Spring Masonic Lodge No. 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until about 3 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.
- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
- Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Dance at the Senior Center, 1901 Simler, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

- Big Spring Cruisers cruise Gregg Street and at the Sonic Drive-In beginning at 6:30 p.m.
- Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.
- Big Spring Squares. Call 263-6305 for more information.

MONDAY

- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.
- Big Spring Band Boosters meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Spring High School band hall.
- Coahoma Lions Club meets at 6 p.m. in the Coahoma Community Center at 306 North Ave.
- The Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at the Dorothy Lamb meeting room in the Howard County Library. For more information, call 264-6116.
- Archeology Society for Howard and Borden counties meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library Community Room in the basement. Call 270-2615 for more information.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.
- Big Spring Society of the Order of Beacieants meets at 6:30 p.m. for a meal with meeting that begins at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.
- Big Spring Commandry meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.
- The Christian Motorcyclists Association meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Dragon Restaurant, 1300 S. Gregg. Call 263-3869 for more information.

TUESDAY

- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- The American Cancer Society meets at noon at the Home Hospice Office for lunch and its monthly meeting. For more information, call 264-7599.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 46-18-6-4-32-19. Number matching six of six: 0.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 14-18-17-30-9. Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-3-5-7. Sum It Up: 15

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-9-9. Sum It Up: 19

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Indians blast Ponson, Rangers, 15-9

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ARLINGTON — Cleveland started the game last in the AL with a .239 team batting average. Perfect conditions for hitting and another perfectly dreadful pitching performance by the Texas Rangers perked up the Indians' offense.

Ryan Garko drove in a career-high six runs, David Dellucci hit a three-run homer and the Indians held on for a 15-9 victory over the Rangers on Wednesday night.

Dellucci, who had 29 homers for the Rangers in 2005, extended Cleveland's lead to 11-6 in the sixth inning against Elizardo Ramirez (0-1) with his sixth homer. It came one batter after Garko's two-run single had put the Indians in front.

Garko, who had four hits, had another two-run single in the four-run seventh that padded Cleveland's lead to 15-6.

Ramirez entered a 6-6 game, then was knocked around for eight runs and nine hits in 2 2-3 innings. He was called up from Triple-A Oklahoma earlier Wednesday. Ramirez left with a 30.38 ERA in his AL debut, throwing 70 pitches for a bullpen that was drained.

Texas pitchers have allowed 48 runs in the last four games, 28 by relievers.

Winds of 28 mph — gusting to 35 mph — and temperatures in the 90s created another night favorable to the offenses of the Rangers and Indians, who have scored 65 runs in the first three games of the four-game series.

"It's just a fun kind of opportunity," Garko said. "It's the opposite of Cleveland. In Cleveland, the wind is blowing in

from right-center every day and it's freezing cold. You just want to go out and get a bat in your hands because it's hot and the ball will carry."

Ben Francisco had a career-high five hits, and Grady Sizemore homered as the Indians set a season high for runs.

"We've been swinging the bats better lately," Indians manager Eric Wedge said. "We're doing a much better job with runners in scoring position. We've been making a lot more consistent contact in the past week or so. That's really the key to heading in the right direction offensively."

Cliff Lee (9-1) threw 112 pitches in five innings and left with the game tied at 6, then watched his teammates rally for five runs in the sixth to give him the victory that left him tied for the AL lead in wins.

Lee, who struck out eight, began the night with an AL-best 1.88 ERA, but the Rangers got to him for six runs and nine hits.

"The ball definitely flies here," said Lee, whose ERA swelled to 2.45. "If you hit the ball in the air relatively decent, it has a chance to go out."



AP photo/David Pellerin

Texas Rangers pitcher Sidney Ponson throws to the Cleveland Indians in the first inning of an AL baseball game Wednesday in Arlington. The Indians won, 15-9.

Milton Bradley had a two-run homer for the Rangers — his third in two games — and drove in three runs. Texas' Josh Hamilton increased his league-leading RBI total to 68 with a run-scoring single in the third.

Texas rallied for three runs in the ninth on Bradley's RBI single and Gerald Laird's two-run double to pull within 15-9.

"We kept fighting, but we couldn't get the shut-down inning," Rangers manager Ron Washington said.

Sidney Ponson, starting on three days' rest for the first time in his 11-year

career, lasted only four innings for the Rangers. Ponson allowed six runs — only two earned because of three errors by his teammates — and eight hits.

In the first, Ian Kinsler extended his career-best hitting streak to 19 games with a leadoff triple and scored on Michael Young's groundout.

Ponson was the victim of a four-run second, with Casey Blake scoring the first run on Bradley's fielding error in right field on Shin-Soo Choo's double. RBI singles by Francisco and Garko, and Victor Martinez's sacrifice fly extended Cleveland's lead

to 4-1. Young's RBI double in the third — one of his three hits — stretched his hitting streak to 20 games, longest in the AL this season. Bradley launched a two-run shot with the help of the jet stream to give Texas a 5-4 lead.

In the fourth, Sizemore's leadoff homer and Garko's RBI single sent Cleveland back in front 6-5.

Brandon Boggs' RBI triple in the fifth tied it at 6 for Texas.

"We walked some guys, got some pitches up and they hit it hard," Laird said. "We've got to figure something out, do something different. You leave a pitch up, they hit it in the air, and it goes."

Notes: The Rangers will move RHP Vicente Padilla back into the rotation on Friday night to open a three-game series against Tampa Bay. Padilla is expected to return from his native Nicaragua on Thursday after attending to a personal family matter, missing one start. ... RHP Scott Feldman will be

moved up to Saturday night in the Texas rotation and rookie RHP Doug Mathis will start Sunday. ... Hamilton's career-best streak of four games with a homer ended. ... Indians SS Astrubal Cabrera left the game in the fourth inning with a left hip strain.

Red Sox 5, Rays 1

Fighting for first-place in the AL East, the Tampa Bay Rays and Boston Red Sox have quickly developed a testy rivalry.

Josh Beckett and the David Ortiz-less Red Sox regained the top spot in the division Wednesday night with a 5-1 victory over Tampa Bay that featured a hard slide and an exchange of heated words.

Beckett (6-4) allowed one run in six innings and the Red Sox won their 12th straight home game.

Red Sox outfielder Coco Crisp was involved in a flareup in the eighth when he slid into second baseman Akinori Iwamura hard and late. Crisp was thrown out, but that was hardly the end of it. After Julio Lugo struck out, Rays manager Joe Maddon went to the mound to remove pitcher Jason Hammel, turned toward the Red Sox dugout and said something to Crisp.

"Everybody else on the mound started looking over there so I got louder," Crisp said. "I don't know if he could hear what I was saying but basically I just

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HOWARD

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including 20 this season, in his two-year tenure at Howard — good enough for fourth all-time.

All three All-Americans were apart of a Hawks squad that set team records for fewest losses (10), runs scored (638), doubles (203), RBIs (597), stolen bases (236) and batting average (.427) in 2008.

Capping off a historic

year for the Hawks is the recent signing of Tim Beckham, who is a shortstop from Griffin (Ga.) High School. However, Beckham is unlikely to ever wear a Hawks' jersey as he is rated the top prep baseball player by Baseball

America and is expected to go No. 1 overall to the Tampa Bay Devil Rays in today's MLB draft.

Howard College Sports Information Director Eric Rodewald contributed to this report.

BRIEFS

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Coahoma sets date for baseball skills camp

Coahoma's Head Baseball Coach Brad Harman has announced the dates for his annual Bulldogs Baseball Camp. The camp will be held from June 16 through June 19 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each day at the Bulldogs baseball field.

The camp is for ages six and up and costs \$75.

Contact Harman at 816-3258 with any questions.

BSCC hosting parent-child scramble June 7

The Big Spring Country Club is hosting a parent-child, 2-person scramble Wednesday and Thursday. There is a shotgun start for both days with Saturday's action beginning at 9 a.m. and Sunday's at 1 p.m.

Entry fee is \$80 in the open division and \$40 in the trophy division. A parent may play with more

than one child with the fee for the second team being discounted to half price. To sign up, call 267-5354.

C. G. A. schedules annual scholarship tourney June 28-29

The Chicano Golf Association is holding their 18th annual scholarship tournament June 28-29 at the Big Spring Country Club.

The format is a two-person scramble and cost is \$75 per player. Mulligans can be bought for \$5 each. Bob Brock Ford is spon-

soring Hole No. 3 Saturday with any participant that hits a hole-in-one receiving a 2008 vehicle.

There are closest-to-pin prizes awarded on holes 3, 7, 13 and 16.

All proceeds for the tournament goes to a scholarship fund for local students.

For more information, call Sammy Reyna at 267-5627 or Gilbert Rodriguez at (432) 853-5504.

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This unusual play had the desired effect on declarer, who naturally assumed that West had the jack of spades. And so, after winning East's club return in dummy at trick four, he led the spade nine to the ace and returned a spade toward dummy's Q-10. When West followed low, South played the ten, losing to East's jack. The A-K of diamonds later set the contract.

East's farsighted play was very well-reasoned. Since South was almost sure to have the ace of spades, overruffing with the jack at trick three would leave declarer no choice but to finesse against the king later on. Overruffing with the king, however, presented declarer with an entirely different way to play the trumps, and virtually guaranteed that he would misguess how to play the suit.

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Winners of the Elbow Elementary Principal's and President's Award for Education Excellence and Achievement for the 2007-2008 school year are, front row, left to right: Alicia Hernandez, Bryce Gartman, Kendall Phillips, Maddie Munsell, Aaron Alton and Sandra Hernandez; second row, left to right: Christopher Mims, Hannah Thompson, Taylor Morin, Sloan Miller, Joshua Evans, Bree Franklin, Breana Madry and Mackenzi Lain; third row, left to right: Zachary Long, Nick Williams, Savannah Robinson, Alexis Roach, Emily Hatfield and Yanci Yeater.

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stipend for their work." Pryor said the work amounts to much more than just slapping a new coat of paint on the walls.. "They'll install new siding, new floor covering,

new electrical wiring, plumbing ... cabinets," Pryor said, listing some of the work the students will do this summer. "It's pretty much a complete make-over." Michael Downes, superintendent of Big Spring schools, said the genesis of the project came about during a recent chamber

of commerce meeting. "The purpose of the meeting was to discuss housing needs in Howard County," Downes said. "I felt like this would be a great opportunity for Big Spring High School students to earn some income and provide a valuable resource to the community." Project plans were final-

ized a few weeks ago when Pryor and Stacy Swisher of Crossroads met with Downes, building trades instructor Mark Winn and Terry Wegman, executive director of the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation. "We had been running the project with (SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the

Deaf) students, but that didn't work out," Pryor said. "We changed from them to the high school students, and this project will be their first endeavor with us." Both school officials and Pryor are hopeful the program can expand. "The students will be working on the one house

during the summer," Pryor said. "If all goes well ... we have three other homes they'll work on during the school year." Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

PHOTOS

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depicting their lives where ever they're stationed. "For several years now we've had a video salute to our local men and women in the military, but for the most part it's just been pictures of them in uniform," explained Jan Hansen, president of the Fourth of July Foundation. "This year, though, we'd like to be able to show pictures of our military people that show them on duty or off duty where they're stationed ... to give people an idea of just what they're doing and what their lives are like," Hansen explained. Hansen said the photos can either be e-mailed to Debbye ValVerde at the

Big Spring Chamber of Commerce at debbyeval@bigspringchamber.com, or they can drop them by the chamber office at 215 W. Third St. While the call for military photographs is being delivered, Hansen said monetary donations are still needed to make this year's July 3 celebration a success. "The committee has managed to expand the show, making it bigger and better every year and we're trying to do that this year by adding Vocal Trash as the opening act," Hansen said. "The crowd has continued to grow over the years, too. So, we're expecting to have a great overflow audience this year. Hopefully it will be the biggest we've ever had. "I know, it seems like we say that every year,"

Hansen added, "but it's true. Everyone involved begins thinking about how we can make the celebration bigger and better from the minute we wrap things up." Donations making the concert and fireworks show possible come from local businesses and individuals, as well as corporate sponsorships. What's more, they make it possible for the organizing committee to open the gates for all comers free of charge. "This is the community's celebration, that's something we can't stress too strongly," Hansen said. "It's a chance to gather with friends and family at the park and join our neighbors in celebrating the fact that we live in the greatest country on earth. "But to make that possi-

ble, we really need the community's help in just about every way possible," she added. "The people and businesses in this community always come through, and we know they will again this year. "And we need that help us every bit as much this year as we have in the past," she added. "That's the only way we're able to put together a celebration that kicks off a wonderful holiday in Big Spring." Presenters of this year's event already include the Big Spring Herald, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, the city of Big Spring, the Big Spring Symphony and Chorus, KBYG and KBST — each providing donations of \$5,000 or more in funding or in-kind services. For those unable to serve as "Presenters," Hansen

noted that the committee is also seeking support at different levels — "Star and Stripes" sponsors that donate \$3,000 or more, and "Rocket" sponsors, donating \$1,000 or more. While committee members are conducting their fundraising efforts, Becky Crane, who co-chairs the organizing committee with Hansen, is again coordinating the list of businesses and organizations wanting to operate vendors' booths during the show. She can be contacted at 267-5449 or at 517-0373. She can be e-mailed at

rcrane@suddenlink.net. Vendor packets are already available at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce offices. Those interested in making a donation to the project can do so by contacting ValVerde at the Commerce at 263-7641 or mail them to the chamber office at P.O. Box 1391, Big Spring 79721-1391. To contact Managing Editor John A. Moseley, call 263-7331, ext. 230, or e-mail him at editor@bigspringherald.com.

JOB

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Associated Press analysis of a company filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission. However, about one-third of Kellner's compensation was in stock and option grants that are now worth far less than they were when granted in February 2007 because of the slump in the company's stock. Continental becomes the latest airline to make major cuts as the carriers try to cope with record

high fuel prices, which have nearly doubled in the past year and pushed Continental to a loss of \$80 million in the first quarter. Continental officials did not immediately respond to calls for more comment. In a statement, the company said it plans to offer details on flight and destination reductions and eliminations by the end of next week. Fewer flights will also mean fewer planes. By the end of the second quarter, Continental will operate 375 mainline aircraft and it plans to mothball 67

planes through 2009. The company said that several fare increases have not been enough to offset the rising cost of fuel. Continental estimates it will spend \$2.3 billion more this year than last. "These actions are among many steps Continental is taking to respond to record-high fuel prices as the industry faces its worst crisis since 9/11," the company said in a statement.

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Duke outduels Oswalt, Pirates top Astros, 5-2

The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Zach Duke had never beaten the Houston Astros. Roy Oswalt couldn't lose to the Pittsburgh Pirates.

That has all changed, thanks in part to a light-hitting catcher.

Duke allowed two runs over 7 2-3 innings and Raul Chavez drove in three runs to lead the Pirates to a 5-2 victory over the Astros on Wednesday night.

Duke (3-4) gave up seven hits, struck out two and walked two. He was lifted after allowing a two-out walk to Miguel Tejada in the eighth. The left-hander had his longest outing of the season and won for the first time in seven career starts against Houston.

"I was surprised to hear that," said Duke, who was born in Clifton, Texas, about four hours from Houston. "It's good to finally get them. Hopefully, I'll get 10, 12 more."

Duke kept the Astros off balance throughout the game, effectively mixing his slider with his changeup. Pirates manager John Russell called it his best performance of the season.

"He did a great job," Russell said. "He had command of the ball down in the strike zone. His sinker was working, and it's a pitch he went to all night."

Ty Wigginton hit a solo home run and Carlos Lee had an RBI single for the Astros, who have lost six of seven, scoring 10 runs in that stretch.

Houston manager Cecil Cooper had no answers on how to get his team of its offensive funk.

"Keep running them out there, that's all you can do," he said. "You can only do so much hitting in the cage. Sooner or later, things will start clicking. That's how we started the year, this way. Two-to-three weeks in, we figured it out, and we started hitting. They'll get it going."

Oswalt (4-6) lost to the Pirates for the first time since April 25, 2005. He went six innings, allowed three earned runs and nine hits, struck out four and walked one. Before Wednesday night, Oswalt was 5-0 with a 1.84 ERA in his past eight starts against the Pirates.

"He pitched OK," Cooper said. "They fought him pretty hard and stayed in a lot of at-bats."



Pittsburgh Pirates shortstop Jack Wilson makes the tag as Houston Astros outfielder Michael Bourn tries to steal during the third inning of an NL baseball game Wednesday in Pittsburgh.

Trailing 1-0, Pittsburgh scored three times in the fourth.

Adam LaRoche broke an 0-for-18 slump with an RBI single that tied the game. With runners on second and third base and two outs, the Astros chose to pitch to

Chavez, the Pirates' No. 8 hitter who came into the game hitting .231 with two RBIs.

Chavez, who played with Houston for parts of five seasons, doubled his total with a single that gave the Pirates a 3-1

lead. "He hit a pretty decent curveball," Oswalt said. "It was low in the zone, probably a strike. If it's two inches the other way, it's

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said, "I did that on my own so don't punish anybody else on the team."

Crisp was upset with shortstop Jason Bartlett, not Iwamura, after Bartlett put his knee down in front of the bag on Crisp's successful steal in the sixth. Crisp came out of that with a sprained left thumb that was bandaged after the game but may not sideline him.

"I told him ... I'd get back on base and then I'm going to show him how I felt about it," Crisp said. "It wasn't as dramatic as it probably would have been if he would have covered the bag."

Maddon said Crisp intended to injure Iwamura.

"There's no place for that when you intentionally try to hurt somebody," Maddon said.

Crisp said that wasn't his intention and he and Iwamura — who said he wasn't hurt — declared the matter closed.

In other AL games, it was: Oakland 10, Detroit 2; Los Angeles 5, Seattle 4; New York 5, Toronto 1; Cleveland 15, Texas 9; Minnesota 7, Baltimore 5; and Chicago 6, Kansas City 4, 15 innings.

Despite ending 10 days in first place, the Rays are a franchise-high 11 games over .500 (35-24). Last season, they finished last for

the ninth time in their 10 seasons, 30 games behind the division-winning Red Sox.

Boston now leads the division by a half game

J.D. Drew, batting third in place of the injured David Ortiz, continued his surge with an RBI double and a single. In Tuesday night's 7-4 win over Tampa Bay, Drew had a two-run homer, a double and two outstanding catches in right field.

The Red Sox are 3-1 since Ortiz injured his left wrist on a swing Saturday night. He went on the 15-day disabled list Tuesday.

Tampa Bay starter Edwin Jackson's struggles at Fenway continued as he left after five innings trailing 4-1. Jackson (3-5) is 0-3 in his career there, allowing 20 earned runs in 22 innings.

Angels 5, Mariners 4

At Seattle, Torii Hunter hit a two-run single in a big first inning before Jered Weaver and three relievers preserved the victory for Los Angeles.

Weaver (5-6) allowed 10 hits for the fifth time in 13 starts this season — but won for the third time in four starts. He allowed four runs, struck out three and walked one.

Francisco Rodriguez finished for his 24th save in 25 chances as Los Angeles moved to a season-best 13 games over .500.

Carlos Silva (3-6) was down 3-0 in the first fol-

lowing an RBI double by Howie Kendrick and Hunter's two-run single.

Athletics 10, Tigers 2

At Oakland, Calif., Justin Duchscherer allowed three hits over 6 2-3 innings and the Athletics completed a three-game sweep.

Duchscherer (5-4) struck out three and faced only one batter over the minimum through the first five innings while winning for only the second time in his last five starts despite a season-high five walks.

Tigers' starter Nate Robertson (3-6) gave up five runs and eight hits in 6 1-3 innings.

Yankees 5, Blue Jays 1

At New York, Mike Mussina tied for the American League lead in wins and Derek Jeter passed Mickey Mantle on the Yankees career hits list.

Wilson Betemit homered off Jesse Litsch (7-2) and the Yankees snapped a three-game skid by handing Toronto only its seventh loss in 22 games.

Mussina (9-4) pitched six strong innings and Jeter, Johnny Damon, Melky Cabrera and Hideki Matsui hit RBI singles to back him.

Twins 7, Orioles 5

At Minneapolis, Joe Mauer homered and drove in three runs and Boof Bonser got a win in his

first relief appearance for Minnesota.

Mauer went deep against Jamie Walker in the seventh to give Minnesota a two-run lead.

In the fifth, Mauer drove in two runs with one sacrifice fly — the first such feat in the majors in more than seven years — to bring his team within one.

Daniel Cabrera (5-2) lost

for the first time in six starts.

Bonser (3-6) threw 2 2-3 scoreless innings. Joe Nathan worked a perfect ninth for his 16th save.

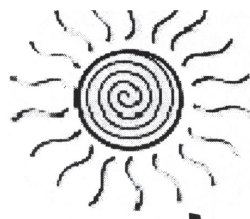
White Sox 6, Royals 4, 15 innings

At Chicago, Paul Konerko hit a two-run homer in the 15th to win it.

Konerko, batting .198 when he came up against Jimmy Gobble (0-1), hit his seventh homer.

Octavio Dotel (3-2) pitched 2 2-3 innings of hitless relief.

David DeJesus hit a tying two-run single in the ninth off White Sox closer Bobby Jenks, who blew his third save in 17 chances.



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OUR VIEWS

Remembering
a debt we can
never fully pay

Tomorrow will be D-Day ... or in actual military terms, D-Day plus 64 years. That is perhaps not true for younger generations, but for those who lived through World War II and even their "Baby Boomer" children, the day on the calendar will always bring to mind D-Day, June 6, 1944 — the day Allied forces stormed the beaches of Normandy and began the methodical march across western Europe and the demise of Hitler's Third Reich.

Sixty-four years ago, Allied forces landed on five beaches named Omaha, Utah, Juno, Sword and Gold.

They'd crossed a storm-tossed English Channel in the greatest naval armada ever gathered and mounted an amphibious assault the likes of which had never been seen, nor likely ever will be.

Thousands of young men's lives ended on those beaches, while the lives of those who survived would never be the same.

Today we generally accept the designation of the men and women who fought World War II as America's "Greatest Generation." And it was just that.

Today, only a few of those who took part in that monumental struggle are still with us. Almost all are more than 80 years old. Sadly, there are fewer and fewer of them every day.

It may seem strange to some that we take time to observe the 64th anniversary of anything. After all, most folks mark significant anniversaries in 5- or 10-year blocks, save their wedding anniversaries, of course.

But we should remember that event and the men and women involved every June 6 with all the reverence we can muster.

Because, thanks to them, the living and the dead, we live in a much different world.

Our children and grandchildren don't know the horrors the world saw at the hands of Nazi Germany, Fascist Italy and Imperial Japan in the late 1930s and early 1940s.

While that "Greatest Generation" did not provide us with a perfect world, to be sure, it did provide us with a much better world and a better nation.

This year, we are again reminded that perhaps the best description of just what D-Day means came from Rene Garrec, who was president of the Regional Council of Lower Normandy at the time of the invasion's 50th anniversary observance in 1994.

In trying to explain the event's significance to his then 7-year-old grandson, Garrec wrote that to explain the significance of the Normandy invasion, he might take the boy "to see the film 'The Longest Day' because it is a wonderful movie which inspired generations of little boys: It is full of heroes. I think I would take you also to visit the American cemetery at Omaha Beach because it is the most moving place on earth: It is full of fallen heroes. Then you might understand that D-Day should remind us of two things: The gratitude that we owe to courage and the respect that liberty, paid for at such a terrible price, commands."

It is a debt of gratitude that our generation and all those to come can never fully pay.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

When faced with evil, Lord, may we take the heavenly way out.

Amen

The troops need a new GI Bill

Our country has not served its warfighters as faithfully as they have served us. Extended deployments, multiple combat tours and high-profile outrages like the Walter Reed scandal and the failure to provide adequate armor have caused many Americans to believe that we are not giving service members and veterans the support they deserve. The new GI Bill proposed by Sen. Jim Webb offers a fresh opportunity to honor our service members and veterans, while also making a sound investment in our country's future.

The bill promises robust educational benefits to those who have served in the military since Sept. 11, 2001. The original GI Bill, signed by President Franklin Roosevelt near the end of World War II, provided similarly generous assistance; sending 8 million veterans to college, in recent years, benefits have not kept pace with rapidly rising educational costs. Sen. Webb's bill would provide veterans with up to four years of in-state tuition at a public university, as well as a living stipend tied to local housing costs. These benefits are comparable to the original GI Bill. The new bill would also meet private schools halfway in covering tuition above public-school levels — good news for talented veterans striving to attend the country's most prestigious private colleges.

Not surprisingly, Sen. Webb's bill

has broad bipartisan support. One might even expect unanimous backing for a measure that would open up solid educational benefits to more than 1-1/2 million young veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. But Sen. John McCain, in lockstep with the Bush Administration, has actively opposed this bill on the flimsy, patronizing and ultimately unsubstantiated theory that it might entice too many service members to abandon the military in order to seek a college degree.

Sen. McCain and the president are wrong. There is no evidence that strengthening the GI Bill's benefits would hasten a mass exodus among military service members who have chosen, for many reasons, to continue to serve even in the face of significant hardships. Indeed, rather than threatening troop levels, the Webb bill would significantly improve sagging recruitment efforts by providing a powerful incentive for talented, ambitious, high-aptitude men and women to join the military. Surely a measure calculated to attract promising young people — many of whom might not otherwise consider military service is a wiser recruitment strategy than a desperate campaign of lowering enlistment standards, sanctioning "moral waivers" and doling out cash bonuses.

The new GI Bill represents a powerful investment not only in those veterans who have served and sacrificed, but in our country's future. The promise of educational benefits is the military's single most effective recruitment incentive.

Strengthening those benefits would boost recruiting efforts, broaden

the appeal of military service and foster a class of educated veterans — tomorrow's civilian leaders — who have familiarity with and respect for the military. These returns would serve both civilian society and the military in the short and long term. And an influx of college-educated veterans into the workforce would have positive and far-reaching effects on our economy.

The annual cost of the new GI Bill is estimated at between \$2.5 billion and \$4 billion. While hardly an insignificant sum, this is less money than we are spending per week in Iraq and Afghanistan. Sen. Webb's bill calls for a sound investment in our veterans, our military and our country's future.

Apart from its strategic and economic benefits, Sen. Webb's bill answers our moral duty to support service members and veterans. "Supporting the Troops" should be more than a slogan or a sound bite. True support requires positive action and tangible effects — and in this case, it requires money.

As President Roosevelt said of the original GI Bill's beneficiaries, today's veterans have made "greater economic sacrifice and every other kind of sacrifice than the rest of us, and are entitled to definite action." After more than five years of one-sided sacrifice, our refusal to bear this burden would be a disservice to those who have served so well.

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A look at Obama's unity charade

The \$64 million question is how long Barack Obama can carry forward this ruse that he is a uniter, when he has placed himself in a climate that is, at the very least, quite accommodating to an anti-white racist perspective, vulgarity and anti-Americanism. How many more shoes can drop without Obama's presidential quest completely imploding?

It strained credulity that Obama could have been unaware of the toxic environment of his Trinity United Church of Christ and its pastor, Jeremiah Wright. Actually, that didn't pass the laugh test.

But now we have the Rev. Michael Pfleger bursting on the scene — the scene being the now-infamous Trinity Church — and spewing the most offensive, racially charged remarks imaginable.

Truly, if Obama weren't the protected darling of the mainstream media and if the Democrats were not horrified of losing their monopolistic hold on the African-American vote, superdelegates would abandon Obama in stam-pedes — yesterday.

Have you watched the video of the Rev. Pfleger's racist bilge before Obama's former congregation? Just as importantly, did you witness the approving reaction of the congregation? After all, as I said at the time the Rev. Jeremiah Wright tapes surfaced, what was as disturbing as Wright's tirades was the congregation's approving reaction.

It is indeed laughable for Obama to have maintained the charade that he sat in a church for 20 years and came away unaware of the vicious propensities of his pastor. But it's laughable on stilts that he

could have also been unaware that his fellow congregants were receptive to these messages.

Listen to how the new pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ, the Rev. Otis Moss III, introduced the Rev. Pfleger the day Pfleger unleashed his vitriol to the pastor's welcoming congregation: "He needs no introduction. He is a friend of Trinity; he is a brother beloved; he's a preacher par excellence; he is a prophetic, powerful pulpiteer; he is our friend; he is our brother; he is none other than Father Michael Pfleger. We welcome him once again."

Now listen to what this preacher par excellence, friend and brother of Barack Obama's former church went on to say, and tell me with a straight face this episode and Jeremiah Wright's outbursts — coupled with Barack Obama's long-time membership in this church — wouldn't have already disqualified any other presidential candidate in recent memory:

"We must be honest enough to address the one who says, 'Don't hold me responsible for what my ancestors did.' But you have enjoyed the benefits of what your ancestors did! And unless you are ready to give up the benefits, throw away your 401 fund, throw away your trust fund, throw away all the money that's been put away in the company you walked into 'cause your daddy and your granddaddy and your great-granddaddy ... Unless you're willing to give up the benefits, then you must be responsible for what was done in your generation 'cause you are the beneficiary of this insurance policy! We must be honest enough to expose white entitlement and supremacy wherever it raises its head."

Next Pfleger said he believed Hillary Clinton was sincere when she cried publicly a while back: "I really believe that she just always thought, 'This is mine. I'm Bill's wife. I'm white, and this is mine. I

just gotta get up and step into the plate.' And then out of nowhere," said Pfleger, "came Barack Obama."

Then Pfleger imitates Hillary saying or thinking, "'Oh, damn! Where did you come from? I'm white! I'm entitled! There's a black man stealing my show!'" Pfleger then said, "She wasn't the only one crying. There was a whole lot of white people crying."

Through it all, many congregants were standing, clapping, whistling and yelling out their approval.

And what did the Rev. Moss say when he came back up to the pulpit after exchanging another hug with Pfleger? "We thank God for the message, and we thank God for the messenger. We thank God for Father Michael Pfleger."

Can you imagine what Democrats must be thinking after seeing this same theme surface over and over in Obama's orbit?

Can you blame Hillary Clinton for continuing to remain in a race against an opponent who brings more politically fatal baggage to his candidacy with each passing day and whom she has beaten soundly during the past several months?

Obama's public decision to break from this church after all this time is an absurdly inadequate response to stanch the bleeding of his candidacy.

Please forget for a moment Obama's inexperience and the flaws in his policy positions across the board.

You may reasonably disagree with me about those things. But please explain, in view of the ongoing revelations about his associations, how Obama hasn't lost all credibility to present himself as one who could unify this nation.

I just don't get it.

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Pacman returns to practice field with star on his helmet

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**

AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Adam “Pacman” Jones is already showing his new teammates some of his play-making skills.

Still, Jones knows lessons learned off the field in more than a year away from the game are more important than two interceptions in two offseason prac-

tices with the Dallas Cowboys.

“Just picking and choosing my places, my friends, knowing what to do, when to do it and what not to do,” Jones said Wednesday after his second workout with the Cowboys. “Out of everything I’ve been through, that’s the past. I’m going to talk about the future, but I’ve learned a great deal.”

After Jones missed the 2007

season while suspended from the NFL, commissioner Roger Goodell this week partially reinstated the cornerback. Jones can practice with the team and has been cleared for training camp and preseason games, but may not know until Sept. 1 — six days before the Cowboys’ opener — if he can play in the regular season.

Jones, who met with Goodell

last month in Atlanta, is confident that he will do his part to play.

“I know what it takes for me to do what I need to do, and that’s what I’m going to do,” Jones said, refusing to detail what Goodell told him. “It’s all up to the commissioner. Like I said before, I’m going to do my part.”

The second day of workouts

for Jones was the first open to the media, and the first with Pro Bowl receiver Terrell Owens also on the field.

Jones had an interception and sprinted toward the end zone during team drills, like he did at the end of practice Tuesday. Both passes were thrown by third-stringer Richard Bartel, not Pro Bowl quarterback Tony Romo.

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an out.”

Chavez added a sacrifice fly in the eighth that made it 5-2.

“He calls a good game, and it’s nice to have him back there,” Duke said. “When he drives in three runs, it’s really nice to have him back there.”

Chavez was recalled from Triple-A Indianapolis on May 14 when Ryan Doumit was injured and has received a majority of the playing time since. Chavez, who is in the major leagues for the first time since getting 28 at-bats with Baltimore in 2006, was hitting .306 at the time of his recall.

“I worked hard in Indianapolis with (hitting coach Hensley Meulens),” he said. “I feel good at the plate. It helps when you’re playing every day.”

Xavier Nady, who entered the game 1-for-17 lifetime against Oswalt, went 2-for-3. Freddy Sanchez was 2-for-4, as every Pittsburgh starter had at least one hit.

Notes: Oswalt has 11 wins against Pittsburgh since joining the major leagues in 2001, tied with Cincinnati’s Aaron Harang for the most by any pitcher over the Pirates in that time. ... Houston 1B Lance Berkman was called for obstruction and charged with an error when he collided with Jack Wilson during a rundown in the fifth. Wilson was awarded second base and scored on Nate McLouth’s hit. Cooper briefly argued the call. ... Matt Capps pitched a 1-2-3 ninth for his 12th save.

Reds 2, Phillies 0

Joey Votto had the hit that gave Edinson Volquez the little room he needed.

Votto’s two-out RBI double in the seventh inning broke up Brett Myers’ no-hit bid, and Volquez allowed two hits over seven innings as the Cincinnati Reds beat the Philadelphia Phillies 2-0 on Wednesday night.

“A shutout against this club in this ballpark is almost impossible,” Reds manager Dusty Baker said. “Volquez was awesome.”

Again. The 24-year-old Volquez (8-2) struck out eight, walked two and hit two batters as he lowered his major league-leading ERA to 1.32.

“I can’t say enough about him,” Votto said. “He was great.”

In other NL games on Wednesday, it was: San Diego 2, Chicago 1; Milwaukee 10, Arizona 1; Florida 6, Atlanta 4; Colorado 2, Los Angeles 1; and New York 5, San Francisco 3. St. Louis at Washington was postponed by rain.

Ken Griffey Jr., who has 599 career homers, wasn’t in the Reds’ lineup for the third consecutive game because of general soreness. For the second straight game, he walked as a pinch hitter in the eighth and pitcher Bronson Arroyo ran for him.

Bill Bray got two outs in the eighth and Francisco Cordero got the last four to complete visiting Cincinnati’s two-hitter and earn his 12th save.

Acquired from Texas in the trade for Josh Hamilton, Volquez hasn’t allowed more than two

earned runs in any of his 12 starts.

“The biggest thing is more confidence,” Volquez said.

Myers (3-7) retired the first 13 batters before walking Adam Dunn with one out in the fifth. He gave up one run, one hit and walked a season-high six in 7 1-3 innings, striking out eight.

Myers walked second baseman Brandon Phillips with one out in the seventh and he stole second. After Dunn flied to left, Votto ripped a hanging 0-2 pitch to left-center to put the Reds ahead 1-0.

“I tried to put something in play and get the runner home,” Votto said. “I’m glad I came through in that situation.”

Votto got another RBI double in the ninth off J.C. Romero.

“I knew it would come down to who would make the first mistake and unfortunately I made it,” Myers said.

Padres 2, Cubs 1

At San Diego, Kevin Kouzmanoff hit a tiebreaking sacrifice fly in the eighth and Greg Maddux and two relievers combined on a four-hitter as San Diego snapped the Cubs’ nine-game winning streak.

Brian Giles led off the eighth with a double off Ted Lilly (5-5). After he moved to third on a fly-out, Kouzmanoff hit his sacrifice fly to center off Carlos Marmol to make it 2-1.

Chicago’s winning streak was its longest since 2001. The Cubs (38-22) still have the best record in the majors.

Maddux, ninth on the all-time wins list with 350, allowed one run and three hits in seven innings. Maddux has not won in

five starts since getting his 350th victory on May 10 against Colorado. He has one loss and four straight no-decisions since.

Heath Bell (3-3) pitched a perfect eighth and Trevor Hoffman faced four batters for his 12th save.

Brewers 10, Diamondbacks 1

Corey Hart hit a three-run, inside-the-park homer and Russell Branyan followed with a conventional shot for Milwaukee in its sixth straight win.

Brewers starter Manny Parra (4-2) tied a career high with eight strikeouts in seven innings, retiring his final 14 batters as Milwaukee finished its home-stand 8-1 and swept Arizona for the first time since Aug. 21-23, 2000.

After Gabe Kapler singled with two outs, Ryan Braun hit an RBI triple and Prince Fielder walked to bring up Hart, who flared a pitch from reliever Edgar Gonzalez down the right-field line.

Justin Upton dived, but couldn’t come up with the ball and slipped getting up as it rolled to the wall. That allowed Hart to circle the bases for Milwaukee’s first inside-the-park homer since Fielder did it at Minnesota last June 17.

Marlins 6, Braves 4

Hanley Ramirez hit two homers, including a two-run shot in a four-run ninth inning, to lead Florida’s rally.

Mike Rabelo hit a tying two-run homer in the top of the ninth as Manny Acosta blew a 4-2 lead.

Acosta (3-3) recorded only one out while giving up four hits, three for extra bases, and four runs for his second blown save in five opportunities.

Justin Miller (2-2) pitched two perfect innings for the win. Kevin Gregg pitched the ninth for his 11th save.

Rockies 2, Dodgers 1

Aaron Cook pitched eight sharp innings and Jeff Baker drove in both Colorado runs with his first home run of the season in the top of the second.

Cook (8-3) allowed a run and six hits, struck out six and walked one. Brian Fuentes pitched a perfect ninth for his eighth save.

Clayton Kershaw (0-1) threw 104 pitches in five innings, allowing two runs and five hits with five strikeouts and four walks. The Dodgers have lost 10 of 13 and are averaging 2.46 runs during that stretch.

Mets 5, Giants 3

Jose Reyes had three hits, including a two-run home run, and Carlos Beltran added a two-run double as visiting New York won for the seventh time in nine games.

John Maine (6-4) got a 3-0 lead in the first inning and made it hold up. He pitched six innings for the third straight start, allowing one earned run and seven hits. Billy Wagner worked the ninth for his 13th save.

Reyes, who had his 18-game hitting streak stopped Tuesday night, connected off Matt Cain (2-4) in the fourth for his eighth home run of the season.

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World at a Glance

Clinton to end historic candidacy and announce she is supporting Obama for president

WASHINGTON (AP) — Her path to the nomination inevitable no more, Hillary Rodham Clinton plans to announce she is ending her groundbreaking candidacy and supporting Barack Obama, her rival in a presidential quest for the ages.

Clinton prepared to declare Saturday that she is backing the Illinois senator after Democratic congressional colleagues made clear they had no stomach for a protracted intraparty battle once Obama secured the 2,118 delegates necessary to clinch the nomination.

A presidential contender who announced 17 months ago that she was "in it to win it," the former first lady plans to end her quest with a more humble plea for party unity.

In truth, she had little choice. Hours after Obama sealed the nomination, Democrats coalesced around his candidacy, sending a strong signal to Clinton that it was time to bow out. The New York senator told House Democrats during a private conference call Wednesday that she would express support for Obama's candidacy and congratulate him for gathering the necessary delegates to be the party's nominee.

Gitmo court date comes for accused Sept. 11 plotters nearly 7 years after terror attacks

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba (AP) — The military expects a confrontational hearing when the alleged mastermind of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and four alleged confederates are brought before a Marine colonel presiding over their war-crimes tribunal.

At an arraignment scheduled for Thursday, Khalid Sheikh Mohammed was expected to make his first public appearance since being captured in Pakistan in 2003, held in CIA custody at secret sites and transferred to Guantanamo in 2006.

Air Force Brig. Gen. Tom Hartmann, a top tribunal official, told dozens of journalists late Wednesday he expects defense lawyers will robustly argue points with prosecutors and Judge Ralph Kohlmann on behalf of their clients, who face the death penalty.

"Expect to see challenges tomorrow, and the intensity of the process," Hartmann said at a briefing in an abandoned aircraft hangar near the courthouse at this isolated U.S. Navy base.

Army Col. Steve David, chief defense counsel for the tribunals, said the military commissions — which the U.S. Supreme Court struck down in 2006 as unconstitutional before they were altered and resurrected months later — are "fundamentally flawed."

Schwarzenegger declares statewide drought in California, warns of possible water rationing

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has declared a statewide drought after two years of below-average rainfall, low snowmelt runoff and a court-ordered restriction on water transfers.

Schwarzenegger warned that residents and water managers must immediately cut their water use or face the possibility of rationing next year if there is another dry winter.

"We must recognize the severity of the crisis that we face," the Republican governor said Wednesday at a news conference.

He signed an executive order directing the state's response to unusually dry conditions that are damaging crops, harming water quality and causing extreme fire danger across California. Many communities already require water conservation or rationing.

The statewide drought declaration is the first since 1991, when Gov. Pete Wilson acted in the fifth year of a drought that lasted into 1992.

Zimbabwe opposition leader resumes campaigning after police detention

HARARE, Zimbabwe (AP) — Zimbabwe's opposition presidential candidate resumed campaigning Thursday, the morning after spending nine hours in police detention near the country's second main city, his party said.

Morgan Tsvangirai said in a statement that the hours he spent in a Bulawayo police station after being stopped at a roadblock while campaigning demonstrate the lengths to which President Robert Mugabe was prepared to go to "try and steal" the June 27 presidential runoff.

But police spokesman Wayne Bvudzijena said police merely wanted to establish that one of the vehicles in Tsvangirai's convoy was properly registered. He said police had asked only the driver to accompany them from the roadblock to the station, but others in the party insisted on

accompanying him and waiting while the documents were reviewed.

"There's no way you can say we are restricting his campaigning. We are not," Bvudzijena said.

The opposition and rights groups have accused Mugabe of orchestrating violence and intimidation in the run-up to the vote.

Corn on table or in tank? United Nations summit chews on biofuel issues

ROME (AP) — Corn on your table or in your tank?

The merits of increasing biofuel production in the middle of a crisis over skyrocketing food prices was being hotly debated at a United Nations summit, but the top U.S. delegate said Wednesday that consensus on the issue was possible.

U.S. Agriculture Secretary Ed Schafer said on the second day of the three-day gathering of world leaders, U.N. food agencies, development banks and business representatives that progress was being made on determining the role of biofuels in food price hikes.

"It looks as though consensus on this important issue is in reach," Schafer said in a statement.

He told reporters that he thought some "acceptable" language, apparently a compromise, on biofuels would be in the final summit document on Thursday.

"Not the U.S., but many countries are unhappy with the declaration," he said at a briefing, without identifying which ones. "I don't know the specific language on biofuels. We talked about the impact biofuel has on food prices, we think it is a factor but certainly not the largest contributing factor."

Al-Qaida claims Danish embassy attack in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Denmark shared with Pakistani investigators video footage of the suicide car bombing against its embassy Thursday, while an Internet posting purportedly by al-Qaida claimed responsibility and threatened more attacks.

The statement, signed by an al-Qaida commander in Afghanistan, said Monday's attack in Islamabad was carried out to fulfill the promise of Osama bin Laden to exact revenge over the reprinting in Danish papers of a cartoon of Islam's Prophet Muhammad wearing a bomb-shaped turban.

The attack killed six people, including

a Danish citizen. It caused widespread destruction and demonstrated the vulnerability of the Pakistani capital to attack by Islamic extremists.

The authenticity of the statement, which was posted on a Web site frequently used by Islamic militants, could not be independently verified. It was signed by al-Qaida commander Mustafa Abu al-Yazeed and dated Tuesday.

Al-Yazeed warned that if Denmark fails to apologize for the cartoons more attacks will follow and Monday's blast will "only be the first drop of rain."

Astronauts open up new billion-dollar lab, get ready for second spacewalk

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Astronauts opened up Japan's new billion-dollar space station lab, then got ready for another spacewalk, this time to spruce up the outside of the huge addition.

Crewmen Michael Fossum and Ronald Garan Jr. were headed back outside Thursday for the second time in three days. Their objective: to set up TV cameras on the Kibo lab and remove covers from its robot arm, and do some advance work for a nitrogen-gas tank replacement scheduled for their third and final spacewalk this weekend.

The door to Kibo — Japanese for hope — was swung open Wednesday, a day after its installation at the international space station.

It was a momentous occasion for Japanese astronaut Akihiko Hoshide, who hung a banner over the threshold and led the procession inside.

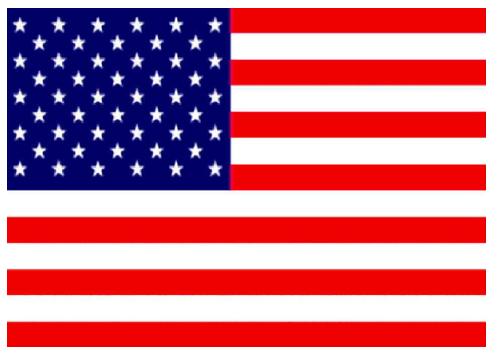
Hoshide noted that Kibo was empty, for now, but quoted an engineer back on Earth who told him, "It looks really empty but it's full of dreams."

China quake zone hit by magnitude 5.3 aftershock

MIANYANG, China (AP) — A strong aftershock struck China's quake-battered Sichuan province Thursday, as rising water levels in a lake caused by landslides in the massive May 12 temblor forced evacuations from downstream areas.

There were no immediate reports of new damage or injuries caused by the 5.3 magnitude aftershock. The U.S. Geological Survey reported that it struck at 12:41 p.m. (12:41 a.m. EDT) just south of the town of Qingchuan at the relatively shallow depth of 6 miles.

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GARAGE SALE 2204 S. Main Fri. 5pm-7pm and Sat. 8am-12pm. Gun safe, aluminum ramps, household items, tools, CD's, puzzles, bike, trampoline and lots of misc.

Garage Sales

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GARAGE SALE: Saturday 8-? 603 Edwards. Girls and boys clothes and lots of misc.

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Thank you for your participation, but please hurry! The deadline is coming soon! Only ballots clipped from the newspaper will be accepted.

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- Barbecue _____
- Burritos _____
- Chicken _____
- Chinese _____
- Coldest Beer _____
- Donuts _____
- Fish _____
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- Margaritas _____
- Mexican Food _____
- Pizza _____
- Sandwiches _____
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I think it was about the same time the driver handed me the keys when my boss started taking notice of the TSX parked right in front of his office window.

Throughout the day I'd get up from my desk to check the printer and notice the boss staring out the window at my car.

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He stared at me for about five seconds before speaking.

"Neal boy, I know you've been working hard lately and you're probably tired. I think you must have misread your information," the boss said.

"No, sir," I said. "That's the price."

Again, the boss stared at me for about five seconds before speaking.

"Are you sure?"

"Yes, sir."
"Unlock the door for me. I've got to look inside this car because I really thought it was a lot more than that."

"We are talking about the Acura right?" the boss asked as he shot past me on the way to the parking lot.

"Yes, sir," I answered.

"The new one that just came out, right?" he asked again, pausing for a

second at the door.

"Yes, sir."

"The one that's bigger, more powerful and has that sleek-look cockpit tailored for the driver?" he asked, holding on to the door and peering back in.

"Yes, sir," I answered again.

"I've got to see this for myself," he said making a beeline for the car.

A few minutes later the boss came back into the building with a big smile on his face.

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Again, the boss just stared at me without saying a word.

"If you want, I can call some of my friends at Acura and see what I can

do for you," I said.

"Do you think they could talk my wife into buying a new car?" the boss asked.

I just shook my head and we both started laughing.

"If they could do that I would have had my new car a long, long time ago," I said. "But if you figure that one out, make sure you let me know."

Neal White has been covering the automotive industry for more than 15 years and is affiliated with the Texas Auto Writers Association and the Midwest Automotive

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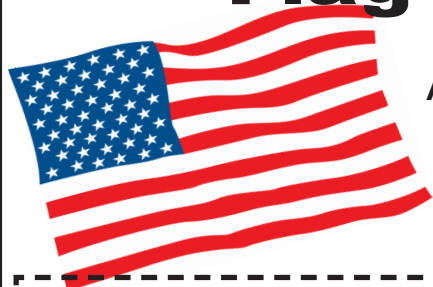
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

The moon in Cancer today nurtures the growing awareness of new feelings coming to light within ourselves, though this moon hardly holds exclusive rights over sensitivity. The Gemini sun is thought-



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fully responsive, too. This combination strengthens emotional and mental acuity so as new sense perceptions arise, articulating comes easily, too.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). A boring job is an invitation for you to explore your imagination. Take advantage and jump on a flight of fancy. This afternoon brings a lucky conversation in which you can ask for money, and get it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your backup plan is just as good as the original plan. You might as well come up with a plan C, D and E while you're at it. In time, you'll be able to explore each of these with some success.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). At the crossroads, part of you wishes that someone would make a decision for you. However, you would not be happy with that outcome for very long. Take this one on solo. You'll be glad you did.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). What if you viewed every piece of work you completed as the most beautiful thing you ever accomplished? Try it as an exercise and it might

shake you out of a self-depreciating mood.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You have an opportunity to trade your talents for cold hard cash. But first you must figure out how you fit into an equation, and what you need to get out of it. It's helpful to get a second and third opinion.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You have been seduced by what you want, and you are now under its spell. It's at the forefront of your mind at all times. The stage is set to complete the cycle, perhaps with a barter, sale or negotiation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You can be proud of the effect you have on the social lives of others. You introduce friends to one another and they start a relationship independent of you. You'll be enriched by the good this does.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're making a special effort because you love someone. Give your action a lot of forethought because you'll be setting a precedent. Make sure your gestures are the kind you wouldn't mind repeating.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-

Dec. 21). The social politics of work and play will amazingly disappear just as soon as you ignore them. You may even be able to pull off a miracle - like being the one that makes everybody just get along.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Expressing yourself is tricky. If you focus on how you're being received, it interferes with your execution. Still, you must read people to get your message across. Despite the challenge, you excel.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're not as likely to accumulate things as other signs are. Still, you'll pick up a treasure here and there to add to your (probably hidden away) collection. Today's find is stellar.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The topic of relationships takes center stage. You'll learn who is helping whom do what, which inspires you to cast someone in an important role in your own life.

Holiday Mathis is the author of "Rock Your Stars." If you would like to write to her, please go to www.creators.com.

Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: My husband and I have three children. Our eldest, "Bret," decided to finish his last year of college closer to home and will graduate in December.

The problem is, I am unhappy with him living with us and want him to find his own place. He works and goes to school, but the upstairs bedroom he occupies is dirty and disorganized. In addition, he takes his clothes and shoes off in our nicely finished basement and his stuff is strewn all over. His bathroom is filthy, and his friends come over at least four nights a week to play video games until the wee hours. My husband does not believe Bret should have to pay rent and has not helped me enforce the chores that would facilitate better household care. Bret also doesn't pay for his car or any other bills because my husband thinks it's our responsibility.

Although my son is a problem, I believe my husband is a bigger problem. We just don't see eye to eye on this issue. I am building up a lot of resentment for both of them. Any advice? -- Indianapolis

Dear Indianapolis: You and your husband need to sit down, calmly, and decide what Bret can afford and what is in his best interests. Some necessities (car insurance, for example) may be beyond his means at the moment. However, he should be contributing something for rent and he absolutely should be responsible for his own household mess. If you couch this in terms of "teaching him to be independent," maybe your husband will be more receptive. It's damaging to children when the parents don't expect anything from them. Tell your husband you will no longer clean up after Bret. He will be responsible for his own room, bathroom and laundry. If your husband objects, HE can take over those chores. You must turn a blind eye. In December, Bret will need to move out, for his own sake, if not yours.

Dear Annie: My daughter recently eloped (with the full approval of my husband and me). She is a few months pregnant, and they plan to have a traditional wedding ceremony



KATHY MITCHELL
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approximately a year after the baby is born.

How should the wedding invitation be worded since they will already be Mr. and Mrs.? And would it be wrong to wear a traditional white wedding gown?

My husband thinks the invitation should say they are renewing their vows (my daughter does not agree) and that she should wear something understated. I think she should do whatever she wants. -- Mother of the Bride

Dear Mother: Oh, go ahead. In times past, it would be proper for your daughter to simply have a reception to celebrate her existing marriage, but if she wants the full-blown ceremony with all the trimmings, it's OK to do so. The invitation can read "John and Jane Doe request the honor of your presence to celebrate their marriage," etc., or something along those lines.

Dear Annie: Your response to "Not Feeling Photogenic" was right on. She had come across old photos and love letters from her husband's previous girlfriends, and you told her to put them back and forget about them.

Many years ago, I was going through accumulated memorabilia from my two previous marriages. I planned to toss some old love letters and first asked my hubby if he wanted to read them. When he was done, he said, "Keep these. They are really beautiful. You can tell this man loved you and had a poetic way of saying it."

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Toddler killed when SUV rolls over her and pregnant mother

CONROE (AP) — A parked sport utility vehicle rolled backward over a pregnant woman and her toddler daughter, killing the little girl.

The woman, 27-year-old Vanessa Beier, and her 14-month old daughter were taken to Memorial Hermann-The Woodlands Hospital after the accident Wednesday afternoon. The toddler later died.

Doctors performed an emergency Caesarean section on Beier, but the conditions of the mother and newborn were not immediately available.

Neighbor David Glenna, who lives across the street from the Beiers, said another man knocked on his door to alert him that the woman and her daughter were pinned under the SUV. Glenna said he grabbed a jack and put it under the car. Then he and a neighbor hoisted the vehicle, Glenna said.

When he managed to pull the girl from under the vehicle, her eyes were open and she was breathing rapidly, Glenna said.

Beier was yelling, "Help me! Help me!" But emergency dispatchers advised them not to move the mother, Glenna said.

Firefighters arrived a few minutes later and removed Beier, said Needham Fire Department Chief Kevin Hosler. Authorities are trying to determine what happened.

"It's just a terrible tragedy," Glenna said.

African immigrant who fought deportation leaving U.S.

AUSTIN (AP) — An African immigrant who spent nearly a year in jail while fighting deportation over his involvement in a bloodless coup plans to leave the United States for Ghana.

Samuel Kambo, a fuels analyst and native of Sierra Leone, said the U.S. government won't give him the permission he needs to work legally.

"If I could work and support my family I would continue to fight for my residential status," said Kambo. "But since I cannot work, I decided I have to go somewhere where I can support my family."

Kambo moved to Austin in 1994 to study at the University of Texas under a United

Nations-sponsored program. He has been living in Austin for the last 14 years with his wife and four U.S.-born children and worked for the Lower Colorado River Authority.

Before coming to Texas, Kambo was part of a military government that took power in a bloodless coup in Sierra Leone in 1992. He has denied any involvement with the killings, which occurred after his government was in power.

But the government tried to revoke his visa because the U.S. State Department accused him of being involved in the summary executions.

An immigration judge ruled there was no credible evidence of Kambo's involvement in the killings and said he should be allowed to become a permanent U.S. resident.

But immigration officials continued to appeal the ruling. Late last year, an immigration appeals board ruled that Kambo should be denied permanent residency in the U.S. because there is enough evidence that he was aware of 29 executions that took place in his home country in 1992.

Woman whose daughter was sent to Mexico sues government

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A Texas woman whose American-born daughter was deported to Mexico with the father and not recovered for three years is suing the federal government for \$5 million.

Monica Castro, a native of Corpus Christi, Texas, accuses the U.S. Border Patrol of refusing to release her daughter to her when the girl's father was arrested by agents in December 2003.

Despite proving the child was born in the U.S., officials took the girl from Lubbock to the Texas-Mexico border. Castro did not find and regain custody of her daughter until three years later, according to Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, which represents Castro.

"Border Patrol's actions in this case were not only illegal but outrageous. Federal agents had no authority to detain and transport a native-born infant to Mexico," said attorney Susan Watson.

The U.S. Attorney's Office in Corpus Christi, who is handling the case, declined to comment.

In court documents, the federal government contends the Border Patrol was acting within its discretion to allow a father

to take his daughter to Mexico. The government also says it has sovereign immunity from Castro's suit, according to court documents.

Megachurch pastor arrested on online solicitation charges

DALLAS (AP) — A former pastor of a suburban megachurch faces six new charges of using the Internet to seek sex from minors.

Joe Barron, 52, was arrested Wednesday and was being held at the Brazos County Jail in Bryan. Bail had not yet been set for Barron, a former pastor of Prestonwood Baptist Church in Plano.

Four of the counts accuse Barron of online solicitation of a minor and were investigated by Bryan police in Central Texas.

The two other counts are from Louisiana and accuse him of computer solicitation for sex, according to the Brazos County Sheriff's Office. Barron apparently thought he was communicating with a teenage girl in Louisiana but he had encountered an undercover sting.

A message left by The Associated Press at Barron's home Wednesday night was not immediately returned. Jail records did not show if he had an attorney.

Barron was first arrested May 15 by the Bryan Police Department after he drove nearly 200 miles in his wife's car believing he would meet a 13-year-old girl for sex.

But he'd actually been communicating with undercover officers. Police said he had brought a box of 10 condoms and a Web camera.

Barron worked at Prestonwood, one of the largest churches in the country with some 26,000 members, for about 18 months and ministered to married adults. He resigned after his arrest last month.

El Paso soldier dies in Iraq

EL PASO (AP) — A 26-year-old soldier from El Paso has died of injuries sustained in a non-combat related incident in Iraq.

The Department of Defense identified the soldier Wednesday as Spc. Quincy J. Green. He died Sunday in Tikrit.

Green was assigned to the 601st Aviation Support Battalion, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division at Fort Riley, Kan.

Los Fresnos family sues JP over courtroom spankings

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — A Los Fresnos family is going to court to try to prevent a Cameron County justice of the peace from ordering spankings in his courtroom.

The lawsuit filed Wednesday alleges that Justice of the Peace Gustavo "Gus" Garza told a 14-year-old girl's stepfather that she would be found guilty of a criminal offense and fined \$500 for truancy unless the stepfather spanked her in the courtroom.

The lawsuit filed by Mary Vasquez and her husband, Daniel Zurita, described the paddle provided by Garza as large and heavy and fashioned from a thick piece of lumber.

Principal reassigned over Islam presentation

FRIENDSWOOD (AP) — A junior high school principal who allowed a group to make a presentation about Islam to students is no longer on the job.

Robin Lowe "has accepted another administrative position effective immediately," the school district said in a statement late Wednesday.

Lowe was the principal of Friendswood Junior High when the Council on American-Islamic Relations in Houston gave a presentation described as "Islam 101" to about 875 seventh- and eighth-grade students last month, the district said.

Council president Tarek Hussein said he contacted Lowe about the educational presentation after hearing from a father who said his son was physically attacked at the school because he is Muslim. But community members and parents of children at the predominantly Anglo and Christian school complained about the assembly.

CAIR's Houston chapter has done a similar presentation on Islam in the Clear Creek School District and plans to ask other districts for a chance to present the program, Hussein said.



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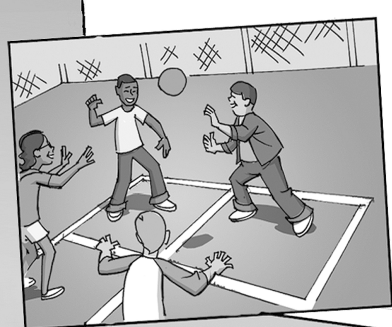
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DENNIS THE MENACE

6-5

"GOOD NEWS, DAD. THE DOCTOR TOLD MOM THAT I'VE GOT PLENTY OF GALL."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

6-5

"FOREVER IS A LONG, LONG TIME."

"But not as long as it was yesterday."

HAGAR

6-5

"YOU'RE NOT LIKE OTHER VIKING BOYS, HAMLET!"

"YOU DON'T ACT TOUGH AND MEAN!"

"YOU'RE HONEST AND SENSITIVE AND YOU RESPECT OTHERS!"

"BUT I LIKE YOU ANYWAY!"

BC

6-5

"CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?"

ZOT

"HOW 'BOUT NOW?"

WIZARD OF ID

6-5

"I'M SO SORRY, JACK"

"IF THERE IS ANYTHING I CAN DO, JUST LET ME KNOW"

"HERE, THE HORSE NEEDS RESHOEING"

AGNES

6-5

"HERE WE ARE... LAST DAY OF SCHOOL, AND EVERY ASSIGNMENT IS FINISHED! COUNTED, COLLATED, CORRECT AND READY TO HAND IN!"

"THE LAST DAY WAS YESTERDAY."

"NO!"

"JUST KIDDING... IT'S TODAY."

HI AND LOIS

6-5

"I FOUND A HUGE TOAD IN THE WOODS TODAY"

"WHAT DID YOU DO WITH IT?"

"IT'S AROUND HERE SOMEWHERE."

THE OTHER COAST

6-5

"HELLO, FINANCIAL HELP LINE."

"HI, I NEED SOME FINANCIAL ADVICE."

"I JUST INHERITED A FORTUNE AND WAS THINKING OF INVESTING IN AFGHAN SWAMPS."

"SOUNDS GOOD TO ME."

"OR MAYBE I'LL INVEST IN A COMPANY THAT MAKES 8-TRACK TAPE PLAYERS."

"GO FOR IT."

"OR MAYBE I'LL JUST RENOVATE MY KITCHEN INSTEAD."

"DON'T DO IT! YOU'LL LOSE EVERYTHING!"

SNUFFY SMITH

6-5

"DANG-- MIZ PRUNELLY-- THAT SOUNDS JEST LIKE MAW'S VITTLES BELL !!"

"DING-A-LING-A-LING!!"

BEEBLE BAILEY

6-5

"EVERY NICE REVIEW. EVERYONE HAD A NICE SMILE AS THEY PASSED"

"YOUR FLY IS OPEN"

BLONDIE

6-5

"I FINALLY GOT THAT NICE RAISE I'VE BEEN HOPING FOR"

"YOU'RE KIDDING! DID YOU GIVE THE BOSS AN ULTIMATUM OR SOMETHING?"

"NO, I'VE JUST BEEN WORKING REALLY HARD AND HOPING THAT HE WOULD NOTICE"

"SOMEBODY AT WORK DID SOMETHING REALLY UNDERHAND TODAY!"

This Date In History

Today is Thursday, June 5, the 157th day of 2008. There are 209 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On June 5, 1968, Sen. Robert F. Kennedy was assassinated in Los Angeles' Ambassador Hotel after claiming victory in California's Democratic presidential primary. Gunman Sirhan Bishara Sirhan was immediately arrested.

On this date:
In 1884, Civil War hero Gen. William T. Sherman refused the Republican presidential nomination, saying, "I will not accept if nominated and will not serve if elected."
In 1917, about 10 million American men began registering for the draft in World War I.
In 1933, the United States went off the gold standard.
In 1940, during the World War II Battle of France, Germany attacked French forces along the Somme line.
In 1947, Secretary of State George C. Marshall gave a speech at Harvard University in which he

outlined an aid program for Europe that came to be known as "The Marshall Plan."
In 1967, war erupted in the Mideast as Israel raided military aircraft parked on the ground in Egypt; Syria, Jordan and Iraq entered the conflict.
In 1976, 14 people were killed when the Teton Dam in Idaho burst.
In 1981, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that five homosexuals in Los Angeles had come down with a rare kind of pneumonia; they were the first recognized cases of what later became known as AIDS.
In 1993, country star Conway Twitty died in Springfield, Mo., at age 59.
In 2004, Ronald Wilson Reagan, the 40th president of the United States, died in Los Angeles at age 93 after a long struggle with Alzheimer's disease.

Today's Birthdays: Actor-singer Bill Hayes is 83. Broadcast journalist Bill Moyers is 74. Rhythm-and-blues singer Floyd Butler (Friends of Distinction) is 67. Country singer Don Reid (The Statler Brothers) is 63. Rock musician Fred Stone (Sly and the Family Stone) is 62. Performance artist Laurie Anderson is 61. Country singer Gail Davies is 60. Author Ken

Follett is 59. Rock musician Nicko McBrain (Iron Maiden) is 56. Jazz musician Kenny G is 52. Rock singer Richard Butler (Psychodelic Furs) is 52. Actor Jeff Garlin is 46. Actress Karen Sillas is 45. Singer Brian McKnight is 39. Rock musician Claus Norreen (Aqua) is 38. Actor Mark Wahlberg is 37. Actor Chad Allen is 34. Actress Navi Rawat is 31. Actress Liza Weil is 31. Rock musician Pete Wentz (Fall Out Boy) is 29. Rock musician Seb Lefebvre (Simple Plan) is 27.

Thought for Today: "What is objectionable, what is dangerous, about extremists is not that they are extreme, but that they are intolerant. The evil is not what they say about their cause, but what they say about their opponents." — Robert F. Kennedy, U.S. senator (1925-1968).

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Goldfinger's idol, possibly
 - 6 Walt Kelly character
 - 10 Weaking
 - 14 Whatsoever
 - 15 Sew up
 - 16 Burgundy buddies
 - 17 Ones under consideration
 - 19 Record stats
 - 20 Cozy corner
 - 21 Flea-market relative
 - 23 25th of a certain 26
 - 24 Self-centeredness
 - 26 Da Vinci subject
 - 27 Struggles
 - 30 YMCA class
 - 33 California county
 - 36 Blood components
 - 37 Sound before a blessing
 - 39 Cherrypicks
 - 41 Negative connection
 - 42 Ad infinitum
 - 43 Of age
 - 44 Military division
 - 46 Precipice
 - 47 What a drifter lacks
 - 48 Popped up
 - 51 Cobble together
 - 53 President pro
 - 54 Soviet intelligence initials
 - 57 Office holder?
 - 61 Manly
- DOWN**
- 1 Colorful parrot
 - 2 Slovenia neighbor
 - 3 Social occasion
 - 4 Designer Gucci
 - 5 Very small portion
 - 6 One with an agenda?
 - 7 Mare's meal
 - 8 Waxed
 - 9 Reduced for clearance
 - 10 Becomes friendly
 - 11 Discredited
 - 12 Street-fair sight
 - 13 "Hey!"
 - 18 Painter of ballerinas
 - 22 Galileo, by birth
 - 25 "Let me in!"
 - 27 Effrontery
 - 28 Flat on one's stomach
 - 29 Lasso
 - 31 Atari success
 - 32 Took a cab
 - 33 Final Four org.
 - 34 BMW alternative
 - 35 Declined precipitously
 - 38 Like Vassar, since 1969
 - 40 Amount at risk
 - 45 "Three coins in the" fountain
 - 49 It's often chewed in class
 - 50 Asylum seeker
 - 52 Be gaga over
 - 54 Japanese beer
 - 55 Narrow valleys
 - 56 Saddled (with)
 - 57 Power Lunch ailer
 - 58 "Cool in the center"
 - 59 Administrative division
 - 60 Ben Stiller's mom
 - 62 German industrial area
 - 65 Dandy dresser

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