

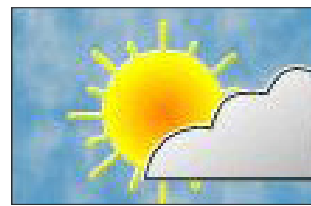
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County taxes to increase

Cite Alon tax dispute as major reason to exceed rollback rate

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Barring a courtroom miracle later this month, it appears Howard County taxpayers will be picking up the \$1.2 million shortfall in tax revenues caused by Alon USA's refusal to pay taxes based on appraisals in 2006 and 2007.

County commissioners agreed Monday to move forward with a tax rate of .5362 cents per \$100 valuation — a slight decrease from the .5412 cents the court was previously eyeing, a rate that exceeds the rollback rate by approximately five cents and is expected to produce an additional levy of \$2.7 million more than the effective rate.

According to County Auditor Jackie Olson, the \$2.7 million would go toward paying for the Alon USA shortfall, as

Residents get reprieve as burn ban is revoked

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Howard County residents will get a reprieve from the long-running burn ban beginning today, as county commissioners agreed Monday to let the measure expire.

It's a move County Judge Mark Barr said comes with full blessings from county fire officials.

"I spoke with Tommy Sullivan (Howard County Volunteer Fire Chief) Friday, and he feels like we can let the burn ban expire," said Barr. "And that was before the additional rains Sunday. He feels like this is a

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Barr

well as several cost increases in the coming year.

"The additional levy would provide for \$730,000 for new debt, \$250,000 for increases

in fuel costs and \$450,000 for pay raises for full-time employees and increases in benefits and longevity," said Olson. "That includes \$3,000

per full-time employee, not including elected officials, and a raise of \$1 an hour for the county's part-time employees.

"The loss from Alon, which is \$1.2 million, is also included in the additional levy, along with \$100,000 for new equipment and the sealcoat program."

In 2007, Alon USA disputed its \$320 million tax appraisal, claiming it should only have to pay taxes on approximately \$152 million. The \$320 million assessment was later upheld by the appraisal district's review board, spurring the petrochemical company to file a lawsuit in 118th District Court.

According to reports following the filing of the lawsuit, Alon agreed to pay \$80 million in taxes until the

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6 arrested in drug bust at apartments

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Six Big Spring residents were arrested in an early Monday morning drug raid at the Sunset Ridge Apartments, and according to law enforcement officials, more arrests are expected.

Darius McAlister, 18; Jason Threats, 30; Thaddeus McAlister, 20; Rosalyn Young, 38; Olivia Ballin, 29; and Rueben Zamora, 19, were all arrested and charged with possession of marijuana — two ounces or less, following a raid at the apartment complex that took place at 4:45 a.m.

"For approximately one month the Big Spring Police Department's Narcotics Unit has been investigating the sale of narcotics from multiple apartments at Sunset Ridge" said Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the BSPD. "The Narcotics Unit — with assistance from the Howard County Sheriff's Office, the Midland Department of Public Safety Narcotics Division, BSPD Criminal Investigation Division and the BSPD Tactical Team — executed three search warrants within the apartment complex.

"Six individuals were arrested and charged with possession of marijuana — two ounces or less. Approximately \$3,000 in currency was seized for forfeiture, and there are multiple cases for felony delivery of a controlled substance on several individuals that will be filed at a later date, at which time arrest warrants will be issued."

Everett said no injuries were reported as a result of the drug raid.

The apartment complex is located at 2911 W. Highway 80.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

Study: Half of overweight adults may be heart-healthy

By **LINDSEY TANNER**
AP Medical Writer

CHICAGO — You can look great in a swimsuit and still be a heart attack waiting to happen. And you can also be overweight and otherwise healthy.

A new study suggests that a surprising number of overweight people — about half — have normal blood pressure and cholesterol levels, while an equally startling number of trim people suffer from some of the ills associated with obesity.

The first national estimate of its kind bolsters the argument that you can be hefty but still healthy, or at least healthier than has been believed.

The results also show that stereotypes about body size can be misleading, and that even "less voluptuous" people can have risk factors commonly associated with obesity, said study author Mary-Fran Sowers, a University of Michigan

It's no secret that thin people can develop heart-related problems and that fat people often do not. But that millions defy the stereotypes will come as a surprise to many people.

obesity researcher.

"We're really talking about taking a look with a very different lens" at weight and health risks, Sowers said.

In the study, about 51 percent of overweight adults, or roughly 36 million people nationwide, had mostly normal levels of blood pressure, cholesterol, blood fats called triglycerides and blood sugar.

Almost one-third of obese adults, or nearly 20 million people, also were in this healthy range, meaning that none or only one of those measures was ab-

normal.

Yet about a fourth of adults in the recommended-weight range had unhealthy levels of at least two of these measures. That means some 16 million of them are at risk for heart problems.

It's no secret that thin people can develop heart-related problems and that fat people often do not. But that millions defy the stereotypes will come as a surprise to many people, Sowers said.

Even so, there's growing debate about

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UW kickoff luncheon

The United Way Kick Off Luncheon is Tuesday, Aug. 19 in First United Methodist Church's Garrett Hall, at 400 Scurry St. Radio personality Tumbleweed Smith will be the guest speaker. Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, 215 W. Third. For more information, call 267-5201.



He's no Tigger

ERIE, Pa. (AP) — Officials at the Erie Zoo say one of their Amur tigers is too shy to explore a new \$500,000 exhibit. Nikki, a 370-pound male tiger, has refused to come out of his den into the public exhibit since it opened two months ago. Anna, a 300-pound female, regularly prowls the new space. The gate to Nikki's den is closed when Anna is there because they have yet to meet. For now, officials are hoping the scent she leaves behind during her visits will entice Nikki into exploring the new exhibit alone.

Marriage made in?

BATAVIA, N.Y. (AP) — A New York state man has been arrested for getting too close to his bride on their wedding day. Police say Timothy Cole quarreled with a wedding guest at a party Friday after wedding his ex-wife in Batavia (buh-TAY'-vee-uh). Officers knew the 45-year-old Cole from previous arrests and realized his bride had an order of protection against him. Cole was charged with first-degree criminal contempt, a felony, and ordered jailed without bail.

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Campo back and happy with Cowboys

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**
AP Sports Writer

OXNARD, Calif. — Dave Campo goes onto the practice field at training camp to the sounds of cheers instead of jeers. And without seeing a certain group of Dallas Cowboys fans. "I haven't run into the guys with the bags on their heads," Campo said, grinning. "Maybe they're still out there. But I couldn't see them. I didn't know who they were."
There's nobody hiding their face in shame with Campo's

return after five seasons away, to the place the always-likable coach calls home and back into his original office at the team's Valley Ranch facility. Campo, 5-11 in each of his three seasons as the Cowboys' head coach, was rehired during the offseason to be their secondary coach, the job he had when he first came to Dallas and the NFL in 1989. "That's a good feeling to be back, and being in a situation where we can have a good team and go out eventually, whenever

that is, on a good note," Campo said. "It's all extremely positive." With unbridled enthusiasm, Campo's voice rings out during drills when he loudly encourages players with phrases like, "Get the ball! Get the ball!" and "That a way baby!" Campo has already developed quite a connection with the defensive backs, who teach him dance moves on the field and broke from one post-practice huddle by yanking the coach's shorts down — a prank caught

on film for the first episode of HBO's "Hard Knocks." "He's always talking, always encouraging us, always coaching us — all at once," cornerback Terence Newman said. "You'd never know he was 61. It's unbelievable how much energy he has." Roy Williams, a five-time Pro Bowl safety who was a rookie during Campo's final season as head coach, is the only player in the group that had previously been with Campo in Dallas. "It's real cool," Williams said.

"He's short in stature but he's a big man." Cowboys owner Jerry Jones certainly had no qualms about bringing back Campo, the only coach in the team's history not to make the playoffs. Watching Campo during training camp has reinforced how Jones feels about him. "I just needed to be reminded how good he is as a coach and certainly as a position coach," Jones said. "In the meeting See **COWBOYS**, Page 2B

Summer Olympics

More gold for Phelps

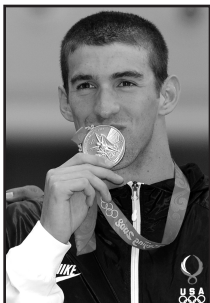
USA's golden boy wins third event in Beijing

By **DENNIS PASSA**
AP Sports Writer

BEIJING — China's male gymnasts have something in common with Michael Phelps: they're as dominant in their sport as the American is in the pool. While Phelps won his third gold medal Tuesday in the 200-meter freestyle, putting him nearly halfway to his quest of eight to break Mark Spitz's record from 1972, the Chinese gymnasts finished off what they started in qualifying Saturday.

They easily won the gold medal in the finals of the team event, more than seven points ahead of 2004 champion Japan. The United States took the bronze.

Phelps has nine Olympic golds, tying him with four others for the most in Olympic history. The Chinese gymnastics team is equally impressive internationally: winning three straight world titles and seven of the last eight, 10 individual world titles and now, after a collapse



Phelps

at Athens, a second Olympic team gold.

"We had been through a lot over the last eight years," team member Li Ziaopeng said. "We put so much effort into this competition."

Chinese divers look set to match their gymnastic compatriots' exploits, winning their third gold in three events and with a sweep of all eight looking possible. Wang Xin and Chen Ruolin scored 363.54 points to finish nearly 30 points ahead of the competition in the women's synchro 10-meter platform.

Racing out of lane six at the Water Cube, Phelps surged to the lead and led by a full body length halfway through the second of four laps and was ahead of the world record pace for nearly the whole race. He was nearly two seconds ahead of second-place Park Tae-hwan when he touched in 1 minute, 42.96 seconds, breaking the mark of



AP photo/Julie Jacobson

The U.S. gymnast team, from right, Kevin Tan, Justin Spring, Jonathan Horton, Joey Hagertey, Raj Bhavsar and Alexander Artemev pose during the medal ceremony of the men's team final competition at the 2008 Olympics in Beijing, Tuesday. The U.S. team won the bronze medal.

1:43.86 he set at last year's world championships.

"I just wanted to be out at the 50-meter point and that's where I was," Phelps said. "I was in open water and it was difficult for the other guys to see me."

The American will go for his fourth and fifth medals, and 10th and 11th overall, on Wednesday in the 200 butterfly and the 4x200 freestyle relay. He was the fastest qualifier Tuesday in the butterfly, in which he holds the world record. Elsewhere in the pool,

the Americans won two other golds. Aaron Peirsol won the 100 backstroke, defending his title with a world-record time. Natalie Coughlin won the 100 backstroke, becoming the first woman to ever defend her title in the event, while Leisel Jones of Australia took the 100 breaststroke.

Later Tuesday, cancer-stricken Eric Shanteau of the United States made his Olympic debut, easily advancing out of the 200

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Olympic medal count

Country	G	S	B	Tot
United States	7	6	8	21
China	13	3	4	20
South Korea	5	6	1	12
Italy	3	4	2	9
Australia	3	1	5	9
Russia	2	4	3	9
France	0	7	2	9
North Korea	1	2	4	7
Japan	3	1	2	6
Three countries tied with four total.				

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. Sales for the general public last through Aug. 22. Tickets can be bought Monday through Thursday between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. at the ATC, located north of Blankenship Field. Call Kay Cook at 264-3662 with any questions.

Crossroads Youth Football Association sign-ups continue

Subsequent sign-up dates for the Crossroads Youth Football Association will be Aug. 16 and 23 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Big Spring 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. For questions regarding football, call John Sotelo at 816-3060, and for cheerleading, contact Trish Hobby at 393-5647.

Big Spring Youth Soccer Association sign-ups last all week

Sign-ups for the Big Spring Youth Soccer Association 2008 season continue through Friday from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. each day and end Saturday from 1-5 p.m. at the Big Spring Mall. 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.

Flag football league schedules sign-ups

Signups will be held for the NFL Flag Football League on the following dates and times:
• Saturday — 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.
• Aug. 23 — 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.
Signups will be held at the Coahoma Community Center.

This league is a flag league affiliated with the NFL's Youth Programs. There will be one coed division for children ages 9-11.

Cost per participant is \$35 and will include an NFL style jersey. Anyone wanting more information or interested in coaching should call Adam Tindol at 213 4193. This league is for all children in the area.

Registration open for v-ball league

Registration for the Big Spring Youth Volleyball League continues through Aug. 30 at the local YMCA. The league is open for children entering grades 4, 5 and 6 this school year. Registration fee is \$50; financial assistance is available for families that qualify.

Teams will be formed at a coaches' meeting Sept. 2 and games will be played on Saturdays beginning Sept. 20.

For more information, contact the YMCA at 267-8234.

Stanton site for Sept. 1 5K run

Stanton will host a 5 kilometer run/walk Sept. 1. Registration will be held at 7:30 a.m., with the race starting an hour later at 1101 W. Broadway (the Martin County EMS Building).

Early registration costs \$15 — race day registration will cost \$20.

There will be awards to the top three male and female runners in several age groups.

For more information, call Bob Teveni at 661-8597 or pick up entry forms at Dr. Pablo Teveni's office at 109 E. First St. in Stanton.

Scramble scheduled for Big Spring CC

Big Spring Country Club will host an Over 80 Scramble (the combined ages of the two-person team must be 80 or more) Saturday and Sunday.

Entry fee is \$60 per player. Fields will be flighted by first round scores and the number of flights will be determined by the number of entries.

Call 267-5354 for more information.

Obituaries

Guy Nall



Our precious baby boy, Guy Caden-Bryce Heffington Nall, of Big Spring, died Sunday, Aug. 10, 2008, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 14, 2008, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Pastor Michael Willard officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

He was born May 16, 2008, in Big Spring.

He is survived by his mother, Amanda Marie Heffington of Big Spring; his father, Cody Nall of Big Spring; one brother, Michael Cole Bryant of Big Spring; his maternal grandmother, Mariann Williams and paternal grandmother, Terri Nall, both of Big Spring; two aunts, Sarah D'Ann Heffington and Sugar Lynn Ellett, both of Big Spring; and four uncles, Michael Nall and Steve Nall, both of Big Spring, Boyd Nall of Texas City and Gary Ellett, Jr. of Big Spring; and several cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Guy Coleman Heffington Jr. and Gary Ellett Sr.

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

Paid obituary

Juan 'Johnny' Gonzales



Juan "Johnny" Gonzales, 62, of Big Spring, died Monday, Aug. 11, 2008, in a local hospital. Graveside funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 14, 2008, at the Edwards Ranch.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

He was born Nov. 26, 1945, in Laredo. Johnny came to Big Spring in 1961 from Laredo and worked at the Edwards Ranch for more than 40 years. He loved

gardening and all outside activities.

Survivors include two daughters, Carmen Cuevas of Peoria, Ariz., and Mary Lou Ramirez of Phoenix, Ariz.; one son, Johnny Gonzales Jr. of Yuma, Ariz.; one sister and brother-in-law, Maria and Ruben Vasquez of Daingerfield; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Jose G. and Amelia Rivera, Juan Manuel and Albertha Rivera and Juan Ruben and Martina Rivera, all of Fort Collins, Colo.; 12 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and a host of friends he worked with at the Edwards Ranch.

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

Paid obituary

Virginia Barraza



Virginia Barraza, 69, of Big Spring died Saturday, Aug. 9, 2008, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Funeral Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Reynaldo Bennett, pastor of Lighthouse Restoration Center, officiating. A vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

She was born July 10, 1939, in Gonzales to Guadalupe and Valdomero Garcia and moved to Big Spring in 1979 from Morrill, Neb. She married Raymond Barraza July 6, 1979, in Big Spring. She was a homemaker and also worked a number of years at Golden Plains Nursing Home. She was a Catholic.

She is survived by two sons, Leon Barraza and his wife Laura of El Paso, and Johnny Barraza and his wife Melissa of Big Spring; one daughter, Mary Olivares and her husband Jimmy of Big Spring; 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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

Ruth Griffin Bennett

Ruth Griffin Bennett, 88, died Sunday, Aug. 10, 2008, in San Antonio. Services are pending with Porter Loring Mortuary.

Support Groups

TUESDAY

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

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

• Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

Police blotter

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

• REUBEN ZAMORA, 19, of Olton, was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of marijuana.

• JASON THREATS, 30, of 2911 W. Highway 80, was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of marijuana.

• ADELAIDO MARTINEZ III, 56, of 2110 Runnels, was arrested Monday on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• DARIUS MCALISTER, 18, of 2911 W. Highway 80, was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of marijuana and five local warrants.

• THADDEUS MCALISTER, 20, of 2911 W. Highway 80, was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of marijuana.

• ROSALYN YOUNG, 38, of 2911 W. Highway 80, was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of marijuana and one local warrant.

• OLIVIA BALLIN, 29, of 2911 W. Highway 80, was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of marijuana.

• UNATTENDED DEATH was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.

• THEFT was reported: in the 1100 block of Mulberry. in the 500 block of S. Gregg Street. in the 2000 block of Gregg Street.

• POSSESSION OF A DANGEROUS DRUG was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore.

• BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1900 block of Highway 87.

• ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 1600 block of Avion.

• ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 2100 block of Grace.

Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 54 inmates at the time of this report.

• THOMAS RIOS, 26, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana — two ounces or less.

• MELANIE HENDERSON, 25, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a dangerous drug.

• NICHOLAUS MOLINA, 22, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of Class C assault.

• JIMMY BERNARD EDMOND, 45, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of assault — family violence, enhanced bond forfeiture, failure to identify and a Class A surety withdrawal.

Fire/EMS

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

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of Mulberry. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1100 block of N. Lamesa Highway. Service refused.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 200 block of Refinery Road. Service refused.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 1500 block of Wood. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 3600 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of S. Gregg. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 6500 block of Midway Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 1000 block of N. Main. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1200 block of 16th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 200 block of Brook Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of Settles. Service refused.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1200 block of Mulberry. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 600 block of N.W. Seventh Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• STRUCTURE FIRE was reported in the 2800 block of Parkway.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 400 block of Valley. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the area of FM 641. Service refused.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Wren. Service refused.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 900 block of Father Delaney. Service refused.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 200 block of Refinery Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 7000 block of the Interstate Highway 20 N. Service Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 600 block of Caylor. One person was transported to SMMC.

Note: This report includes information from the week-end and Monday.

Your Local Weather

Wed 8/13	Thu 8/14	Fri 8/15	Sat 8/16	Sun 8/17
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Intervals of clouds and sunshine. High 96F. Winds ESE at 10 to 15 mph.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	Isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the mid 60s.	Scattered thunderstorms possible.	Scattered thunderstorms. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the mid 60s.

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Bulletin Board

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

ToDAY

• 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, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• 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, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• Friends of the Library meets at noon in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

• Big Spring Main Street meets at noon in the Railroad Museum located at Second and Main streets.

• 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.

• American Legion Auxiliary meets at 6 p.m. at 3203 W. Highway 80.

• The Prospector's Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at 606 E. Third St. The public is invited to these meetings. For more information contact Lola Lamb at 263-3340.

• Neighbors and Newcomers Club meets. New members are welcome. Call 263-2005 for more information.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 6-9-20-23-27.

Number matching five of five: 0.

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 3-6-29-33. Bonus Ball: 33

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 2. Prize: \$112,500

Winning ticket(s) sold in: Navasota, San Antonio.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery: 1-5-5-5. Sum It Up: 16.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery: 4-4-8. Sum It Up: 16.

Take Note

• American Legion Post 506 will hold a fish fry Saturday. Plates are \$10 each. Delivery will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 263-2084 to order. Serving will be held from noon until 3 p.m. at the post, 3203 W. Highway 80. Everyone is welcome. Carryouts are available.

• A blood drive for Elmer "Edman" McMurray, who has been diagnosed with acute leukemia, will be held from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 21, in the Big Spring H-E-B parking lot. McMurray will need one to two units of blood daily for six weeks. All blood types are needed, however B negative and O negative are especially needed. You may also donate at Midland United Blood Services in Midland. Those donating for McMurray are asked to give his full name at the time they donate, so that he will receive credit.

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Redeem Team wears down Angola, 97-76

By **BRIAN MAHONEY**
AP Basketball Writer

BEIJING — LeBron James dominated the game with his size and strength on both ends, and Dwyane Wade scored 19 points to give the United States a 97-76 victory over Angola on Tuesday at the Olympics.

Dwight Howard added 14 points and James finished with 12 for the Americans, who had another rough night from 3-point range but don't appear to be stoppable in the open court.

Wade was perfect from the field in Beijing until missing in the third quarter.

Earlier, Pau Gasol scored 29 points to lead world champion Spain over Yao Ming and host China 85-75 in overtime.

Spain, which finished out of the medals at Athens in 2004, remains unbeaten in Group B with four points and next faces Germany on Thursday. China is without a win after two games, including a 101-80 drubbing at the hands of tournament favorites the United States.

Also in Group B, Vasileios Spanoulis and a dogged Greek defense curbed Dirk Nowitzki in a

87-64 win over Germany in Group B.

The United States improved to 4-0 against Angola, starting with the Dream Team's Olympic debut in 1992.

The Americans (2-0) moved on to face Greece, the team that stunned them two years ago in the semifinals of the world championship.

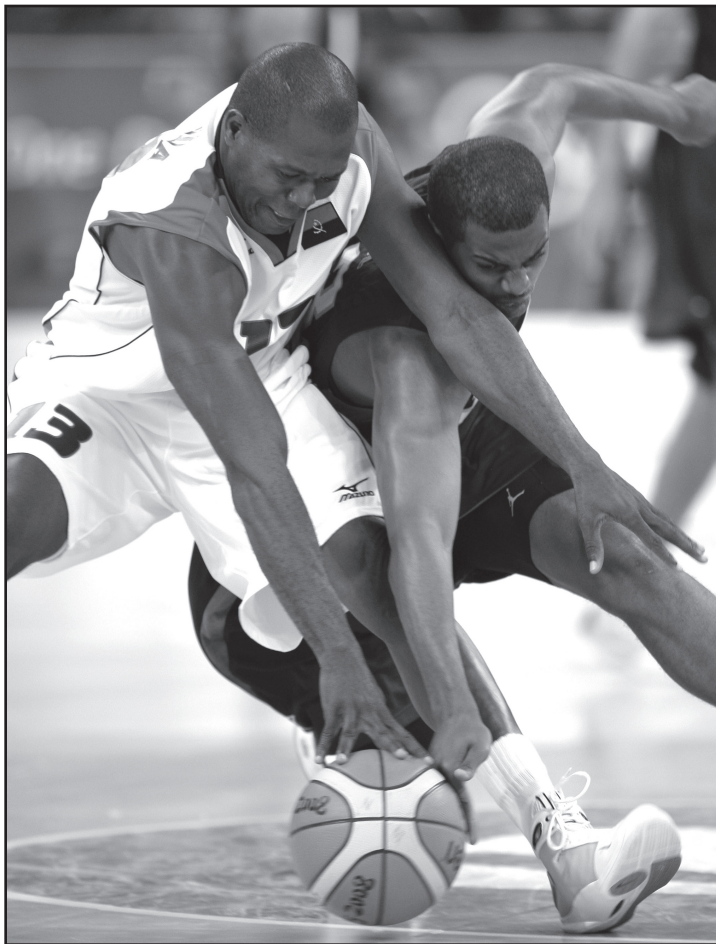
Two days later comes a matchup with Spain, the team that won that tournament and is also 2-0 in this one.

Long before this rout started, the Americans were already looking ahead.

United States coach Mike Krzyzewski and his staff were seated behind the baseline about 5½ hours earlier for a look at the Greeks, who shut down Germany over the final three quarters while pulling away.

Greece stunned the United States 101-95 two years ago in the semifinals of the world championships in Japan. This U.S. team is much deeper, and James is a whole lot stronger.

James hadn't done much offensively midway through the second quarter when he made his pres-



USA guard Chris Paul, right, steals the ball from Angola's forward Carlos Almeida, left, during the first quarter of their men's preliminary basketball game at the 2008 Olympics in Beijing, Tuesday.

ence felt on the other end, jumping so high to block Felizardo Ambrosio's shot that it looked more like a volleyball spike, with

James glaring back at the fallen Ambrosio as the ball went out of bounds.

The Angolans were down only seven with less than 4

minutes remaining in the half when James simply muscled them out of the way. After Wade's 3-pointer, James went all the way for a layup, then knocked Leonel Paulo backward to grab a loose ball and convert a three-point play that made it 47-32 with 2:26 left.

James then came up with a steal and flipped the ball behind him to Chris Bosh for a bucket, then capped a 16-2 spurt with another layup that extended the U.S. lead to 55-34.

The Americans were up 55-37 at the break, with James, Howard, Wade, Carmelo Anthony and Bosh all perfect from the field.

The U.S. shooting would have been much better if not for Bryant's 0-for-5 half, but he quickly got involved in the third quarter with eight points, highlighted by a spinning dunk on the fast break.

Carlos Morais scored 24 points for Angola (0-2).

The Spaniards showed their quality in a dramatic game that had them trailing for much of the last three quarters.

Battling back from a 14-point deficit at the end of the third period, Juan Carlos Navarro tied the

score at 70-70 with two minutes to go.

China then went ahead on a jumper by former NBA player Wang Zhizhi, but Spain pulled even again at 72-72 on a fade-away jumper by Pau's little brother, Marc.

Spain raced to a four-point lead at the start of overtime, and with Yao on the bench and the rest of the squad drained, China crumbled in the face of back-to-back jams by Gasol.

"It hurt, but we drop it and move forward," an exhausted Yao said.

Rudy Fernandez added 21 points for Spain, while guard Liu Wei led the scoring for China with 19, followed by 15 each for Wang and Zhu Fangyu, and 11 for Yao.

In Group A, Linas Kleiza scored 22 points to lead unbeaten Lithuania to a 99-67 victory over Asian champion Iran. Sarunas Jasikevicius added 20 points while Hamed Ehadadi had 21 points for Iran.

Croatia defeated European champion Russia 85-78. Marko Popovic led Croatia with 22 points, while captain Andrey Kirilenko led Russia with 18.

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rooms, he's just outstanding. ... He's going to make a big impact."

Coach Wade Phillips, who was looking for a new secondary coach after last season, was "surprised but excited" when Campo said at the Senior Bowl that he was interested in return-

ing.

"Dave Campo was a tremendous acquisition," Phillips said.

When Campo was promoted from defensive coordinator to replace Chan Gailey as head coach in 2000, Campo had unfortunate timing. That ended up being Hall of Fame quarterback Troy Aikman's final season, and the team was unable to do much because its sal-

ary cap was in dreadful shape.

Even with one of the NFL's top defenses, the Cowboys lost eight of their last 10 games in 2002. Campo was fired and replaced by Bill Parcells.

"I don't know that bitter is the term. Anytime you try to do something and it doesn't work out, it's disappointing," Campo said. "I was disappointed for a lot of reasons, but the bot-

tom line is it's business."

Campo then went to Cleveland as defensive coordinator for two years and spent the last three seasons as secondary coach and assistant head coach in Jacksonville.

The Jaguars, even with the obvious and likley prospect of losing him, allowed Campo to interview for a job in Dallas, where he had been part of three Super Bowl champi-

onships as an assistant coach.

"I never stopped wanting this organization to be successful," Campo said. "I'm a Cowboy. When you're somewhere for 14 years, you're a company man."

Given an opportunity in the right situation, Campo said he probably would try being a head coach or a defensive coordinator again. But, this time with the Cowboys, he's back

doing what he really loves.

"The reason I got into coaching was because I like being around the players," he said. "Sometimes the coordinator and the head coach is more of a manager than he is a teacher. So I am very comfortable with what I'm doing. I'm happy."

Even when caught with his pants down on the field.

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breaststroke preliminaries just a couple weeks before he will undergo surgery.

Carrying the hopes of cancer survivors he's heard from since going public with his diagnosis last month, Shanteau smoothly stroked his way through the four-lap race and qualified seventh in 2:10.29.

"This was the longest day of my life," he said. "That's why I'm glad finals are in the morning because you wake up, you race and you're not sitting around thinking about it all day."

Pak Hyon Suk won North Korea's first gold medal of the Olympics with total lifts of 241 kilograms (531.3 pounds) in the women's 63-kg division of weightlifting.

"I am overjoyed by the fact that I have brought joy to our dear general," a stone-faced Pak said

through a translator, referring to North Korea's leader Kim Jong Il.

Liao Hui of China won the other weightlifting gold Tuesday, in the men's 69-kilogram class.

Alexander Grimm of Germany won the single kayak slalom, using a pair of clean, fast runs to take the top spot on the podium.

Cheered on by an enthusiastic crowd, Benjamin Boukpeti of Togo took the bronze medal in the race, his country's first medal ever in the Summer Olympics.

He hugged and kissed his French mother and Togolese father, saying: "They showed me it was possible."

In judo, Ayumi Tanimoto of Japan won the women's 63-kg gold and Ole Bischof

of Germany took the men's 81-kg division. Fencer Zhong Man of China defeated Nicolas Lopez of France 15-9 for the men's saber gold.

Rafael Nadal defeated Lleyton Hewitt 6-1, 6-2 in tennis. Nadal, seeking his first Olympic medal, is seeded second but is assured of overtaking No. 1 Roger Federer in the rankings next week.

No. 3 Novak Djokovic beat Rainer Schuettler 6-4, 6-2.

Sisters Serena and Venus Williams advanced to the third round. Serena defeated Samantha Stosur of Australia 6-2, 6-0 in 44 minutes and Venus beat Iveta Benesova of the Czech Republic 6-1, 6-4.

Top-ranked Jelena Jankovic beat Alona Bondarenko 7-5, 6-1.

Jankovic supplanted Ana Ivanovic at the top of the rankings Monday. Sixth-seeded Dinara Safina of Russia won her 12th match in a row, beating Maria Jose Martinez Sanchez of Spain 7-6 (3), 6-1.

Tuesday's medalists

Canoe/Kayak
Men's single canoe (slalom): GOLD — Michal Martikan, Slovakia; SILVER — David Florence, Britain; BRONZE — Robin Bell, Australia.
Men's single kayak (slalom) — GOLD — Alexander Grimm, Germany; SILVER — Fabien Lefevre, France; BRONZE — Benjamin Boukpeti, Togo.

Diving
Women's synchronized 10-metre platform: GOLD — China (Wang Xin; Chen Ruolin); SILVER — Australia (Briony Cole; Melissa Wu); BRONZE — Mexico (Paola Espinosa; Tatiana Ortiz).

Fencing
Men's individual sabre: GOLD — Zhong Man, China; SILVER — Nicolas Lopez, France; BRONZE — Mihai Covaliu, Romania.

Gymnastics
Men's Team: GOLD — China (Chen Yibing; Huang Xu; Li Xiaopeng; Xiao Qin; Yang Wei; Zou Kai); SILVER — Japan (Takehiro Kashima; Takuya Nakase; Makoto Okiguchi; Koki Sakamoto; Hiroyuki Tomita; Kohei Uchimura); BRONZE — U.S. (Sasha Artemev; Raj Bhavsar; Joey Hagerty; Jonathan Horton; Justin Spring; Kevin Tan).

Judo
Men's 81 kg: GOLD — Ole Bischof, Germany; SILVER — Kim Jae-bum, South Korea; BRONZE — Tiago Camilo, Brazil, and Roman Gontjuk, Ukraine.
Women's under 63kg: GOLD — Ayumi Tanimoto, Japan; SILVER

— Lucie Decosse, France; BRONZE — Elisabeth Willeboordse, Netherlands, and Won Ok Im, North Korea.

Shooting
Men's 50-metre free pistol: GOLD — Jin Jongoh, South Korea; SILVER — Kim Jong Su, North Korea; BRONZE — Tan Zongliang, China.

Men's Double Trap: GOLD — Glenn Eller, U.S.; SILVER — Francesco D'Aniello, Italy; BRONZE — Hu Binyuan, China.

Swimming
Men's 100 Backstroke: GOLD — Aaron Piersol, U.S.; SILVER — Matt Grevers, U.S.; BRONZE — Arkady Vyatchanin, Russia.
200 Freestyle: GOLD — Michael Phelps, U.S.; SILVER — Park Taehwan, South Korea; BRONZE — Peter Vanderkaay, U.S.
Women's 100 Backstroke: GOLD — Natalie Coughlin, U.S.; SILVER — Kirsty Coventry, Zimbabwe; BRONZE — Margaret Hoelzer, U.S.

Women's 100 Breaststroke: GOLD — Leisel Jones, Australia; SILVER — Rebecca Soni, U.S.; BRONZE — Mirna Jukic, Austria.

Weightlifting
Men's 69 kilograms: GOLD — Liao Hui, China; SILVER — Vencelas Dabaya-Tientcheu, France; BRONZE — Tigran Gevorg Martirosyan, Armenia.

Women's 63 kilograms: GOLD — Pak Hyon Suk, North Korea; SILVER — Irina Nekrassova, Kazakhstan; BRONZE — Lu Ying-chi, Taiwan.

Wrestling
Men's Greco-Roman (55 kg): GOLD — Nazyr Mankiev, Russia; SILVER — Rovshan Bayramov, Azerbaijan; BRONZE — Roman Amoyan, Armenia, and Park Eun-chul, South Korea.

Men's Greco-Roman (60 kg): GOLD — Islam-Beka Albiev, Russia; SILVER — Vitaliy Rahimov, Azerbaijan; BRONZE — Ruslan Tiumenbaev, Kyrgyzstan, and Nurbakyt Tengizbayev, Kazakhstan.



By Steve Becker

It's So Easy to Go Wrong

South dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.
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♥ 7 4
♦ K Q 8
♣ K 5 3
WEST
♠ A Q 10 9
♥ 10 6
♦ A 9 5 2
♣ J 10 4
EAST
♠ J 7
♥ 8 3 2
♦ J 10 6 4
♣ Q 9 8 2
SOUTH
♠ K 2
♥ A K Q J 9 5
♦ 7 3
♣ A 7 6
The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass
3♥ Pass 3NT Pass
Opening lead — jack of clubs.

When the queen held, declarer tried leading a spade to the king. But after West took the ace and played a second club, South could not avoid losing a club, a diamond and another spade, and so finished down one.

The trouble with South's line of play was that, barring a defensive lapse, it depended essentially on finding East with the ace of spades. No real attempt was made to capitalize on the possibility that West might have the ace of diamonds, in which case declarer could score two diamond tricks instead of just one.

To avail himself of that possibility, South should arrange his plays so that he can lead diamonds twice toward dummy while the king of clubs is still an entry. Accordingly, after winning the opening club lead with the ace, declarer should lead a diamond at trick two.

When dummy's queen holds, South re-enters his hand with a heart, draws the remaining trumps and leads a second diamond. West takes the ace but cannot stop declarer from later discarding his club loser on the diamond king.

If it turns out that East has the ace of diamonds, South will still make the contract if East also has the ace of spades. Declarer thus gets two chances to make 10 tricks instead of only one, and that's a very significant improvement in anyone's book.

sudoku

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Russian President Dmitri Medvedev orders end to military action in Georgia

MOSCOW (AP) — Russian President Dmitri Medvedev ordered a halt to military action in Georgia Tuesday, saying it had punished Georgia and brought security for civilians and Russian peacekeepers in the breakaway South Ossetia region.

“The security of our peacekeepers and civilians has been restored,” Medvedev said in a nationally televised statement. “The aggressor has been punished and suffered very significant losses. Its military has been disorganized.”

At the same time, Medvedev ordered the military to quell any signs of Georgian resistance.

“If there are any emerging hotbeds of resistance or any aggressive actions, you should take steps to destroy them,” he told his defense minister at a Kremlin meeting.

Russia’s foreign minister, meanwhile, said that Georgia’s president must leave office and Georgian troops should stay out of the pro-Russian South Ossetia region for good.

Obama’s plan to not tax seniors with incomes under \$50,000 draws critics among his allies

WASHINGTON (AP) — If you’re a senior citizen and make less than \$50,000 a year, Barack Obama has a deal for you: the rest of your life free of federal income tax.

Sounds appealing, right? Maybe to many seniors. But tax policy experts in Washington are giving it bad reviews. They see it as another subsidy for senior citizens, who already get federal help through Social Security and Medicare and often have economic advantages over other demographic groups.

Seniors typically have paid off their mortgages. Many have investments and usually don’t pay taxes on their Social Security benefits. The kids are usually grown, so they’re not saddled with day care or college costs.

“The odds are the retired folks — they’re getting pensions, they’re getting Social Security, they have investment assets, they own a house — so ... they’re better off than somebody who is 30 or 40 years younger who’s trying to buy a house (and) trying to start saving,” said Clint Stretch, managing principal of tax policy for Deloitte Tax.

The Obama campaign says the idea would give tax cuts averaging \$1,400 to 7 million seniors who are battling inflation with mostly fixed incomes. The campaign also says the plan would relieve millions of older people from having to file complicated tax returns.

Administration to relax protected species rules, cutting back independent reviews

WASHINGTON (AP) — Parts of the Endangered Species Act may soon be extinct. The Bush administration wants federal agencies to decide for themselves whether highways, dams, mines and other construction projects might harm endangered animals and plants.

New regulations, which don’t require the approval of Congress, would reduce the mandatory, independent reviews government scientists have been performing for 35 years, according to a draft first obtained by The Associated Press.

Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne said late Monday the changes were needed to ensure that the Endangered Species Act would not be used as a “back door” to regulate the gases blamed for global warming. In May, the polar bear became the first species declared as threatened because of climate change. Warming temperatures are expected to melt the sea ice the bear depends on for survival.

The draft rules would bar federal agencies from assessing the emissions from projects that contribute to global warming and its effect on species and habitats.

“We need to focus our efforts where they will do the most good,” Kempthorne said in a news conference organized quickly after AP reported details of the proposal. “It is important to use our time and resources to protect the most vulnerable species. It is not possible to draw a link between greenhouse gas emissions and distant observations of impacts on species.”

Disability groups protest ‘Tropic Thunder’ premiere in Los Angeles; boycott called for

LOS ANGELES (AP) — “Tropic Thunder” is pushing the envelope too far for groups representing the mentally disabled.

Dozens of people from organizations such as the Special Olympics and the American Association of People with Disabilities protested the movie-industry spoof across the street from the film’s Los Angeles premiere at Mann’s Bruin Theatre on Monday. The protesters held up signs with slogans such as “Call me by my name, not by my label” and chanted phrases like “Ban the movie, ban the word.”

The groups are outraged over scenes featuring the liberal usage of a disparaging term used to describe the mentally disabled. In the movie, director and co-star Ben Stiller plays a fame-hungry actor cast in a war movie who previously had a role as a mentally disabled character named Simple Jack. The DreamWorks film, which opens Wednesday, also stars Robert Downey Jr. and Jack Black.

“When I heard about it, I felt really hurt inside,” said Special Olympics global messenger Dustin Plunkett. “I cannot believe a writer could write something like that. It’s the not the way that we want to be portrayed. We have feelings. We don’t like the word retard. We are people. We’re just like any other people out there.”

Lawsuit filed over Taser death

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The family of a central Louisiana man who died after a police officer repeatedly jolted him with a Taser filed a wrongful-death lawsuit Monday, on the eve of a grand jury’s probe of the case.

The federal lawsuit accuses Winnfield city officials of civil rights violations in the death of Baron Pikes, 21.

Former Winnfield police officer Scott Nugent is accused of shocking a handcuffed Pikes nine times with a 50,000-volt Taser stun gun while arresting him on a drug possession warrant in January. A coroner ruled the death was a homicide.

A grand jury in Winnfield is scheduled to convene Tuesday and could finish hearing evidence in the case by the end of the day, according to a spokesman for Winn Parish District Attorney Chris Nevils.

Taser International Inc. is named as a defendant in the lawsuit filed Monday by Latrina Thomas, who is the mother of Pikes’ 4-year-old son.

Thomas also is suing the city of Winnfield, its mayor, city council, police chief and several police officers.

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matter was resolved, leaving the county with a shortfall of more than \$700,000 and Big Spring Independent School District picking up a \$264,000 loss.

According to County Auditor Jackie Olson, Alon USA paid

approximately \$225,000 in taxes last year — based on an undisputed assessment of \$80 million that was reduced to \$54 million by abatement agreements — considerably less than the \$1 million levied against the company.

“If the Alon situation changes for the better, it (the tax rate) could go down. It probably will go down,” said County Judge Mark Barr. “We also have a time

conflict here, because if it goes in to the court and the judge makes a ruling on it, either side has about 30 days to go through the appeal process. When you put 30 days on that, we’ve run out of time. Hopefully things will happen pretty rapidly and we’ll know what’s going to happen before we have to set this rate in concrete.”

Barr requested the court

change the time of the first public hearing on the tax rate from 10 a.m. to a time in the evening, in hopes of accommodating area taxpayers who are unable to make the morning meeting due to work schedules.

“I’d like to see the court hold the first hearing (on the tax rate), which is Sept. 8, at a later hour,” said Barr, drawing approval from the rest of the com-

missioner’s court. “That would give the public a chance to come up here and ask questions as to why we are doing this. We owe them that. It would just be for the public hearing.”

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BURN BAN

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good time to give county residents a chance to catch

up on burning their trash. The ban expires tomorrow (Tuesday), so we don’t have to do anything at this time if we want to let it expire.”

Commissioner Jerry

Kilgore asked if a previous move by the court giving Barr permission to enact a ban without a vote from the court was still in effect, but Barr said he felt any

need for another ban could be addressed at a regularly scheduled commissioners meeting.

The county has been under a burn ban since

around the first of the year, as wildfires ravaged much of the area and had volunteer fire fighters responded to nearly a half-dozen fires each day.

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HEALTHY

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the accuracy of the standard method of calculating whether someone is overweight. Health officials rely on the body mass index, a weight-height ratio that does not distinguish between fat and lean tissue. The limits of that method were highlighted a few years ago when it was reported that the system would put nearly half of NBA players in the overweight category.

A number of experts say waist size is a more accurate way of determining someone’s health risks, and the study results support that argument.

Dr. Robert Eckel, a former American Heart Association president and professor of medicine at the University of Colorado, said the new research may help dismiss some of the generalizations that are sometimes made about weight and health. Study co-author Judith Wylie-Rosett emphasized that the study shouldn’t send the message “that we don’t need to worry about weight.” That’s because

half of overweight people do face elevated risks for heart disease, explained Wylie-Rosett, a nutrition researcher at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York.

But, for those without elevated risks, losing weight “might be important only for a cosmetic perspective,” she said.

To arrive at the estimates, scientists analyzed nationally representative government surveys involving 5,440 people age 20 and over, and extrapolated to calculate nationwide figures.

The new study, appearing in Monday’s Archives of Internal Medicine, used government surveys from 1999 to 2004 that included lab tests and height and weight measurements. Participants reported on

habits including smoking and physical activity.

In all weight categories, risk factors for heart problems were generally more common in older people, smokers and inactive people. Among obese people who were 50 to 64, just 20 percent were considered healthy compared with half of younger obese people.

The results underscore how important exercise is for staying healthy, even for people of healthy weight, Wylie-Rosett said. The authors noted that fat tissue releases hormones and other substances that affect things like blood vessels, cholesterol and blood sugar. The results suggest this interaction varies among overweight and obese people, the authors said.

The results also add to mounting evidence that thick waists are linked with heart risks.

Among people of healthy weight in the study, elevated blood pressure, cholesterol and other factors were more common for people with larger waists or potbellies. This often signals internal fat deposits surrounding abdominal organs, which previous research has shown can be especially risky.

Similarly, among overweight and obese adults, those in the “healthy” category tended to have smaller waists than those with at least two risk factors.

Dr. Lewis Landsberg, a Northwestern University obesity expert, noted that the research didn’t look at heart disease, and that

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not everyone with high risk factors develops heart problems.

Still, he said, the study shows that waist measurements can help assess health.

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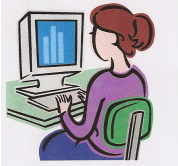
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OTHER VIEWS

Redistricting reform should be enacted now

The next census is only two years away, and redistricting in 2011 will follow it.

The specter of another round of depressing partisan haggling to redraw political lines, particularly congressional districts, is fueling a renewed national push for redistricting reform.

Gerrymandered districts are one of the most detrimental diseases afflicting modern politics.

Instead of giving voters a real choice in competitive districts, politicians of both parties draw lines to serve their partisan interests by packing districts and giving voters less reason to participate in the democratic process.

Packed districts also allow the extremes in both political parties to gain more control over the legislative process at all levels and disenfranchise middle-of-the-road Americans whose main goal is effective government.

The new push is being led by the nonpartisan Americans for Redistricting Reform, a diverse coalition with members of varying political philosophies.

The common bond among the organizers is a desire to reduce political self-interest in the redistricting process and give average people more voice.

Members of the organization recently sent a letter to congressional leaders urging support of redistricting reform measures, including a bipartisan bill sponsored by Rep. John Tanner, D-Tenn., and Rep. Zack Wamp, R-Tenn.

Of course, Congress isn't likely to approve the needed reform in the closing weeks of an election year session, but now is the time to push lawmakers and candidates to take a stand for fairness.

The next Congress will be in office in the final session before the post-census round of redistricting.

Reformers say the changes should include the creation of independent commissions to draw congressional lines in each state and the prohibition of mid-decade redistricting unless ordered by a court.

Independent commissions, such as the one repeatedly proposed in Texas by San Antonio Republican state Sen. Jeff Wentworth, would take the process out of the hands of elected officials and significantly reduce the partisan influence.

State ballot initiatives around the nation, such as recent reform attempts in California and Ohio, have failed, but supporters note that regional political factors had more to do with the defeats than the concept of instituting independent commissions.

Federal legislation to fix the congressional process would be a huge step forward, and leaders should grant hearings on the bills pending in the House Judiciary Committee.

At home, voters should pressure federal and state candidates to support the reforms while they are on the campaign trail.

Pushing selfish partisanship away from redistricting levers is a crucial step in returning clout to average Americans and ensuring that elections draw more participation.

THE SAN ANTONIO EXPRESS-NEWS

A SHORT PRAYER

Lord, help us to remember that God loves each of us.

Amen

Obama's Catholic problem

Barack Obama has a Catholic problem. If he doesn't do better than John Kerry did in 2004 with this quintessential swing voting bloc, he won't be elected president. Obama's campaign understands this — which is why they're considering allowing a pro-life Democrat, Sen. Bob Casey of Pennsylvania, to speak at the Denver convention. Sen. Casey's father, the late Governor of Pennsylvania Robert Casey Sr., was denied a speaking slot at the Democrats' 1992 convention for fear of offending pro-choice Democrats. But simply allowing his son to speak at the convention won't be enough to woo Catholics back.

Catholics are by no means a single-issue voting group. But for observant Catholics, those who attend Mass regularly and follow the Church's teachings, a candidate's position on abortion matters. Even among more broadly identified Catholics — those who call themselves Catholic, regardless of whether they are observant — 59 percent oppose abortion, according to a recent Time magazine poll. And Barack Obama's record on this issue will cause pause for many of them.

Like most Democratic politicians, Barack Obama favors abortion rights for women, with few exceptions. He has recently said that he might support some limits on very late-term abortions, those that occur in the last trimester of pregnancy. But when it comes to actual legislative limits, he's never found one yet he can vote for.

Take partial-birth abortion, a grue-

some procedure in which the fetus is delivered feet-first, its skull punctured and its brain suctioned out, thereby killing the fetus and collapsing the skull for easy delivery of the full body. Although he was not in the U.S. Senate when it voted to ban partial-birth abortions, Obama has nevertheless heavily criticized the legislation and the Supreme Court ruling that upheld its constitutionality. "Some people argue that the federal ban on abortion was just an isolated effort aimed at one medical procedure — that it's not part of a concerted effort to roll back the hard-won rights of American women. That presumption is also wrong," Obama told those attending a 2007 Planned Parenthood meeting. But Americans overwhelmingly oppose partial birth abortion — 70 percent in a 2003 Gallup poll — so Obama's views put him in a distinct minority.

Obama's most controversial action on the abortion issue occurred when he was an Illinois state senator. Bills that would have required medical personnel to treat infants who survived abortion procedures came up several times during Obama's tenure in the Illinois state senate — and each time, Obama opposed passage. He has since tried to defend his stand by claiming that the purpose of the Illinois bills was to overturn Roe v. Wade. And he's even argued that the Illinois legislation was unnecessary because "there was already a law in place in Illinois that said that you always have to supply life-saving treatment to any infant under any circumstances," as he told Relevant magazine last month.

In fact, the Illinois legislation was introduced after a Chicago nurse, Jill Stanek, came forward to describe her own experiences "where babies were being aborted alive and

shelved to die in the soiled utility room" at Christ Hospital in a Chicago suburb. Stanek testified that she held one of the infants for 45 minutes before it died after being denied any medical treatment. Clearly the legislation was not superfluous, as Obama suggested. Moreover, Obama explained his vote at the time by complaining, "if we're placing a burden on the doctor that says you have to keep alive even a pre-viable child as long as possible and give them as much medical attention as — as is necessary to try and keep that child alive, then we're probably crossing the line in terms of unconstitutionality."

Polls show Catholics pretty evenly divided between Obama and McCain at this point — with 45 percent favoring the GOP candidate and 44 percent favoring the Democrat. But Obama will have a difficult time wooing pro-life Catholics, given his record — and a speech by a pro-life Democrat like Sen. Casey won't be enough to tip Catholics in his favor. And, of course, the biggest obstacle to Obama's outreach will be pro-choice Democrats, many of them feminists who supported Hillary Clinton.

As on so many issues, Obama risks losing the far left of his party if he moderates his own out-of-the-mainstream positions on abortion in order to win more centrist voters. Instead, he'll probably continue to talk out of both sides of his mouth on this issue and hope Catholic voters don't notice.

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Clinton is no convention wrecker

I know Hillary Clinton. She is a friend of mine. I have always respected her — and never more than during the closing days of this campaign, when she displayed a level of grit and determination I have rarely seen in any politician, male or female, Democrat or Republican.

Hillary is many things: smart, strong-willed, disciplined, determined and, yes, ambitious. She wanted to be president; I assume she still does. It's not the sort of ambition that, once you admit to it, get close to it, get a taste of it, is easy to give up.

But one thing she is not: a convention wrecker. She is not going to wreak havoc at Barack Obama's convention. She is not going to turn it into a last-ditch fight for a prize she has already conceded. She is not going to use it as an occasion to challenge Obama's nomination.

Pollyanna I'm not. There are many who would like to see such a fight, especially in light of Obama's failure to open up the commanding lead that many people, both supporters and opponents, as well as media types, thought he would have by now. It would be good for

ratings, if nothing else, to see some kind of brawl at the convention. There are many Clinton supporters who would relish such a fight, particularly given what they view as the Obama camp's decided lack of enthusiasm in helping Hillary pay off the debts she owes not to herself and not to her former campaign strategist Mark Penn, but to small vendors across the country whose votes the Obama campaign has every reason to want.

I know many Clinton supporters — delegates, organizers, old friends — who thought the Obama campaign would have reached out to them by now, brought them in, made them feel welcome and wanted, but it hasn't happened. I get plenty of e-mails on this topic. I don't have any answers. The Obama campaign did an event in Washington with 50 top Hillary insiders. Apparently, it went well. But there are plenty of folks outside the Beltway who didn't hold top jobs in the campaign but are key players in their own states, and their phones haven't rung.

Asked on his campaign plane about the Clinton supporters who haven't signed on with Obama, who are still voicing disappointment about how things turned out, Obama responded: "We're not talking to those people, we're talking directly to the Clinton campaign

people and staff."

They need to talk to those people. They need their help to win. Many of them are not happy right now.

But they are not going to ruin Obama's convention. They are not looking to walk out. They do not want to make John McCain president. The last thing they want is to be blamed or to have Hillary blamed for Obama's defeat. That would be a disaster all around.

When asked whether placing Hillary's name in nomination and having a roll call vote, which he would then win but (maybe) only narrowly, would be "cathartic" for the party, Obama rightly told reporters "catharsis" is not the purpose of a convention. "I don't think we're looking for catharsis. I think what we're looking for is energy and excitement."

Hillary Clinton ran a historic campaign for president. Obama's was historic, too. Recognizing the historic nature of her effort does not detract from the historic nature of his. This is not a zero-sum game. Or at least it shouldn't be.

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Progress slows for young cactus wrens

Undisturbed by any human activity, the bird had commenced to build its nest in the cholla cactus near the well site. Idle from the bust days of the '80s, the pump jack was silent. Nearby, the tanks and separator stood vigil over a time past.

Grasses and cactus had reclaimed their native soil. The once cleared caliche drive was nearly hidden by knee-high grasses and weeds. An occasional lonely mesquite offered the only shade for miles.

Landing on one of many branches of the plant, the bird seemed oblivious to the projecting thorns. Dry blades of grass and plant stems were carefully placed where the cholla offered the best support. Finished laying the bottom of his nest, the bird began shaping the sides that would be protected by the prickly branches of the plant.

Shaped, woven, and rounded into a large domed structure, the materials he used had been converted into thick, matted walls. Next, the bird created an opening a few inches above the inner chamber. By the time his effort was completed, the architect had completed a tunnel large enough to accommodate his mate and himself.

From the outside, only a large hole appeared to lead inside. However, not being able to see the future eggs and nestlings would prevent winged predators from easily taking his family. The cholla would serve as a natural defense from four-legged critters.

Having built several other nests, he had a choice to make. The unused nests would make ideal roosting sites or future nesting areas if a second or third brood occurred. With his attracted mate, a decision was

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made.

Once the nest had been lined with feathers, four eggs were laid. In such a remote dwelling, only nature and the parents could appreciate their creamy-white to pinkish shells spotted with a reddish-brown.

Soon, the parents were scurrying to provide small insects and worms for their growing nestlings. Even bread crumbs thrown out for the sparrows at a nearby farm house were gathered. Days passed quickly.

One morning, voices suddenly startled the mother bird. Hidden inside the tunnel, she noticed two men standing by the metal structures. Searching for food, her mate had not yet returned. As they turned to leave, she heard a loud noise approaching her nest. Frightened by a large, yellow bellowing piece of equipment that came within a few feet of her home, she instinctively darted from the mouth of the tunnel and quickly flew away.

As the long, sharp blade cleared the grasses and prickly-pear cactus surrounding the well site, the operator turned and maneuvered the machine toward the large cholla near the corner of the caliche pad. Hearing the machine suddenly stop, the two men turned to see the operator climbing down and walking toward the large cactus.

"Looked like a straw football caught in that cholla," was the description the worker gave when he called about the nest. "Couldn't see anything through that hole, but could hear 'em," he continued.



Courtesy photo

Using mesquite, cactus, mistletoe, catclaw, or hackberry as possible sites, cactus wrens use their nests throughout the year. Round like a ball, and nearly 12 inches long, it provides protection from the weather and a safe place to roost.

Since the company had a required clearance for the numerous trucks and service vehicles, he had to remove the cholla. Wearing gloves, he slowly snapped the branches away from the nest. With the thorns piercing the leather, he had to stop and pull them out of his hands and the gloves before proceeding. Finally, he was able to free the entire nest from its spiny confinement.

Leaving the youngsters inside, he wondered whether the parents would return to the nest with so much anticipated noise and activity. To place it far enough away from the normal routine of activating a site meant they might be abandoned in the process.

Approval from his boss, who had called Parks & Wildlife,

came readily. Within two hours, he was delivering the bulky nest and its cargo. Inside, the four cactus wrens had developed into small miniatures of their parents. Although their coloration was duller and fainter, by winter their plumage would be almost like the adults. Only the black markings on a white throat were absent.

Border-line fledglings, the foursome devoured our cricket cache readily. Although they would have followed their parents back to the nest at night, they seemed to enjoy our large cage, varied perches, and constant feeding.

Notable were their rusty brown caps, backs, wings, and tails, white stripes over each eye, pale underparts, and spotted breasts. Their wings and

tails were barred with black and white. Long, curved bills, rounded tails, and body size would some day have them misidentified as thrashers rather than wrens.

Needing the expertise of the wildlife center in Lubbock, the cactus wrens thrived on a spacious aviary. With eagerness, they learned to hunt for their food on the dirt floors. As in nature, they were provided with a leaf, grass or hay-strewn environment. Poking their beaks underneath the debris, they could search for hidden insects. Their curiosity, and willingness to investigate, were essential for their release and survival.

Bebe McCasland is federally and state licensed to rehabilitate wild birds.

Not always the way it's supposed to be

Franklin Roosevelt once said, "When you come to the end of your rope, tie a knot and hang on." His quote emphasizes that no matter what happens in life, it's the way we deal with it that matters.

So it is in the following story: I spent the week before my daughter's June wedding running last-minute errands and watching my budget dwindle. To save money on flowers, I gathered blossoms from the large magnolia trees of several of my friends. Their luscious, creamy-white blooms and slick green leaves made beautiful arrangements against the rich dark wood inside

the church.

The big day arrived and it was the busiest day of my life. While the bridesmaids helped Patsy to dress, her fiancé, Tim, walked with me to the sanctuary to do a final check. When we opened the door and felt a rush of hot air, I almost fainted; all the beautiful white flowers were black: Funeral black! An electrical storm during the night had knocked out the air conditioning system, and on that hot summer day, the flowers had wilted and died.

I panicked, knowing I didn't have time to drive back to our hometown, gather more flowers and return in time for the wedding. Tim turned to me. "Edna, you get more flowers and I'll gather and throw away these dead ones."

As I stood in the large sanctuary, I looked up at the dark wooden beams

in the arched ceiling.

"Lord," I prayed, "please help me. I don't know anyone in this town. Help me find someone willing to give me flowers — in a hurry."

As I left the church, I saw magnolia trees in the distance. I approached a house and knocked on the door. An older man answered. When I stated my plea the man beamed, "I'd be happy to!" He climbed a stepladder and cut large boughs and handed them down to me. Minutes later, as I lifted the last armload into my car trunk, I said, "Sir, you've made the mother of a bride very happy today."

"Well Ma'am," he said. "You don't understand what's happening here."

"What?" I asked. "You see, my wife of 67 years died Monday. On Tuesday, I received friends at the funeral home, and on Wednesday," he paused and I saw tears welling up

Parent's Corner

in his eyes. "On Wednesday I buried her." He looked away. "On Thursday, most of my out-of-town relatives went back home, and on Friday — yesterday — my children left."

I nodded. "This morning," he continued, "I was sitting in my den crying out loud. I miss her so much. For the last 16 years, as her health got worse, she needed me. But now nobody needs me. This morning I cried, 'Who needs an 86-year-old worn-out man? Nobody!' 'Nobody needs me!' 'About that time, you knocked, and said, 'Sir, I

need you.'"

As I stood with my mouth open, he smiled. "Let me tell you what I was thinking when I handed you those magnolias. I decided I am needed. My flowers are needed and I might be able to create a flower ministry! I could give them to everyone! Some caskets at the funeral home have no flowers. People need flowers at times like that and I have lots of them. I can give them to hospitals, churches, nursing homes — all sorts of place and that's what I'm going to do."

As I drove back to the

church I was filled with wonder. On Patsy's wedding day, if anyone had asked me to encourage someone who was hurting, I would have said, "'Forget it!' It's my only daughter's wedding. There is no way I can help anyone today. But there was a way and it happened through dead flowers.

As I read this story I remembered an old saying: Life doesn't always seem like it's the way it's supposed to be, however it is the way it is. The way you cope with it is what makes the difference.

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The moon in earthy Capricorn brings a dose of realism to today's efforts. It just feels right to follow our urge toward accomplishing something of tangible importance, even at the cost of more fun, lively sociable summer-time events. Going about your business is curiously pleasurable. The day hums along on a delightful one.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You have mentally granted someone power over part of your life, and it now feels as though this person is ruling your every move. Though you are performing for this person's approval, you are still free. Remember, this is a game. TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Though you consider yourself to be a practical sort, someone brings out your sensual side. Involve yourself with Sagittarius and then stand back and be amazed by the unexpected way

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Sagittarius energizes your talents.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There's a sort of magic trick to pull off today, and you do it brilliantly -- that is, if you prepare. As in all magic, the preparation and practice time is essential, as is knowing your audience.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). In your attempts to make everyone happy you may lose sight of one extremely important detail -- your life is precious, too. Take a wild and memorable action to drive the point home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your charm is undeniable and you know just who to direct it toward now. Take advantage of your chance to make an impression -- this will never come around again quite the same way.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Life is your classroom and you are an excellent student now as your powers of observation are magnified by the planets. In fact, even your teachers will learn from the astute questions that you ask.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). In some ways you're still paying your dues. But soon the changing of an old guard will leave you in charge. Tonight, you make wise decisions based on nothing but heart -- the result is brilliant.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Financial success and social savvy are intrinsically linked. People won't hand you a sweet opportunity just because they

like you. Though, if you are qualified and they like you, the opportunity is yours.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You see a shortcut to getting what you want, but consider deeply whether this route would be as fulfilling. Success is sweetest when it is earned in a way you can be extremely proud of.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There's nothing that gets your goat more than incompetence. Someone isn't doing a job right and it's affecting you. When you accept this person's inability to perform and lower your expectations, the problem goes away.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Put the most time into the relationship that is most important to you. When your personal life is going strong, your finances and career fall right into place. Family life becomes breezy, too.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're aching to get training in a certain area, but the price for this has been unaffordable thus far. Finally this changes. Either the cost is lowered, or you find a benefactor to fund your endeavor.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I was born March 13, 1965. I am at my wits' end. Even two psychics have said I've been under a big black cloud for many years. It's true. No matter how hard I try, I can not get a better job in my field, and I'm losing hope of my dream husband and family."

Pisces, I know you've had some victories in your stay on Earth. Yet if you're walking around with the thought that you're under a black cloud, you won't see it. Try focusing less on your self, more on others. Pisces people must sacrifice some part of their spirit for the greater good willingly; if you don't, you suffer. Have you ever counseled your co-worker through a rocky time, or done something similarly selfless and rewarding? Your connection with your human family will serve you, too, filling your empty well. You're in a period of reaping the consequences of your past choices, some of which weren't fruitful -- explaining your sense of futility. Yet you're also sowing seeds for the next 14 years, so start looking for the silver lining in this cloud, pronto! Turn your attitude into gratitude. Start by replacing your psychic!

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Halle Berry has found her bliss in family life. While Leo women and men discover meaningful joy in sharing a life with the one they love, the Cancer in Halle (Venus, Mars and Jupiter) wanted an homage to love -- in a home. While Halle insists a relationship is complete without marriage, bringing up baby could bring up practical concerns, leading to a formal commitment about a year from now.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: My wife and I have two toddler children. When my son was a year old, my wife began to hit him as a form of discipline. I strongly objected and this led to many fights between us. This wasn't the only problem. My wife is verbally and emotionally abusive toward all of us.

After many arguments, my wife finally agreed to stop hitting my son only to do so again later. This pattern repeated many times. She says she has no way to discipline him if she can't hit him, and what's worse, her entire family agrees with her. Of course, if I suggested hitting my wife the way she hits our son, they would say that's wrong.

Now that my daughter is a year old, she has begun to hit her, too. I've shown many times that disciplining the children by putting them in their room works. But that's not good enough for my wife. With so much support from her family, I can't get through to her.

I've called three domestic abuse hotlines, but each person there told me they are strictly for abused women, not children. English is my wife's second language. There are cultural differences between her family and mine and I understand this is how she was brought up, but I don't want my children raised this way. Please help. -- Hawaiian Black Eye

Dear Hawaiian: It will be very difficult to convince your wife that the way her parents disciplined her is not appropriate, especially with her family nearby undermining your efforts. First, it is your responsibility to keep your children safe from harm. While spanking is acceptable for some households, if your wife is hitting, slapping, punching or using belts, brushes or other instruments, you may need to get the children out of the house when she is upset



KATHY MITCHELL MARCY SUGAR

with them. Then be sure your wife understands that in this country, if someone sees her hitting a child, she could be reported for abuse and the children could be removed from the home. With that incentive, contact the Children's Advocacy Project at the University of Hawaii Department of Pediatrics (cap4kids.org/hawaii) and the Hawaii State Department of Health (theparentline.org).

Dear Annie: I have a close friend who visits a few times a year. He likes to take the morning newspaper into the bathroom before I have had a chance to read it.

Needless to say, I do not want to handle the paper after he's finished with it. Is there a polite way of telling my friend not to read it on the toilet? -- Not Appealing Now

Dear Not Appealing: You have several choices: You can tell your friend to please not take the paper out of the kitchen before you've read it. You can buy an extra paper on those days when he visits. You can get up early enough to read it first. You can stock the bathroom with interesting magazines. You can tell him point-blank that you don't like handling the paper after it's been in the bathroom. Pick one.

Dear Annie: I would like to correct some information in the letter from "Cape Coral, Fla.," who said a reverse mortgage means the mortgage com-

pany buys the home. This is not true. The homeowner retains title, but a lien is placed on the home.

The owners can sell the home at any time and pay back the loan. They can stay in the house as long as they wish or until they die, at which time their heirs can either pay back the loan and keep the house, or sell it and any remaining proceeds go to the heirs. The only way the mortgage company gets its money is through the sale of the home and land. Please clear this up for your readers. -- Loan Officer in Florida

Dear Loan Officer: Thank you for the clarification. Our readers will appreciate knowing how the reverse mortgage works.

Dear Annie: Please settle an argument about shower and wedding gifts. Some brides register for shower gifts that are equivalent to a wedding gift (\$150 and up). Then when we receive the wedding invitation, the couple doesn't want a gift, they want money.

These couples are having large, elaborate weddings when they have no money to pay for it and request that you give them enough to pay for the cost of your meal so they are not out-of-pocket on anything. You are informed that it is \$125-\$150 a plate, and by the way, they invited 250 people.

I would appreciate knowing what the protocol is so we can end our family argument. -- Broke in Connecticut

Dear Broke: Nice shake-down going on. You are not obligated to give a gift from a registry. It is only a recommendation. You are never obligated to give a wedding gift that is more than you can afford, nor are you supposed to pay for the cost of your meal. Wedding expenses are whatever the bride and groom decide to pay for, and guests give whatever they choose. Period.

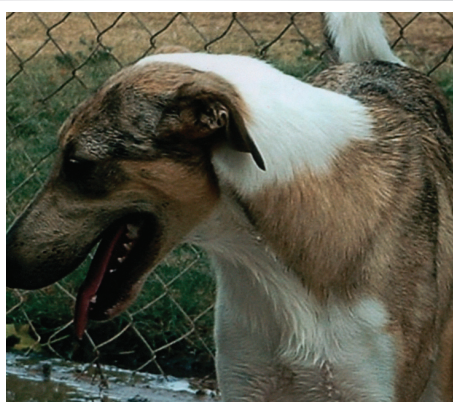
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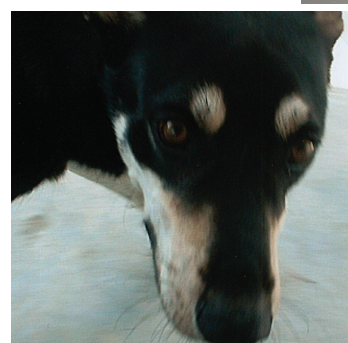
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News in brief

Violent inmate to die Tuesday for double slaying

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Leon David Dorsey IV already was in prison, serving 60 years after pleading guilty to killing a woman during a convenience store robbery, when a Dallas police cold case squad gathered enough evidence to tie him to the unsolved shooting deaths of two employees at a video store four years earlier.

"I've done cut folks; I've done stabbed folks; I've killed folks," he told *The Dallas Morning News* while awaiting trial. "But it don't bother me."

Dorsey, now 32, was set to die Tuesday for the April 1994 attack.

No appeals were in the courts to stop the lethal injection, which would be the seventh this year in the nation's most active capital punishment state and the first of two this week. Another two executions are scheduled for next week.

"I did 21 death penalty cases either as the lead or on a team," said Toby Shook, a former Dallas County assistant district attorney. "Upon reflection, Leon Dorsey is probably No. 1 as the meanest criminal I prosecuted."

Dorsey, who called himself "Pistol Pete," was facing capital murder charges in 1998 for the fatal shootings of James Armstrong, 26, and Brad Lindsey, 20, at the Blockbuster Video store in East Dallas where they worked when he acknowledged to a reporter in a prison interview that he committed the killings. He also suggested the families of his victims not focus on their losses, equating their grief to losing money in a craps game.

Criminal charges against Houston bus owner possible in deadly crash

DALLAS (AP) — Criminal charges were being considered against a Houston motorcoach owner and president whose bus crashed in north Texas killing 17 Vietnamese Catholics on their way to a religious festival in Missouri, according to a Harris County prosecutor.

"Criminal charges are possible," said assistant district attorney Donna Hawkins in a story Monday in the online edition of *The Dallas Morning News*.

Of the 17 people who died, 12 were killed at the scene. Six of the survivors, including the bus driver, remained in critical condition on Monday.

The newspaper reported that Harris District Attorney Ken Magidson would not say whether owner Angel De La Torre would face prosecution in connection to the Aug. 8 crash in Sherman, but state and federal investigators are examining what they say is Torre's "grossly deficient" maintenance record.

"Most criminal prosecutions occur when a person subject to USDOT regulations has intentionally provid-

ed false or fraudulent records or statements to the agency," Brigham McCown, former counsel for the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, the regulating agency, told the newspaper. "Examples would be driver records, maintenance records, application forms, and in (some circumstances) statements to inspectors and investigators," said McCown.

Rarely do owners face criminal charges in bus accidents, but it has happened.

In the 2005 Hurricane Rita bus accident near Dallas that left 23 passengers dead, owner Jim Maples was convicted of failure to maintain his buses and sentenced to six months of home incarceration and six months in a halfway house. Prosecutors had sought to have him imprisoned for seven years, but he was convicted of lesser charges.

3 South Texas counties hit by Hurricane Dolly receive \$14.4M from FEMA

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — The Federal Emergency Management Agency has sent a little more than \$14.4 million in aid to residents of three South Texas counties hit by Hurricane Dolly.

Cameron, Hidalgo and Willacy counties were declared eligible on July 31 to receive the aid for individual assistance for temporary housing assistance for those forced from their homes, as well as money for limited home repairs.

The deadline to apply is Sept 30. Residents in those counties will be able to register for the assistance immediately through the FEMA hot line at 800-621-FEMA and the agency's Web site www.fema.gov.

Dolly hit the lower South Texas coast July 23 as a Category 2 hurricane, with 100 mph winds. It dumped more than a foot of rain in places.

Judge gives father custody of abused daughter, Texas to care for her siblings

DALLAS (AP) — A judge signed a motion approving a jury's verdict to award custody of an abused girl to her father while sending her two half-sisters into Texas state custody.

For more than a month, the girl and her two half-sisters were caught in legal limbo between grandparents who wanted to care for them and a stalling court system that threatened to give them back to their abusive mother.

The girls had been abused by their mother, Susan Hyde, according to testimony in a monthlong trial. The testimony said the girls went to the emergency room at least 150 times in four years and were treated for illnesses, such as cystic fibrosis, cerebral palsy and seizures, that they never had, *The Dallas Morning News* reported Monday in its online editions.

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DENNIS THE MENACE

8-12

"READY FOR SOME FUN... OR ARE YOU ONE OF THOSE SITTERS THAT JUST SITS?"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

8-12

"Can we go in there and see if our senators are doin' any work?"

HAGAR

8-12

"WHAT DOES THE SIGN SAY?"

"BEWARE OF TERMITES"

BLONDIE

8-12

"BOY, THAT ATHLETE IS A REAL HOT-DOG, ISN'T HE?"

"YES, DEAR, I THINK THERE ARE SOME HOT DOGS IN THE REFRIGERATOR"

BC

8-12

"NEXT UP IS GROG ON SHOT PUT."

"TOSS"

"PTOOEE"

"BET YOU NEVER THOUGHT WE'D HAVE TO MEASURE ANYTHING IN 'ORBITS.'"

WIZARD OF ID

8-12

"THE ROYAL SCRIBE DIED OF THE POX YESTERDAY"

"GOOD!"

"HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT?"

"HE WAS DUE FOR A RAISE"

AGNES

8-12

"I HAVE COME INTO POSSESSION OF A MOST EXQUISITE TIMEPIECE."

"THAT IS A CHEAP, CRUMMY, PLASTIC PIECE OF JUNK!"

"HER HIGH STANDARDS FOR EXQUISITE ARE GOING TO MAKE HER VERY UNHAPPY AS AN ADULT."

HI AND LOIS

8-12

"EVERY CAR HAS A DIFFERENT SOUND."

"IT'S THE ONLY WAY I CAN FIND MINE!"

"HONK HONK"

"BRAP BRAP"

"BLEEP BLEEP"

THE OTHER COAST

8-12

"VICKY, COULD YOU PASS ME THE NEEDLE AND THREAD? I WANT TO SEW A BUTTON BACK ON THIS SHIRT."

"HAND IT TO ME, TOULOUSE. I'LL DO IT."

"JUST BECAUSE I'M A MAN, YOU THINK I'M INCAPABLE OF DOING DOMESTIC CHORES!"

"I CAN EITHER SAVE THE BUTTON OR YOUR FINGER. YOUR CALL."

EMERGENCY

8-12

"I CAN EITHER SAVE THE BUTTON OR YOUR FINGER. YOUR CALL."

SNUFFY SMITH

8-12

"THESE NEW-FANGLED CURLERS MAKE ME NERVEY, EL!!"

"RELAX, LOWEEZY-- I TESTED 'EM-- THAR FINE!!"

BEETLE BAILEY

8-12

"I HAVE LOTS MORE IDEAS, SIR. I SEE YOU'RE TAKING NOTES"

"I'LL GO ON IF YOU'RE STILL INTERESTED"

This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Aug. 12, the 225th day of 2008. There are 141 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 12, 1944, during World War II, Joseph P. Kennedy Jr., eldest son of Joseph and Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy, was killed with his co-pilot when their explosives-laden Navy plane blew up over England.

On this date:

In 1867, President Andrew Johnson sparked a move to impeach him as he defied Congress by suspending Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton.

In 1898, fighting in the Spanish-American War came to an end.

In 1953, the Soviet Union conducted a secret test of its first hydrogen bomb.

In 1960, the first balloon satellite, the Echo 1, was launched by the United States from Cape Canaveral, Fla.

In 1962, one day after launching Andrian Nikolayev into orbit, the Soviet Union also sent up cosmonaut Pavel Popovich; both men landed safely Aug. 15.

In 1978, Pope Paul VI, who had died Aug. 6 at age 80, was buried in St. Peter's Basilica.

In 1981, IBM introduced its first personal computer, the model 5150.

In 1985, the world's worst single-aircraft disaster occurred as a crippled Japan Air Lines Boeing 747 on a domestic flight crashed into a mountain, killing 520 people.

In 1988, the controversial movie "The Last Temptation of Christ," directed by Martin Scorsese, opened in nine cities despite objections by some Christians who felt the film was sacrilegious.

In 2000, the Russian nuclear submarine Kursk and its 118-man crew were lost during naval exercises in the Barents Sea.

One year ago: A gunman opened fire in the sanctuary of a south-west Missouri church, killing a pastor and two worshippers. (Suspect Eiken Elam Saimon is charged with murder.) Tiger Woods captured the PGA Championship to win at least one major for the third straight season and run his career total to 13.

Today's Birthdays: Former Sen. Dale Bumpers, D-Ark., is 83. Actor George Hamilton is 69. Actress Jennifer Warren is 67. Rock sing-

er-musician Mark Knopfler (Dire Straits) is 59. Singer Kid Creole is 58. Jazz musician Pat Metheny is 54. Actor Sam J. Jones is 54. Actor Bruce Greenwood is 52. Country singer Danny Shirley is 52. Pop musician Roy Hay (Culture Club) is 47. Rapper Sir Mix-A-Lot is 45. Actor Peter Krause is 43. Tennis player Pete Sampras is 37. Actor Michael Ian Black is 37. Actress Rebecca Gayheart is 36. Actor Casey Affleck is 33. Rock musician Bill Uechi (Save Ferris) is 33. Actress Maggie Lawson is 28. Actress Dominique Swain is 28. Actress Imani Hakim ("Everybody Hates Chris") is 15.

Thought for Today: "Regrets are as personal as fingerprints." —Ai Margaret Culkin Banning, American writer (1891-1982).

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Answer to previous puzzle

POLL	BRASS	SIDE
EASE	LOINS	ARID
SHAM	AUDIT	MINI
OUT	STEP	ASSET
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ERODE	SOOT	ALP
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SLED	YESES	RENE

Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS

1 Moby Dick pursuer

5 Die down

10 Was in debt

14 Castro's country

15 Snake charmer's snake

16 Steak preference

17 Deuce topper

18 More coquettish

19 China's continent

20 Socially uncomfortable

22 "On the ___ hand..."

23 Takes a breather

24 Storage building

25 Equal to

28 Impressive residence

31 Courtroom event

32 Childish retort

34 ___-mo replay

35 UFO pilots

36 Nightclub performances

37 Top tune

38 Beast of burden

39 Some golf clubs

40 Really annoy

42 Agatha Christie offering

44 Throws

45 Give up, as rights

46 Metal fastener

48 Campfire remains

50 Newspapers, radio and television

54 Photographed

55 National bird

56 Sunrise direction

57 Winnie-the-___

58 Icy precipitation

59 After-dinner candy

60 Shoe bottom

61 Bothersome ones

62 Retired planes: Abbr.

DOWN

1 Start of a play

2 Throw

3 Brother of Cain

4 San Francisco's region

5 Way to get in

6 Voice

7 Bottomless pit

8 Birch or beech

9 Hearing organ

10 Gives a speech

11 Do an after-dinner chore

12 Lake north of Ohio

13 Sweetheart

21 Bluish green

22 Words of dismay

24 Talk back to

25 Water vapor

26 Pretentious

27 Play hooky

28 Kitten cries

29 Martini garnish

30 Short messages

32 Sailor's shout

33 Fishing pole

36 Feeling achy

39 Ties the knot

40 Rhymed verse

41 Thinks highly of

43 Acquire molars

44 Sports-bar fixtures

46 Fits of anger

47 Tiny spot of land

48 Poisonous snakes

49 "Scat!"

50 Rooster, for one

51 Speaker's platform

52 "Winning ___ everything"

53 Lawyers: Abbr.

55 Sixth-sense letters

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