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This hang glider pilot takes to the air during launches this weekend at the Big Spring Airport in the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark. Dubbed the Big Spring International, the competition will continue through Saturday.

## City champs defend titles

*Hernandez, Garcia lead way at municipal golf course*

**Herald Staff Report**

It was a good weekend to be a defending champion at the Big Spring City Championship Golf Tournament.

The 2007 champions in both the men's and women's divisions successfully defended their titles Saturday and Sunday.

Susie Hernandez won the women's division with a two-round score of 158, meanwhile Charlie Garcia successfully defended his men's title, shooting a 143.

Hernandez dominated the women's field, besting her closest competition Debra Light by 12 strokes.

Linda DeWaters won the first flight with a 177. Patsy Sharpnack was second in the first flight, shooting

a 185. Garcia's 143 was seven strokes better than Mike Weaver and Ben Garcia Jr., who tied for second with a 150.

Winning the president's flight was Pat Loya with a 151. Rawleigh McCullough was second with a 153. Ricky Wilson was placed in the first flight after his opening round score, but put together a strong second round and actually finished with the second best overall score of the tournament with a 147.

Kelly Wenette was second in the first flight, shooting a 154. The second flight title went to Rodney Newell, who shot a 160. Newell

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## Edouard moves toward Texas

By **JANET McCONNAUGHEY**  
Associated Press Writer

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Tropical Storm Edouard took aim at the coasts of Texas and Louisiana on Monday, threatening to pick up strength from warm Gulf waters and gain near-hurricane

speeds over the next 24 hours. Emergency teams were activated as Gulf residents prepared for a second strong storm in less than a month, although Edouard is forecast to hit a different stretch of the Texas coast or Louisiana than Hurricane Dolly did last month.

Rudy Guidry of Grand Isle, on the Louisiana coast south of New Orleans, was on his father's houseboat Monday morning making it a bit more secure than usual. "We're on the water right now. Just putting on extra lines in case it comes up," he said. A tropical storm warning was in

effect from the mouth of the Mississippi River westward to San Luis Pass in Texas. A hurricane watch was in effect from west of Intracoastal City, Louisiana, to Port O'Connor, Texas.

Edouard was expected to make See **STORM**, Page 3A

## Festival set this weekend at Sacred Heart

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

Food and games will take center stage Friday and Saturday, as the Holy Trinity Catholic Parish will celebrate its August Festival.

Food and game booths are expected to open at 6:30 p.m. both days, according to event coordinators, offering something for everyone in the family.

Games will include See **FESTIVAL**, Page 3A

## Big Spring officer downplays hero role; witnesses disagree

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

Hero. Mention of the word to Big Spring Police Officer Wayne Wright will illicit a blushing smile, followed by a few shy words, but that's exactly how his actions July 26 in the Upper Canyon of Ruidoso are being described by witnesses.

Wright, who was there vacationing with his family when rainfall night caused flash floods to sweep through the area, was among several campers who found themselves trying to save a woman who had been swept down-

*"Officer Wright was a hero in all of our eyes, and especially in the eyes of the girl and her brother."*

Brenda Kirby, witness

stream from a location more than a mile away.

According to Wright, the teenage girl had been precariously deposited by the flood waters on a small piece of dry ground approximately four feet by

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Photo by Brenda Kirby

Big Spring Police Officer Wayne Wright prepares to wade into flood waters in the Upper Canyon of Ruidoso, N.M., to rescue a teenage girl who was trapped by the rushing waters.

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## Obituaries

## Briana Nicole Hanson

Briana Nicole Hanson, infant daughter of Linda Torres and Josh Hanson, died Saturday, Aug. 2, 2008, at Odessa Regional Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Alfred Clay 'Jake' Parker

Alfred Clay "Jake" Parker, 65, of Big Spring died Monday, Aug. 4, 2008, in a local hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

## Take Note

• The local Eagles Lodge will host a benefit dance and brisket supper for Kody Jackson Saturday from noon until 1 a.m. Brisket plates will be available beginning at noon until supplies run out and are \$7 per plate with delivery available. An auction will follow, with the dance set to begin at 9 p.m. featuring Country Tradition. Tickets for the dance are \$5 per person or \$8 for each couple.

• Big Spring High School Class of 1998 10-year reunion will be held Sept. 12-13 during the BSHS homecoming weekend. To get details and register, visit [www.freewebs.com/bshs1998](http://www.freewebs.com/bshs1998) or contact Traci Bellinghausen at (817) 308-9845 or Jacob Cordova at (432) 935-0533.

• BSHS Class of 1978 30-year reunion is Sept. 12-13. Contact Kent Rice at 870-918-5875 or [kent\\_rice@murphyoilcorp.com](mailto:kent_rice@murphyoilcorp.com)

• Big Spring High School Class of 1988's 20-year reunion will be held the weekend of Sept. 12-13. Contact Cheri Wyrick Reibe at 432-268-9587 or [reibe1@suddenlink.net](mailto:reibe1@suddenlink.net) for information. The class still needs classmates' contact information so please contact Cheri to pass those along.

• HATS (Hope After The Sadness), an American Cancer Society Resource Room is now available at First Methodist Church. This center provides information and valuable resources for those affected by cancer. This HATS ministry, established in memory of the late Rev. Dr. Shane Brue, maintains a room with free hats, wigs and head coverings available for check-out by those dealing with hair loss due to cancer treatment. Other services and resources are also available. Contact the "Hat Lady," Marci Lykken at 267-2915.

• 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](http://www.questionpro.com/akira/TakeSurvey?id=929625). For the survey in Spanish, go to [www.questionpro.com/akira/TakeSurvey?id=929626](http://www.questionpro.com/akira/TakeSurvey?id=929626).

• 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.

## Sheriff's report

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 51 inmates at the time of this report.

• THOMAS JAMES BELL, 29, was arrested by DPS Friday on charges of driving while license invalid, speeding, display an expired license plate, no liability insurance, violation of a promise to appear, failure to maintain financial responsibility and driving while license invalid.

• MICHAEL BIRMELIN, 27, was arrested by the HCSO Friday on a judgement/sentence for driving while intoxicated - 2<sup>nd</sup> offense and charges of bondsman off bond for no liability insurance, bondsman off bond for no driver's license and bondsman off bond for no liability insurance.

• KRISTOPHER BRITO GARCIA, 20, was transferred by the BSPD to the county jail Friday on a charge of possession of marijuana - more than five pounds.

• GILBERT GONZALES, 27, was transferred by the BSPD to the county jail Friday on an Austin PD warrant for possession of marijuana - less than two ounces.

• BRYAN M. WILKINS, 27, was transferred by the BSPD to the county jail Friday on a charge of possession of marijuana - less than two ounces.

• NICHOLAS ADAM LOPEZ, 27, was transferred by the BSPD to the county jail Friday on a charge of possession of marijuana - less than two ounces.

• JOHN JAY FLORES, 37, was arrested by the HCSO Friday on charges of possession of a controlled substance - more than four grams and less than 200 grams, and two counts of delivery of a controlled substance.

• DAVID WAYNE GRANT, 37, was arrested by the HCSO Saturday on a charge of duty on striking a fixture/highway landscape.

• CHRISTINA MARTINEZ, 25, was arrested by the HCSO Saturday on charges of miscellaneous Class C public intoxication.

• EDDIE GLORIA, 36, was arrested by the HCSO Saturday on a charge of miscellaneous Class C public intoxication.

• JOSEPH ANTONIO GLOVER, 25, was arrested by DPS Saturday on charges of miscellaneous Class C no driver's license and miscellaneous Class C speeding.

• DAMIAN WALTER POWELL, 26, was arrested by DPS Saturday on a charge of unauthorized use of a vehicle.

• HERIBERTO HERNANDEZ, 31, was arrested by DPS Saturday on charges of theft by check, no driver's license or expired issue and speeding.

• RYAN JOSEPHY PORTIER, 29, was arrested by DPS Sunday on charges of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• CHRISTOPHER JEROME JOHNSON, 23, was arrested by DPS Sunday on charges of failure to stop and render aid and driving while license invalid with previous conviction or suspension.

• DAVID SHAWN MENDEZ, 22, was arrested by the HCSO Sunday on a charge of assault family violence.

• PHILLIP EUGENE BEBEE, 34, was transferred by the BSPD to the county jail Sunday on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

## Fire/EMS

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

• MEDICAL was reported Saturday in the 700 block of FM 700. Service refused.

• MEDICAL was reported Saturday in the 150 block of Scurry. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRASH FIRE was reported Saturday in the 1600 block of Gregg.

• GRASS FIRE was reported Saturday in the 2600 block of Gregg.

• MEDICAL was reported Sunday in the 700 block of FM 700. Service refused.

• MEDICAL was reported Sunday in the 1700 block of Wasson. Service refused.

• MEDICAL was reported Sunday in the 1500 block of Scurry. One person was transported to SMMC.

• STRUCTURE FIRE was reported Sunday in the 2300 block of Marshall.

• GREASE KITCHEN FIRE was reported Sunday in the 3200 block of Duke.

## Your Local Weather

Tue 8/5	Wed 8/6	Thu 8/7	Fri 8/8	Sat 8/9
 <b>98/69</b> Mostly sunny skies. High 98F. SSW winds shifting to E at 10 to 20 mph.	 <b>91/68</b> Slight chance of a thunderstorm.	 <b>93/69</b> Partly cloudy with a stray thunderstorm.	 <b>94/70</b> Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.	 <b>95/70</b> A few clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.

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## Police blotter

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

• ROBERT MATA, no age provided, no address provided, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication and a citation.

• LORENZO YANEZ, no age provided, no address provided was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• DAVID CANALES, no age provided, no address provided was arrested on charges of unlawfully carrying a weapon and possession of a controlled substance - more than four grams and less than 200 grams.

• MICHAEL LOPEZ, no age provided, no address provided was arrested on charges of unlawfully carrying a weapon, possession of a controlled substance - more than four grams and less than 200 grams, and a citation.

• GERALD KELLEY, no age provided, no address provided was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• ASSAULT was reported Sunday in the 1900 block of Highway 87.

• ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 1200 block of Main.

• ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 1900 block of Highway 87.

• ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 700 block of Interstate 20.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1400 block of Virginia.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 800 block of 14<sup>th</sup> Street.

• POSSESSION DRUG PARAPHERNALIA was reported in the 700 block of Lorilla.

• THEFT was reported in the 1100 block of Lamesa.

• THEFT was reported in the 900 block of Golf Course.

## Support Groups

## TUESDAY

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

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. and closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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was four shots better than second place Chris Spivey, who turned in a 164.

Robert Jackman took home the third flight prize, posting a 170 over two rounds. Earl Newell and Blaine Wright tied with a 174 for second place in the flight.

Terry Wetsel's 178 was good enough to win the fourth and final flight. Wetsel topped his closest

competition Dennis Wells by four strokes.

The 2008 version of the City Championship was the first played at the Comanche Trail Golf Course since 2006. The course shut down completely for remodeling in April 2007. It reopened with a completely remodeled 18 holes on May 3 of this year.

**Women's division**  
Championship flight: 1. Susie Hernandez - 158; 2. Debra Light - 170.  
First flight: 1. Linda DeWaters - 177; 2. Patsy Sharpnack - 185.

**Men's division**

Championship flight: 1. Charlie Garcia - 143; 2. (tie) Mike Weaver and Ben Garcia Jr. - 150.  
President's flight: 1. Pat Loya - 151; 2. Rawleigh McCullough - 153; 3. Todd Parrish - 154; 4. Tommy Billalba Jr. - 156.  
First flight: 1. Ricky Wilson - 147; 2. Kelly Weirnette - 154; 3. Don Cook - 155; 4. Mike Spivey - 159.  
Second flight: 1. Rodney Newell - 160; 2. Chris Spivey - 164; 3. John Weeks - 168; 4. Larry Bob Conway - 170.  
Third flight: 1. Robert Jackman - 170; 2. Earl Newell - 174; 3. Blaine Wright - 174; 4. Forrest West - 175.  
Fourth flight: 1. Terry Wetsel - 178; 2. Dennis Wells - 182; 3. Simon Saldana - 183; 4. Ike Low - 188.

**WRIGHT**

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four feet, and while rescue attempts were going on around her, she seemed unable to assist in her rescue.

"She was in shock," said Wright. "She had been beaten up pretty bad by the water. There were trees and logs flying down through the water, not to mention all of the rocks and other things. People on the shore had tied a life preserver to a rope and were tossing it to her, but she wouldn't respond or pick it up."

With the water continuing to rise, Wright said he didn't have time to think about it, he simply had to act.

"I ran upstream about 40 or 50 yards and waded across to the other side," said Wright. "After that, I had to wade across another part of the water to get to her. Looking back, it's a miracle I made it through there. There were so many large objects being carried by the water. You never really understand the destructive force or power of water until you see it first hand."

"Once I got to her, I was able to grab one of the lines the people on

the other side were throwing. I put the life preserver on her, and then tied the rope to my waist. That's when I realized what all was being pushed downstream."

With the rope secured around him, Wright said he barely caught a glimpse of the log that was being hurried downstream - right for the rope spanning the water.

"It was only about four or five feet long," said Wright, "but when it caught the rope I thought to myself, 'This is it.' It nearly took me off my feet. At that point I knew we had to get back across, and quick."

Safely back on shore with the woman, Wright said the idea of being a hero never entered his mind when he decided to wade into the swift moving waters.

"I just reacted. I didn't think about it, I just reacted," said Wright. "I wasn't trying to be a hero or anything like that. I just knew we had to get her out of there before she drowned. The water was rising and time was running out. We had to do something."

Brenda Kirby, of the Dallas area, who was also at the site with family, said Wright's humble assessment of the event doesn't bring to light who the hero of the day was.

"Officer Wright and his family were guests at the Noisy Water Cabins, where my party was also staying," said Kirby. "Officer Wright was quite humble and did not feel he was a hero. With approximately 20 people on the scene trying to find a solution to rescuing the girl, Officer Wright disappeared and suddenly appeared on the other side of the rushing water, which had swelled over the banks of the river and into the road. This was the same water on the road that swept the girl's friend away just moments earlier. There was a group effort on the part of many people, but Officer Wright was definitely the hero."

"Officer Wright was a hero in all of our eyes, and especially in the eyes of the girl and her brother, who was anxiously watching the rescue," said Kirby. "A male friend of the girl had already been swept away by the flood waters."

Kirby confirmed the unidentified woman who was rescued had been swept away with a male companion. His body was recovered from the flood waters Monday.

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Courtesy photo/Pete Shockley

Patricia Webb and Rex Lee, left, the owners of the Texas RV Park pose for a photo outside the local facility with Sylvia and Kim Grummit, who are in town for the Big Spring International hang gliding competition. Kim Grummit is an ultralight pilot participating in the competition.

**STORM**

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landfall somewhere in Texas or southwest Louisiana on Tuesday morning. It had maximum sustained winds near 50 mph (81 kph) with higher gusts at 8 a.m. EDT (1200 GMT) Monday. The storm's center was located about 80 miles (129 kilometers) south-southwest of Grand Isle, Louisiana, and 285 miles (459 kilometers) east-southeast of Galveston, Texas.

It was moving west near 8 mph (13 kph) and was expected to strengthen before making landfall Tuesday morning. Forecasters said the warm waters of the Gulf provided the right

conditions for the storm to intensify and approach hurricane strength with winds of 75 mph (121 kph) or more.

Southeastern Texans prepared for Edouard's impact while the victims farther down the Texas coast continued cleaning up the damage from Hurricane Dolly, which hit last month.

Krista Piferrer, a spokeswoman for Texas Gov. Rick Perry, said Sunday that state emergency management officials were getting updates through conference calls with the National Weather Service.

Rainfall of 1 inch to 2 inches (2.54 centimeters to 5.08 centimeters) was expected in coastal Louisiana. About 2 inches to 4

inches (5.08 centimeters to 10.16 centimeters) was possible in southeast Texas, with isolated amounts up to 6 inches (15.24 centimeters). Tides of 2 to 4 feet (0.61 meters to 1.22 meters) above normal levels were expected in parts of the watch area.

State emergency officials did not immediately return calls seeking details on emergency plans.

Many of the Gulf's offshore oil and natural gas drilling platforms sit in the storm's path.

Shell Oil Co. had not made any operational changes Sunday afternoon, but company officials were watching the storm closely, spokesman Shawn Wiggins said.

ExxonMobil Corp. had not evacuated any workers or cut production by Sunday evening, but the company was preparing its platforms for heavy wind and rain and considering whether to evacuate some workers, spokeswoman Margaret Ross said in an e-mail statement.

**FESTIVAL**

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darts, a ball throw, cake and prize walks, canes, flowers balloons and religious articles. Food booths will be serving burritos, gorditas, hamburgers, turkey legs, corn on the cob, drinks and snow cones.

Live music is also scheduled, according to event officials. The festival will be held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, located at 508 N. Aylesford.

For more information, contact (432) 714-4930.

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♥ K 9 5  
♦ A 7 4  
♣ A Q J  
**WEST**  
♦ 6  
♥ Q 8 4 2  
♦ K Q J 10 8 3  
♣ 9 5  
**EAST**  
♦ 9 5 4  
♥ 10  
♦ 9 6 2  
♣ 10 7 6 4 3 2  
**SOUTH**  
♦ K J 10 8 2  
♥ A J 7 6 3  
♦ 5  
♣ K 8

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5♦ Pass 5NT Pass  
6♥ Pass 7♠

Opening lead — king of diamonds.  
Suppose you get to seven spades as shown and West leads the king of diamonds. How would you play the hand?

At first glance, it seems that the grand slam depends entirely on a successful finesse against East for the missing queen of hearts. But if you're a careful declarer, you don't quickly accept this conclusion and plunge blindly ahead. Instead, you try to learn as much as you can about

the East-West hands before irrevocably committing yourself to what is essentially a matter of luck.

So you win the diamond lead, ruff a diamond and then draw trumps, noting that West started with only one of them. You next cash three club tricks, discarding a heart as West discards a diamond. This is followed by another diamond ruff, and when East follows suit, you learn that West's pre-emptive bid was based on only a six-card suit.

At this point, West is known to have started with precisely one spade, two clubs, six diamonds and, therefore, exactly four hearts. It thus becomes pointless to finesse against East for the queen of hearts, since he has only one heart. Instead, you focus all your attention on which heart East may hold, since that is now critical to the outcome.

You reason that if East's heart is a spot-card, West is sure to score a heart trick regardless of how you proceed. But if East's heart is either the ten or the queen, the contract is in the bag.

Accordingly, you cash the ace of hearts, luckily felling East's ten. You next lead a heart to the nine with absolute assurance that it will win the trick. Dummy's king of hearts and fourth spade then take the last two tricks, and the grand slam is home.

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# Triathlon coming to Big Spring

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

Can you swim fast? What about run? Bike?

Are you skilled in all three facets?

If you are, then an opportunity to show off those skills is coming to Big Spring in September.

The Comanche Warrior Triathlon is taking place September 6 at Comanche Trail Park and the surrounding area.

The race starts with a 500-meter swim in Comanche Trail Lake. From there, racers will saddle onto a bike and trek across a 30-kilometer (around 18 miles) course.

Once the bike ride is complete, competitors finish the race on a 5-kilometer (around three miles) run throughout the park.

Debbie Wegman has taken charge as the local spokesperson for the event, but overall coordination of the race lies in very experienced hands.

"Mike and Marti Greer are based out of Lubbock and have coordinated a lot of races over the years," Wegman said.



Wegman

"Mike actually put together the first Comanche Warrior Triathlon in Big Spring about 15 years ago. They're very familiar with how to put together a good race.

"Bringing this competition to Big Spring allows outsiders to see the benefits of this town and is also good for local businesses," she continued. "These athletes and their families will come into town and eat and shop. It's good to bring new people into Big Spring to see what it is all about."

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# About face

## Packers welcome back QB Favre

By CHRIS JENKINS

AP Sports Writer

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Brett Favre is back. It remains to be seen whether he'll still be the leader of the Pack.

The Green Bay Packers reluctantly embraced Favre's forced return to the football field Sunday, after failing to come to a financial agreement that would manage to make Favre happy while staying retired.

And while it's not yet clear what role Favre will play once he reports to Packers camp Monday, Aaron Rodgers says he's ready for a potential competition with Favre after serving as his backup for three seasons.

"Well, there comes a time when (my) mentor and I get to compete, and I guess that's what's going to happen," Rodgers said after a scrimmage Sunday night. "If that's what happens, then I'm going to give it my best shot and leave the rest up to coach."

Packers coach Mike McCarthy said he hasn't decided what direction his quarterback situation will take. Given Favre's track record of waffling on his football future, McCarthy first wants to talk to Favre on Monday before he makes any decision on opening the job up to competition.

"There have been no promises," McCarthy said. "Once again, there has been indecision throughout Brett's path back here to Green Bay. It's important for us to sit down and communicate."

The NFL announced Sunday that Favre will be reinstated and added to the Packers' active roster on Monday.

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# Big Boys

## Dallas line has girth

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

OXNARD, Calif. — They are the two biggest players on the Dallas Cowboys' roster, even though they are obviously not the most well-known.

Just how big are they? Well, it's reflected in their physiques — and their nicknames.

Flozell "The Hotel" Adams, the 340-pound left tackle, and Leonard "Big" Davis, the 353-pound right guard, were both Pro Bowl offensive linemen last season. They help do the dirty work, protecting Tony Romo and opening holes for running back Marion Barber.

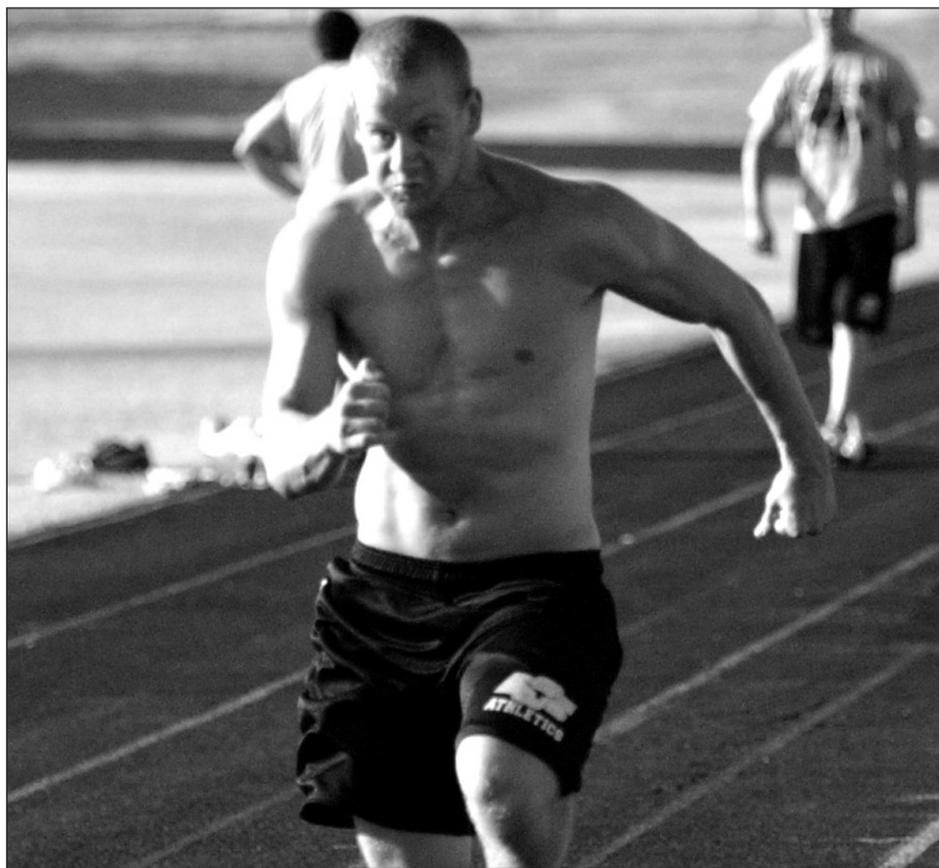
Adams could have been a free agent during the offseason after 10 seasons with the Cowboys, but never hit the open market. He instead signed a \$43 million contract through 2013 that virtually guarantees he will play his entire career in Dallas.

When Adams decided to stay, that meant Davis got to remain at right guard, where the former No. 2 overall pick and Texas native flourished in his first year with the Cowboys. Davis had six disappointing seasons in Arizona, the last three at left tackle for the Cardinals.

"That kept this thing with continuity," Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said. "He's such an anchor and means so much to

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# Are you ready?



HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull

Big Spring's Cameron Hughey runs a 40-yard dash on the first day of Steers' two-a-day football practices today at Blankenship Field. All area schools began two-a-days today.

# Rangers power past Blue Jays, 8-4

ARLINGTON (AP) — Gerald Laird was worried as last week's trading deadline approached that he might be changing teams. He's glad the Texas Rangers kept him around.

Laird homered twice and drove in four runs, helping the Rangers beat the Toronto Blue Jays 8-4 on Sunday night.

"I didn't want to go anywhere," Laird said. "I like this team. I think we've got a chance to be

good for quite a while."

Laird had his third career multi-homer game, second this season, with two-run shots in the fourth and fifth innings to help the Rangers remain on the fringe of the wild-card race.

Both homers were opposite-field shots into the right-field bullpen off Toronto rookie starter David Pursey, making his first career appearance against the Rangers.

Texas starter Luis Mendoza (3-4) recovered from a three-run first inning to allow four runs and six hits in seven innings. Mendoza struck out two and walked one in his 12th major league start, retiring his final nine batters.

Mendoza was surprised that manager Ron Washington stuck with him through the seventh inning.

Rookie first baseman Chris

Davis also homered for the Rangers, his 11th in just 33 games.

Texas continues to lead the majors in several offensive categories.

Pursey (1-2) allowed only three hits in five innings, but all three were homers as he gave up five runs.

Pursey struck out four and walked two in his fourth major league start.

## Sports in brief

### Steer football season ticket sales have begun

Big Spring High School 2008 football season tickets have gone on sale at the Athletic Training Center.

Only people who have previously owned season tickets are able to buy through Thursday.

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.

### Crossroads Youth Football Association sign-ups Saturday

Crossroads Youth Football Association begins sign-ups for both football and cheerleading for the 2008 season Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Big Spring Mall.

Subsequent sign-up dates will be held Aug. 16 and 23 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the mall. Late sign-ups for football only is Aug. 30 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. There are no late sign-ups for cheerleading.

For more information, visit [www.freewebs.com/cyfa](http://www.freewebs.com/cyfa). For questions regarding football, call John Sotelo at 816-3060, and for cheerleading, contact Trish Hobdy at 393-5647.

### Big Spring Youth Soccer Association sign-ups Saturday

The Big Spring Youth Soccer Association will have election of officers at 7 p.m. Thursday in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

Sign-ups for the 2008 season begin Saturday from 1-5 p.m. at the Big Spring Mall. Sign-ups will continue to run from Aug. 11-15 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. each day and end Aug. 16 from 1-5 p.m.

Boys and girls from ages 4-11 are eligible to play. The sign-up fee is \$60 with no fund raiser.

For more information, contact Jamie Scott at 213-0430.

### Lady Steers Booster Club holding important meeting

The Big Spring Lady Steers Booster Club is holding an important meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, concerning the future organization of the club.

Any parent of a Lady Steers athlete, junior high or high school, is encouraged to attend the meeting taking place at the Athletic Training Center.

The Lady Steers volleyball team will also meet the same day at 6 p.m. in Steer Gym.

### Big Spring QB Club meeting tonight

The Big Spring Quarterback Club will meet at 7 p.m.

tonight in the Athletic Training Center. Any parent of a Steers football player is encouraged to attend.

For more information, call Denise Carillo at 816-1685.

### HCYHC hosting series of Jackpot Play Days

The Howard County Youth Horseman Club is hosting a series of Jackpot Play Days open to the public at the HCYHC Arena, located on Garden City Highway — half a mile off N. Highway 87.

The first play day in the series is at 6 p.m. Saturday.

For more information, call 213-6177 or 267-8041.

### Hunter education class to be held Aug. 9-10

The next hunter education class in Big Spring is set for Aug. 9-10 at the Chamber of Commerce office.

The class begins at 8 a.m. Aug. 9, and cost is \$15 per student.

All persons born after Sept. 2, 1971 are required to have hunter education before they can legally hunt in Texas.

Students should be at least 9-years-old at the time of the class. All states have some sort of hunter education requirement and all states have a reciprocal agreement with the State of Texas.

For information, or to register, please call Steve Poitevint at 264-7033.

## FAVRE

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Commissioner Roger Goodell had held off on granting Favre's request for reinstatement for nearly a week, hoping Favre and the team could resolve their standoff.

"Although we built this year around the assumption that Brett meant what he said about retiring, Brett is coming back," said team president and CEO Mark Murphy. "We will welcome him back and turn this situation to our advantage."

A private plane carrying Favre, wife Deanna and agent James "Bus" Cook arrived in Green Bay shortly after 8 p.m. EDT Sunday night. Favre exited the plane and waved to a crowd of a few hundred fans gathered at the airport — in a severe lightning storm, no less — before driving off in an SUV.

The reinstatement will become effective at 1 p.m. EDT Monday, when Favre will be added to the

Packers' active roster. By reinstating Favre, Goodell is following through on a recent promise to force action.

"I'm happy," veteran receiver Donald Driver said. "I'm excited. It's good to have him back in the house."

Earlier this week, the team offered Favre a long-term, multi-million-dollar marketing agreement that likely would have kept him retired. But Favre's decision to report to camp makes such an agreement far less likely.

A trade remains a possibility. The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reported on its Web site late Sunday night that the Packers have had preliminary contact with the Vikings on a potential trade for Favre.

"Frankly, Brett's change of mind put us in a very difficult spot," Murphy said in a statement released by the team. "We now will revise many actions and assumptions about our long-term future, all predicated on Brett's decision last March to retire.

"As a result of his decision, we invested considerably in a new and different future without Brett and we were obviously moving in that direction. That's why this wasn't easy. Having crossed the Rubicon once when Brett decided to retire, it's very difficult to reorient our plans and cross it again in the opposite direction — but we'll put this to our advantage."

Could reorienting their plans include a competition between Favre and Aaron Rodgers for the starting job? Team officials have maintained that if Favre returned to the Packers, it would be in some role other than as the starter — a job that belonged to Rodgers.

In his statement, Murphy said only that coach Mike McCarthy would "talk to the team and the quarterbacks about the plan moving forward, and after he has done that we will share it publicly."

Rodgers had a rough night in the Packers' annual "Family Night" scrimmage at Lambeau Field on Sunday night, as a few

boos were mixed in with enthusiastic cheers from the crowd of 56,600 when he was introduced.

"Yeah, I take it personally," Rodgers said of the fan reaction. "But like I said, it's not the first time and it won't be the last time."

Rodgers hit his first pass of the night to Donald Driver, and drew a pass interference penalty on a deep pass to Driver on the next play. He then missed on his next six attempts, including several balls that seemed to bounce off receivers' hands.

After he threw another three incompletions to begin a simulated two-minute drill, Rodgers appeared to be heating up until he threw an interception in the end zone to safety Aaron Rouse.

McCarthy said Rodgers was "solid," and the offense struggled as a unit.

The Packers do not have another scheduled public practice until Tuesday afternoon. Favre's arrival in training camp could cause a major disruption to the team, although may not begin practicing with the rest of the

team right away.

Favre retired in March but has been having second thoughts. Team officials have insisted in recent weeks that they are moving on with Rodgers, though, causing tensions to rise between Favre and the team.

Team officials publicly have ruled out releasing Favre, fearing he would immediately sign with division rival Minnesota.

McCarthy has said the Packers had a plan in place should Favre report to camp. He first would have to pass a physical exam and a conditioning test, then may be limited to individual drills.

Rodgers remains the starter — for now, anyway.

"If we played a game tomorrow, Aaron Rodgers would be the starting quarterback," McCarthy said. "I'm not going to change any direction that we've gone with this football team based on the information I have here today. That's part of our conversation tomorrow, and we have all the confidence in the world in Aaron."

## COWBOYS

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us, Leonard Davis, that

Flo's departure might have disrupted that."

The Cowboys will return with all five starting offensive linemen, including two-time Pro Bowl center

Andre Gurode, guard Kyle Kosier and tackle Marc Colombo.

Adams has been to four of the last five Pro Bowls, missing only in 2005 when

he was limited to only six games because of a knee injury. Those are the only games the 33-year-old Adams has missed in his career.

No player has been on the Cowboys roster longer than Adams.

Only linebacker Greg Ellis, the first-round pick in 1998 before Adams was drafted in the second round, has been in Dallas as long.

"It's amazing when you think about that, because guys get shipped around a lot over the years, especially after the first four or five," Adams said. "I'm still working as hard as I always have, and I'm just hoping to do the best I can."

Adams has been a constant, fending off blockers and protecting a dozen different quarterbacks — from Hall of Famer Troy Aikman to Romo.

Adams is one of the team's strongest players, and by the count of coach Wade Phillips allowed only one sack all last season.

"You don't have to worry about him, I think that's a good statement," Phillips said. "Sometimes you tend to overlook him because they do a good job all the time."

While the Cowboys roster has been virtually overhauled the past few years, Jones hasn't had to worry about left tackle, considered the most important for protecting quarterbacks from defenders.

"I've appreciated him for a long time," Jones said

with a smile.

Davis was signed to a nearly \$50 million, seven-year deal when he became an unrestricted free agent in 2007. The Cowboys wanted him to play guard, and to have as protection should Adams not be at left tackle for some reason.

Davis would have been willing to move back outside, if needed. But he's happy that Adams stayed and he can remain at guard, the spot he'd now like to play the rest of his career.

"There is no jumping around. Guys have got to take me on. There's no running around so to speak," Davis said. "And, for the most part, the guys I am playing against, I have more athletic ability than those guys."

But other defenders better watch out when the 6-foot-6 Davis starts moving around.

Even with his big body, Davis is so agile that the Cowboys likely will have to do more pulling blocks this season.

"Leonard is a real football player that can dominate in a lot of areas," Phillips said. "We found out that's what he can do besides just dominating a defensive tackle. He can pull and help us on off-tackle plays and even outside plays."

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS  
BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Big Spring Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 5:15 P.M., August 14, 2008, in the Big Spring High School Board Room, 707 East 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

**Maintenance Tax** \$1.040050/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)

**School Debt Service Tax Approved by Local Voters** \$0.079840/\$100 (Proposed rate to bonded indebtedness)

## Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Category	Percentage	Change
Maintenance and Operations	2.39%	increase
Debt Service	1.55%	increase
Total Expenditures	2.36%	increase

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value  
(as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 1,418,014,299	\$ 1,369,411,268
Total appraised value** of new property**	\$ 2,032,394	\$ 2,947,148
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 1,075,780,747	\$ 1,168,285,650
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 1,926,044	\$ 2,705,959

\* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.

\*\* "New Property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code

\*\*\* "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code

## Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness\* \$ 8,680,000.

\* Outstanding principal.

## Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
<b>Last Year's Rate</b>	\$ 1.040050	\$ 0.064038 *	\$ 1.104088	\$ 3,297	\$ 4,015
<b>Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance &amp; Operations Revenue &amp; Pay Debt Service</b>	\$ 1.000050	\$ 0.079840 *	\$ 1.079890	\$ 3,554	\$ 4,392
<b>Proposed Rate</b>	\$ 1.040050	\$ 0.079840 *	\$ 1.119890	\$ 3,685	\$ 4,261

\*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both.

The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

## Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 38,102	\$ 41,357
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 15,482	\$ 18,086
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate Per \$100 Value	\$ 1.104088	\$ 1.119890
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 170.93	\$ 202.54
Increase (decrease) in Taxes		\$ 31.61

**Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.**

**Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.104463. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.123995.**

## Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$4,162,648
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 63,684

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The race starts at 8 a.m. with the starting and finish line being outside the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Racers will spring to the lake and swim 500 kilometers around a oval course laid out with buoys in the lake.

The bike trek starts in front of the community center and will take the racers out onto Wasson Rd. Competitors will take the fork onto Longshore Rd., then turn right onto FM 33. The turn around is

at the edge of FM 33 and the bikers will trek back up the same course to the starting line.

From there, participants run a 5-kilometer course, essentially encompassing the entire park.

"Registration for the race can be done as an individual or as a team of three," Wegman said. "In the team scenario, one person would participate in one leg of the race."

Entry fee for an individual is \$45. The cost to register a team is \$60.

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**Dear Annie:** My husband and I have been married for seven years. We hit a rough patch during the last two, and it led to my having an emotional affair with a co-worker (no sex involved). My husband found out the day before

I took my maternity leave. He forgave me and we seem to be doing OK. However, my maternity leave is coming to an end and I'm supposed to go back to work. That means I will be in the same office as that co-worker I was so attracted to. I have a very, very good job and quitting is out of the question.

I'm worried my husband will feel uncomfortable knowing I'm with this guy all day. How can I prove I'm over the attraction and repair the trust? — *Not Interested in*

*Him Anymore*

**Dear Not Interested:** You need to talk about this openly with your husband. Tell him you know returning to work may cause him some anxiety and you want to allay his fears.

Reassure him that you are over your infatuation. Ask what you need to do to make him comfortable with the situation, and promise to put his requirements first. If you find yourself being drawn to this co-worker again, we urge you to consider quitting your job. No matter how good it is, it's not worth your marriage.

**Dear Annie:** I am a young professional woman, engaged to a wonderful man. We plan to move in together soon in preparation for beginning our lives together.

OK, cut to the chase. Here is my dilemma: We are getting married in a few months, but my mom insists we need to have a small civil marriage at the courthouse before he moves in to make it legal before our actual wedding. She doesn't want us to live together before marriage.

I know Mom sees it this way for religious reasons. However, my fiance and I have discussed it and don't want a quickie civil ceremony before our formal one just to please her. How do I assuage my meddling mom and pacify my anxious new fiance? — *Passing Through Scylla and Charybdis*

**Dear Scylla:** Although you should be respectful of your mother's feelings, this is not her decision to make. Is there a reason your fiance has to live with you now? If he can wait until after the wedding, that would take care of the problem. If not, do what you need to do, apologize sincerely to your mother for any offense, and then don't discuss it with her further. She will get over it once the arrangement is legal.

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**Legals**

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CLEVELAND COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

In the Matter of the Adoption of CAMDEN DEAN KINNEY and RACHAELYN LAYKE KINNEY, Minor Children.)

Case No. FA-2008-111  
**ALIAS NOTICE OF HEARING APPLICATION REGARDING ADOPTION WITHOUT CONSENT OF PUTATIVE FATHER AND TERMINATION PUTATIVE FATHER'S PARENTAL RIGHTS**  
THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
TO: **John Paul Pierce**

On the 24th day of June 2008, a petition was filed in this Court for the adoption of Camden Dean Kinney and Rachaelyn Layke Kinney, minor children born on September 6, 2001 in Lubbock, Texas to the Petitioner, Heather Jo Marie St. Denis, formerly Kinney; and an Application has been filed to allow the biological mother's husband to adopt the minor children without the consent of the putative father, John Paul Pierce, and for the termination of the putative father's parental rights. Said application is set for hearing on the 8th day of September 2008 at 9:30 a.m., in the District Courtroom of Judge Stephen W. Bonner, in the District Court of Cleveland County, located at 200 S. Peters, Norman, Oklahoma, courtroom 2-S.

The Petitioners have alleged in their Petition and Application that said children are eligible for adoption, in that your consent to the adoption is not necessary and your parental rights to the minor children should be terminated as the consent to adoption is not required from a parent who fails to establish and/or maintain a substantial and positive relationship with the minor children for a period of twelve consecutive months out of the last fourteen months immediately preceding the filing of the Petition. 10 O.S. §7505-4.2(H) In the alternative, the consent of a putative fa-

ther is not necessary if the putative father has willfully failed, refused or neglected to contribute to the support of the minor children pursuant to his financial means within the twelve out of the last fourteen months. 10 O.S. §7505-4.2(B)(2).

**YOU ARE, THEREFORE, NOTIFIED THAT THE COURT WILL HEAR EVIDENCE IN SUPPORT OF AND IN OPPOSITION TO THE GRANTING OF THE APPLICATION AT 8th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2008 AT 9:30 A.M., WHERE YOU WILL HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE PRESENT, HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD AT SAID HEARING AND HAVE THE RIGHT TO OBJECT TO THE ADOPTION OF THE MINOR CHILDREN BY THE STEP-FATHER. YOUR FAILURE TO APPEAR AT SAID HEARING SHALL CONSTITUTE A DENIAL OF YOUR INTEREST IN THE CHILDREN, WHICH DENIAL MAY RESULT, WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE OF THIS PROCEEDING OR ANY SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDINGS, IN THE GRANTING OF THE APPLICATION FOR ADOPTION WITHOUT CONSENT OR PERMANENT RELINQUISHMENT OR IN THE TERMINATION OF THE BIOLOGICAL FATHER'S PARENTAL RIGHTS AND IN THE CHILDREN'S ADOPTION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA.**

Signed and dated this 31st day of July 2008.  
S/ Stephen W. Bonner  
JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT  
Submitted by:  
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(AP Photo/The Daily Reporter, Rob Morgan)  
**Isabella, a golden retriever at the Safari Zoological Park, east of Caney, Kan. nurses Wednesday, July 30, 2008, three white tiger cubs she adopted after they were abandoned by their mother at the park. The cubs were born on Sunday.**

**Golden retriever adopts 3 tiger cubs at Kan. zoo**

CANEY, Kan. (AP)— Oh, my! Three tiger cubs at a Kansas zoo are getting some maternal care from an unlikely source — Isabella the golden retriever.

The tiger cubs were born Sunday at Safari Zoological Park but their mother soon stopped caring for them. Isabella had just weaned her own

puppies and was able to step in.

Zoo owner Tom Harvey says, "The timing couldn't have been any better."

He says it's unusual for dogs to care for tiger cubs, but it does happen. Isabella licks, cleans and feeds the cubs just like her own puppies.

Safari Zoological Park

specializes in endangered species. It has leopards, lions, baboons, ring-tailed lemurs, bears and other animals.

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**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

Profound Pluto caresses Venus on this bright summer's day, bringing depth of feeling to lighthearted Lady Love. Those of us experiencing heart trials especially feel this empowering force. We observe as our self-understanding grows, our relationships get stronger. Even sustained periods of hardship offer reprieve to mine for their good.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Make up your mind to have uplifting interactions with colleagues. This will turn out to be the decision that brightens everything, even relationships unrelated to your work.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). People feel it when you accept them for who they are. They appreciate that you you're not imposing an agenda on them. Virgo and Cancer extend themselves to you with appealing invitations.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You'll probably opt to pay someone's way, even though it's not expected of you. You're generous like that, and the help is appreciated. Your kinship with Aries will be fantastic for your personal life.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Go on, dream. There's nothing to be lost by letting yourself get deliriously caught in an upward swirl of fantastic thoughts. Being realistic is for pessimists. Your partner in positive thinking is Sagittarius.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). It hasn't been a walk in the park lately. Life is your boot camp, and the vigorous effort you put in is making you stronger by the day. Rest is equally essential to your process. Hold your leisure time sacred.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Take people up on their offers to assist you. You'll be sharing in ways you've not shared before and this may take more courage than you expected, too. It's all worth it in the end.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're so close to a particular family member

that you could solve every problem in this person's life. But don't. The greatest gift you give loved ones is your belief in their power to direct their own destiny.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your powerful mood sets off a chain of events. Just be sure you're in charge of your feelings and not the other way around. The atmosphere tonight is about as comfy-cozy as it gets.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll probably notice those little things about yourself that have fallen out of order — maybe you need to file a pile of papers, pay a bill or get a hair cut. Do it today and you're luckier tomorrow.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're running at a different intensity than the others and you're the perfect counterbalance. This afternoon, you'll be right next to the person you need to meet. Lob the opening line, and you're off!

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Knowing you're unique is important now to your self-esteem. Spend time with the one who appreciates the funny little things you do. You don't even realize how quirky you are until this person giggles.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Your confidence is refreshed. Bold moves seem like the only moves worth taking. Choose to apprentice under the toughest taskmaster around — your higher self.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "I have been in a relationship for several years. Lately, it feels that there is someone else on his mind besides me. I would like to know, but am afraid to ask. I am still hoping for happily ever after. I am a Cancer."

First, it is possible he's thinking of another person. Just because we're in a committed relationship doesn't mean we turn off attractions to other people. However, this doesn't mean he's

not devoted to you. Many of us have been conditioned to feel threatened by the prospect of our partner becoming intrigued by another fabulous person — and look around, the world is happy to supply plenty of gorgeous and amazing members of the opposite sex!

Yet while it may be perfectly okay to be genuinely fascinated with another person, you're responsible for your emotional needs. This is the real issue. As a Cancer woman, you're vulnerable to not asking for what you need, and then you get so emotionally backlogged it comes out as demanding or needy. Consider your need to be reassured that you are his one and only. If you approach him from the standpoint of what you need he's freer to be vulnerable and honest with you.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Dylan and Cole Sprouse lead pretty busy lives — drawing comic characters, skateboarding, surfing and acting, just to name a few. Not unusual for kids, but the Leos who refuse to grow up can probably relate!

Adult Leos never outgrow a basic need for entertaining childlike joy and sense of wonder, in all areas of life. For the Sprouse twins, if it doesn't involve playfulness and curiosity, why bother?

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"I TRADED THOSE OLD COMIC BOOKS YOU HAD IN THE ATTIC, DAD, FOR SOME BRAN-NEW ONES."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"...but lovin' is best for heartaches."

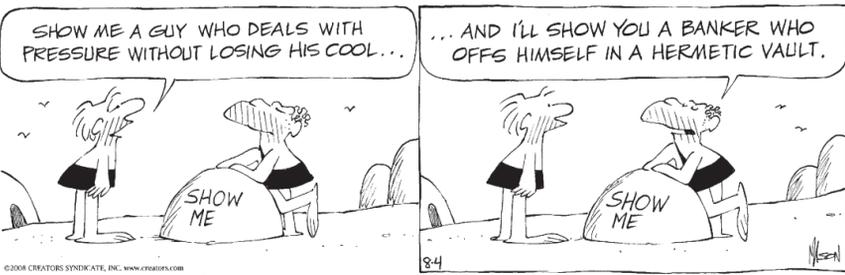
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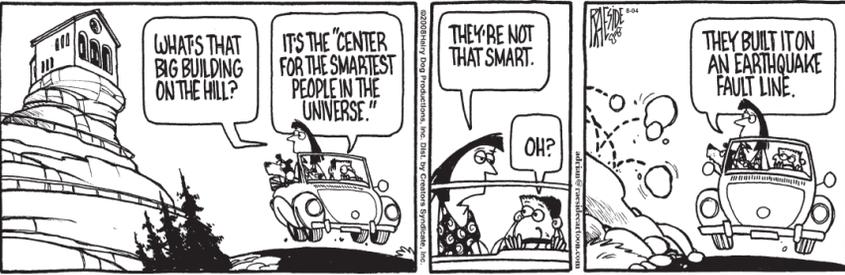
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This Date In History

Today is Monday, Aug. 4, the 217th day of 2008. There are 149 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Aug. 4, 1944, Nazi police raided the secret annex of a building in Amsterdam and arrested eight people, including 15-year-old Anne Frank, whose diary became a famous account of the Holocaust. (Anne died at the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp some seven months later.)

On this date: In 1735, a jury acquitted John Peter Zenger of the New York Weekly Journal of seditious libel. In 1790, the Coast Guard had its beginnings as the Revenue Cutter Service.

In 1792, English romantic poet Percy Bysshe Shelley was born at Field Place near Horsham, England.

In 1830, plans for the city of Chicago were laid out.

In 1892, Andrew and Abby Borden were axed to death in their home in Fall River, Mass. Lizzie Borden, Andrew's daughter from a previous marriage, was accused

of the killings, but acquitted at trial.

In 1900, Britain's Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother, was born.

In 1916, the United States reached agreement with Denmark to purchase the Danish Virgin Islands for \$25 million.

In 1964, the bodies of missing civil rights workers Michael Schwerner, Andrew Goodman and James Chaney were found buried in an earthen dam in Mississippi.

In 1977, President Carter signed a measure establishing the Department of Energy.

In 1987, the Federal Communications Commission voted to abolish the Fairness Doctrine, which required radio and television stations to present balanced coverage of controversial issues.

One year ago: President Bush toured the site of a collapsed highway bridge in Minneapolis, pledging to cut red tape that could delay rebuilding.

Today's Birthdays: Journalist Helen Thomas is 88. Singer Frankie Ford is 69. Actress-singer Tina Cole is 65. Actor-comedian Richard Belzer is 64. Former Attorney General Alberto Gonzales is 53. Actor-screenwriter Billy Bob Thornton is 53. Actress Kym

Karath ("The Sound of Music") is 50. Track star Mary Decker Slaney is 50. Actress Lauren Tom is 49. Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., is 47. TV producer Michael Gelman ("Live with Regis and Kelly") is 47. Baseball pitcher Roger Clemens is 46. Actress Crystal Chappell is 43. Author Dennis Lehane is 43. Rock musician Rob Cieka (Boo Radleys) is 40. Actor Daniel Dae Kim is 40. Actor Michael DeLuise is 39. Actor Ron Lester is 38. Country singer Jon Nicholson is 35. Actor Andy Hallett is 33. Rhythm-and-blues singer-actor Marques Houston is 27. Actors Cole and Dylan Sprouse are 16.

Thought for Today: "Poetry is the record of the best and happiest moments of the happiest and best minds." — Percy Bysshe Shelley (1792-1822).

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

MOVIE PEOPLE by Sally R. Stein  
Edited by Stanley Newman  
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Large quantity
- 5 Male deer
- 9 Skylarks and sparrows
- 14 Car for hire
- 15 Sheltered shoreline spot
- 16 Message from cyberspace
- 17 Leave out
- 18 Destroy
- 19 Three-line Japanese verse
- 20 Music CDs' ancestors
- 21 Film-crew VIP
- 23 Ritzy residences
- 25 Diarist \_\_\_\_\_ Frank
- 26 DC upper-house member: Abbr.
- 27 Snow vehicle
- 28 Boxer's punch
- 31 Hawaiian greeting
- 34 Sneaker or loafer
- 35 Where Des Moines is
- 36 Film-crew VIP
- 39 Adolescent
- 40 Admiral's employer
- 41 Touches down
- 42 Driver's lic.s., for example
- 43 Meanie
- 44 Qt. fractions
- 45 Verse writer
- 46 Ends of pencils
- 50 Film-crew VIP
- 54 Meadow
- 55 Sign up
- 56 Medicinal amount
- 57 Group of crooks
- 58 Make amends
- 59 Sign of the future
- 60 Suffix for kitchen
- 61 Doorbell sounds
- 62 Loch \_\_\_\_\_ monster
- 63 Untidy place
- DOWN**
- 1 Pilfered
- 2 Night-table lights
- 3 Live and breathe
- 4 Cleverness
- 5 Window insert
- 6 Recommends highly
- 7 Enthusiastic
- 8 Family-tree study
- 9 \_\_\_\_\_ schedule (late)
- 10 Public-relations concern
- 11 Ball-game spoiler
- 12 Anti-flood structure
- 13 Speak unclearly
- 21 Radiator output
- 22 Scornful look
- 24 Pale
- 27 Push rudely
- 28 \_\_\_\_\_ Quincy Adams
- 29 Extremely impressed
- 30 Soap cakes
- 31 Start of a play
- 32 Was untruthful
- 33 Change for a \$5 bill
- 34 Began, as a project
- 35 "No bid"
- 37 Rage
- 38 Church platform
- 43 Large quantity
- 44 Dresses up fussily
- 45 Fork tine
- 46 Double-curve letters
- 47 Make happy
- 48 Finds a tenant for
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- 50 Listen to
- 51 Prefix meaning "against"
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- 53 A few (of)
- 57 Ruby or emerald

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