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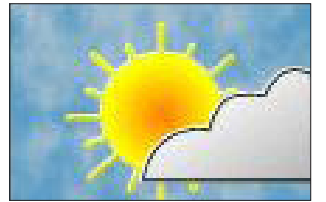


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Nelson avoids needle, gets life

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Billy Ray Nelson, who was sentenced to death in 1991 for the brutal murder of an 18-year-old Big Spring woman, had his sentence reduced to life without the possibility of parole Thursday morning, bringing the retrial of the 17-year-old case's punishment phase to a close before it ever began.

Nelson, who was 22 at the time of the murder, was convicted of sexually assaulting and stabbing 18-year-old Charla Wheat to death in her home in the 2500 block of Hunter during the early morning hours of Feb. 23, 1991. Her roommate, Carol Maynard, also was sexually assaulted and stabbed, but survived to testify against Nelson in his trial. In a pair of confessions he made to police

at the time, Nelson said he was drunk and "schized" on cocaine when he killed Wheat.

Nelson had his sentence overturned by the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in December 2006. At that time, the court ordered a new punishment phase trial for Nelson, who has been on death row for approximately 17 years.

Robert H. Moore III, 118th District judge, approved a deal

between Nelson, who was represented by attorney Rusty Wall, and District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson that waived the state's right to re-seek the death penalty in return for two consecutive life sentences — meaning one would have to be served before Nelson could even begin serving the second — with no possi-

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"I don't know that in a case like this you can ever adequately say justice is served."



— District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson

Sentence brings closure for victim's family

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Faith, not revenge, is what has sustained Bonnie and Park Wheat's 17-year search for justice for the brutal slaying of their 18-year-old daughter, and that same faith allowed them to walk away from 118th District Court Thursday with some level of closure.

"There's a real sense of relief. We're just thankful to have this behind us, and although we were not opposed to the death penalty, this seems to be a solution to the situation," said Bonnie Wheat. "I don't want this man to be free to hurt someone else.

"I don't think justice is ever really served because you never really recover. I think this is probably the

best solution for now."

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In a pair of confessions he made to police at the time, Nelson said he was drunk and "schized" on cocaine when he killed Wheat. According to court officials, this fact was possibly a mitigating circumstance that wasn't considered in the trial's punishment phase, causing the appel-

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Bonnie Wheat, the mother of 18-year-old Charla Wheat, who was sexually assaulted and killed in 1991, discusses the emotional processes she and her family have gone through since her daughter's death.

Super search to begin in August

BSISD hires former Hereford helmsman as interim superintendent

By **BILL McCLELLAN**
News Editor

The hunt for a new chief to lead Big Spring public schools is on hold for at least another month but the district will have someone to fill in for as long as the entire search process takes.

Former Hereford Independent School District Superintendent Michael P. Stevens was hired Tuesday to serve as interim superintendent for Big Spring ISD. He takes over after the previous superintendent, Michael Downes, resigned amid allegations of misconduct prior to his six-year stint in Big Spring. Downes has not admitted to any misconduct, but said the issue, including an investigation by the Texas Education Agency was hampering his ability to serve the district.

Stevens was one of two individuals interviewed by the Big Spring board of trustees during a two-hour and 15-minute executive session Tuesday. Trustees also took time behind closed doors to discuss hiring a firm to handle the search.

Stevens, who has 36 years experience in education —

the last six with Hereford ISD — will be paid \$8,500 a month until a replacement is found.

Board president Irene Galan directed administrators to notify search firms to submit proposals to the district. Trustees hope to decide on a search firm during their Aug. 14 board meeting.

"I'd like everybody to be patient with us. This is not a quick process. This is not an easy process," said Galan. "We want to make sure we find someone who is a good fit for our students, a good fit for our staff, our community as well as with this board."

Galan said that typically, a search firm would conduct a survey of the community, administrators and teachers about the traits and skills they want in a superintendent. The firm would then seek applications and select five or six candidates to be interviewed.

"It is a process that will take some time," she said. "In the meantime, Mr. Stevens will be with us and of course Mr. Saldivar (Assistant Superintendent Steven Saldivar)."

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HERALD photo/Alex Newsom
Nancy Raney, director of the Heritage Museum, shows pieces from the new exhibit "View Through the Artist Eye." The art of Doris Vieregge, local artist and business owner, will be on display Saturday until Aug. 2. A wine and cheese reception will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday to promote the opening.

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Big Spring ISD looks to November for bond election

By **BILL McCLELLAN**
News Editor

Back to it. Adamant that the community's aging school campuses are in need of replacement or repair, Big Spring Independent School District trustees decided Thursday to seek another bond election in November.

What voters may see this time, however, is a scaled-down version of May's \$34 million all-or-nothing effort, which was

flatly turned down at the polls. Much of the focus in that election was to fund construction of a new elementary school. Also included were funds for new science rooms and roof repairs at the high school.

This time around, the package that reaches ballot boxes will likely give voters some choices — or some items may be left off altogether and approached in a separate election in 2009.

"I think we go forward with

the high school roof and science labs and see if we can get that passed," said board member Tony Kennedy, as trustees voiced their opinions on the matter. "Then, we get more involvement from the teachers and administrators at the various campuses. We had a wide-based committee for our last bond election, but little or no input from those who teach in the classroom."

Kennedy wasn't the only trustee emphasizing the im-

portance of addressing issues at the high school, where state mandates are pushing the need for more science labs and the roof has been described in the past as "critical."

"It might be that we should change the bond toward taking care of the high school," said trustee Alan Partee. "The roof is at the point where we need to get to it pretty quick."

Irene Galan, board president, See **BOND**, Page 3A



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Astros open second half in last place

By **CHRIS DUNCAN**
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — The defining moment of the Houston Astros' season so far is the ugly confrontation between pitcher Shawn Chacon and general manager Ed Wade in the clubhouse before a game on June 25.

What the Astros have done on the field has been mostly forgettable.

Houston hit the All-Star break

at 44-51, dead-last in the NL Central and 8½ games out of the wild-card spot.

Wade, hired in September 2007, made a flurry of offseason moves to kick-start the franchise just two seasons removed from its first World Series appearance.

A few changes have paid off, but most have fizzled and despite strong offensive starts from Lance Berkman and Carlos Lee, the Astros are on pace for their

second straight losing record after just one in the previous 12 seasons.

"We've got to come out of the chute pretty aggressively and play good baseball," manager Cecil Cooper said after the team held an optional workout on Thursday. "I think we just have to play consistently. The way we win is to play consistent baseball."

The offense, expected to be the

team's strength before the season, has produced mixed results.

Berkman, the NL's starting first baseman in Tuesday's All-Star Game, is hitting .347, third-best in the NL. The switch-hitter batted .471 with nine homers and 22 RBIs during a remarkable May and carried the Astros to a 17-11 record for the month.

When Berkman cooled off in June, Lee emerged, hitting .301

for the month with six homers and 16 RBIs. He's raised his average to .302 for the season with 21 homers and a team-high 76 RBIs.

Still, as Cooper points out, the offense has been more inconsistent than explosive. Houston averaged 4.8 runs per game in May, then scored no more than two runs in seven consecutive

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At the break

Can Rangers build off surprising first half?

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**
AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON — While Josh Hamilton put on an impressive power display at Yankee Stadium and Michael Young drove home the winning run, Texas Rangers manager Ron Washington spent the All-Star break rebuilding.

Almost three years after Hurricane Katrina, Washington is still putting the finishing touches on his flood-ravaged home in New Orleans, the one he and his wife have had for 27 years.

"The neighborhood is coming back," Washington said, with a smile.

Before this week, Washington got to live in the mostly redone home only two days before spring training.

Now it's back to his summer project, one that in late April seemed the second-year manager wouldn't be around to oversee.

Washington's job was in jeopardy after Texas

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AP photo/Julie Jacobson
Texas Rangers outfielder Milton Bradley, left, photographs himself and teammate Josh Hamilton at the Major League Baseball All-Star Home Run Derby at Yankee Stadium in New York Monday. Hamilton hit a record 28 home runs in the first round. The Rangers are wondering if the second half of their season can be just as picture perfect.

Possibly more credit for athletes

The Associated Press

AUSTIN — The Texas Board of Education said Thursday it will continue to explore a proposal that gives Texas high school athletes twice as much credit toward graduation for playing sports, although some board members have reservations.

The proposal will be crafted into a new state rule, the board decided during a meeting. The board plans to vote on it in September.

The proposal would allow four years of sports to count toward graduation instead of two. Supporters, including the Texas High School Coaches Association, said new graduation requirements that took effect with freshmen last year discriminate against athletes by cutting the time available for participation in athletics.

In all, the number of credits needed to get a diploma will increase from 24 to 26 starting with 2011 graduates.

"This is a fairness issue. We will still be requiring all the core courses for our students. If we are going to honor scholar dancers, why not honor scholar athletes?" asked board member Ken Mercer, of San Antonio, The Dallas Morning News reported in its online edition Thursday.

He also noted that students in other extracurricular activities such as band and dance can now get four years of credit.

Norman leaps to top of leaderboard

By **PAUL NEWBERRY**
AP National Writer

SOUTHPORT, England — The Shark was atop the leaderboard at the British Open — with Spider-Man right on his tail.

Greg Norman shot his second straight 70 at treacherous Royal Birkdale on Friday, sinking testy putts at the final two holes to hang on as the only player at par midway through golf's oldest major championship.

But no one was hotter than Colombian heartthrob Camilo Villegas, who closed a 5-under 65 — the best round yet — with an astonishing five straight birdies.

Norman, a 53-year-old newlywed, was two strokes ahead of the field until he made a mess of No. 17. The Shark put two shots in the rough and another in a backside bunker, but rolled in a 12-foot bogey putt that limited the damage.

After a perfect drive on No. 18, Norman walked up the fairway twirling his club and taking in a huge roar from the British gallery, which knows him as a two-time winner of the Open, not the guy who squandered numerous chances to win majors on the other side of the Atlantic.

Norman's approach came up far

short of the flag, then he rolled a putt 20 feet past. Facing another bogey, the Aussie calmly sank the par saver, giving the slightest hint of a fist pump, then a tip of the cap as his caddie patted him on the shoulder.

Among his fans: former tennis great Chris Evert, who married Norman last month.

"That was quite an ordeal last few holes," Norman said. "I felt like it was getting away from me a little bit."

Villegas, dubbed "Spider-Man" for his unique style of reading

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AP photo/Jon Super
Padraig Harrington of Ireland plays from a bunker on the second hole during the second round of the British Open Golf championship at the Royal Birkdale golf course in Southport, England, Friday.

Sports in brief

Steer football season ticket sales to begin

Big Spring High School 2008 football season tickets go on sale July 28 at the Athletic Training Center.

Only people who have previously owned season tickets are able to buy from July 28-Aug. 7.

Sales for the general public begin Aug. 11 and end Aug. 22.

Tickets can be bought Monday through Thursday between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. at the ATC.

Call Kay Cook at 264-3662 with any questions.

City of Big Spring Tennis Camp starts July 28

Big Spring tennis pro Ted Olesen and Big Spring Junior High coach Jason Fisher are hosting a second City of Big Spring Tennis Camp Monday, July 28, through Thursday, July 31, at Comanche Trail Park's Figure 7 Tennis Center.

Cost is \$100 and includes a lunch each day.

The camp is for all ages and ability levels and is held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day. Participants do not have to take the full week of camp.

For more information, visit www.bigspringtennis.com.

Big Spring Boxing Club taking sign-ups, donations and volunteers

The Big Spring Boxing Club has opened its doors and continues to take sign-ups for any male or female from ages 9-26.

Those interested can register for the club's training services from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday at Morgan Park on the north side of town off of Father Delaney St. There is no cost for the training.

Also needed is anyone willing to volunteer time as a trainer, conditioner or as a sparring partner.

Some equipment donations are also needed. Anyone with questions or wanting to volunteer or donate can call Lee at 816-7995 or Willie at 935-0273.

UIL-required physicals due for some athletes

UIL requires all incoming seventh, ninth and 11th grade athletes to have a physical before they are allowed to participate in any sport.

This includes practices and games. All local athletic departments are encouraging athletes and their parents headed into the grades listed above to make an appointment with their doctor and get this physical before the start of the school year.

Football and volleyball players would want to get this

taken care of before the start of two-a-days.

Contact your school's athletic department with any questions.

Rose Magers-Powell volleyball camp scheduled

Big Spring native and former Olympian Rose Magers-Powell will hold a volleyball camp from July 28-30 at Big Spring Junior High.

The camp will be held from 9 a.m. until noon all three days.

Cost is \$125 per camper.

For more information, visit www.gotrosevolleyballcamps.com.

Ivie hunting permit applications now accepted

Applications for public hunting permits on the O.H. Ivie Reservoir Wildlife Management Areas will be accepted by mail only beginning Monday and ending Aug. 15 at the reservoir field office.

Permits are limited and requests for information and application packets should be made by calling the Colorado River Municipal Water District at 267-6341 or by writing to: CRMWD, P.O. Box 869, Big Spring 79721.

Obituaries

Bessie Lawrence

Bessie Lawrence, 85, of Big Spring died Thursday, July 17, 2008, at a local nursing home. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Take Note

American Legion Post 506 will be holding a fish-fry Saturday. Deliveries will be made from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. and serving will be from noon until 3 p.m. at the post, located at 3203 W. Highway 80. Plates are \$10 each. A plant/cake walk will also be held. For more information or to arrange a delivery, call 263-2084.

Evening with Muses will be held from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. This event will feature the local talents of J. Money, T. Grantham, K. Pike and S. Billingsley who will feature their needle work creations. Also during the evening, selected pieces of native American music will be played and various works of American literature from the Colonial Period will be read.

All completed cross stitched quilt blocks for the Howard County Fair quilt need to be turned in to Geraldine Posey at Posey Cotton, corner of Scurry and Fifth streets, no later than Tuesday, July 22.

The Big Spring Independent School District Board of Trustees would like to invite the public to a reception honoring Steven Saldivar, assistant superintendent, from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. July 31 in the Big Spring High School Library.

BSHS Class of 1978 30-year reunion is Sept. 12-13. Contact Kent Rice at 870-918-5875 or kent_rice@murphyoil-corp.com

A medical expense account has been established at Cosden Federal Credit Union for Kody Jackson, who was recently diagnosed with lymphoma in his right knee. He has no medical insurance and must start chemotherapy and radiation treatment as soon as possible. Kody is the son of Susan and Johnny Jackson. For more information, contact Cosden FCU at 264-2600.

The Texas Department of State Health Services is conducting a community health survey. The information will be used to study barriers to health care and other public health issues. Your personal information will not be used, other than the comments portion of the survey. You will not be asked for your name. The survey is available online and takes about 15 minutes to complete. For the English survey, go to www.questionpro.com/akira/TakeSurvey?id=929625. For the survey in Spanish, go to www.questionpro.com/akira/TakeSurvey?id=929626.

Ex-Students Homecoming at Forsan High School will be held Aug. 2. For more information, contact Jimmy Anderson at Professional Pharmacy at 267-2546 or at his residence, 267-6143.

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. All donations are appreciated.

New Life Ministries Church of God In Christ is holding a soup kitchen every second and fourth Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 204 N.W. 10th. The meal is free.

Police blotter

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

- ROCKY YANEZ, 26, of 107 NE Ninth Street, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- ANTHONY THOMAS MCGRUDER, 37, of 100 Lockhart Apt A, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.
- JASON LEE DIAZ, 28, of 1111 Ridge Road, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication and one warrant.
- STEVEN ISAAC, 24, of 2513 Dow, was arrested Thursday on a charge of criminal trespass of a habitation.
- BURGLARY OF HABITATION was reported Thursday in the 900 block of 12th.
- BURGLARY OF VEHICLE was reported Thursday in the 500 block of Westover.
- BURGLARY OF VEHICLE was reported Thursday in the 200 block of Donley.
- CRIMINAL TRESPASSING OF A HABITATION/SHELTER was reported Thursday in the 2500 block of Dow.
- DEADLY CONDUCT was reported Thursday in the 2500 block of Hunter.
- THEFT – LESS THAN \$50 was reported Thursday in the 400 block of Birdwell.
- THEFT – BETWEEN \$50 AND \$500 was reported Thursday in the 2000 block of Gregg.
- THEFT – BETWEEN \$50 AND \$500 was reported Thursday in the 2500 block of Wasson.
- THEFT – BETWEEN \$50 AND \$500 was reported Thursday in the 1000 block of Gregg.
- THEFT – BETWEEN \$50 AND \$500 was reported Thursday in the 1200 block of Johnson.

Sheriff's report

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 60 inmates at the time of this report.
- BOBBY PHILLIP MASTERS, 46, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- ROCKY R. YANEZ, 26, was transferred Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – less than 2 oz.
- JASON LEE DIAZ, 28, was transferred Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- CONNIE RENEE WILLIAMS, 32, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of Class C Assault – Family Violence.
- MARK LESLIE KIRBY, 34, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of stolen property.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of Lamesa. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of E 17th. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2300 block of Lynn. One person was transported to SMMC.
- PUBLIC SERVICE was reported in the 1000 block of Cypress. Service refused.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1100 block of E 16th. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Scurry. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of W Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

Support Groups

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.



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Bulletin Board

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TODAY
• Dance at the Senior Center, 1901 Simler, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

SATURDAY
• Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

MONDAY
• The Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teacher's Association meets in the Cactus Room at Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.
• 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.
• Evening Lions Club meets at 6:45 p.m. at Dragon China Buffett.
• DAV and Auxiliary Chapter 47 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 610 Abrams St.
• Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

TUESDAY
• Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.
• The Powwow Committee of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church annex, 809 Scurry, or the fellowship hall at 810 Scurry. Call Robert Downing at 263-3255 for information.

WEDNESDAY
• Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.
• Free blood pressure screenings from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., provided by InHome Care.
• Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
• Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
• Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY
• Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
• Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.
• League of United Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. The public is invited.

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 3-4-21-24. Bonus Ball: 10.
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 2-17-20-29-34
Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery:
0-0-3-7. Sum It Up: 10

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery:
0-6-8. Sum It Up: 14

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putts, has long been more flash than substance. He's never won on the PGA Tour, but put himself right in contention at a tournament known for unlikely champions, including Ben Curtis and Todd Hamilton.

The charismatic Colombian had eight birdies overall. He capped his amazing run at the end by striking the flagstick with his approach at No. 18, then sinking the putt after the ball ricocheted onto the fringe 18 feet away.

Norman birdied three holes on

the front side to offset a double-bogey at the gargantuan sixth, leaving him as the only player with a score that didn't have a plus sign in front of it.

A host of top players had yet to tee off, all of them hoping to avoid the cold, soaking rain and howling winds that made life miserable for the early starters Thursday. That group included Retief Goosen and Mike Weir, who both opened with 71s in brutal conditions and were to start the second round just a stroke off the lead.

Those who went out early Friday found conditions a bit easier, though they still had to contend with a light mist and a brisk breeze off the nearby Irish

Sea. A pounding rain struck suddenly around lunchtime, threatening to make it another grim day for those drawing later tee times.

Rocco Mediate, who shared the first-round lead with Graeme McDowell and Robert Allenby at 69, couldn't match that score but was still in contention. A double-bogey at No. 11 marred the American's round, but he tapped in for birdie at the final hole to cap a 73 that left him two strokes behind Norman.

Mediate is following up well on the U.S. Open, where the 45-year-old everyman gave Tiger Woods all he could handle until losing a 19-hole playoff. He doesn't have to worry about

Woods this time.

Jean Van de Velde, still remembered for his epic 72nd-hole collapse at Carnoustie nine years ago, briefly surged into contention, only to get slapped down by this links course along the Irish Sea. He made the turn with a 2-under 32, then fell back with a couple of double-bogeys on the back side.

Still, he finished with a solid 1-over 71, heading to the weekend just four off Norman's pace.

McDowell was struggling along — with four bogeys and no birdies — until a brilliant 3-wood at No. 16 set up a short birdie putt. He finished with a 73 and was tied with Mediate at 142, as was Jim Furyk, who shot a solid 71.

Sergio Garcia, intent on bouncing back from a devastating playoff loss to Pádraig Harrington at last year's Open, rolled in a 75-foot birdie at No. 4 but ran into trouble after the turn. He bogeyed the 10th and double-bogeyed the next hole to slip five shots behind Norman.

Garcia was one of the lucky ones Thursday. Most of the players who went off in the morning struggled mightily in horrible conditions, including Ernie Els — rated as one of the favorites but left with an 80 on his scorecard, the highest score of his sterling Open career.

Vijay Singh also shot 80 and Phil Mickelson struggled to a 79.

ASTROS

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games in early June.

The Astros rank 21st in the majors in runs scored (414) and RBIs (396) and the blame can be spread around.

Miguel Tejada, an All-Star reserve and one of Wade's big offseason gambles, hit .314 in the first two months of the season. He batted only .227 in June and has only seven hits in 44 at-bats in July.

Michael Bourn, acquired by Wade in a trade that sent Brad Lidge to Philadelphia, is hitting .218 and lost his hold on the lead-off spot in the batting order. His 32 stolen bases — fifth in the majors — are negated by his .273 on-base percentage.

Bourn was one of the few players who took batting practice on Thursday. He thinks the week-long break from baseball will help him.

"I could do a lot better," he said. "As time goes on, I think I'll get better with it. It's just more experience. Nothing too drastic. I just get into a little funk."

J.R. Towles, a highly touted prospect expected to succeed Brad Ausmus as Houston's everyday catcher, was sent to the minors after batting .145 in the first two months. He's back with Astros, but only because backup catcher Humberto Quintero suffered a concussion during a game.

The Astros have also played a chunk of the first half without Kazuo Matsui, another pickup by Wade. Matsui is hitting .283,

but he's already been on the disabled list twice and has missed 34 games.

The pitching staff has been as mediocre as the hitting, starting with Roy Oswalt's uncharacteristically up-and-down season. The Astros ace, with at least 14 wins in six of the last seven seasons, is 7-8 this season with a 4.56 ERA, well above his career ERA of 3.13.

Now, a nagging hip injury has cast his second half in doubt. Oswalt strained his left hip on the final pitch of an otherwise stellar 6-inning effort against the Los Angeles Dodgers on June 30. He returned July 11, but lasted only one inning in Washington before aggravated the injury again.

Cooper said Oswalt will be evaluated Friday and may start against Pittsburgh on Tuesday.

Of the rest of the regular starters, only Wandy Rodriguez has an ERA lower than 4.00. The Astros rank 24th in team ERA (4.49) and are one of only five teams without a complete game.

Chacon was released after his blow-up with Wade, but 36-year-old Brian Moehler has capably filled a rotation spot with five wins in 12 starts. Brandon Backe (6-9) earned his second win in his last nine starts with a strong 7-inning outing against Washington on Sunday.

Cooper said the Astros are better than their record shows in every area.

"We're very capable of competing," he said. "We didn't play up to those standards in the first half. It's a new half, so time for us to step it up and get after it."

Closer Jose Valverde, another offseason pickup by Wade, has

been a bright spot in the bullpen, saving 24 games.

Valverde certainly had the most dramatic on-field highlight of the season, taking a Pedro Feliz line drive off his face, then shaking it off to save Houston's 4-3 win over Philadelphia on May 23.

Doug Brocail, who turned 41 in May, has proved to be a solid set-up man, with a 3.86 ERA in 44 1-3 innings of work.

Overall, the Astros' bullpen is 15-18 with a 4.17 ERA and leads the majors with 47 home runs allowed.

But Cooper sees the bullpen as a team strength.

"They have pitched exceptionally well, I think," he said.

The Astros open a three-game series against the first-place Chicago Cubs on Friday at Minute Maid Park.

RANGERS

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lost 16 of its first 23 games. The Rangers, outscored 37-10 in three games at Detroit, were already seven games back in the AL West.

Instead of firing Washington less than a month into the season, new team president Nolan

Ryan and general manager Jon Daniels waited to see how the team would respond to adversity.

They got a positive response, despite an ever-revolving starting rotation.

The Rangers (50-46) have since won 16 of their last 23 series — not games — with three splits.

"I like that we are finally playing consistent baseball," Washington said.

"What we believed is happening. It's certainly headed in the right direction. ... I'm not shocked at all."

Texas trails the Los Angeles Angels by 7½ games, only a half-game further back than 2½ months ago. The Rangers are within 1½ games of second-place Oakland.

"To come back from where we were at the beginning of the season says a lot about our team's

makeup," said Hamilton, whose personal comeback from cocaine addiction is one of baseball's most inspiring stories. "I think it's going to carry over to the second half. ... We're excited."

There are 66 games left. Can Texas finish with a winning record? Contend for its first playoff appearance since 1999?

While those answers won't come until late September, there are also other questions.

• Buyers or sellers before the July 31 non-waiver trading deadline?

The Rangers are more likely to stay put. Don't expect moves like the last two Julys: selling last year, trading Mark Teixeira, Eric Gagne and Kenny Lofton; and buying in 2006, acquiring Carlos Lee.

"I don't see us trading our future for a rental situation," Daniels said.

Or giving up players that have proven a good fit, i.e. Milton Bradley, the first-time All-Star who leads the AL with a .440 on-base percentage in his first season with Texas — his sixth team in nine seasons.

Possible contenders will be interested in Bradley, who has an expiring contract.

But he may have also finally found a home.

"I'm hard-pressed to think of a scenario that really makes sense for us to talk about (trading Bradley)," Daniels said. "Guys feed off his intensity, feed off his competitive spirit."

• Can Hamilton, whose majors-best 95 RBIs are 25 more than anybody in the AL, keep up his incredible pace?

"I hope so," Hamilton said, flashing his infectious smile.

Hamilton, hitting .310 with 21 home runs, has already played 93 games, not including his start in the All-Star Game and that jaw-dropping Home Run Derby performance.

He played only 90 games last season in his major league debut with Cincinnati. The most games he's played professionally were 96, in the low minors before being out of the game 3½ seasons because of his drug problems.

Asked how he felt, Hamilton responded, "Good enough. ... 100 percent better than I thought I'd feel at this time."

• Batting title for Ian Kinsler? Sixth straight 200-hit season for Young?

Kinsler leads the AL with a .337 average and has a 25-game hitting streak, longest in the majors and three shy of the team record. Leading off with three All-Stars following him in the lineup, Kinsler has taken a simple approach.

"I'm not worried about hitting a home run, a double or anything like that. I'm just trying to get on base anyway I can," said Kinsler, who had 14 homers and 23 stolen bases. "It's made it easy on me mentally."

Young, at 31 the oldest in

the lineup at times, had an 3-for-42 slump in mid-June. But he had a 23-game hitting streak before and now has a 15-gamer. He's on pace for 199 hits.

• How many pitchers will Texas use?

Too many, and that is what's holding back the best-hitting (.283) and highest-scoring (5.6 runs per game) team in the majors.

Texas has used 26 pitchers with 12 different starters, four making their first major league start. Rangers relievers have thrown a majors-high 352 2-3 innings (nearly four a game).

Vicente Padilla (10-5) went on the disabled list because of neck stiffness after giving up 15 runs in 8 2-3 innings and losing his last two starts before the break. Now all five starters from the original rotation have had DL stints.

• What about Hank Blalock?

The two-time All-Star third baseman is expected to be activated before Friday's game in Minnesota and play his first major league game at first base. Blalock has been out since April 25 (torn left hamstring, carpal tunnel syndrome).

Texas hasn't wavered from its plan to switch Blalock to first, but rookie Chris Davis hit .259 with six home runs and 13 RBIs his first 17 games. Ramon Vazquez, who took over at third, is a .310 hitter.

If Blalock shows he's healthy, he might be traded.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
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The Howard County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2009 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on August 13, 2008 at Howard County Appraisal District Boardroom, 315 Main Street, Big Spring, Texas.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of proposed budget.	\$902,640.00
The total amount of increase over the current year's budget.	\$33,669.75
The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget	9
The number of employees compensated under the current budget	9

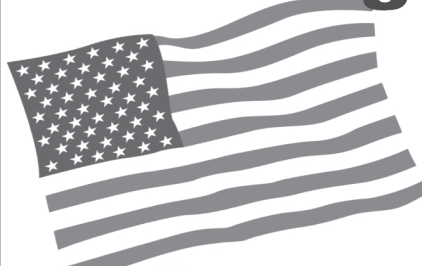
The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

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NELSON

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bility of parole.

"I'm in no hurry this morning," Moore told Nelson during the proceedings. "This is a very serious matter, and I don't want you to be able to look back this afternoon, or even five years from now, and wish you had handled this differently. I don't want there to be any doubt that you understand what's going on here today."

Nelson, who sat at the defendant's table wearing a blue prison uniform with his hands cuffed and legs in chains, told Moore he was ready to proceed.

Part of the bargain with the district attorney's office, Nelson agreed to waive his rights to parole from prison and to appeal — in both state and federal courts — as part of Thursday's decision. He also pleaded guilty to a charge of attempted capital murder for the stabbing-attack of Carol Maynard, who survived the attack, which took part in an apartment she and Wheat shared.

Also a part of the agreement, Nelson receives no credit for the 16-plus years he's already served on death row.

"I don't know that in a case like this you can ever adequately say justice is served," said Wilkerson. "The death penalty was out there, but I don't know that it would have provided the kind of justice and reconciliation they (the family) need. We had a lot of legal issues and a lot of factual issues that we had to reconcile in attempting to retry this case. We came to the conclusion if we could resolve it, this would probably be the most effective way to do things with a lower side of risk and a higher side of effective punishment than trying to take one shot at the death penalty."

"It would be a very awkward situation where if you didn't get the death penalty this guy could immediately — as in today — be eligible for parole. That was going to be an intolerable situation and something had to be done, and we had to do it in a way that would assure the safety of society and provide some satisfaction to the Wheat family. We did that by stacking two life sentences. He has waived his right to parole and given up 17 years that he's been in the system, waiving all of that time. He's starting from day one."

Wilkerson said issues of mitigation were at the core of the appellate court's decision to retry the punishment phase of the trial.

"It essentially arose out of legal decisions that took place between 1991 and 2004 regarding mitigation issues," said Wilkerson. "At the time, there was no way to have known to put that question in. Mitigation questions are things like

drug abuse, being under the influence of alcohol, poor family home life — things people out here in West Texas may not even consider mitigating, but more aggravating. Those became issues the Supreme Court said you have to address in a certain way. It was new law we had no way of knowing about back in 1991, so it obviously wasn't included. So they said we would have to take it before a jury again and include those issues.

"It's a pretty technical thing when you start talking about a special issue in a question in the verdict of the sentencing phase of a capital trial, and this was in fact a technical thing. But in the current legal environment we live in, technicalities, in regards to capital law and and post conviction capital law, are everything, and you have to account for those very, very carefully. There are no small issues in a capital case. Every thing is huge."

Wilkerson said the feelings of the Wheat family were considered very carefully before the decision to make the agreement was made.

"We consulted with the family on a very regular basis," said Wilkerson. "We had several meetings and in direct and indirect communication, and they were very helpful, very insightful meetings for both sides. They were able to take an understanding of the change in the legal scenery that had taken place since 1991, as well as some of the difficulty in some of the factual issues, like the question of future danger."

"New things come about. Who the state used as an expert at that time is no longer available to us. We have a 17-year history to draw from and look at his disciplinary records since he's been on death row and in prison. And we were able to come to certain conclusions about the chances of obtaining a yes verdict on the question of future danger. It brought how we approached this into a whole new light and what were the tactically and strategically the best way to address these things. The family was very understanding of all this."

And while Nelson has managed to dodge the needle, Wilkerson said Thursday's ending of the matter does bring about a certain level of satisfaction for him and his office.

"We'll hear no more of Billy Ray Nelson," said Wilkerson firmly. "It's our goal that he toils for the remainder of his life in the anonymity of the Texas Department of Corrections, no longer the celebrity on death row, but merely the anonymous prisoner that no one ever hears from again. We hope he spends the rest of his life in prison."

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Fair to help veterans with jobs and benefits

The Permian Basin Veterans Benefits Fair, along with a Job Fair for Iraq and Afghanistan veterans, will be held on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the ClayDesta Center in Midland, located at 6 Desta Drive. Entrance to the fair will be at the south side of the center off of Wadley Street. Admission is free and families are welcome to attend; children's activities are planned as well.

The fair is hosted by the Texas Veterans Land Board in collaboration with the West Texas VA Health Care System (WTVAHCS) Care Management Program for Veterans of Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom (OEF/OIF).

Staff from the Texas Veterans Land Board will be on hand to provide information on state programs, including land, housing and home improvement loans. Staff from the Veterans Healthcare and Benefits Administrations will be

available to enroll veterans for health-care services and provide information on other VA services and benefits, as well as to assist veterans with filing disability claims; veterans are encouraged to bring copies of their DD214s. Veteran's organizations and community agencies will also be on site to provide information on available resources of interest to veterans.

Finally, in an effort to thank veterans and support our local troops returning from deployments in Iraq and Afghanistan, a job fair will follow the benefits fair in the afternoon from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The job fair will accept registrations from employers through Friday.

For more information, contact Jennifer Ramirez or Tim McKinnon with the OEF/OIF Care Management Program at the WTVAHCS at (800) 472-1365 ext. 7144 or ext. 7169

Deal between XM and Sirius possible

WASHINGTON (AP) — During his tenure at the Federal Communications Commission, Jonathan Adelstein has been a fierce critic of government policies that allow big media companies to get bigger. So it came as a surprise when the Democratic commissioner put forth a proposal that would allow the nation's only two satellite radio companies to merge.

Adelstein, the potential deciding vote, told The Associated Press on Thursday that he would support Sirius Satellite Radio Inc.'s \$3.1 billion buyout of XM Satellite Radio Holdings Inc. if the companies agree to a six-year price cap and make one-quarter of their satellite capacity available for public interest and minority programming, plus other condi-

tions.

It may be that the commissioner, a seasoned political operator who spent 15 years as a Senate staffer, recognized a limited window of opportunity.

Thus far, two of the five members of the commission have voted to approve the satellite radio deal, one vote shy of a majority. All eyes have been on Republican Deborah Taylor Tate, who is expected ultimately to vote in favor of the deal, but as a friend to the broadcast industry that opposes it, has been under intense pressure to reject it.

Her reluctance to cast the deciding vote created an opportunity for Adelstein to extract further conditions from the companies.

BOND

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said she was determined to keep bringing the issues to voters until they pass.

"We need a new school. We need repairs at the high school. I am going to keep at it until we pass this bond," she said. "Our students deserve better."

Time is the board's immediate foe. The latest the issue can be put on the November ballot is Aug. 26. But school officials said

Tuesday that realistically, they have to be ready by the board's Aug. 15 meeting — and that's less than a month away.

Galan said she would be contacting residents who served on the previous school bond committee immediately and encouraged board members to submit names of others — including educators — who would be willing to help work up a new bond proposal.

Trustees hope the committee can convene within the next 10 days.

SUPER

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Galvan didn't want to predict a timetable, but said "Hopefully in January or February the search will be narrowed down to two or three candidates and after that we can name a superintendent."

She noted, however, that the timing isn't ideal. Many potential candidates will be on the job at another school district in the middle of the school year.

vive something like this. It was God's grace that got us through this."

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FAMILY

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late court to call for a new punishment phase to be held.

Nelson accepted a deal Thursday that will get him off death row, but force him to serve two consecutive life sentences, waiving his rights to appeal and parole.

Bonnie and Park Wheat — who both spoke in favor of the deal during the proceedings, speaking directly to Nelson at times — said in the years that have passed since her daughter's violent death, she and her family have struggled to understand what happened. However, being able to face their daughter's killer in court Thursday morning — after 17 years — has helped bring the ordeal to a close for her and her husband.

"It's been a process. Over the years we've learned to deal with it better. We've had more good times than bad times, but coming here today and facing him in court was very emotional for both of us," said Bonnie Wheat. "I think what I realized the night before the hearing was this is 17

years later, and some of the numbness that was there originally has worn off. And we've lived with the reality for a long time. It was more like we didn't have that protective shell around us that we had in the first trial. In some ways this was more difficult, but there is a sense of satisfaction in having been able to be here today and having been able to look Billy Nelson in the eye."

Park Wheat said the lose of their daughter is something they face on a daily basis.

"There are things you just have to face one at a time, and one of the things that increases the difficulty is you realize every day you're not making any more memories or any more history," said Park Wheat. "That what happened on Feb. 23, 1991, stopped any future building of memories and things. Fortunately, in our memories in our minds, we're able to relive special moments and those stay with us, though, over time, some things fade. But some (memories) remain prominent. For us, the special times with Charla are much more prominent now. So, in that

sense, it has gotten easier. However, you're aware of it every day."

Thursday's deal will help bring closure to the family and friends, according to Park Wheat.

"We've been in the ministry a lot of years before this happened, and one of the things I had learned in working with other people is you separate issues of forgiveness and issues of pardon," said Park Wheat. "Issues of pardon have to do with the judicial system. And it kept us engaged in the process without feeling like it had to be our solution, and we could focus on forgiveness and other things. The proceedings today have brought some closure to that pardon dimension, and that helps. It helps to have that settled because there's been, to some extent, 17 years of limbo through the

appeals process, and we understood that was going to be part of it. You're sort of hanging all the time. So this helps.

"The experience and grace, the daily reassurance, as well as the reassurance of friends and family have been essential to us. We came to a point where we felt like we could function, where we could go on and enjoy life, and it helped remind us that we lost one daughter, not two. We did not want to ever

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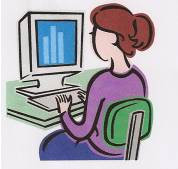
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Dixon and Willoughby

Do you like your name? It used to be that a person's name really meant something. Troy Brewer could be interpreted "city of trouble" since Troy is a famous ancient city and one definition of Brewer is a troublemaker. But you and I both know the real meaning of my last name and I don't think it originally had to do with coffee. So, I guess you could also call me "Milwaukee". That's another city famous for Brewing.

Don't panic, were sticking to a coffee theme. In fact I love coffee so much maybe one of my kids will call their first child Starbucks. That would be —no actually that wouldn't be good at all. Star Buck Brewer.



TROY
BREWER

Speaking of weird names for your kid, my el-primo iPhone has a news application and I was checking the wire last week.

There was a picture of this knucklehead and his pregnant girlfriend posing in front of their love shack. The reason for the headline is because they had both agreed to sell the rights to their unborn boy's name to an Orlando radio station for a \$100 gas card.

Two disc jockeys plan to name the baby after themselves. When the baby is born this winter, he will be named Dixon and Willoughby Partin, with the "and" included. The mama, Samantha says at least her son will have an interesting story about how he got his name.

That's what all of us want in life, isn't it? An interesting story about how we got our name. Not a family. Not a role model, certainly not parents that make good decisions and do things for the benefit of their children.

What it all comes down to is show and tell time on why you have a pathetically stupid name.

I know another interesting story he will have to tell. His mom and dad loved each other but not enough to be married and give this kid his daddy's name. However, they thought it best to turn over this responsibility to a couple of guys on the radio because dad needed a tank of unleaded. Woop-T-swingin-doo is what I have to say about that.

Dixon and Willoughby plan to be at the hospital when the baby is born and will hand over the gas card when they see the official birth certificate. I bet dad is there long enough to get his card and 15 minutes of fame. Then he'll burn up the highway to the nearest quick sack for another twenty dollars worth of lotto tickets.

Of course, Samantha's daddy is sure proud of who his daughter hooked up with and her fantastic decision making paradigm. God bless her and Dixon and Willoughby. I'm not referring to the radio hosts but to the kid...oh it's all a big mess. I wonder if he will refer to himself as 'we' instead of I.

First day of school: Dixon and Willoughby are you are here?

Some beautiful little first grader: "Yes, we are present ma'am."

How stupid is that? People wonder why some guy is in a tower sniping innocent people with a hunting rifle and sometimes it's because his parents were idiots. My friend Steve Jones says his wife teaches a child with the first name of Placenta. When they asked the mama why she would give her child such a name, she said, "Placenta is a hospital term."

So is fecal matter but I wouldn't give that name to a parrot. If you don't understand the word, don't tag your kid with the name. When I consider these same people are going to vote, it makes me want to go on a 40 day fast for our country.

Enough of my rant. Let me finish and say names are important. Identity is a really big deal. Nobody knows you and I better than our maker and nobody has a greater right to tell us who we are. Every time a human being has a personal encounter with this God, we come away with not only a new perspective of who He is, but who we are as well. He calls us royalty, he calls us family and he always calls us blessed. He also gives us the grace to live up to the good name He calls us.

And being found in appearance as a man, he (Jesus) humbled himself and became obedient to death— even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name. Philippians 2:8-9

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New Yorker cover: No one's laughing

Funny thing about a joke. When you have to explain it, that is proof the joke didn't work.

The editor of the New Yorker magazine has taken pains to explain that the cover of the current edition, depicting Sen. Barack Obama and his wife, Michelle, as fist-bumping, flag-burning Muslim radicals, is supposed to be political satire. Trouble is, nobody's laughing.

The target of the intended satire is the political culture that has disparaged the Illinois senator, a Christian, as a closet Muslim, and his spouse - depicted in camouflage and combat boots with an assault rifle slung over her shoulder - as an angry black woman out to make trouble. The only suggestion that the cover is not about Mr. and Mrs. Obama per se is its title, The Politics of Fear.

The image plays to our fears, not our funny bone. To make a point, it relies on the very distortions it seeks to lampoon. This is why it

didn't work - that and the fact that the distortions are based on lies and innuendo.

Political figures leave themselves open to criticism and the slings and arrows of outrageous satire when something in their character or behavior invites lampooning. Thus, Bill Clinton is depicted as a womanizer, Al Gore as a robot, John McCain as an old fogey, and President Bush as a clueless cowboy. We get it.

This is not the case with the way that Sen. Obama and his wife are depicted. It is one thing to poke fun at a wind-surfing John Kerry as hopelessly out of touch with the average American — a grain of truth there — and another to paint Sen. Obama as something he is not.

A picture is worth a thousand words, and in this case the picture of the first serious black contender for president of the United States as a Muslim fuels scurrilous rumors that prey on gullible voters.

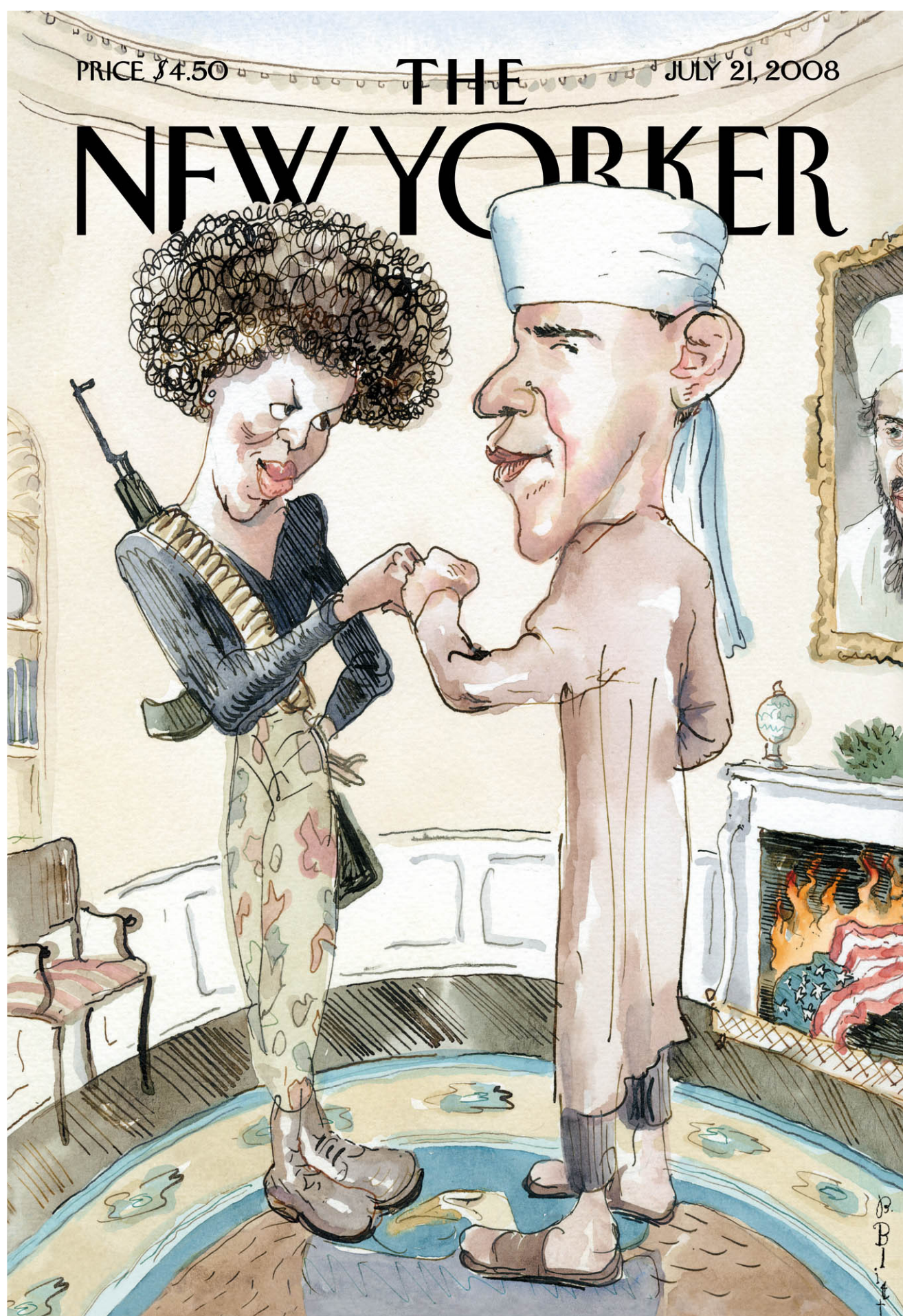
Just because he is black does not

mean that Obama should not be the object of satire, fair comment and even jabs of unfair comment. That's the nature of U.S. politics. Sen. Obama became fair game as soon as he entered politics.

The senator already has made rhetorical gaffes that leave him open to criticism as an elitist and a political neophyte. No doubt, he will offer satirists more fodder before it's over. But the whoop-de-do over the New Yorker generates controversy because it mixes race, religion, politics and violence in one false yet powerful image that says little about the candidate.

The New Yorker's editors may feel that their readers are sophisticated enough to get the joke. That says more about them than it does about either Obama or the wider culture. When nobody laughs and you have to explain the joke, the joke's on you.

THE MIAMI HERALD



New Yorker cover is a real hoot

The latest cover of The New Yorker features a caricature of Barack Obama and wife Michelle, standing in the Oval Office with a flag burning in the fireplace and a portrait of Osama bin Laden on the wall. Obama, cloaked in robes and a turban, is giving a fist bump greeting to his wife, who is decked out in military fatigues with a rifle slung over her shoulder.

Did you laugh or wince or sputter? We laughed — hard. It's funny. Keep reading.

The Obama campaign didn't concur.

"The New Yorker may think, as one of their staff explained to us, that their cover is a satirical lampoon of the caricature Sen. Obama's right-wing critics have tried to create," Obama spokesman Bill Burton said in a statement. "But most readers will see it as tasteless and offensive. And we agree."

There's a long and rich history of political cartoons lampooning

famous and powerful people, including presidents and presidential candidates. As a general rule, those famous and powerful people don't care for it.

But there's an inspired twist to this latest cartoon contretemps. The New Yorker cartoon isn't satirizing Obama. It's taking aim at people who are frightened by Obama, those who are willing to believe even the most outlandish Internet-fueled rumors about the candidate. The New Yorker's having wicked fun with the absurd notion that America is one election away from installing a Muslim quisling as the leader of the Free World, along with his terrorist wannabe wife. This Baracknophobia (thanks to humorist Jon Stewart of "The Daily Show") is so preposterous, so ludicrous, so demonstrably untrue that it makes perfect fodder for a cartoon, and more.

For those coming of political age with the influence of the Internet, here's one thought that the cartoon inspires: Saying something on TV

— or blogging it — is not the same thing as proving it. It doesn't take much for scurrilous rumors about a candidate to get started. And with the Internet they can be halfway around the world before the truth gets its boots on, to paraphrase a proverb. One way to fight back is with the truth, which the Obama campaign is doing at its anti-smear Web site, fightthesmears.com.

Another way is with a ferocious parody, like The New Yorker's.

Remember, political humor is always going to offend somebody. The skits on "Saturday Night Live" that pounded Sen. Hillary Clinton were a hoot — if you were an Obamaniac. The lampooning of John McCain by the likes of Stewart? Hilarious, unless you're a loyal GOPer. The best political humor points people in the direction of the truth. Are you listening, Baracknophobes?

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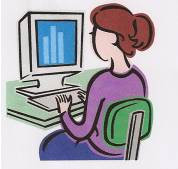
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Church News

First Presbyterian Church

The youth left for the Synod Youth Workshop at the University of Tulsa in Oklahoma July 13 and will return Saturday. Monday, the "Pastor Nominating Committee met in the library at noon to continue their work in finding a new pastor. Barbara Chappell from the Committee on Ministry led the meeting.

There will be a Bible study at 5:17 p.m. Wednesday. There will be no choir practice in July. The youth will not meet next Wednesday.

Monday, the Session will meet at 6 p.m. in the library for their monthly meeting.

The lectionary for Sunday is Genesis 28:10-19; Psalm 139: 1-12, 23-24; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52. The sermon, by the Rev. Bert Bronaugh, will be "Wrestling with God."

First Baptist Church

We have two groups out this week. Our music staff is attending Music Week at Glorieta Baptist Encampment in New Mexico and our RA boys have also been in New Mexico. Both groups will be returning today, and we pray God's traveling grace upon them.

We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper Sunday during our morning worship time. Our pastor, the Rev. Ken Coffee, will share the sermon, "Let Us Break Bread Together." Come and share this time with us.

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Worship services and holy communion are at 9 a.m.

Sunday school and adult Bible classes begin at 10:15 a.m.

There will be a voter's meeting immediately after church to vote on two items only. Please attend.

Worship services Wednesday are at 6:45 p.m.

The Lutheran Hour is on 1070AM at 7:30 a.m. Sundays.

Operation On Going Support July items are neck coolers (Some have been made this week by our church ladies. These must be a Godsend for our troops in weather that is hotter than ours.), soft package baby wipes, cold drink mixes (dry and presweetened). The troops can call home if you contribute to the AT&T phone card fund.

God has blessed our church for many years, let us all pray that He will continue to bless us.

First United Methodist Church

The celebration commemorating our 125th anniversary has come and gone and yet the smiles on our faces linger on. What a glorious weekend at Fourth and Scurry. Our hot dog supper was

very well attended and that cloud and cool breeze was truly a blessing from God. The Heritage Museum and staff are to be commended for the marvelous way in which they helped us to begin our celebration.

And Sunday, we had a wonderful crowd to join us in worship along with pastor friends and their families from our past. Garrett Hall was filled to overflowing and those in attendance not only had a delicious meal but also spent a great deal of time sharing memories and looking at the pictures from the church archives. Sincerest thanks to all those who worked so hard to make this celebration so very special.

This Sunday, the Rev. Sharon Wiese, senior pastor, will preach on "Living on Purpose" from Ecclesiastes 3:11 and Psalm 23.1 We will be back on our regular schedule of two morning services at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m. with Sunday school classes for all ages in between at 9:45.

Monday morning, bright and early, our Vacation Bible School will set sail for Outrigger Island. Classes begin at 9 a.m. for ages 4 through the 4th grade. You have an open invitation to any and all the activities at First Methodist. We're located in the heart of downtown Big Spring; hope to see you soon.

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

If you are looking for a Church to worship, consider us at 1512 Birdwell Lane. Sunday worship is at 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. Children's Church is during the Sunday worship. For a ride to services, call 264-9924 or 267-7157.

Midweek services are at 7 p.m.

The youth are planning a trip to the waterpark in Lubbock Friday, July 25th.

For further information, call 267-8214 or 267-7157.

East Fourth Street Baptist Church

The RA boys and leaders are at camp this week at Circle Six Ranch. Keep them in your prayers for safety and salvation.

Lots of thanks go out to everyone who helped in VBS; we could not have done it without you. You'll be blessed for a job well done.

Pastor Keith Weaver, wife Denise and granddaughter Rebecca left Wednesday for Dove Creek, Colo., where Bro. Keith will be leading a three-day revival at First Southern Baptist Church. They will be joined by the Torbic family, Lloyd Wells and eight youth Saturday to do mission projects there, as well as teaching VBS at Southern Baptist Church in Mancos, Colo.

A total of 15 are on this trip.

We pray for their safety and wellness. They will return to Big Spring Saturday, July 26.

Joe Whitten Prison Min-

Suds up! Soap trouble

I'm having a lot of trouble with my new dishwashing detergent. The instructions on the bottle say to use one-third less soap because the gold-colored liquid is concentrated. I guess that means the soap is new and improved. It may just be an admission that the old stuff was watered down.



BONNIE WHEAT

My problem is not knowing how hard to squeeze the bottle to get one-third less than a regular squirt of soap.

The advertising on the wrapper says that the bottle cap is also new and improved to control the amount of soap that comes out, but I think the soap just comes out a smaller hole. I haven't detected any retardation in the flow of soap. What I really need is a squirtometer that will measure exactly 33.33 percent less soap than I usually use.

Although I don't know whether or not I'm using one-third less soap, I'm pretty sure that I'm using 2/3 more water. The other day, I decided to hand wash a piece of clothing with my new liquid detergent. I must have miscalcu-

lated one-third less because after a few dips and swishes, my hard West-Texas water lathered up like a Hollywood bubble bath.

It seemed like a shame to waste all those suds, but lacking the motivation to do a whole load of laundry in the kitchen sink, I pulled the plug and let the drain slurp down all that warm, soapy water. Then I doused the bubbles away and rinsed my laundry six or seven times in clear water to get the rest of the soap out.

God's expectations are a little more exact than the instructions on my soap bottle: *And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. (Deuteronomy 6:5 KJV)* He also says: *Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. (Proverbs 3:5-KJV)*

I may never know whether the 28 ounces of my new detergent had as much cleaning power as 42 ounces of the kind I used to buy. However, when it comes to my relationship with the Lord, He wants me to squeeze out all the love and trust that I can give. He wants 100 percent.

istries presents His Children in Concert at East Fourth, Sunday, July 27 at 11 a.m. in the Family Worship Center. We invite you to come join us for this concert and special time of worship.

If you are seeking a church home, we welcome you to come visit and give us the opportunity to share God's Word with you. Our church is located at 401 E. Fourth St. Our office is located at 410 E. Third St. Call 267-2291.

Our Sunday services start with Sunday school (all ages) at 9:45 am; morning worship at 11 a.m.; mission classes at 5 p.m.; evening worship at 6 p.m. Wednesday: Adult prayer meeting and Bible study, youth Bible study/music, Children's Backdoor Bible study/music all at 7 p.m. Saturday mornings, men's

Bible study at 7 a.m.

First Church of the Nazarene

First Church of the Nazarene welcomes everyone to our exciting and spirit-filled services.

Sunday mornings, we have a meet and greet time with coffee and donuts in the commons at 9:30 a.m. Worship service begins at 10 a.m. with a mixture of contemporary and traditional music sure to uplift your soul. This is followed by a scripture-based message from our pastor.

Wednesday nights, all adults are invited to join us at 6:30 p.m. for your choice of one of two interactive Bible studies in the Sanctuary Building.

The youth are invited to "Youth Explosion!" with pizza and fellowship, praise and worship, and

Biblical messages addressing hot topics in the gym upstairs in the Salt Shaker.

Kids, don't miss out on "God Wants You! Bible Boot Camp," throughout the summer each Wednesday evening and Sunday morning. Wear your camo clothes, earn shirts, hats, other great prizes, and a chance to use authentic Army equipment. Learn to put on the whole armor of God using the Sword of the Spirit, the Bible.

Join God's Army and get involved with great stories, music, puppets, water games and more.

Our schedule is as follows: Wednesday's camp: 1830 hours (6:30 p.m.) to 1930 hours (7:30 p.m.) and Sunday morning camp: 1000 hours (10 a.m.) to 1130 hours (11:30 a.m.).

Dare-To-Care Outreach

Ministry will be this Sunday at 2:00 p.m. Please call our church office for details or any questions at 267-7015. God is waiting to bless you!

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church

Sunday worship service is held at 9:30 a.m. with fellowship and Sunday school for all ages immediately following worship. Evening service is at 5 p.m.

The adult Sunday school topic is "Christ As Servant" with the scripture taken from John 13:1-20, and will be led by Allen Welch.

Our thanks to Bill Bates, who led the Sunday morning worship services and to Allen Welch who led the Sunday night service.

July 27, there will be a fellowship luncheon following worship. An administration board meeting will be held after the luncheon. All members are urged to attend.

Once again, North Birdwell, as host church for the Angel Food Ministry of Big Spring, says hats off to the many volunteers who come on the last Saturday of each month to help unload the truck and help with the distribution of the food.

This non-qualifying food program is to help anyone who wishes to lower their food expense.

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church is a loving, working church.

If you would like to worship is a friendly, small church and be willing to act as hands and feet for the Lord, you are truly welcome.

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church is located at 2702 North Birdwell. For more information, call 267-2203 or 267-3241.

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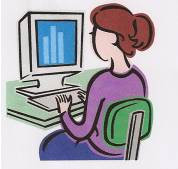
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GARAGE SALE, Saturday, 8:00-2:00. 610 East 4th. Clothes, bedding, frog items, baby items, Bowflex, little bit of everything!

GARAGE SALE: 2807 Apache, Friday 4-7 & Saturday 8-11. 52" HD TV, bar stools, Christmas items, girls clothing, infant (size 6), beds, comforter sets, decorative items and more.

GARAGE SALE: 3220 Drexel, Saturday 7-3. Lots of baby items, knick-knacks and lots more.

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Food safety worries change buying habits

WASHINGTON (AP) — Troubled by the tainted tomato scare, nearly half of Americans are concerned they may get sick from eating contaminated food and are avoiding items they normally would buy, an Associated Press-Ipsos poll has found.

Although three in four remain confident about the overall safety of foods, the poll found that consumers overwhelmingly support setting up a tracing system for produce in the wake of the salmonella outbreak first linked to tomatoes and, now, hot peppers.

Eighty-six percent said produce should be labeled so it can be tracked through layers of processors, packers and shippers, all the way back to the farm. The lack of such a system frustrated disease detectives working on the salmonella

outbreak. Although federal officials lifted the tomato warning Thursday, the cause of the outbreak remains unknown.

The poll found that 80 percent of Americans said they would support new federal standards for fresh produce. Meat and poultry have long been subject to federal safeguards, but fruits and vegetables are not, although produce increasingly is being implicated in outbreaks.

In addition to the salmonella outbreak, this year has seen the largest ground beef recall in history, raising consumer concerns reflected in the poll.

Forty-six percent said they were worried they might get sick from eating contaminated food and have avoided foods that they normally would have purchased.

Club News

The West Texas Art Guild

The West Texas Art Guild met Saturday, July 12, at Studio Twenty Art Gallery in Colorado City.

Minutes were read and approved from the previous meeting in June.

The club discussed the upcoming Railhead and the club's participation in the event as a club fund raiser July 19-20. Members will be doing face painting and selling homemade candies, hand painted cards and tickets on an original painting donated by Carolyn Walker to be given away Sunday. Items for sale will be \$1 and tickets will be \$1 or six for \$5.

The library wants the members to have an exhibit in their display case the month of August. Lulu Boyd, Debby Guelker and Linda Mathis will be showing their art work there.

Nita Mahan reported that Estelle Howard, Linda Rupart, Leada Wood, Nance Verschoor, Carolyn Walker and herself were showing their art work in various bands and

businesses in town to help promote art in Colorado City. Mrs. Mahan will be rotating the works of art in the businesses.

Patronage levels per year were approved at the last meeting. They are individual, \$15; family, \$25; Silver, \$100; Gold, \$250; Diamond, \$500.00 and Platinum, \$1,000. Each membership includes a framed certificate of appreciation. A public listing of all patrons will be at each exhibit or show the Guild holds.

Judy McDaniel of Colorado City joined the West Texas Art Guild Saturday. Members present for the meeting were Leada Wood, Lulu Boyd, Adele Morgan, Judy Hill, Linda Mathis, Debby Guelker, Nita Mahan and Carolyn Walker.

The next meeting will be in August and artists or persons with a love of art are encouraged to attend and become a part of a growing innovative club membership.

The Big Spring Rotary Club

The Big Spring Rotary Club,

which meets each Tuesday, gave a standing ovation to Charles Beil at a recent meeting for the presentation of an award for 41 years of perfect attendance at Rotary.

Rotaries have a system on perfect attendance where they can make up a meeting they miss through attendance at the other Rotary Club in Big Spring or at any Rotary Club if they are in another town.

They also can visit clubs in other countries, which Beil often did. Rotary International has clubs in many countries in the world.

Other members of the local club honored that day included Ralph McLaughlin, 31 years; Tommy Churchwell, 24; Bob Lewis, 24; Jerry Worthy, 21; Jimmy Anderson, 18; Lee Emerson, 18; and Greg Brooks, 15.

Others included Shirley Lee, 12; Jan Foresyth, 11; Cheri Sparks, 10; Robert Miller, 6; Clarence Hartfield, 6; Hollis McCright, 5; Pete Thiry, 5; Jim Little, 3; Jerry Grimes, 1; and Raul Marquez, 1.

CHURCH

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St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Everyone is invited to attend worship service at St. Mary's this Sunday. Holy Communion will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew's will have their meeting and breakfast at 8 a.m. Saturday.

Monday, St. Mary's Church will present an Evening With Muses. Our program includes The Earth Only Endures — Native American music; American Literature from the Colonial Period; and "Thread Art" with Jean Monday, Tootsie Grantham, Karen Pike and Sharon Billingsley.

Admission is free and the event is open to anyone interested in art, culture and spirituality.

For more information about St. Mary's, call 267-8201. St. Mary's is located at 1001 S. Goliad.

Baptist Temple Church

You're invited to Power Lab Vacation Bible School presented by Baptist Temple Church. Get ready for an exciting celebration of Jesus' power filled with squeaky beakers, fizzing test tubes and a whole lab full of friends.

Kids will experience thrilling Bible stories, make delightful creations, sample tasty treats, sing powerful songs and burn off energy at Hyperspeed Games. We will also support Operation Kid 2 Kid by providing soccer balls to children in Africa. This mission project will allow even the youngest of chil-

dren to make an impact on needy children in Africa!

In addition to Power Lab, our pastor, Jeff Stehle, will be offering a class for adults.

The Bible study, "An Ordinary Day with Jesus," will take a look at various aspects of an ordinary day and show us how we can connect with Jesus in those moments. The Bible study will run from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and is open to all adults.

All children four years old through sixth grade are invited to Power Lab. Power Lab will run July 21-25 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Transportation arrangements may be made by contacting the church office at 267-8287. Register online at www.tbcbigspring.org for a chance to win a cool Power Lab souvenir.

Chapel of Faith

Chapel of Faith, located at the corner of East 14th and Goliad, invites you to attend Sunday worship service at 10:30 a.m. each week. The worship is informal and inspirational. The Rev. Joel Miller presents a message based on scriptures showing God's love for us and His plan of salvation. This week's message is "The Judgment" from Romans 2:12-16.

Remember, when people pray together and worship together, the power of God can change lives in ways that we can never do ourselves. If you have a love for God or a crisis in your life, come let us pray for you and with you. You will receive a blessing by just being with others who love God and letting them minister to you.

We hope to see you Sunday. Come a little early and enjoy a time of fellowship. The coffee is always on.

First Baptist Church, Coahoma

First Baptist Church in Coahoma will hold an Engage Ministry Revival, "Something for Everyone," July 20-24. Children's time will be 9:30 a.m. through 11:30 a.m. Monday through Wednesday with a meal at 5:45 p.m. Youth time will be 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. through Wednesday with a Sunday school breakfast Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and a youth rally at 6 p.m. Thursday.

Evening revival services will be held at 7 p.m. for everyone Monday through Friday. For more details, call the church at 394-4348.

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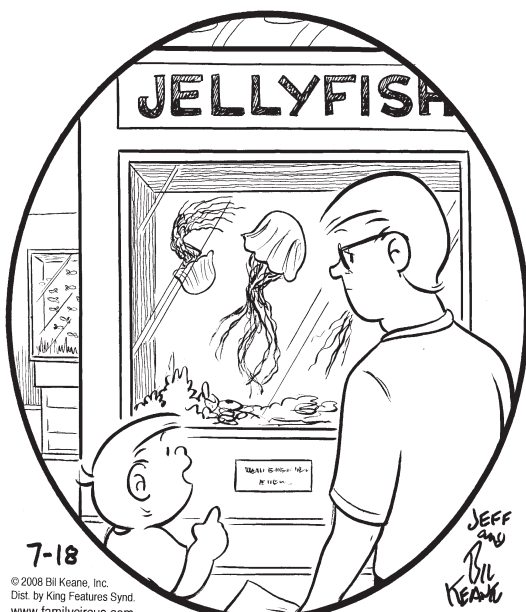
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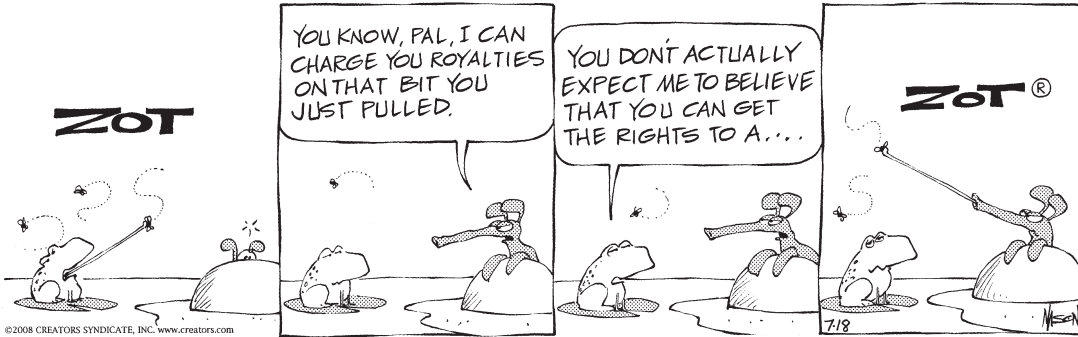
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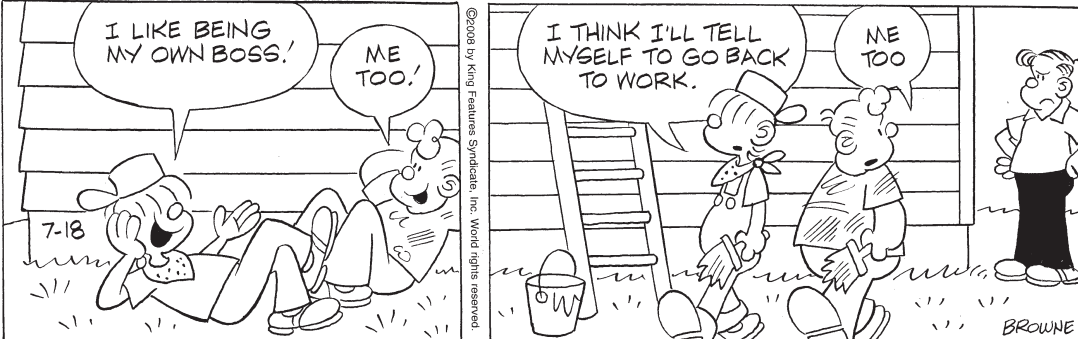
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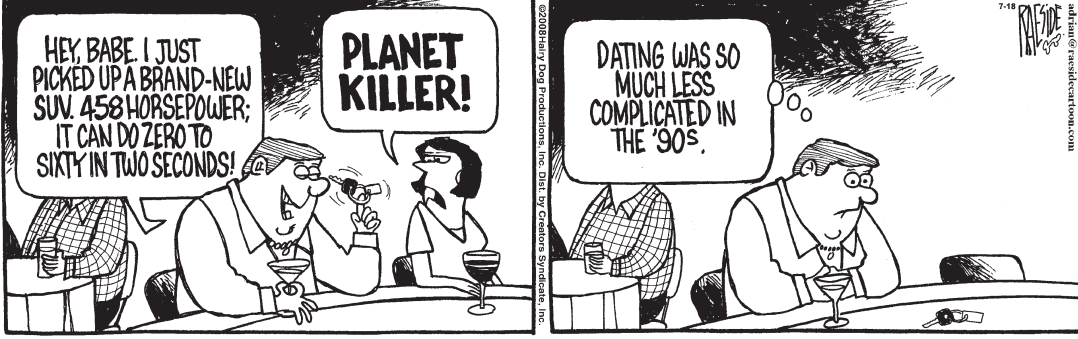
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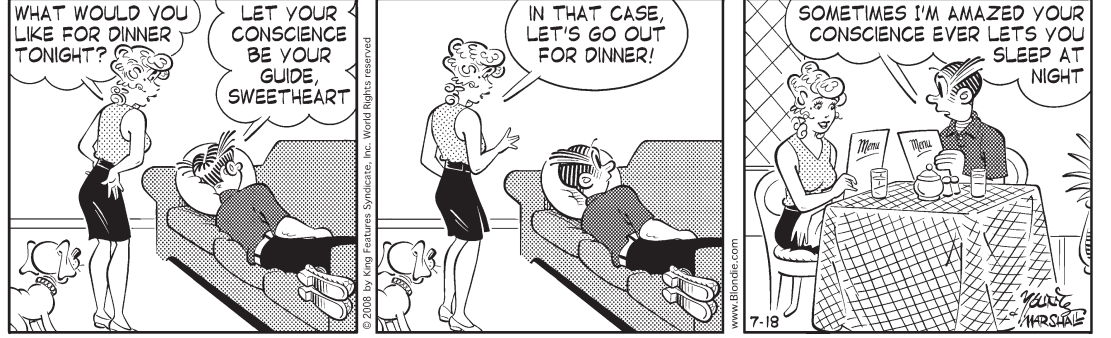
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, July 18, the 200th day of 2008. There are 166 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On July 18, 1947, President Truman signed the Presidential Succession Act, which placed the speaker of the House and the Senate president pro tempore next in the line of succession after the vice president.

In A.D. 64, the Great Fire of Rome began.

In 1792, American naval hero John Paul Jones died in Paris at age 45.

In 1918, during World War I, American and French forces launched a counteroffensive against the Germans during the Second Battle of the Marne.

In 1932, the United States and Canada signed a treaty to develop the St. Lawrence Seaway.

In 1936, the Spanish Civil War began.

In 1940, the Democratic National Convention in Chicago nominated President Roosevelt for an unprecedented third term in office.

In 1969, a car driven by Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., plunged off a bridge on Chappaquiddick Island near Martha's Vineyard; passenger Mary Jo Kopechne died.

In 1984, a gunman opened fire at a McDonald's fast food restaurant in San Ysidro, Calif., killing 21 people before being shot dead by police.

In 1984, Walter F. Mondale won the Democratic presidential nomination in San Francisco.

In 1988, Texas Treasurer Ann Richards delivered the keynote address at the Democratic National Convention in Atlanta, skewering presumed Republican nominee George H.W. Bush as having been "born with a silver foot in his mouth."

One year ago: Senate Republicans torpedoed legislation to force the withdrawal of U.S. combat troops from Iraq.

Today's Birthdays: Former South African President Nelson Mandela is 90. Former Sen. John Glenn, D-Ohio, is 87. Skating champion and commentator Dick Button is 79. Movie director Paul Verhoeven is 70. Singer Brian Auger is 69. Singer Dion DiMucci is 69. Actor James Brolin is 68. Singer Martha Reeves is 67. Blues guitarist Lonnie Mack is 67. Pop-

rock musician Wally Bryson (The Raspberries) is 59. Country-rock singer Craig Fuller (Pure Prairie League) is 59. Actress Margo Martindale is 57. Singer Ricky Skaggs is 54. Rock musician Nigel Twist (The Alarm) is 50. Actress Elizabeth McGovern is 47. Rock musician John Hermann (Widespread Panic) is 46. Actor Vin Diesel is 41. Rock musician Daron Malakian (System of a Down; Scars on Broadway) is 33. Rock musician Tony Fagenson (Eve 6) is 30. Movie director Jared Hess is 29. Actor Jason Weaver is 29. Actress Kristen Bell is 28. Rock singer Ryan Cabrera is 26. Actor Chace Crawford is 23.

Thought for Today: "While we read history we make history." — George William Curtis, American author-editor (1824-1892).

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