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Council sinks consent for sea containers

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

No more sea containers... for now.

That's the message the Big Spring City Council handed down Tuesday night, giving final approval to a 180-day moratori-

um on applications and permitting for metal containers commonly known as sea containers.

The measure passed by a 6-1 vote, a stark contrast to the 4-3 vote that put the ordinance over the top in its first reading.

According to Mayor Russ McEwen, who along with coun-

cil members Manuel Ramirez Jr. and Troy Tompkins voted against the measure two weeks ago, approving the ordinance was simply a matter of clarifying the concerns he had on the matter.

"That's why I'm voting in favor of this," said McEwen. "My

concerns have been addressed."

Tompkins also voted in favor of the moratorium, with Ramirez continuing to hold out.

The moratorium, would prohibit permits to be issued for the containers — sometimes used by construction crews for storage, as well as by local residents in

the place of sheds or other storage structures — until city officials can craft an ordinance that would address the matter.

McEwen said the moratorium will not prevent construction crews from using the contain-

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City budget OK'd after rate change

Council agrees to adjust increase in water rate

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

A last-minute amendment to the proposed 2008-2009 budget spurred the Big Spring City Council to approve first reading of the fiscal plan by a unanimous vote Tuesday night, moving the city one step closer to a balanced budget for the coming year.

Following public hearings on the budget and the proposed ad valorem tax rate of \$1.0132 per \$100 valuation that drew little or no relevant comments from the audience, the council voted unanimously in favor of the budget with a slight change to the way water rate increases would be passed on to local customers.

Councilwoman Stephanie Horton expressed her displeasure with the water rate increase — which originally called for a \$2.50 hike in customer's base rate for sanitation and a 15.5-cent increase per 1,000 gallons of water used — asking the council to consider a different ratio of \$2 for the base rate and an 18.5-cent increase per 1,000 gallons used.

Horton said the rate she proposed would help protect elderly customers who can't afford to water their lawns, a measure Mayor Russ McEwen agreed with.

"It benefits the people who are

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Horton



Courtesy photo/Kim Howell

Business office billing representative Shannon Galan practices the "Point, Aim, Squeeze and Sweep" fire extinguisher technique under the watchful eye of James Huan Sr. of Midessa Fire Extinguishers during the Scenic Mountain Medical Center Employee Skills Fair this week.

BISD chief search on agenda

Trustees convene at 5:15 p.m. today

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District trustees will consider the next step in finding a new superintendent when they meet in special session at 5:15 p.m. today in the high school board room.

The school board will consider hiring a search firm to find applicants for the superintendent position.

Former superintendent Michael Downes resigned in late June, citing distractions from an ongoing state investigation into alleged misconduct about 20 years ago.

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School enrollment up, down across county

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**
Staff Writer

First-day enrollment news was mixed for area school districts as Big Spring reported a decline while Coahoma and Forsan had slight increases.

Big Spring Independent School District saw a slight decrease in numbers this year after two years of growth for the



Stevens

began to rise again at the start of the 2006-07 school year. Ac-

ording to school officials, BSISD had 3,835 students in attendance, as opposed to 3,772 at the start of this year.

For 15 years straight, BSISD

was on the decline before the numbers began to rise again at the start of the 2006-07 school year. Ac-

ording to school officials, the increased enrollment was mainly due to the number of students transferring in from other districts, which were greater than the amount of students transferring out.

The drop is not a dramatic one however, and if this school year is like previous ones, enrollment numbers may increase between the fourth and

sixth weeks of the first semester, when the year's numbers generally reach their peak.

According to BSISD's interim superintendent Michael Stevens, when the final numbers come in, they could be comparable to the last school year.

"These are only preliminary numbers," Stevens said. "We'll

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Million-mile Chevy

CATAWBA, Wis. (AP) — A 1991 Chevrolet Silverado that has traveled more than 1 million miles is still on the market, its owner says, though it failed to fetch the premium price that he had hoped for.

Frank Oresnik said he failed to sell the 1991 truck during a 10-day auction on eBay that ended Sunday. He had placed a minimum bid of \$30,000, and said all he got was a couple of feelers.

The 58-year-old Oresnik said he is going to put the truck back on eBay later this week with no minimum bid.

Veteran of the Month

Hangar 25 Air Museum has announced that E. Byron Range Jr. is Veteran of the Month for August.

A reception in his honor will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday in the museum's briefing room. The public is invited.

Range served during World War II in the Army Air Corp. He worked as a technical inspector and later as an inspector general.

For more information about this event, Hangar 25 Air Museum or the Veteran of the Month program, contact Meghan Bias at 264-1999. The museum is located at 1911 Apron Drive.

UW Dine Out Day

K.C. Steakhouse at N. Service Road I-20 West is this week's Dine Out Restaurant assisting the United Way for Big Spring and Howard County.



Proceeds from Friday's sales at K.C. Steakhouse will benefit United Way. Future participating restaurants will include, Al's & Sons Barbecue, Dell's Cafe, Papa Georgio's Pizza, Cowboy's Steakhouse and others.

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Lady Steers don't adjust, fall to Wylie

By JONATHAN HULL
Sports Editor

Strategy in all sports involves making adjustments to an opponent's habits.

Big Spring's Lady Steers struggled to adapt in volleyball action against Abilene Wylie Tuesday night at Steer Gym. The result to Big Spring's lack of adjustment was a straight sets victory for Wylie, 25-14, 25-16, 25-18, dropping the Lady Steers' season



Blake

record to 4-12.

Wylie was able to use powerful serves and a finesse game at the net, gently tipping the ball past Big Spring's blockers, to jump out to an early lead in the first set. Using that strategy, Wylie scored 10 consecutive points, after Big Spring scored the first point of the set, eventually pushing its lead to 15-2 courtesy of a 14-1 run.

The Lady Steers' pulled together a 6-1 run in the frame, but it was much too late by that point and Wylie easily took a one set advantage.

"A team scoring 10 points in a row is just unacceptable," Lady Steers Head Coach Meghan Blake said. "Wylie wasn't serving any harder than I hit at them in practice

or even their own teammates hit at them. We didn't adjust and that's why we got beat. We didn't adjust to Wylie's serves. We didn't adjust to their tip shots. We didn't adjust our own setting."

The second game began in a similar fashion as the Lady Steers dug themselves into a hole, allowing Wylie to score the first five points of the set on its way to an early 8-2 lead. Big Spring cut the deficit to two at 9-7, but couldn't keep up with Wylie winning 12 of the next 16 points.

The 10-point margin was more than Big Spring could overcome and the Lady Steers dropped the second game 25-16.

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Looking ahead

Romo ready for regular season

By STEPHEN HAWKINS
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Tony Romo is already talking about the preseason in past tense.

Romo doesn't expect to play in the Dallas Cowboys' preseason finale Thursday night at home against Minnesota. Instead, the two-time Pro Bowl quarterback is focusing on the season opener at Cleveland.

"The juices are flowing just because the first game is coming," Romo said Tuesday before the Cowboys' last full practice until next week. "Yeah, I thought we had a really good preseason. We're excited about our execution."

In their most extensive action of the preseason, Romo and the starting offense had 266 total yards in the first half against Houston on Friday night. Romo was 15-for-19 passing for 166 yards with a touchdown, and Marion Barber ran 13 times for 75 yards.

While Romo played only three series the first two preseason games, he said the depth of returning experience and their time at practice during training camp has them where they need to be in preparation for the Sept. 7 opener.

"We came out and we got into training camp at the beginning, it was the best the offense has started for us at camp," Romo said. "Usually the defense is far and away ahead, but having the guys that we had at certain positions, we were able to kind of pick up where we left off and go from there, and it was important to get that feeling of confidence."

Coach Wade Phillips insisted after practice Tuesday that he "hadn't decided how much everybody will play" against the Vikings.

Still, it's unlikely that the starters will play very long, if at all. Romo was among several starters that didn't play in the preseason finale at Minnesota last season.

"Actually, this might be the easiest week for a lot of guys," Terrell Owens said. "This is obviously an opportunity for all of us, especially for the starters and the guys who are going to go into the season full steam ahead, to kind of get our legs back, get refreshed and then be ready to go next week."

Owens said he wasn't sure how much, if any, he would play.

Romo and T.O. are among seven Pro Bowl players back on the offense, with the only significant change being Barber starting instead of relieving. Running back Julius Jones left in free agency, without any attempt by the Cowboys to keep their former top pick.

"Last year, we came out of the gate pretty good in that first game," Romo said. "We're a pretty veteran group, experienced, especially offensive. I think we'll be OK."

Romo passed for 345 yards and four touchdowns in the season-opening victory over the New York Giants last September. He went on to set team records with 4,211 yards and 36 TDs.

Official review

MLB umpires start using instant replay Thursday

By RONALD BLUM

AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK — Umpires will be getting a third choice on potential home runs down the line: fair, foul or replay.

Umpires will be allowed to check video on home run calls starting Thursday after Major League Baseball, guardian of America's most traditional sport, reversed its decades-long opposition to instant replay.

"Every team can go home and sleep better at night if they know the call was right," Oakland designated hitter Frank Thomas said.

Baseball commissioner Bud Selig, who described himself as "old fashioned" when he made the announcement Tuesday, softened his opposition following a rash of blown calls this year.

For now, video will be used only on so-called "boundary calls," such as determining whether fly balls went over the fence, whether potential home runs were fair or foul and whether there was fan interference on potential home runs.

"Any time you try to change something in baseball, it's both emotional and difficult," Selig said. "There's been some concern that, well, if you start here, look what it's going to lead to. Not as long as I'm the commissioner."

Replay will go into use with three series scheduled to open Thursday: Philadelphia at the Chicago Cubs, Minnesota at Oakland and Texas at the Los Angeles Angels. For other games, replays will be available to umpires

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AP file photo/Ross D. Franklin

From left to right, MLB umpires Jeff Kellogg, Sam Holbrook, Mark Wegner, and Chad Fairchild, who raises his arm to signal a home run, confer as Arizona Diamondbacks' Stephen Drew, top, looks on as the crew meets to see if there was fan interference on the grand slam hit by Chicago Cubs' Reed Johnson in the eighth inning of a baseball game in Phoenix July 23. Major League Baseball reversed its long-standing opposition to instant replay and will allow umpires to check video on home run calls in series that start Thursday.

Strahan will not come out of retirement

By TOM CANAVAN

AP Sports Writer

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Michael Strahan isn't doing a Brett Favre.

The seven-time Pro Bowler decided to stay retired after seriously considering a request by the Super Bowl champion New York Giants to return to the team in the wake of a season-ending injury to fellow star defensive end Osi Umenyiora.

"He was very close to returning, but the great part about Michael is that he takes his time to think about things and he is

very thorough," Tony Agnone said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press on Tuesday night. "You can get excited about coming back and running through the tunnel one more time."

Agnone said that Strahan struggled deciding whether he could give 100 percent mentally.

"In the end, he felt he could not get back to where he was," Agnone said.

The first report of Strahan's decision was provided by FoxSports.com, which contacted Strahan in Greece where he was

vacationing.

"This has been one of the toughest nights of my life," Strahan told FoxSports.com. "But after long deliberation and throwing around a million scenarios in my head for the past day, I think it's just best if I stay retired."

Giants general manager Jerry Reese had asked the 36-year-old Strahan to reconsider his retirement on Monday, just 48 hours after the team lost two-time Pro Bowl defensive end Osi Umenyiora to a knee injury in a preseason game.

Sports in brief

Meet the Bulldogs and powder puff football in Coahoma Thursday

The Coahoma Athletic Booster Club is hosting a Powder-Puff Football Game as a fund raiser in connection with Meet the Bulldogs at 7 p.m. Thursday at Bulldog Stadium.

Coahoma senior and junior girls will take on freshman and sophomore girls, while some of the football players take on the role of cheerleaders.

All Fall athletes, the Big Red Band and Bulldogs coaching staff will be introduced at halftime.

Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for students. Contact Laura Martin at 267-8660 for more information.

Referees needed for football season

The Permian Basin Football Chapter is searching for referees, who can help assist officiating football games throughout the Crossroads' region.

No experience is needed as the Chapter will provide training.

Anyone interested can call Jessie Mendoza at 268-5833 or Delvin Guinn at 264-8502.

Meet the Mustangs Thursday in Ackerly

A chance to meet all Sands athletes participating in fall sports in 2008 has been arranged for 6 p.m. Thursday in the school's cafeteria.

A hamburger supper will accompany the event. Cost is \$5 a person and \$15 for a family.

Registration open for v-ball league

Registration for the Big Spring Youth Volleyball League continues through Saturday 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.

Obituaries

Elvira DeLeon



Elvira DeLeon, 65, of Big Spring died Monday, Aug. 25, 2008, in a local hospital. A vigil service was held Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2008, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 27, 2008, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Ariel Lagunilla officiating.

She was born Nov. 1, 1942, in Stockdale.

She had lived in Big Spring most of her life and worked as a housekeeper. She was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church.

Survivors include two sons, Jose Cuellar of Big Spring and Jamie Cuellar of Amarillo; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Johnny Mendez; one daughter, Stella Cantu; one brother, Sonny DeLeon; and her parents, Eligio and Concha DeLeon.

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

Bobby Gene White

Bobby Gene White, 78, died Aug. 25, 2008. Viewing will be at the Fort Cobb Funeral Home Tuesday until Thursday from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. Services are at the Highland Methodist Church at Fort Cobb at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 29, 2008, with burial at the Fort Cobb Cemetery.

He was born in Big Spring to Audrey Pearl Burns White and Duell Frank White Jan. 16, 1930. Bob grew up in the Knott area. Bob was a member of the Air Force and served in Korea. Bob married Mary Sue Williams Edgeworth of Altus, Okla., in 1956 and had two sons, Robert and Ricky White.

Bob later married Penny Groth and they had one son, Bobby Gene White II. He retired in Waco and then moved to Fort Cobb, Okla., where he met Patricia Coombes, who he married Oct. 21, 2005.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia Pearl White of the home; sons, James White of LaGrange, Robert White and wife Jeri of Willow, Okla., Ricky White and wife Sonora of Fort Cobb, Okla., and Bobby Gene White II and wife Monica of Waco; brothers, Ben White of Abilene, Jerry White and wife Ann of Abilene, Don White of Weatherford; and one sister, Lee Turner of Big Spring.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Audrey Pearl White; his father, Deull Frank White; a brother, Buddy White; a sister, Dean Proctor; and great granddaughter Devon Nicole Kerbo.

R.T. Johnson

R.T. Johnson, 85, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Aug. 27, 2008, in a local hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Support Groups

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.

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

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

TUESDAY

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

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

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

Police blotter

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

Note: An arrest log was not available at press time.

• THEFT was reported in the 2000 block of Gregg Street.

• POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.

• DEADLY CONDUCT was reported in the 1200 block of Wood Street.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:

in the 1300 block of Madison.

in the 2300 block of Scurry.

in the 4200 block of Bilger.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1300 block of Runnels.

Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 59 inmates at the time of this report.

• JOHN ANTHONY MIER, 20, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

• ANTONIO MARTINEZ JR., 18, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana — two ounces or less, a New Mexico warrant for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, prohibited weapon — switchblade/knuckles, burglary of a habitation, burglary of a vehicle, graffiti (two counts) and criminal mischief.

• BRENDA JOSIE MENDEZ, 26, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief.

• RICHARD ARTHUR DEXTER, 67, was arrested Tuesday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated — second offense.

• MICHAEL SHAE JACKMAN, 22, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of theft by check.

Fire/EMS

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

• MEDICAL was reported in the 4200 block of Wasson. Service refused.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 200 block of N. Moss Lake Road. Service refused.

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

• TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of 11th Street and Goliad. Service refused.

• MEDICAL was reported in the area of Tubb Loop Road. Service refused.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of E. 11th Place. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near Highway 87 and Driver Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of Tulsa. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of Michael. Service refused.

• Big Spring High School yearbooks are for last year's seniors. They may be picked up in Room 120. Yearbooks will be available for several weeks.

• Yearbooks have arrived at Forsan High School. Pick up your copy at the front office.

• The Howard County Pachyderm Club will have its monthly meeting at noon Thursday at the Big Spring Country Club off Driver Road. Lunch is dutch treat. All concerned Republicans are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 267-7287. Guest speaker will be Republican candidate for Howard County sheriff, Stan Parker.

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

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

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

• HATS (Hope After The Sadness), an American Cancer Society Resource Room is now available at First Methodist Church. This center provides information and valuable resources for those affected by cancer.

Your Local Weather

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Bulletin Board

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TODAY

• Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY

• Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.

• Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

• League of United Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. The public is invited.

FRIDAY

• Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.

• AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.

• Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

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

SATURDAY

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

MONDAY

• Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon in the Cactus Room at Howard College.

• District Committee Lone Star of Big Spring meets at noon at 610 Scurry.

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

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 29-18-21-36-34.

Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-7-1-4. Sum It Up: 13.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 2-1-7. Sum It Up: 10.

Here are the winning numbers selected Tuesday in the Mega Millions lottery: 6-16-24-34-36; Mega Ball: 30.

Take Note

This HATS ministry, established in memory of the late Rev. Dr. Shane Brue, maintains a room with free hats, wigs and head coverings available for check-out by those dealing with hair loss due to cancer treatment. Other services and resources are also available. Contact the "Hat Lady," Marci Lykken at 267-2915.

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

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

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"We didn't get off to a good start in those first two sets. That's not something I can teach them," Blake said. "I can show them the skills. I can tell them how they should react to each situation. I can't make them be psychologically and emotionally into the game from the first point to match point. I can't coach that. That's just their mentality. We're getting better, but it's not where it should be."

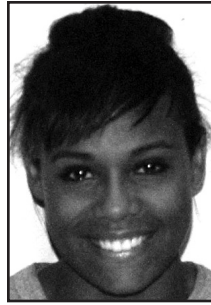
Big Spring's hustle picked up in the third set with the Lady Steers keeping within two to four points for a majority of the

game. However, each time the Lady Steers had an opportunity to build on their momentum they seemed to squander it away with a service error.

"That's just our lack of focus. I think we just serve to serve and not with the intent of pegging somebody," Blake said. "I don't know that this team gets that yet. I don't think we serve with the mentality of getting an ace. We haven't wrapped our minds around that yet."

Eventually, all their mistakes caught up with them and Wylie used a late rally for a match-clinching 25-18 win in the third set.

Senior Andrea Claxton led the Lady Steers with seven kills and five digs.



Anderson

Sophomore Desiree Anderson had five kills and five digs along with two aces. Valerie Ross finished with five digs and two aces in her first varsity game of

the season. Freshman Cerbi Ritchey had 18 assists.

The Lady Steers play in their final tournament of the season beginning Friday in Seminole. Big Spring should witness some of its toughest competition this season.

Hereford, currently ranked



Ritchey

No. 3 in the Texas Girls Coaches Association state poll, and No. 9 Dumas will both be in attendance.

"There's a lot of good teams there like Hereford and Dumas. If

were ever to make the playoffs, these are the schools we would see in the first or second round," Blake said. "We need to treat this as an experience and an opportunity to learn. We'll be seeing some different types of offense. I hope we see it and learn from it. We have to start

learning from our own mistakes. If we don't, then we're just going to keep beating ourselves."

Abilene Wylie defeats Big Spring

25-14, 25-16, 25-18
Kills: Andrea Claxton 7, Desiree Anderson 5, Halee Thomas 3, Macy Graves 3, Cerbi Ritchey 2.

Digs: Claxton 5, Anderson 5, Valerie Ross 5, Cerbi Ritchey 2, Baylea Fox 1, Sloan Davis 1, Mirella Torres 1, Belle Feaster 1.

Aces: Anderson 2, Ross 2.
Blocks: Graves 1, Claxton 1, Anderson 1, Feaster 1, Thomas 1.

Assists: Ritchey 18.

REPLAY

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starting Friday.

Cubs manager Lou Piniella wondered whether a team could challenge a call.

"I'd love to be able to throw a red hankie or a green hankie. Imagine being able to throw something on the field and not be ejected," he said. "I shouldn't say it's not going to work, but this could turn into a little bit of a fiasco initially."

The NFL first used replay to aid officials in 1986, the NHL in 1991 and the NBA in 2002. Even at stuffy old Wimbledon, technology has been used on line calls since 2006. Replay equipment to help determine calls was in place at this year's Little

League World Series.

Fan interference has been a big issue in baseball, with almost constant debate since Jeffrey Maier reached over the wall and gave Derek Jeter a home run during the 1996 AL championship series. Many blown calls have occurred at newer ballparks, where fans are closer to the field and have the ability to reach over fences.

"Everybody was tired of hearing about it. So they finally had to step up and do something to make a change," Angels pitcher Jered Weaver said.

Detroit pitcher Kenny Rogers called the decision "a slap in the face of umpires that have been here for a long time" and said the decision might have been made because Alex Rodriguez lost a home run on a blown call

May 21.

"It overshot the mark by far just because, what, in a Yankee game someone didn't get a homer? Please. It's happened thousands of times," Rogers said. "That's part of the game. It's the beauty of the game. Mistakes are made."

Baseball general managers voted 25-5 last November to recommend use of the technology, and baseball's lawyers spent recent weeks finalizing agreements with the unions for umpires and for players.

"I find it very strange that, with 30 games to go in the season, that they would start it now. I find that very peculiar," Baltimore Orioles manager Dave Trembley said. "If they wanted it so bad, what took them so long to get it going and why wait

until this particular point in time?"

Baseball officials wanted to avoid having a situation in the postseason where fans with access to televisions and viewers at home knew what the correct call was but the umpires on the field did not.

"Some people thought that we ought to wait until the postseason," Selig said. "I'd rather go into the postseason knowing that we've already used it."

Leaving the dugout to argue a call following a replay will result in an automatic ejection. Replays of the boundary calls will not be shown on stadium video boards, MLB executive vice president for baseball operations Jimmie Lee Solomon said.

MLB said replay delays will be offset by fewer arguments.

"So if the game is held up for a couple of minutes a couple of times a year, I think that's OK," New York Yankees pitcher Mike Mussina said. "It's certainly not going to be seen as often as it is in the NFL."

Umpire Gary Cederstrom said his crew had a training session Tuesday at Yankee Stadium.

"We talked to the technicians and he explained what they're going to be doing," he said. "We just basically did a dry run."

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News Briefs

Emergency hearing scheduled for 4 Houston children discovered in 'deplorable' conditions

HOUSTON (AP) — An emergency custody hearing is expected to be held to determine who will care for four children found alone in 'deplorable' living conditions, officials said.

The four siblings, ages 1 to 7, were taken into temporary custody of Child Protective Services after the eldest child stopped a stranger and asked for a ride to school outside a northwest Harris County apartment complex on Tuesday.

The woman dropped the child off at school then called authorities, the Houston Chronicle reported in its online edition Tuesday.

Apartment manager Eve Jordan told the newspaper she found the children sitting on the floor inside the apartment, which was full of garbage and flies and had feces smeared on the bathroom and maggots inside the refrigerator.

CPS had the children evaluated at a local hospital and placed them in foster care Tuesday night.

Texas child welfare agency changes policy

AUSTIN (AP) — A federal appeals court ruling will force the state's child welfare agency to obtain court orders prior to removing allegedly abused children from their homes, unless their lives are in immediate danger, officials said.

The ruling last month by a three-judge panel of the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals will affect child abuse investigations

in the three states covered by its jurisdiction — Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas.

"The decision will require us to make some extremely difficult decisions," Carey Cockerell, commissioner of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, said in an "urgent legal advisory" sent on Friday to all Child Protective Services personnel, the Houston Chronicle and San Antonio Express-News reported Tuesday in online editions.

The ruling resulted from an ongoing lawsuit against the state of Texas filed by a Fort Bend County couple and their 13 children. The court said state and local officials who removed the children during a child abuse investigation may have acted improperly but were protected by government immunity.

Tractor-trailer crashes into McDonald's

GRAND PRAIRIE (AP) — Officials say two people suffered minor injuries when a tractor-trailer crashed into the side of a Grand Prairie McDonald's Tuesday.

Officials say that the two were McDonald's employees. One was taken to the hospital.

"I just took off running and started screaming and told people 'go, run, drop down,'" eyewitness Edward Tauguma told Dallas-Fort Worth television station KDFW. "All you could hear was a crash and screams. It was bad."

Half of the tractor-trailer's cab could be seen buried into the restaurant.

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least able to afford water," said McEwen, asking whoever made the motion to approve the budget do so with the amended water rates.

The motion was made by Horton with a second from Councilman Manuel Ramirez Jr.

According to city officials, the rate increase is necessary to balance out a \$500,000 increase caused by the \$215,000 rate hike being passed along by the Colorado River Municipal Water District and the \$252,800 jump in the cost of chemicals.

The council also held a public hearing on its proposed tax rate of \$1.0132 per \$100 valuation during the meeting, drawing no relevant questions or comments from the audience.

According to Peggy Walker, finance director for the city, the combination of the proposed tax rate and the budget will yield a balanced budget, slightly tipping the fiscal scales with approximately \$901 more than the financial plan calls for.

The council is expected to entertain final approval of the budget in September.

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Interim Superintendent Michael Stephens said the board will likely hear presentations from three search firms.

Hiring a search firm would start the hunt for

a new superintendent in earnest. The firm will be charged with accepting and screening applications for the position, a process likely to take at least two or three months, Stephens said.

If all goes well, a new superintendent could be named early next year, he added.

In other business, trustees will consider adoption of a budget for the new fiscal year.

The proposed financial package features \$29.4 million in expenditures, an increase of about \$200,000 from the previous year.

District personnel would receive a 3 percent across-the-board pay raise, Chief

Financial Officer Sandra Waggoner said. Aside from that — and money for three or four new buses — this will be a leaner, tighter budget than in the past few years, she added.

To pay for the budget, the district plans on a tax rate of \$1.12 per \$100 valuation, an increase of 1.5 cents over the previous year.

Waggoner promised a tight budget, mostly because state financing aid is frozen at 2005-2006 levels.

"This year has been much more difficult than the previous years," Waggoner said earlier this month. "Because of the revenue target (state officials) have for us, we'll basically receive the same amount of

money as three years ago ... When you factor in cost increases, particularly in food and fuel, it makes it much more difficult to put together a budget."

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ers, and will not prevent area residents who already have a permit renewing

that permit.

According to Assistant City Manager Todd Darden, the moratorium will give the city staff time to research the use of the structures and determine

if the city wants to continue permitting them.

"A couple of years ago this issue came up," said Assistant City Manager Todd Darden during a previous meeting. "We refer to them as sea containers. They are the portable containers you see going up and down the railroad spurs as well as on the highways. After researching it, we began looking at some of the ordinances in our areas and what other communities were doing to address those."

"About four months ago

we took a proposal tailored after what Midland has, and made some changes to it for what we thought would fit the Big Spring community and took it to Planning and Zoning. The Planning and Zoning Commission asked the staff to go back and look at it because the one we proposed did not allow them in residential zones except for construction purposes, which would be a temporary type permit."

Local resident Edwin Ware spoke against the moratorium, expressing

similar concerns delivered to the council during its first reading of the ordinance.

"The banning of sea containers is just one more example of Big Brother interfering with the property rights of individuals and businesses," said Ware. "Big Spring City Council should be diligently protecting the civil rights of the citizens they have been elected to serve."

According to Darden, the number of sea containers being utilized within the city limits continues to

grow, making the moratorium a necessity while city officials decide how to handle the situation.

"What we're asking the council to do tonight is to place a temporary moratorium on them until the staff can get the research done and get it to Planning and Zoning for a recommendation to the council to consider," Darden said.

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By Steve Becker
Sylvia Misapplies a Rule

East dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ 9 5
♥ 8 6 2
♦ 7 4
♣ A 9 8 7 4 3
WEST
♠ Q J 10 8 3
♥ J 3
♦ K 10 5
♣ Q 10 6
EAST
♠ 7 6 2
♥ Q 10 9 5 4
♦ Q 8 6 2
♣ 5
SOUTH
♠ A K 4
♥ A K 7
♦ A J 9 3
♣ K J 2

Consider this deal where she was West and led the queen of spades against three notrump. She was playing with a partner who had beseeched her on numerous occasions, as had so many others, to conserve her high cards during the play.

It was largely for this reason, after declarer had won the spade lead with the king and led the king of clubs followed by the jack, that Sylvia obediently played her ten on the jack! The purpose in doing this was to conserve her highest card in clubs, the queen!

Declarer had planned to follow low from dummy had Sylvia played the queen, or had she shown out of clubs, since he could assure scoring at least 10 tricks by retaining dummy's ace.

But when Sylvia produced the ten, declarer could not conceive that Sylvia would have the Q-10-x and fail to cover the jack. Accordingly, he went up with the ace, expecting to catch East's queen.

After East showed out on the ace of clubs, declarer, to his utter dismay, finished down two, and Sylvia added still another scalp to her extensive collection.

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 2NT Pass 3NT
Opening lead — queen of spades.

There were a handful of members at the club who stoutly maintained that Sylvia was the worst player they had ever seen. Of course, most of them realized that this harsh judgment was colored by their own bitter experiences as her partner. Even so, it was fashionable to refer to Sylvia in this derogatory manner.

Despite her reputation, Sylvia did have her moments of sublime glory.

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STUDENTS

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just have to wait and see. More students may be enrolling, and we won't know for sure until later this week."

The decrease hasn't affected the number of students attending elementary schools, which continue to rise. According to Stevens, Marcy, Kentwood, Washington and Moss Elementary schools have either reached or gone beyond capacity. Roughly 100 students may be transferred to Bauer Elementary which can ac-

commodate them. "Many people who work construction and jobs of that nature have younger kids," Stevens said.

The rise in elementary school attendance is encouraging, with the secondary schools bearing most of the losses.

Forsan ISD saw an increase of 25 students. Superintendent Randy Johnson said 709 students were enrolled the first day of class Monday, compared to 684 the same time last year.

If enrollment follows recent trends, Forsan should see a slight increase in students in the coming few weeks, before dropping

slightly over the course of the school year, Johnson said.

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OTHER VIEWS

Documentary warns of fiscal crisis

Think of the movie "I.O.U.S.A.," which opened last week, as a kind of disaster movie for adults. Unfortunately, it's a documentary, not fiction.

The disaster is the national debt. Right now, it stands at \$9.5 trillion, measured in terms of borrowed money that we must pay back. This is just the proverbial tip of the iceberg.

When all the unfunded future obligations to Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid and so forth are added in — as they should be — the total shortfall comes to a neat \$53 trillion, give or take a few hundred billion. That's the bottom-line measure of how deeply we and our children and grandchildren are in hock as a nation.

The 87-minute film features David M. Walker, former head of the Government Accountability Office, who for years has been preaching that our fiscal irresponsibility is going to be the death of us. The problem is not just that we've racked up overwhelming amounts of debt because we are living far beyond our means — it's that we have stopped trying to pay off those debts. We don't seem to care.

The likely result, according to "I.O.U.S.A.," is that those countries to which we owe money will eventually use their financial leverage to tell us what to do — or else. At a screening he sponsored, billionaire investor Warren Buffett said he doesn't agree with this alarmist scenario, but he wants us to stop spending money we don't have.

Easier said than done. Our current federal budget is almost \$500 billion in the red. That's bad enough, but what's worse is that no one is promoting a plan to balance future budgets.

Raise taxes? Cut Medicare benefits? Raise the Social Security retirement age? All the alternatives are politically unpopular. Ask yourself this: If a political leader advocated any of these measures, would you vote for him or her?

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A SHORT PRAYER

Father, may we always share your inclusive love with others.
Amen.

Give Hillary her due and move on

When there is a death in the family, experts say that loved ones need closure. Thus we have funerals.

At the Democratic National Convention this week, Hillary Clinton's name will be placed into nomination for her party's choice to be president of the United States. And she will fail to garner enough votes.

This end to a long, hard-fought campaign will not be a funeral exactly. But for women who desperately hoped that one of their gender finally would break through the ultimate political barrier, the convention will be an opportunity for closure.

Clinton came close to being a major party's choice for president. Another woman will achieve it in another day, but this week Clinton's stalwarts need the opportunity to move through the stages of loss.

They can get started with seeing her campaign through to the end — at the convention, with recognition of what she accomplished. Placing her name in nomination will do that.

Many Barack Obama supporters seem threatened by the plan to place Clinton's name before the convention. The amount of skepticism about this joint decision by the Obama and Clinton camps is puzzling. It seems to me this is the best way to unify the party, particularly since Obama now has named Sen. Joe Biden of Delaware of his run-

ning mate, eliminating any hope Clinton supporters had that she would be Obama's pick.

Bill and Hillary Clinton both have been given prime-time speeches at the convention. Those appearances plus placing her name before the gathering could steal Obama's thunder, some say.

Actually, Clinton runs the greater risk here. Many of her delegates already have switched to Obama, or say they will do so. She could end up looking like she has very little support.

It wouldn't be true, of course. She garnered 18 million votes.

Clinton isn't the first woman to be nominated at a national convention.

U.S. Sen. Margaret Chase Smith of Maine was nominated at the GOP convention in 1964. And U.S. Rep. Shirley Chisholm received 151.95 votes from delegates at the 1972 Democratic convention, when U.S. Sen. George McGovern was the party pick.

Clinton and her supporters deserve the same formal recognition that was given Sen. Ted Kennedy when he took on former Gov. Jimmy Carter in 1980. Or that the Rev. Jesse Jackson and Sen. Gary Hart had in 1984 when they lost to former Vice President Walter Mondale.

Some Democratic women who supported Clinton say they won't shift to Obama because they are still upset.

And they may be upset further, by the fact that she isn't Obama's running mate. I don't blame them for being disappointed, but they need to think more clearly.

Women often support a woman for political office not just because of shared gender, per se. They believe

that a woman has a deeper appreciation of the issues that particularly impact their gender, specifically reproductive rights — abortion, birth control, family planning, bearing children.

Obama really needs to get on board with Clinton's supporters by speaking more forcefully on these issues. But he is the only realistic choice for those who care about these issues.

For example, he supports Roe v. Wade, the Supreme Court decision that protects the right to abortion, and Obama says that the next president's appointments to the Supreme Court will be crucial to retaining that right.

John McCain, the presumptive Republican nominee, opposes abortion and says that Roe v. Wade was a bad decision, implying that he would cater to religious conservatives in appointing judges and Supreme Court justices who would curb reproductive rights.

Do Hillary Clinton's supporters truly want to sit out this election now? That could be very unfortunate for the issues they say they care about.

This week they should choose to officially end Hillary's campaign, while celebrating the success in taking women further than ever before.

And then they should push on for women and women's causes for the future.

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Cold War adversaries need to chill

For the past week or so, I've been having flashbacks.

At the same time I've been having the shivers, like I did many years ago, when the draft blowing in from the Cold War seemed never-ending.

So as Russia made incursions into Georgia this month, the U.S. made a pact with Poland about the placement there of an anti-ballistic missile system, and tensions continued to rise throughout Europe and other parts of the world, I'm having serious deja vu moments.

I see Nikita Khrushchev angrily pounding a table at the United Nations.

There is the television image of John F. Kennedy announcing the blockade of Cuba as the whole nation goes on alert.

Of course, I can't dismiss that never-vanishing vision of schoolchildren practicing their "duck-and-cover" drills designed to protect them from a nuclear attack. It was not a laughing matter then.

And I can still feel the anxiety and the fascination on hearing that a man-made satellite had orbited the earth, and the utter fear knowing that this unbelievable feat had been accomplished by the Soviet Union. A new word — Sputnik — had entered our language and our consciousness that year.

In recent days, I have recalled the first thing I ever had published in a daily newspaper. It was a letter sent to my hometown newspaper, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. I was in the ninth grade and had heard the news about the Russians testing a multi-megaton bomb, once again putting Americans in fear of a pos-

sible nuclear attack by our most-feared enemy at the time.

I wrote that rather than talking about war and dropping bombs on each other, we should be talking about how to forge a peace between the two countries. It was ninth-grade naivete, for sure, but it hit a nerve with readers, dozens of whom sent letters to me (through my school) agreeing with my position.

Although it was on a different subject, my next published piece came a few years later when I wrote to implore the rioters in Detroit to "come to your senses." The newspaper ran that letter on its front page, declaring that a "Negro student" was appealing for peace.

Throughout my journalism career, which is to say throughout my adult life, I've tried to be that voice against violent conflict, especially in the days when a chorus of voices was calling for war.

And, yes, many still see me as a naive pacifist who has little understanding of "the real world" and who was dead wrong in his opposition to the wars in Vietnam and the current fiasco in Iraq.

I'm sure those folks won't understand my concern for the bluster coming from our administration and at least one presidential candidate regarding the situations involving Russia.

The United States had already issued some tough statements about Russia relating to its invasion of Georgia, a breakaway Soviet nation that is an ally of this country.

The announced pact with Poland to place missiles there, reportedly for defense against countries like Iran, has produced an escalation of tough rhetoric between the two former Cold War adversaries.

Those U.S. defensive missiles, by the way, would be located just 115 miles from Russia. The Russian

missiles in Cuba in 1962 were only 90 miles from the coast of the United States.

Although I have not seen anyone pounding the tables with fists, shoes or anything else, the Russian foreign minister made it known that such a provocation by the United States would necessitate more than a "diplomatic" response from his country.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice reminded the Russians and the world that, because of a treaty between the U.S. and Poland, this country is obligated "to defend Poland's territory as if it was the territory of the United States."

Here we go again.

While I don't feel the fear I did as a teenager, I am most apprehensive about this back-and-forth verbal spat.

In some ways it is like two playground bullies, but instead of arguing over marbles or baseballs, their toys are deadly weapons.

The United States and its quick-draw administration are in no position to do much of anything but talk, since our military is already overburdened with the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Thankfully, the Russian military has been decimated by years of neglect and severe economic troubles.

Regardless of their weakened positions militarily, tough talk between two unwise heads can still lead to disaster.

I, the naive one, continue to search for the calmer heads — the ones who can talk about ending conflicts rather than starting new ones.

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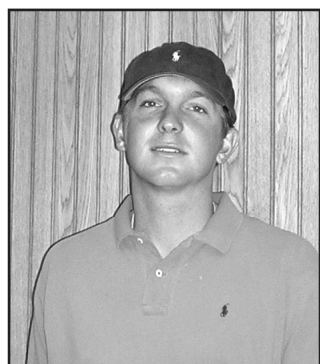


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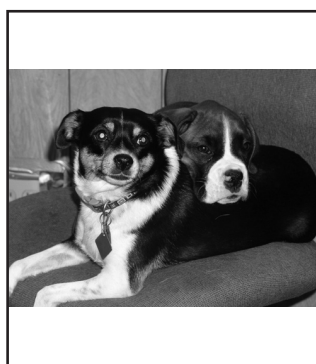
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Not knowing what to do with a large black bird, Animal Control had called her earlier and asked, "Do you want it?" They knew it couldn't fly, but could see no obvious compound fracture on either wing. Telling them she was on her way, she grabbed her leather gloves and a carrier.

After hearing her warning that the bird would eject whatever it had in its stomach as a defensive move, the officers gladly stepped back and allowed her the privilege. Grasping the scavenger with its head pointed away from her, she removed it from its metal confinement.

Having checked her bird books, she was confident that the raptor was a black vulture. When she related this bit of news, I challenged her thinking with the fact that turkey vultures, when young, have a black head that reddens with maturity. "This bird is different," was her reply.

Since we had only seen black vultures along the Big Bend portion of the Rio Grande and knew the Panhandle and West Texas were dominated by the turkey vulture, we were eager to see her bird of prey. Not only did we need to verify her identification, we carried two bird books because of our own lack of experience with that specie.

When we met her in Sterling City for a transfer, we realized immediately that the bird was not a turkey vulture. Temperament and the head were the first indication. With grace, the vulture slowly placed one foot in front of the other as it came toward the carrier's gate. With the tip of its bill, it carefully felt of this barrier to its freedom.

Before removing it from the container, I noticed the small, naked, gray head. In the late morning sunlight, it almost appeared to have a silvery sheen. As the skin wrinkled downward from the back of the eyes to cover the entire neck, it reminded me of the days of chivalry. Knights had worn a camail, an open-faced hood woven with metal links, for protection. We were in the presence of royalty.

With both hands firmly holding the wings to its body, I moved the vulture to an open towel. Placing it upside down, we extended the wings. The



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Often called the "carrion crow," the black vulture finds its food by sight, first; smell, second; or any congregation of turkey vultures. Acting as nature's sanitation department, the raptor assists in the disposal of dead animals. In central and eastern Texas, the bird only migrates from the northern most part of its territory.

white linings on its outer primaries, and the short, almost square end of its tail, confirmed the identification. Since Diane had mentioned the vulture was extremely thin, we agreed after feeling its breast bone.

To be so depleted of body fat, the raptor wasn't lacking in any strength in its wings.

Having pushed so hard against my hands that I feared it would squirt loose, I could well imagine an even stronger, healthier being lifting its four- to six-pound body to great heights.

Since the wildlife center

in Lubbock had never had a black vulture, we made arrangements to meet the manager's husband, Larry, half way in Lamesa. Upon seeing the bird, he had the same impression of the outstanding differences between a turkey vulture and black vulture.

The drive home gave me time to recall the courtship of this specie. Similar to the days of yore, winning a female's favor required a display. While knights might impress their ladies with gallantry, the avian rendition was one of strutting with wings partly spread. Sidling toward her, with

head bobbing, a male could not be discouraged by her turning her back and flying away. Persistence in approaching the reluctant lady and bowing like an underling often won her favor.

Nuptials were finalized by a remarkable flight together. Circling and sailing in spirals, one followed the other as if skaters in the sky. Finally, the couple would fly away and stay together while raising the young.

Calling to discuss her findings, the manager, Gail Barnes, had discovered an old, calcified break in one of the vulture's wings. The bird had been down for some time. Its thinness was due to an inability to find enough food. Her diagnosis would be confirmed by one of the veterinarians later in the week. Since the raptor could not be released, it was the consensus of the previous and current directors, as well as Gail's, that the bird should be kept for educational purposes.

Placed in its own mew, the black vulture would be given plenty of time to gain weight. Later, if it and two turkey vultures would tolerate each other's company, the bird would share a mew and companionship.

Knowing, however, that in the wild black vultures take advantage of turkey vultures' more developed sense of smell in finding food, and bully them away from a carcass, we felt only time would tell if two

are company and three, a crowd. If that occurred, the black vulture would receive its own mew.

Before we ended our phone conversation, Gail said she thought the graceful raptor was a fe-

male. The vulture's regal countenance and deportment would determine her future as Lady Black.

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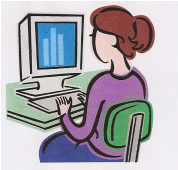
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The library will be closed Monday for the Labor Day holiday. Normal operating hours resume at 10 a.m. Tuesday. Beginning Sept. 6, the library will be open Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sports

• "Rome 1960: The Olympics That Changed the World" (796.48 MAR D). The Olympic Games of 2008 were very different from those of 1960. In "Rome 1960," David Maranis draws compelling portraits of the competitors:

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Spirituality

• "Love as a Way of Life" (241.4 CHA G) by Gary Chapman is the sequel to "The Five Love Languages." Chapman sets forth seven keys that would ensure whole-life happiness.
• "90 Minutes in Heaven" (231.730 PIP D) As he is driving home from a minister's conference, Baptist minister Don Piper collides with a semi-truck that crosses into his lane. He is pronounced dead at the scene. For the next 90 minutes, Piper experiences heaven, where he is greeted by those who had influenced him spiritual-



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ly. He hears beautiful music and feels true peace.

Back on earth, a passing minister who had also been at the conference is led to pray for Don even though he knows the man is dead. Piper miraculously comes back to life and the bliss of heaven is replaced by a long and painful recovery.

For years, Piper kept his heavenly experience to himself. Finally, however, friends and family convinced him to share his remarkable story. That remarkable story is told in "90 Minutes in Heaven" by Don Piper and Cecil Murphey. — review from Amazon.com. We are going to order the audio version as well.

Non-Fiction

• "Black Wave" (910.916 SIL J) by John and Jean Silverwood. This is a story about a couple and their four children living on a yacht and the problems that ensue.

• "Wiser in Battle" (956.704 SAN R) by Lt. Gen. Ricardo S. Sanchez. Sanchez is the former commander of the Coalition Forces in Iraq.

• "Know Your Power: A Message to America's Daughters" (328.730 PEL N) by Nancy Pelosi.

New Fiction

"Obsession," by Karen Robards; "At First Sight," by Stephen J. Cannell; a thriller from Robin Cook, "Foreign Body" — this is about traveling to other countries for medical procedures — (available in LP also); and "A Summer Affair," by Elin Hilder-

brand.

Mystery

• "Forced Out." Stephen Frey mixes baseball and crime in his 15th novel. Arthritic, 63-year-old Jack Barrett lives with his grown daughter in Sarasota, Fla., where he bags groceries at a convenience store. He wonders how he got sacked from his job as a respected scout for the New York Yankees and robbed of his pension.

While watching a local minor league baseball game, Jack sees a player who just might be his ticket back to The Show: Mikey Clemants, a gifted centerfielder who displays his talents intermittently and doesn't seek or earn the approval of the fans or his teammates.

Add to the mix Johnny Deuce Bondano, a Queens hit man hired to murder the guy who killed a Mafioso's grandson. Readers will enjoy unraveling the mysterious stories of Barrett and Clemants, but a plethora of subplots and minor characters slow the main action. — a review from Amazon.com. This is also available in large print.

Historical Fiction

If you are ready for a historical novel, the "The Last Queen" by C. W. Gortner would be just what the doctor ordered. In a review from Publisher's Weekly, the 1492 conquest of Granada makes for high adventure and royal intrigue in this second sparkling historical from Gortner (The Secret Lion).

Spanish Princess Juana, 13, watches as her parents, King Fernando and Queen Isabel, unite Spain, vanquish Moors and marry their children off to foreign kingdoms for favorable alliances. Princess Catalina becomes first wife to Henry VIII; Princess Juana, who narrates, is shipped off to marry Philip of Flanders, heir to the Hapsburg Empire.

Although Juana balks at leaving Spain for the north and a husband she has never met, their instant chemistry soon turns to love. Years and children later, Juana unexpectedly becomes next in line to the Spanish crown and must carefully navigate every step of the journey from Flanders to Spain, fearful of alienating husband or parents or both.

Emotional and political tensions soar as Juana's loyalties are tested to their limits. Disturbing royal secrets and court manipulations wickedly twist this enthralling story, brilliantly told.

The library's hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. The Internet/Video room is closed from noon until 2 p.m. and closes a half-hour before closing. The library is located at 500 S. Main St. Our phone number is 264-2260. The Web site is www.howard-county.lib.tx.us.

Hollis McCright is director of the Howard County Library.

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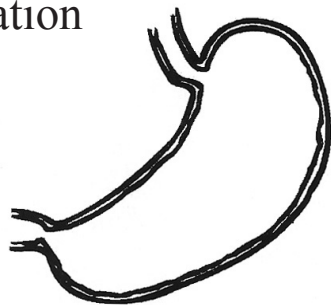
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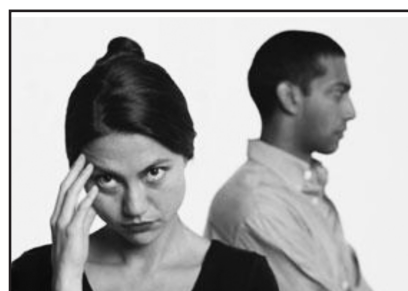
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Loses his temper over trivial things.
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Common things abusers say

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You can't even keep the house in a decent state, you're a terrible mother, no one would want you, you're lucky to have me.
If you tell anyone else about the abuse ... you'll be sorry, no one will believe you, I'll report you to social services as an unfit mother.

If you try to leave me...you'll never get away, you couldn't cope without me, I'll snatch the kids and you'll never see them again
I'll track you down and find you, even if it takes years and I'll kill you, you'll never be able to live in peace never knowing when it will happen...

If you leave me I'll kill myself and you'll have to explain to the children why their dad is dead and it'll be on your conscience for the rest of your life ...

If after reading this you think that you are, or might be, in an abusive relationship, call!

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The piano teacher's lesson

Recently I read a story about Mildred Hondorf, a former elementary school music teacher from Des Moines, Iowa, who supplemented her income by teaching piano lessons. She stated that over 30 years she found

that children have many levels of musical ability.

"I've never had the pleasure of having a prodigy, though I have taught some talented students. However I've also had my share of what I call 'musically challenged' pupils," she said. "One such student

was Robby. Robby was 11 years old when his mother (a single Mom) dropped him off for his first piano lesson.

"Robby said that it had always been his mother's dream to hear him play the piano. So I took him as a student.

"As Robby began his lessons I thought it was a hopeless endeavor. As much as Robby tried, he lacked the sense of tone and basic rhythm needed to excel. Over the months he tried and tried while I listened and cringed and tried to encourage him. At the end of each weekly lesson he'd always say, 'My mom's going to hear me play someday.' But it seemed hopeless. He just did not have any inborn ability.

"I only knew his mother from a distance as she dropped Robby off or waited in her aged car to pick him up. She always waved and smiled but never stopped in. Then one day Robby stopped coming to our lessons. I thought about calling him but assumed because of his lack of ability, that he had decided to pursue something else. I also was glad that he stopped coming. He was a bad advertisement for my teaching!

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RYAN

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the recital was for current pupils and because he had dropped out he really did not qualify.

He said that his mother had been sick and unable to take him to piano lessons but he was still practicing.

"Miss Hondorf, I've just got to play!" he insisted. "I don't know what led me to allow him to play in the recital. Maybe it was his persistence or maybe it was something inside of me saying that it would be all right."

"The night for the recital came. The high school gymnasium was packed with parents, friends and relatives. I put Robby up last in the program. I thought that any damage he would do would come at the end of the program and I could always salvage his poor performance through my 'curtain closer.'"

"Well, the recital went off without a hitch. The students had been practicing and it showed. Then Robby came up on stage. His

Parent's Corner

clothes were wrinkled and his hair looked like he'd run an eggbeater through it.

"Why didn't he dress up like the other students?" I thought. "Why didn't his mother at least make him comb his hair for this special night?" Robby pulled out the piano bench and he began. I was surprised when he announced that he had chosen Mozart's Concerto No. 21 in C Major. I was not prepared for what I heard next.

"Never had I heard Mozart played so well by a person of his age. He ended in a grand crescendo and everyone was on their feet in wild applause. Overcome and in tears I ran up on stage and put my arms around Robby in joy.

"I've never heard you play like that Robby! How'd you do it?" Through the microphone Robby explained: "Well Miss Hondorf, remember I told you my Mom was sick? Well, actually she had cancer and passed away this

morning, and well, she was born deaf so tonight was the first time she ever heard me play. I wanted to make it special."

"There wasn't a dry eye in the house that evening. I thought to myself how much richer my life had been for taking Robby as my pupil and that night he that taught me the meaning of perseverance and love and believing in yourself and maybe even taking a chance in someone even when you don't know why."

A footnote to the story, Robby was killed in the senseless bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City in April of 1995.

Things happen in life that we may not understand but as we look back we can see the purpose. We are here for a reason. May our reason be fulfilled.

Darrell Ryan is director of federal programs for the Big Spring Independent School District.

Editor's Note: According to Snopes.com, Mildred Hondorf's story, while interesting, never occurred.



MC dedicates Hall Academic Building

Midland College dedicated the F. Marie Hall Academic Building Wednesday morning in honor of MC Foundation Board member and Texas philanthropist, F. Marie Hall.

The new 79,072-square-foot facility, one of the key projects planned in a bond program approved by Midland voters in 2005, houses a two-story atrium at its entrance that serves as a gathering space for people before and after events in the tiered, 102-seat lecture hall.

The new atrium will be christened "Amistad Atrium" by Hall, who values "friendship" and

community. Amistad Atrium will serve as a place where old friends can meet, and new friendships are formed.

The building provides 36 large classrooms; distance learning technology; a mathematics laboratory; and additional faculty offices; as well as a snack bar and patio on the second level.

The facility is also home to Midland College's University Center. The structure has several architectural features — including cascading water pools linking the interior and exterior of the building and, upon completion, a

heavily landscaped front courtyard with benches, planters, and fountains.

Hall, who has served on the MC Foundation Board since 2000, also gave a unique gift to MC in 2003 — Hall's Way, a pedestrian bridge, which was built upon her vision to connect Midland Community Theatre to Midland College, both practically and symbolically.

Midland College is not the only area community college to benefit from Hall's philanthropy. The Hall Center for the Arts, located at Howard college's Big Spring campus, was dedicated in 2007.



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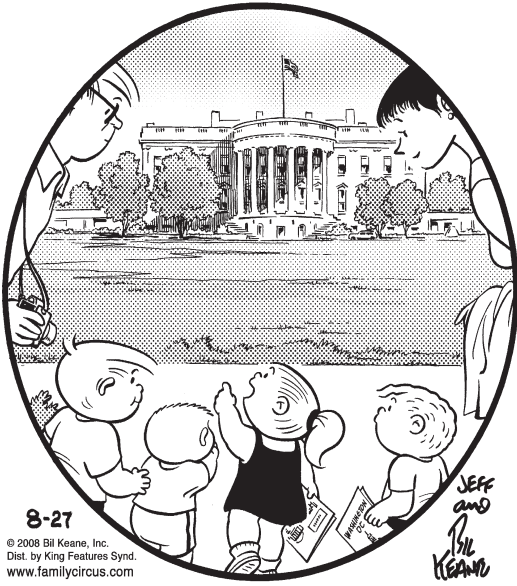
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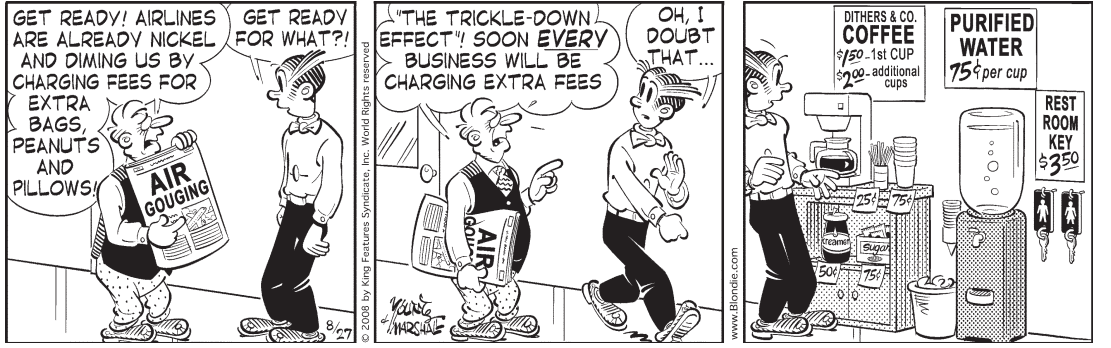
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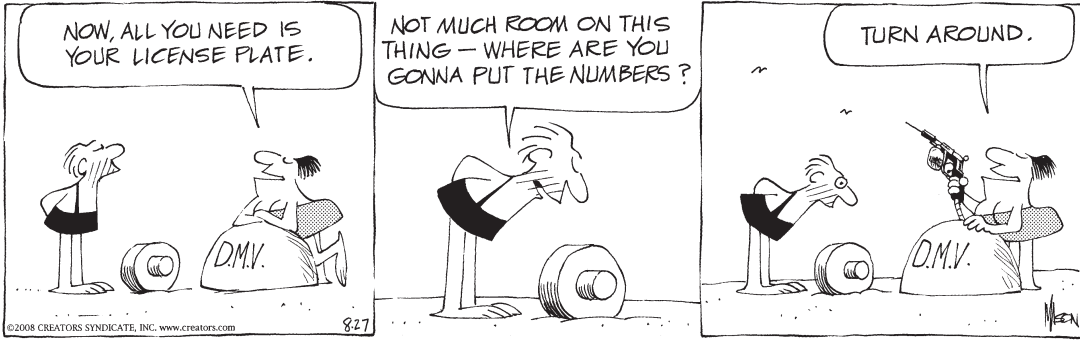


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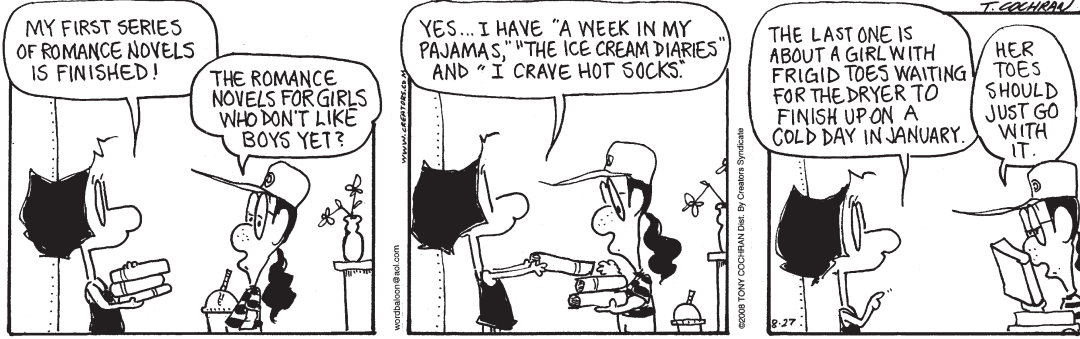
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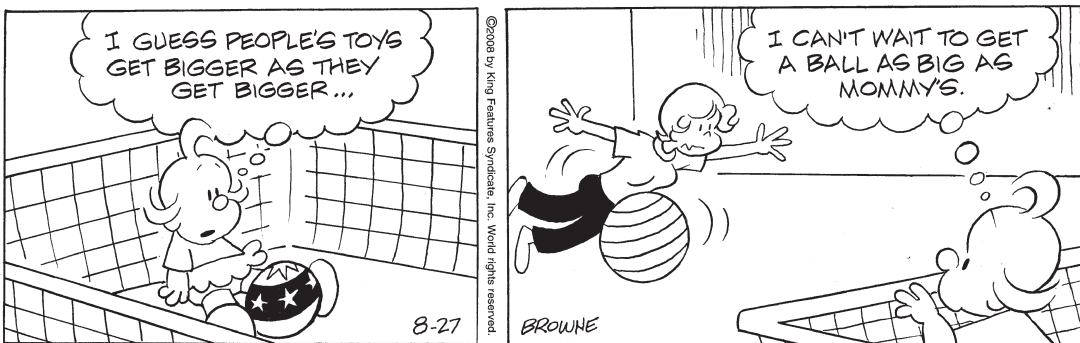
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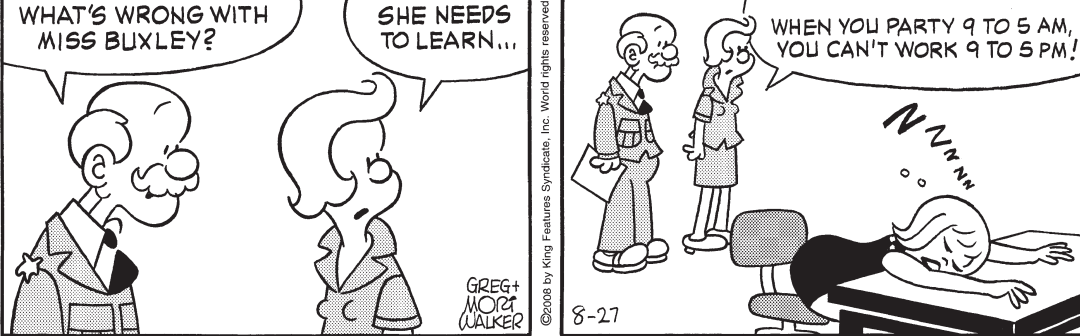
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Aug. 27, the 240th day of 2008. There are 126 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: One hundred years ago, on Aug. 27, 1908, Lyndon B. Johnson, the 36th president of the United States, was born near Stonewall, Texas.

In 1858, the second debate between senatorial candidates Abraham Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas took place in Freeport, Ill.

In 1859, Col. Edwin L. Drake drilled the first successful oil well in the United States, near Titusville, Pa.

In 1883, the island volcano Krakatoa blew up; the resulting tidal waves in Indonesia's Sunda Strait claimed some 36,000 lives in Java and Sumatra.

In 1892, fire seriously damaged New York's original Metropolitan Opera House.

In 1928, the Kellogg-Briand Pact was signed in Paris, outlawing war and providing for the peaceful settlement of disputes.

In 1948, former U.S. Chief

Justice Charles Evans Hughes died in Osterville, Mass., at age 86.

In 1962, the United States launched the Mariner 2 space probe, which flew past Venus in December 1962.

In 1975, Haile Selassie, the last emperor of Ethiopia's 3,000-year-old monarchy, died in Addis Ababa at age 83, almost a year after being overthrown.

In 1979, British war hero Lord Louis Mountbatten and three other people, including his 14-year-old grandson Nicholas, were killed off the coast of Ireland in a boat explosion claimed by the Irish Republican Army.

In 2006, a Comair CRJ-100 crashed after trying to take off from the wrong runway in Lexington, Ky., killing 49 people and leaving the co-pilot the sole survivor.

Today's Birthdays: Cajun-country singer Jimmy C. Newman is 81. Actor Tommy Sands is 71. Bluegrass singer-musician J.D. Crowe is 71. Musician Daryl Dragon is 66. Actress Tuesday Weld is 65. Actress Barbara Bach is 61. Ex-porn star Harry Reems is 61. Country musician Jeff Cook (Alabama) is 59. Actor Paul Reubens is 56. Singer Willy DeVille is 55. Rock musician Alex Lifeson (Rush) is 55. Actress Diana Scarwid is 53. Rock musician Glen Matlock

(The Sex Pistols) is 52. Actor Peter Stormare is 50. Country singer Jeffrey Steele is 47. Gospel singer Yolanda Adams is 46. Writer-producer Dean Devlin is 46. Rock musician Mike Johnson is 43. Rap musician Bobo (Cypress Hill) is 40. Rock musician Tony Kanal (No Doubt) is 38. Actress Sarah Chalke is 32. Rapper Mase is 31. Rock musician Jon Siebels (Eve 6) is 29. Contemporary Christian musician Megan Garrett (Casting Crowns) is 28. Singer Mario is 22. Actress Alexa Vega ("Spy Kids") is 20.

Thought for Today: "The presidency has made every man who occupied it, no matter how small, bigger than he was; and no matter how big, not big enough for its demands." -Lyndon Baines Johnson, 36th President of the United States (1908-1973).

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