

City approves tougher sex offender ordinance

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Sex offenders moving to the Big Spring area may find picking a residence a little tougher, as the Big Spring City Council approved final reading of a new ordinance that will create "safe zones" around areas where children gather.

The ordinance, which amends Chapter 14 of the city code by

adding an article entitled "Sex Offenders," makes it an offense for convicted sex offenders to reside within 1,000 feet of schools, daycare facilities and city parks.

Big Spring Police Chief Lonnie Smith said the new ordinance won't stop child predators from committing further crimes, but it will make it tougher for them to do so on the streets they know best.

"I'm sure this is going to be a comfort for the people — a little assurance that we're looking out for the welfare of their families and themselves, and I'm glad the council passed it."

Joann Staulcup, city council woman



"It's going to give law enforcement and the citizens of Big Spring something that can make the neighborhoods safe for the kids," said Smith. "Is it going to stop the child preda-

tors? It's not going to stop them, but it will at least make it so they can't do those types of things in their own neighborhoods."

While such "safe zones" are routinely a part of a sex offender's probation or parole, Smith said the ordinance will pick up where the courts leave off.

"While they are under court-

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INTERSTATE 20 ACCIDENT



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
The driver of this Chevrolet pickup was transported to the emergency room at Scenic Mountain Medical Center after running into the back of a tractor trailer near the 177 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20 Tuesday morning. The tractor trailer was transporting highly flammable petroleum products, according to officials at the scene.

HEPB TO TDAP

School vaccine season more complex than ever

By MIKE STOBBE

AP Medical Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — The growing list of childhood vaccinations reads like an alphabet soup: Hib, HepA, HepB, IPV, PCV, MCV4, DTaP, Tdap, varicella and influenza.

Parents dragging their kids to the doctor's office for those required school shots can expect to hear about more vaccines and, if they're uninsured, new expenses.

Twenty years ago, it cost \$75 to \$100 to immunize a child with the four available vaccines. Today, 12 are generally recommended for kids and adolescents, at a private-sector cost of about \$1,250.

And the government is expected to recommend a 13th vaccine for girls — a shot that protects against cervical cancer. It costs

about \$360 for the three-dose series, potentially raising the per-child vaccination bill to more than \$1,600.

"The good news is we can now prevent so many diseases. The bad news is it's gotten more complicated," said Dr. Anne Schuchat, who heads immunization programs for the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

For some, it's more than complicated.

"I'm not sure. I was just told I need a shot," said Holland White, a 16-year-old from Stone Mountain who this month went to his doctor for a meningitis shot.

Although vaccinations are routinely covered by health insurance, some worry that government funding for shots for the

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Time to begin thinking about back to school

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

So much for summer vacation.

Big Spring public school classes begin Aug. 14, and officials have released student registration information for the new school year.

Registration for students in grades kindergarten through

eighth who are new to the district runs Monday through Friday at the individual campuses, officials said.

New students must provide their birth certificate, immunization record and Social Security number when they register.

BSISD elementary campuses (grades K through 4) are Bauer (264-4121), Kentwood (264-4130),

Marcy (264-4144), Moss (264-4148) and Washington (264-4126).

Parents of new students who will be attending high school need to call the campus at 264-3641 for an appointment to register.

Students who attended Big Spring schools during the 2005-06 school year are already registered for the new year, offi-

cial said.

Students must be registered at the campus in their attendance area unless a transfer request was approved at the administration office.

If students moved to a different attendance area during the summer, they need to pick up their registration packets at their old campus.

Attendance area can be deter-

mined by contacting BSISD Transportation Director Howard Stewart at 264-4108.

Students in grades 5 and 6 will attend Goliad Intermediate (264-4111). Fifth-grade orientation will be held at 5 p.m. Aug. 10, while sixth-grade orientation will be held 30 minutes later.

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New student registration set next week for area schools

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

New student registration at Coahoma and Forsan school districts begins next week.

In Forsan, new student registration at both the junior/senior high school and Elbow Elementary will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday

at the respective campuses.

Parents need to bring the student's birth certificate, immunization record, Social Security number, proof of residence and withdrawal papers from the student's previous school, if applicable.

Schedule pickup for Forsan students is as fol-

lows:

• Aug. 2 — Juniors and seniors may pick up schedules from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

• Aug. 3 — Freshmen and sophomores may pick up schedules from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

• Aug. 4 — Students in grades 7 and 8 may pick up schedules from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

All grade levels must have parent signatures on registration and permission forms prior to picking up schedules, Superintendent Randy Johnson said.

Sixth graders may pick up schedules at the orientation, which will be held from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Those students will meet administrators and teach-

ers while touring the building and getting locker assignments.

For more information on junior/senior high registration, call 263-6571, ext. 1.

Elbow Elementary students are invited to a New Year party to be held from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Aug. 10. Johnson said this will be an opportunity for stu-

dents to meet their teacher and classmates and stow their school supplies while parents take care of paperwork, meal and transportation details.

For more information on elementary registration, call 398-5444.

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TAKE THE VINO WITH YOU

CHICAGO (AP) — Wine connoisseurs soon will be able to head home from restaurants with an unfinished bottle of their favorite vintage.

A new state law lets restaurant-goers rework and take home leftover wine as long as it is wrapped in a tamperproof bag. Officials hope it will discourage diners from chugging that last glass of wine, then getting behind the wheel. Illinois law currently bars people from having open liquor containers in vehicles. The new law lets them drive with bottles that have been sealed in the specialty bags. If police stop the driver, they'll be able to see if the wine has been illegally reopened.

MOORE BOARD TO MEET

The board of directors for Moore Development for Big Spring will meet at 5:15 p.m. today in the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce board room, located at 215 W. Third Street.

Among the items on the agenda are consideration of minutes of the June 28 board meeting, consideration of June financials, consideration of June investment report, consideration of engagement letter for legal services and consideration of investment policy.

The board has also reserved the option to go into executive session to discuss economic development prospects if need be.

POLL WORKERS NEEDED

Howard County is in need of poll workers for the November election.

This election will be a large one, containing county offices, the jail bond issue, city of Big Spring bond issue and Coahoma ISD bond issue.

Bi-lingual workers are especially needed.

Workshops will be held in September to train workers on the voting equipment as well as procedures for conducting the election.

If you would be interested in serving as an election judge or poll worker, contact the elections office at 264-2273 or stop by the county courthouse to learn more.

Obituaries

Roger Wayne Park



Roger Wayne Park, 62, of Big Spring, departed this life after losing his battle with cancer, at 12:35 p.m. Saturday, July 22, 2006, at his home. Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 26, 2006 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel, with the Rev. Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating. Following the service, the family will have a private family burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends and family from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 25, 2006 at the funeral home.

He was born in Big Spring on July 9, 1944 to Henry and Estill Park. He attended and graduated from Forsan High School.

Roger married Linda Smith on July 30, 1975. He was a devoted husband, loving father, and wonderful grandfather.

He worked in the oil field for 41 years and at the time of his death, he was employed by Adkins Supply Company.

He was a member of Trinity Baptist Church.

Roger is survived by his wonderful wife, Linda; one daughter and son-in-law, Lori and Mike Speck, of Big Spring; one son, Kevin Park, of Midland; two grandsons, Brantley Cahoon and Gage Speck; two step-grandsons, Casey and Colton Speck; his in-laws, Jake and Jean Smith, all of Big Spring; three brothers and sisters-in-law, John and Pepita Park, of Beverly Hills, Fla., Fred and Diane Park, of Lubbock, and Steve and Judy Park, of Big Spring; two sisters-in-law and their husbands, Diane and Randy Biggers of Levelland and Debra and Mike Lowder of Midland; two brothers-in-law and their wives, Jay and Brenda Smith of Levelland and Randy and Donna Duncan of Lovington, N.M.; along with several nieces and nephews, and great nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Eva, and two brothers-in-law, Terry and Woody Duncan.

The family suggests memorials be made to the American Cancer Society, Relay for Life, c/o Diane Woods, P. O. Box 254, Coahoma 79511 or to Home Hospice, 111 E. 7th St., Suite A, Big Spring 79720.

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

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Dora Castro Del Bosque



Funeral services for Dora Castro Del Bosque, 60, of Big Spring, will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, July 27, 2006, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Lubbock, under the direction of the Rev. John Chero.

Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 26, 2006, at Guajardo Funeral Chapels in Lubbock.

Burial will be at Peaceful Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Guajardo Funeral Chapels.

She died Saturday, July 22, 2006. She was born Oct. 23, 1945 in Taft. She married Oscar Del Bosque on Sept. 5, 1993, in Big Spring. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Bernice.

She was a loving and caring wife and mother and grandmother and a friend to all. She was a dedicated hair stylist for 38 years in the Big Spring area. She was a Catholic and a cursillista.

Survivors include her husband, Oscar; daughters Melissa Velasquez of Florida, and Jennifer Velasquez of Big Spring; a stepdaughter, Pauline Del Bosque of Phoenix, Ariz.; two sisters, Vickie Gomez and Mary Ybarra, both of Lubbock; two brothers, Santiago Castro Jr. and Adolfo Castro, both of Lubbock; eight grandchildren, John and Crystal Ramirez of Kansas, Gabriel Ramirez of Big Spring, Emerie and Shae Uranga of Florida, Jessica and Christopher Villa and Brianna and Adrian Mendoza, all of Big Spring; a great grandchild, Jaycee Ramirez of Kansas; four nieces; 10 nephews; and a lot of glorious friends.

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Take Note

• **BARBECUE PLATES AND PIES** will be available Saturday at the Power House Church of God in Christ at 1311 Goliad. Brisket, chicken, ham or sausage plates will include potato salad, beans, cole slaw, bread and dessert for \$6. Also available will be lemon pies, coconut cream pies and chocolate cakes for \$6. Delivery can be arranged by calling 263-6239.

• **THE MITCHELL COUNTY REUNION** will be held Sept. 30 in the Colorado City Civic Center, 157 W. Second St. Reservations may be made with the Colorado City Area Chamber of Commerce, at 325 728-3403. The speaker will be Elsie Ann (Ramsdell) Scaife, a former Mitchell County resident and a member of the 1944 graduating class.

• **NEW LIFE MINISTRIES** Church of God in Christ is holding a soup kitchen every second and fourth Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 204 N.W. 10th. The meal is free. Call 264-0771 for more information

• **THE PET PATROL** helps locate lost pets and owners of found pets. To volunteer or for more information, call Melanie Gambrell at 267-PETS (7387).

Lucretia E. Lockett

Lucretia E. Lockett, 78, of Big Spring and Junction, found rest in the arms of her beloved Savior Monday, July 24, 2006.

Mrs. Lockett was born in Coleman County Dec. 2, 1927. She attended Grosvenor and Coleman schools and graduated from Big Spring High School in 1945. She was a retired CNA health care giver, a career that she started at the ripe young age of 62.

Mrs. Lockett also worked for the *Abilene Reporter News* as a teletyper, Crockett County Sheriff's Department as a deputy tax assessor and for Denman's Insurance as a tax preparer.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Junction where she faithfully and patiently served in the department for 41 years. Mrs. Lockett was also a member of the Joy Class where she was valued for her vast and ready knowledge of the holy scriptures.

She was also a member of the Ozona Chapter of the Eastern Star. She was lovingly known by her family as the "queen" of recycling. She also enjoyed crocheting and reading. She will be remembered by all who knew her a humble servant who trusted in the faithfulness of her loving God.

Mrs. Lockett was the daughter of the late Robert Lee England and the late Mattie Lucretia Bailey England. She was the widow of John Arvel Lockett, who she married June 23, 1949, and remained so for 41 years. She was the mother of the late Laura Lee Lockett and the late Wanda Jean Lockett. She was preceded in death by five brothers, Ralph, Aaron, Malcolm, Calvin and Alford; and three sisters, Sudie, Blanche and Dorothy.

Mrs. Lockett is survived by her daughter, LeJean Anderson and her husband Sammy of Big Spring; her granddaughter, Allison Tomlinson and her husband Bobby of Junction; her granddaughter, Christy Murr of Austin; her grandson, Jason Anderson of Midland; and her granddaughter, Stacey Best and her husband Jeremiah, of Coahoma. "G' Ma Lockett" is also lovingly survived by six great-grandchildren, Dannie, Justin and Aimee Boone of Junction, Kaleigh Murr of Austin, and Aubrey and Kenna Best of Coahoma. She is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews and cousins.

Services will be held Thursday, July 27, 2006, at the First Baptist Church of Junction at 11 a.m. under the direction of the Gentry-Fife Funeral Home. Family visitation will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 26, at Gentry-Fife Funeral Home.

The family requests that memorials be made to the American Cancer Society.

Services entrusted to Gentry-Fife Funeral Home of Junction.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Tuesday and 8 a.m. Wednesday:

- **SABRINA PEREZ**, 31, 403 E Eighth, was arrested on two Howard County warrants.
- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 500 block of 14th.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 600 block of Bucknell.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 300 block of Ninth.
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING** was reported in the 2400 block of Morrison and the 2600 block of Gregg.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 900 block of Willia.

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Tuesday and 8 a.m. Wednesday:

- **JOSEPH MICHAEL COOK**, 27, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on a charge of theft.
- **BETTY JEAN MUNIZ**, 40, was arrested on a motion to revoke probation and bondsman off bond warrants for driving while intoxicated.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Tuesday and 8 a.m. Wednesday:

- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 177 mile marker of Interstate 20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1700 block of Harvard. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 300 block of Birdwell. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 600 block of Fourth. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2000 block of Virginia. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 800 block of Scott. Service was refused.
- **DUMPSTER FIRE** was reported in the 600 block of E. 16th.
- **AUTOMOBILE FIRE** was reported in the 800 block of E. FM 700.

Bulletin Board

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

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.

• Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet Shoppe.

• Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room. Call 267-6479.

• Staked Plains Lodge 598 will have a social meeting, Scottish rite program at 7:30 p.m. Guests are welcome.

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 in the Big Spring Country Club.

• Spring City Senior Citizens Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area seniors are invited.

SATURDAY

• Big Spring Shrine Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Goliad and First streets for a meal with a meeting to follow.

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

• Big Spring Squares. Call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.

MONDAY

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 175C meets at 5:30 p.m. in the First Christian Church of Big Spring, 911 Goliad. A different program is offered every week. Enter through the south side door off 10th Street. Call 263-2786 for more information.

• Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in La Posada Restaurant.

• Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at

Weather

Tonight...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 70s. Southeast winds around 10 mph.

Thursday...Partly cloudy. Highs around 100. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday night...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 70s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 90s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s.

Saturday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s.

Saturday night...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 70s.

Sunday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 90s.

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Monday...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 90s.

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Tuesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 90s.

Lottery

The jackpot in the multistate Mega Millions lottery drawing grew to \$23 million Wednesday.

None of the tickets sold for Tuesday's \$15 million drawing matched all five lotto numbers and the Mega Ball. The next drawing will be Friday.

The winning numbers from Tuesday's drawing were: 7, 21, 24, 41 and 51. The Mega Ball number was 10.

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Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 6-7-18-20-22.

Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize per winner: \$26,747.

Winning ticket sold in: Lubbock.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-6-6

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ConocoPhillips reports \$5.1 billion in second-quarter income
HOUSTON (AP) — Lofty oil prices fueled a 65 percent surge in ConocoPhillips' second-quarter net income, the company announced Wednesday.
 The nation's third-largest integrated oil company earned \$5.18 billion, or \$3.09 per share, compared with \$3.14 billion, or \$2.21 per share, in the second quarter of 2005. Results far surpassed Wall Street expectations, as analysts surveyed by Thomson Financial anticipated earnings of \$2.81 per share.
 Revenues rose 12.6 percent to \$47.1 billion from \$41.8 billion in the year-ago period.
 Crude Oil prices hit record highs during the quarter and continue to rise.
 In the first six months of 2006, Houston-based ConocoPhillips earned \$8.47 billion, or \$5.49 per share, compared with \$6 billion, or \$4.46 per share, in the first half of 2005. Revenue for the first two quarters was \$94.1 billion, compared with \$79.4 billion a year ago.
 The company's refining and marketing segment reported net income of \$1.7 billion.

ORDINANCE

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ordered supervision, they have that child safety zone. With this ordinance, once they get off court ordered supervision, if they are required by law to register as a sex offender, this new ordinance will apply to them," said Smith. "Even though they may have completed their court ordered supervision, they will still have to contend with this city ordinance."
 Smith told the council in a previous meeting the number of sex offenders living in Big Spring is more than most would believe. "For your information, we have 41 sex offenders living within the city limits," said Smith. "Of those,

31 involve victims that were 16 years old or younger. That's why I see a definite need for a child protected zone."
 Councilwoman Joann Staulcup said those numbers frighten her and said she sees the ordinance as a step in the right direction. "I think it's a real asset to the community. I have a great deal of concern about the location of sex offenders in our city," said Staulcup. "We have a number of them, and when I look at the number of sex offenders on the Web site I'm appalled at how many we have residing in our community."
 "I'm sure this is going to be a comfort for the people — a little assurance that we're looking out for the welfare of their families and themselves, and I'm

glad the council passed it." Councilman Greg Biddison said the number of sex offenders living in the city limits warrants the ordinance.
 "I think it's something that will benefit the community," he said. "The last count the police chief brought us was 41 registered sex offenders living in our city, and to me that's quite a number for a city our size. Anything we can do to help protect our kids, we need to do."
 As for enforcement of the new ordinance, Smith said it won't cause any kind of increase in the police department work load. "I don't believe it will create any kind of increase because we have two investigators assigned to a joint operation," said Smith. "That operation also con-

sists of the Howard County Sheriff's Office, the county and district attorney offices, adult probation and parole offices. Those officers work with them and they are concentrating on sex offenders in Big Spring and Howard County."
 Also during the meeting, the council approved the Howard County 9-1-1 Communication District's proposed 2006-2007 budget and management audit for fiscal year ended Sept. 30, 2006.
 The council passed on consideration of extending the present lease to the cell site located on the top of Settles Hotel to Cingular, pending more information.
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registration will be held Monday at the three campuses, with parents needing to bring the same information as in

Forsan, officials said. High school students may pick up their registration packets from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday and Tuesday. Schedule pickup for high school students is as follows:
 • Aug. 2 — Senior pick up schedules from 8:30 a.m. to

11:30 a.m., and juniors from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
 • Aug. 3 — Sophomores pick up schedules from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and freshmen from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
 Administrator Judy Dobbs said that if high school students do not have their registration

completed, they will not receive their class schedules. Junior high school schedule pick-up is from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Aug. 10.
 Coahoma Elementary students and parents are invited to a Meet The Teacher night from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Aug. 10.

For more information, contact the Coahoma ISD administration office at 394-4290.

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Students in grades 7 and 8 will attend Big Spring Junior High (264-4135). Seventh-grade orientation and open house will

be held from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Aug. 11. Eighth-grade orientation and open house will be from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. the same day.
 Schedule pick-up for Big Spring High School students is as follows:

• Seniors — from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Aug. 1.
 • Juniors — from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Aug. 2.
 • Sophomores — from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Aug. 3.
 • Freshmen — Orientation will be held at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 10

in the high school auditorium. Open house and schedule pick-up will follow.
 Students with schedule conflicts need to see their counselors from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the day they pick up their schedules. Freshmen with

schedule conflicts should see their counselors on Aug. 11.

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SHOTS

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poor and uninsured will not keep up with demand. Another challenge: Outbreaks of mumps, whooping cough and other vaccine-preventable infections have shown that sometimes immunized people can still catch the disease. So more booster shots are needed.
 Of the nearly 4,900 people who caught the mumps in a Midwestern outbreak this year, hundreds had received both recommended doses of mumps vaccine, CDC officials said.
 Doctors have been giving childhood pertussis vaccinations for decades. So some were surprised by reports of vaccinated children coming down with the illness in middle school and high school.
 "We've learned the whooping cough vaccine we thought was going to last forever wears off by the time they reach adolescence," said Dr. Carol Baker, a Houston-based pediatrician who serves on the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, a panel that helps set national vaccination

guidelines. After a new tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis vaccine came out last year, the vaccine committee recommended a dose for children when they are 11 or 12 to give them better protection into early adulthood. A bacterial meningitis vaccine also was recommended for that age group.
 Both recommendations are part of an attempt to change the medical culture so that a round of vaccinations will become common for kids before middle school, and not just at birth and kindergarten age.
 The campaign's success will rely in part on the vaccine supply.
 A shortage of the new meningitis shot led the vaccine panel to suspend its call for 11- to 12-year-olds to get it. So currently, the shot is just recommended for students entering high school and college.
 The meningitis shot remains hard to find. Mary Arnold, of Acworth, Ga., who will attend the University of Georgia this fall, tried three health care providers before getting it, recounted her father, David.
 "It was aggravating for her," he said.

The vaccine's manufacturer, Sanofi Pasteur, is building a new plant in Pennsylvania that is expected to bolster production in 2008, a company spokeswoman said.
 Doctors are worried about other vaccine supply problems, too.
 In February 2004, when there was a shortage of a vaccine against pneumococcal pneumonia, federal officials asked doctors to put off the fourth recommended dose for young children. CDC officials lifted the suspension seven months later.
 The government has been expanding flu shot recommendations to cover more children. This year the CDC added 2- to 5-year-olds to a list that already included ages 6 to 23 months.
 Flu shot shortages in past autumns make doctors wonder if they will be able to vaccinate so many children.
 "It seems like every time you turn around there's another shortage," said Dr. Michael Baron, a family practice doctor in Stone Mountain, a suburb of Atlanta.
 The government recommends these vaccinations for children by age 4 to 6: hepatitis A and B; inactivated poliovirus (IPV);

rotavirus; haemophilus influenzae Type B (Hib); measles, mumps, rubella (MMR); pneumococcal conjugate (PCV); varicella (chickenpox); influenza; and diphtheria, tetanus and acellular pertussis (DTaP).
 Compounding the confusion, there's also a Tdap — tetanus diphtheria and acellular pertussis vaccine — a version of DTaP for 11- to 12-year-olds. And of course, there's that hard-to-get meningitis vaccine (MCV4) for freshmen entering high school and college, and eventually for 11- to 12-year-olds.
 A new human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine combats cervical cancer. The vaccine committee last month recommended the three-dose series be given to girls starting at age 11 or 12. The cost may be a challenge for some families.

That expense and the cost of other vaccines will be covered for children on Medicaid and other needy groups who qualify. A bigger problem is children who don't qualify for the federal coverage and who have inadequate health insurance. Many states already aren't getting enough money to pay for shots for those kids, even without adding the HPV vaccine.
 While many Americans may not realize the growing complexities of the U.S. vaccination program, Karen Meloy gets the point.
 Meloy, 22, said she got all the shots required of her as a child and complied with those requirements when she first went off to college.
 She recently learned she needs hepatitis B shots to attend graduate school at Georgia Tech. When Meloy was a child, HepB

shots weren't in the vaccine schedule for kids. But Georgia Tech required her to catch up to current recommendations.
 "I thought I was done," said Meloy, as she got her latest shot.

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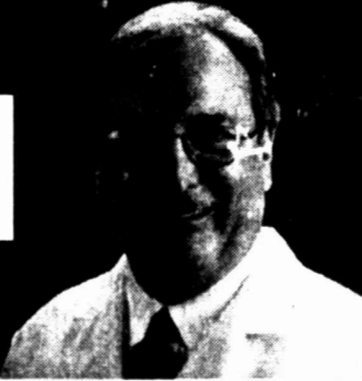
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OUR VIEWS

Council deserves kudos for passing newest ordinance

Following Tuesday's meeting of the Big Spring City Council, convicted sex offenders moving to the area will more than likely find picking a residence tougher than it has been in the past.

That's because the council approved on final reading a new ordinance that will create "safe zones" around areas where children gather in our community.

The ordinance amends the city code, making it unlawful for convicted sex offenders to reside within 1,000 feet of schools, daycare facilities and city parks.

While the council's action may seem like a "no-brainer" to some, we believe its members deserve accolades for taking this step that hopefully will provide a little more safety for our children.

As Big Spring Police Chief Lonnie Smith noted, the new ordinance won't stop child predators from committing crimes, but it will make it tougher for them to do so on the streets they know best.

While these so-called "safe zones" are routinely a part of a sex offender's probation or parole, the ordinance will pick up where the courts leave off.

Once the offenders get off court ordered supervision, if they are required by law to register as a sex offender, the new ordinance will apply to them.

Big Spring Police Department records show that 41 sex offenders live within the city limits, and according to the police chief, 31 of them were involved with victims that were 16 or younger.

And that is, indeed, why there's a definite need for child protected zones.

No, the new ordinance is not a cure-all, but most assuredly a step in the right direction, as has been the cooperation between the police department, Howard County Sheriff's Office, the county and district attorneys' offices and the adult probation and parole offices to make sure that convicted sex offenders register and meet the terms of their probations and paroles.

Children are, after all, the most valuable asset of any community. And when it comes to sexual predators, we can't protect our children enough.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

With You, Lord, we don't have to fear our future.

Amen

Hearings, or are they arm-twisters?

Everyone knows public hearings are supposed to be for elected officials to hear the voice of the people, that they usually occur before legislators make major decisions, even if only to give the appearance that they are following the will of their constituents.

But Republicans in the House of Representatives are introducing a new concept: hearings seven months after they voted and passed a bill, hearings for them to sway people into supporting their draconian immigration legislation.

Seeking to delay comprehensive immigration reform by reconciling their bill with a more compassionate measure passed by the Senate in May, House right-wing extremists are using the hearings to stall, so that nothing gets done to fix the nation's broken immigration system this year.

They have refused to negotiate with the Senate in conference committee meetings that should have started several weeks ago, to find a middle ground between the House and Senate bills.

"During my seven years in the House, I cannot remember ever holding hearings after a bill passed," said Rep. Charlie Gonzalez, D-Texas, who took part in one of the hearings in Laredo, Texas. "Clearly, the House Republicans are delaying progress on securing our nation's border in the hopes that using immigration to inflame Americans will allow them to retain control of the House in this fall's elections."

It's true. These hearings are not really about border security or even immigration reform. They are really about election-year politics.

"Rather than hammering out the details of this long-overdue plan before the elections, they choose to stall by holding 'hearings' on legislation that both chambers of Congress have already passed," said Rep. Silvestre Reyes, D-Texas, a 26-year veteran of the U.S. Border Patrol who was also at the

Laredo hearing. "Rather than focusing on the comprehensive immigration needs of this country, they choose to look solely at the security of our Southern border. Having spent over 26 years protecting the border, I see the Republican approach for what it is, and empty rhetoric is not what the nation needs right now."

Several weeks ago, House Republicans wanted people to think there was no issue more urgent or important. But now that they know they can't have their way, they want to sweep the problem under the carpet. The hearings are just a gimmick to stop efforts to grant a path to legalization to the 12 million illegal immigrants in this country.

They don't care that an overwhelming majority of these immigrants are honest, hard-working people and that this country needs them. They would rather talk about the minute minority who may be criminals, gang members or terrorists. Instead of concentrating on the bad apples, they want to go after the whole barrel.

And so they are holding hearings all over the country, trying to convince Americans that enforcement-only measures are necessary and that legalization can wait.

Some say we may be able to talk about legalization in a few years, once their enforcement efforts are successful. But that's just another gimmick. From their anti-immigrant rhetoric, we know they would rather not see an immigrant — particularly from Latin America — ever again.

At the hearings, the GOP extremists are attracting people who think like they do — xenophobes who keep framing the debate as a choice between border security or legalization. But you cannot have one without the other!

After all, what they are proposing has already been tried — quite unsuccessfully. For a couple of decades, there have been massive increases in border enforcement resources, numerous punitive measures have been passed and immigrant communities have been terrorized by roundups and raids.

It has accomplished nada. Yet that's what the enforcement-only extremist keep pushing — more of

the same ineffective strategies. "The point of comprehensive immigration reform is to combine tough border security and enforcement with measures to take the pressure off of the border by expanding legal avenues for immigration," says Angela Kelley, deputy director of the National Immigration Forum, a Washington, D.C., pro-immigrant advocacy organization.

"The Senate legislation recognizes that it would be better if immigrants came with a visa rather than a smuggler," Kelley adds. "This will make it much easier for the Border Patrol and other enforcement entities to prevent and apprehend smugglers, criminals, potential terrorists and those who could not stand up to official scrutiny. But to do this, the supply of legal immigration visas must come closer to the demand for visas created by a growing economy, families seeking reunification and immigrants seeking opportunity."

This makes sense, of course. But unfortunately, catching smugglers, criminals and potential terrorists is not necessarily the agenda of right-wing firebrands. Their goal is to slow down the growth of the Hispanic population in the United States.

They are threatened by the Spanish language and Hispanic culture, and they use terrorism as an excuse to disguise their bigotry. And they are using the hearings to scare and divide the nation. They are turning a "nation of immigrants" into a nation of xenophobes and bigots.

"In order to achieve border security, Congress must enact comprehensive immigration reform that includes border and workplace enforcement, family and worker visas, and a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants," Kelley says. "Those insisting on enforcement-only approaches to immigration and border security are actually standing in the way of the only path to real border security."

Of course, the immigrant-bashers already know that. They just have a more important, anti-Latino agenda.

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The lady bullfighter emerges

Pat McCormick saw her first bullfight in Mexico City when she was 7 years old. That experience had a profound impact on her life. Back in the hotel room with her parents, she practiced the moves she had seen in the bullring.

After growing up in Big Spring, she went to the University of Texas in Austin with hopes of becoming an opera singer. Her music instructors suggested she switch to art. When she brought home some of her artwork and showed it to her father, he said, "Pat, if you're going to draw a tree, it needs to look like a tree." He told his daughter she should enroll in a school that taught realistic art. She enrolled in Texas Western in El Paso.

Pat wandered across the border and started hanging out in the Juarez bullring. She met a couple of bullfighters who taught her some rudimentary moves.

With an old World War I blanket and a chair, she practiced them in front of a mirror in her dorm room. She practiced a lot.

Bullfighting became more important to her than her studies. She became a familiar figure at bullfights across the border, learning a little more at each one she attended.

Her presence and her fervor did not go unnoticed by a bullfight promoter, who had watched her fight cows in a nearby pen.

He lined up a nine-fight schedule for her. She joined the bullfighters union, which enabled her to fight the big bulls, the same ones men fought.

She became the first woman in North America to join that union. She had a suit made for her in Mexico City and acquired three swords.

At her first fight, the bull tossed her into the air. Pat got up, brushed herself off and killed the bull. The crowd gave her a standing ovation. It was a good kill and Pat got an ear.

Her career as a bullfighter was fully launched.

"I practiced in secret so my par-

ents wouldn't find out what I was doing," said Pat. "When I finally told them I was going to fight bulls, they were shocked. At that first fight, my father stood on the sunny side at the top. My mother was unable to watch, even though I dedicated the kill to her."

Pat had no sisters or brothers. Her parents pleaded with her to give up this crazy notion of bullfighting. Pat told them, "It's like becoming a fighter pilot. It's just something I have to do."

She fought bulls for 10 years, from 1952 until 1962. She fought 600 bulls, getting top billing in bullrings in the U.S., Mexico and South America.

She quit fighting when the bulls got smaller.

"I didn't want to be remembered as a person who fought small bulls," she says.

After her bullfighting career, she seldom mentioned it while working as a secretary for an art school in California.

She now lives in Del Rio. Recently she was a guest of honor in Villa Acuna where she had fought bulls. People stood in line to get her autograph.



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

From the pump to their pocket

Oil company officials are making obscene profits

Something my grandfather told me many years ago is really starting to make practical sense. Blind them with brilliance, or baffle them with bull... well, you get the picture.



THOMAS JENKINS

The proverbial bull, of course, is coming from the world's oil companies, processors, refiners and countless other companies involved in the production of petroleum-based products, the most vital of which is gasoline.

As of writing this column, oil is currently \$74 per barrel, gasoline prices in Big Spring are teetering on the brink of \$3 a gallon, and violence is escalating in the Middle East as Israel prepares for what appears to be a ground offensive against Hezbollah.

This, of course, will translate into yet another excuse for a hike in gas prices.

That's right, I called it an excuse. And while the oil companies, large and small, will shake their heads in the normal fat-business, holier-than-thou because we hold the keys to the family car fashion, it's not hard to understand what's really going on with gas and oil prices.

First it was the hurricanes on the Gulf Coast. It just makes

sense that threatening hurricanes would cause refineries and oil operations along one of the most refinery-rich coasts in the world to shut down, crimping the life-lines to the gas pumps all over the country.

The price of gas jumped considerably overnight.

Then it was time to turn everything over to summer operations, once again cutting the flow and driving the cost up to \$3 a gallon and above.

And, with the summer months, came the annual price hike in expectation of the family vacation season ... you guessed it, driving the price of gas up even higher.

And now, with so many petty excuses under the bridge they might even choke Mr. Ed, we have the ongoing violence in the Middle East, set to drive the price of gasoline beyond the \$3 mark into the black oblivion.

So, are we blinded with brilliance? I don't think so.

If you follow this everlasting chain of excuses from the oil companies and beyond, it would reason that gas prices are so high because they have to charge more to maintain the same profit margins they were posting before all this malarkey began. I mean they wouldn't gouge the American public, would they?

You bet your little red wagon they would.

The five oil behemoths releasing quarterly results this week — BP PLC, ConocoPhillips,

Chevron Corp., Exxon Mobil Corp. and Royal Dutch Shell PLC — earned an estimated \$33.6 billion in profit just during the last financial quarter, and estimated 32 percent more than a year earlier, according to analysts.

Did you catch that? That's not operations costs, just pure, unadulterated profits in one — count it — one financial quarter.

The average profit margin from refining was \$19.10 per barrel of crude, or 60 percent higher than a year ago, according to J.P. Morgan.

OK, so I'm confused. These nice guys were simply raising their prices because of skyrocketing costs, right? They weren't trying to ride a trend or exploit hurricanes and violence in the Middle East. Right?

While you mull that over, think about this.

The city of Big Spring, which just recently finished a series of budget workshops, can tell you first hand what these costs increases, which aren't just limited to gasoline, are doing.

Pipe used by the city water department to repair water lines saw a 38 percent increase over last year, while the price of asphalt tripled. Regular unleaded fuel is up nearly 70 percent, and the price of diesel has gone up 87 percent.

The average price of gasoline in the state reached \$2.89 a gallon this week, according to AAA Texas, marking the fourth

straight week gas prices have jumped.

The lowest average price for self-serve regular was in Corpus Christi, at \$2.76, a 6-cent jump from last week. The highest average price for gasoline is the Galveston-Texas City area, at \$2.94, or 1-cent higher than last week, the organization said.

The nationwide average price for gasoline this week rose 2 cents, to reach \$2.98, according to AAA.

It's obvious where the proceeds of our involuntary gas donations — doesn't that just sound so dignified — are going. The CEOs of these oil companies weren't just walking through the park one day when they stumbled upon \$36.6 billion. Finders keepers, losers weepers.

Those billions came out of the pockets of struggling motorists all over the world. It came out of the pockets of city, county, state and federal agencies which are forced to make cuts to services in order to keep vehicles on the streets.

In short, it came out of your's and my pockets.

With the mental vision of a greasy, oil dripping hand sneaking into our pockets each and every day fresh in everyone's mind, what can we do about it?

That's a really good question.

We could rely on our governments — both state and federal — to protect us from price

gouging from the oil barons through the power of embargoes and negotiations. Geez, I couldn't even type that with a straight face.

We could try the old "don't buy gas for one whole day" trick that seems to find its way into my e-mail inbox at least two or three times a year. Of course, when people just have to buy twice as much gas when the day is over, it kind of defeats the purpose.

I've heard talk that boycotts of particular oil companies, the latest being the Exxon Mobil Corp., but it just stands to reason that will make their competition even fatter.

In the end, I simply don't have a good answer. Every idea designed to slap some sense into the oil companies seems to fall flat on its face, giving our little petroleum buddies something else to giggle and point at.

Maybe those young men I see riding bicycles down Gregg Street with the pressed white shirts and black pants are the only ones with a real answer. I wonder if my daughter would let me borrow her bicycle for work.

Now that would certainly be a sight to see.

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Series books great fun for the children

As the children's librarian, I am pleased to announce that more than 250 new books have come in for the children's department. Many are additions to classic series such as the Franklin, Froggy, Arthur, D.W., Angelina Ballerina, and Curious George series. All of these series can be found in the Juvenile Easy section, the section designated for children ages birth to kindergarten.

There are eight new Arthur books, written by Marc Brown, on the shelf. One of those is titled "Arthur and the Dog Show." In "Arthur and the Dog Show," Arthur decides to enter his dog Pal into a dog show, but Pal needs a lot of training. Pal wags his tail when he is told to roll over and he digs a hole when told to sit. Arthur keeps on trying and is disappointed when it looks like Pal has lost the show. But, Arthur realizes it's not who wins

or loses, it's the love he has for Pal and that Pal has for him that is important. And, Pal may just win a prize after all. You will have to read "Arthur and the Dog Show" to find out.

In Marc Brown's "D.W., The Big Boss," D.W. wakes up in a very bossy mood and soon aggravates her entire family with all her bossiness. Since D.W. has told everyone in her family they can't do anything right, they decide to stop helping her. D.W. quickly learns being bossy and rude only hurts herself, so she learns to use kindness instead. She becomes as sweet as the cake recipe that comes with the book.

Summer is a time for baseball, and one out of the four new Curious

George books is about baseball. In Margaret and H.A. Rey's "Curious George at the Baseball Game," Curious George's curiosity gets him in trouble at a baseball game. The man with the yellow hat lets Curious George sit in the dugout with the players, so George begins to imitate the other players as they cheer or groan. Curious George gets in trouble when he begins to imitate the coach's signals. This distracts the players on the field and causes them to make mistakes, so Curious George is sent to sit in the stands. It doesn't take Curious George long to get in trouble in the stands. He also gets himself lost along with another little boy, whom Curious George comforts. Soon the boy and Curious George are found and George is the hero of the day for having helped the boy who was lost.

Summer is another time for soccer, which Jonathan London writes

about in "Froggy Plays Soccer." In "Froggy Plays Soccer," Froggy is preparing for a city cup championship soccer game. Froggy's father helps him by reminding him that in soccer you cannot touch the ball if you are not the goalie, and Froggy is not the goalie. Froggy remembers to not touch the ball at first, but he forgets to play the game. He misses the ball because he is too busy picking flowers and his nose. He gets hit in the head twice because he isn't watching the ball. He finally gets mad and begins to play the game, when he forgets the No. 1 rule "don't touch the ball with your hands!" Finally, Froggy does his best to keep his hands off the ball. He sticks them in his mouth, in his pockets, and under his arms. It all works and Froggy saves the game, but he wouldn't have been able to do so if he had not had the support of his dad, his coach and his team.

In Helen Craig's

"Angelina Loves," Angelina lists all the things she loves. She loves ballet, roller coasters, riding bikes, ice-skating, her family, her baby sister, and working hard. Angelina is a special girl because she shares her love with the people she loves. She teaches others around her to love the things she loves.

School will be starting soon, so a good book for those just starting kindergarten is Paulette Bourgeois' "Franklin Goes to School." The book deals with the first day of school nervousness. Franklin is both excited and scared. The closer it comes time to go, the sicker he gets to his stomach. Franklin calms down some when he meets his friends. Franklin becomes even more excited when his teacher takes the time to talk to him. Franklin learns that he loves school because he can learn more exciting new things.

For the children not

starting school this coming year, I will be offering a children's reading time on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. starting Sept. 6. I will be reading stories to the children and offering either games, crafts, videos or puppet shows. I look forward to seeing you soon.



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Texas, Illinois vie for near-zero-emissions coal power plant

By STEVE QUINN
AP Business Writer

DALLAS (AP) — Texas and Illinois will compete for the world's first near-zero-emissions coal power plant, a \$1 billion project headed by the U.S. Department of Energy and a consortium of 10 energy companies from the United States, China and Australia.

The Energy Department and the consortium announced Tuesday that two sites from each state will vie for the project known as FutureGen, a plant designed to turn coal into a hydrogen-rich gas to produce electricity for about 275,000 single-family homes.

The project dates to 2003 when President Bush announced the need for FutureGen to address global warming and touted technologies that would capture carbon dioxide for other uses. Those include fertilizers or liquefying the gas to inject it into old oil wells and push remaining oil or natural gas to the surface.

The process would not release into the atmosphere pollutants usually associated with coal-burning plants, such as carbon dioxide. Scientists have blamed the burning of fossil fuels as one of the main causes of global warming.

Sites in Mattoon and Tuscola in Illinois and near Odessa and in Jewett in Texas, beat out eight other candidates. The winner will be announced in September 2007 and will be operating a facility deemed the "ultimate power plant" almost five years later.

"This project makes coal, one of the most abundant fossil energies in the world, available in the future in the face of growing concern over greenhouse gas emissions and climate change," said Jeff Jarrett, the Energy Department's assistant secretary of fossil energy.

The selection committee, known as FutureGen Alliance, declined to discuss specific criteria that produced a final four until they had talked to those who did not make the cut. But Mike Mudd, chief executive officer for FutureGen, identified strengths of each.

Jewett's site in Central Texas is 400 acres, more than twice the minimum, and sits near existing industry transmission lines.

The site near Odessa features 600 acres, transmission lines within two miles and thick sandstone that ensures long-term carbon dioxide storage.

Mattoon's site needs only minimal grading, has a primary water supply from waste water treating plants

and thick sandstone.

Tuscola's case is strong because of proximity to three railroads, all within a mile and a half of the site, and the thick sandstone.

Gary Gaston, executive director of Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission, said the region's minerals history makes the site near Odessa ideal.

"People here understand not only what's below the ground but what's above the ground," Gaston said. "They understand that CO2 is a commodity; it's not a liability to us in West Texas."

Two regional councils backing the Jewett site remain equally bullish.

"Our site is located at the mouth of a coal mine," said Ken Simons, executive director for the Heart of Texas Council of Governments. "So, looking strictly at the technical aspects of the proposal, our site is far and above the other three sites."

Texas officials have long believed the state's formidable energy infrastructure — rail lines, ports and gas pipelines — should make it a front-runner.

"Texas has once again proven it is a leader in diversified energy production, and we are one step closer to having the world's first near-zero-emission coal-fired power plant in Texas," said Gov. Rick Perry. "We will continue to work with the Texas congressional delegation to bring FutureGen to Texas."

Texas is putting up \$20 million to the FutureGen alliance for use on infrastructure or development. Additionally, a new law indemnifies the alliance of any legal entanglements arising from the plant's carbon dioxide.

Illinois officials said they're ready to back up their candidates with up to \$80 million in incentives on the table, from grants to low-interest loans.

Plans call for the 275-megawatt plant to capture most of its emissions of carbon dioxide and inject them permanently into underground reservoirs, a process called sequestration.

FutureGen wants to measure the progress of the finalists' proposals next week in Pittsburgh.

The FutureGen Alliance has already committed more than \$250 million to the project.

Second son of Lubbock family killed in war

LUBBOCK (AP) — When Army Pfc. Andrew Velez's older brother was killed in Iraq almost two years ago, the Lubbock man escorted the soldier's body home.

On Tuesday, the Velez family learned it had lost Andrew to the war on terror.

Roy Velez, the soldiers' father, said military personnel came to his home to notify him that Andrew Velez, 22 and a father of three, had been killed in Afghanistan. They did not provide details of how he died.

Roy Velez said he feels proud of his two sons and holds no anger about losing both of them.

"I'm going to miss him for a long time," he said. "I can't be angry. I feel like my heart's been pulled out. We've done what the Lord allowed us to do for our country."

Andrew Velez's survivors include his wife of about 6 1/2 years, Veronica Velez; a daughter, Jasmine Jade, 5; two sons, Jordan Davis, 3, and Jacob Andrew, 2.

Culberson Co. residents like spaceport plans

VAN HORN (AP) — Residents and officials from a sparsely populated West Texas county who showed up Tuesday evening at a federal hearing are thrilled Amazon.com founder Jeff Bezos has chosen their remote area for a commercial space venture.

"We are very excited about Blue Origin," Ron Helm, 50, an area rancher, said at a Federal Aviation Administration hearing on the spaceport being developed by the Internet billionaire's company. "As far as we can tell, this is a great opportunity."

"This has a lot of possibilities," added Mayor Okey D. Lukas, 70, who described the secretive venture under construction about 25 miles north of his town of about 3,000 people as the biggest thing to hit Culberson County in his 23 years in office.

The FAA hearing was to take public comment on a 229-page draft report of an environmental assessment

of the project on some 165,000 acres of property Bezos has purchased in the county about 120 miles east of El Paso.

The hearing drew about three dozen area residents, and none expressed any misgivings.

Beaumont superintendent calls for seat belts in buses

BEAUMONT (AP) — Four months after two students were killed in a bus wreck, Beaumont school officials are asking the district board to approve outfitting 30 new school buses with seat belts.

Superintendent Carrol Thomas said she will recommend buying 10 new buses with seat belts and adding belts to 20 others bought last month.

"I think this is an appropriate thing to do in light of what happened," Thomas said Tuesday. "And I don't think that we need to be waiting for the Legislature or someone to come down and make us or tell us what to do."

The state does not require seat belts in school buses. Alicia Bonura, 18, and Ashley Brown, 16, were killed in the March 29 accident that happened on a rainy day as the Beaumont West Brook High School girls soccer team traveled to a game in Humble.

Four men arrested for Internet sex solicitation

HOUSTON (AP) — Four men accused of using the Internet to solicit sex from minors were arrested during a two-week undercover operation by Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott's office.

Arrested in July were: William Noel Shrum, 25, of The Woodlands; Guadalupe "Wally" DeLaGarza, III, 26, of College Station; Robert Wayne Ramirez, 40, of Needville; and Calvin Hoddy Hannah, Jr., 51, of Owasso, Okla., the AG's office announced in a news release Tuesday.

Police raid Central Texas monastery

BLANCO (AP) — Law enforcement officials raided a hilltop monastery near Blanco in Central Texas on Tuesday morning after getting indictments accusing five monks of sexually assaulting a boy there about 13 years ago, officials said.

The Blanco County Sheriff's Office and federal investigators continued to search Tuesday evening, KXAN television station in Austin reported.

Samuel A. Greene Jr., the 61-year-old founder of the Christ of the Hills Monastery, was among those charged with sexual assault of a child and engaging in organized crime relating to the assault, Blanco County Sheriff Bill Elsbury said.

Greene, who also faces one count of sexual performance with a child, was already on probation after pleading guilty in 2000 to nine counts of indecency with a novice monk.

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It is surely correct to take a finesse in a suit if doing so offers the only chance of escaping a loser in that suit. But many finesses do not fall into this category. Some of them can be avoided by adopting a line of play designed to reduce or eliminate the risk ordinarily associated with a finesse.

Consider this deal where West leads a heart against five diamonds. South wins and sees he must inevitably lose two tricks to the two missing aces. Since he also has a potential club loser, he should devote all his energy to trying to escape it.

The most obvious way to deal with this problem is to try a club finesse. After winning the heart and losing a trump to East's ace, South ruffs the heart return, draws one more trump and plays the ace and another club, finessing the jack. In the actual case, East wins, and South goes down one. Since the location of the club queen is roughly a 50-50 proposition, this method of play rates to succeed only half the time.

But the most obvious approach is not always the best approach. Here, there is a far better approach that offers an additional chance of success, and declarer should certainly try it before resorting to the straightforward finesse.

Instead of attacking clubs at trick five, South should lead the six of spades toward dummy, hoping West started with the singleton or doubleton ace. West has no choice but to follow low, and dummy's queen wins. Declarer then returns a spade, forcing West to win with the ace.

West cannot afford a heart return, so he has to lead a club. If he leads low, dummy plays low and East's queen is trapped. If he returns the ten instead, dummy plays the jack, and it does not matter whether East covers because South's club loser vanishes either way.

Tomorrow: You don't need a slide rule.
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IN BRIEF

Softball touney set for later this month

The first-ever Ball Busters co-ed softball tournament will take place at Cotton Mize Field inside Comanche Trail Park Friday through Sunday.

The entry fee is \$125 per team. There will be first, second and third place trophies awarded and T-shirts will also be given out as prizes.

For more information, contact Jessica Dunn at 264-0816 or Amador Rios at 325-201-1365.

New volleyball coach sets parent-player meeting

New Big Spring volleyball coach Amanda Whitaker has announced a parent-player meeting with anyone planning on being involved with the high school volleyball program this upcoming season.

The meeting, which is for high school-level students only, will take place Tuesday, Aug. 1, at the Big Spring Athletic Training Center at 7 p.m.

For more info, call coach Whitaker at 325-864-1467.

Big Spring ISD sets dates for buying football tickets

Fans of the Big Spring Steers football team who have had season tickets in the past can begin purchasing tickets for the upcoming season at the Big Spring Athletic Training Center.

Previous ticket holders have until Aug. 10 to purchase tickets. The general public may purchase tickets starting Aug. 14.

Tickets can be purchased through Kay Cook at the ATC from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

For more info, call Cook at 264-3662.

Holt announces Steer football camp

Big Spring head football coach Tim Holt and his staff will conduct a camp for grades kindergarten through ninth this week.

The camp started yesterday and will run through Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon both days. The cost is \$25.

For more info, call 264-3662.

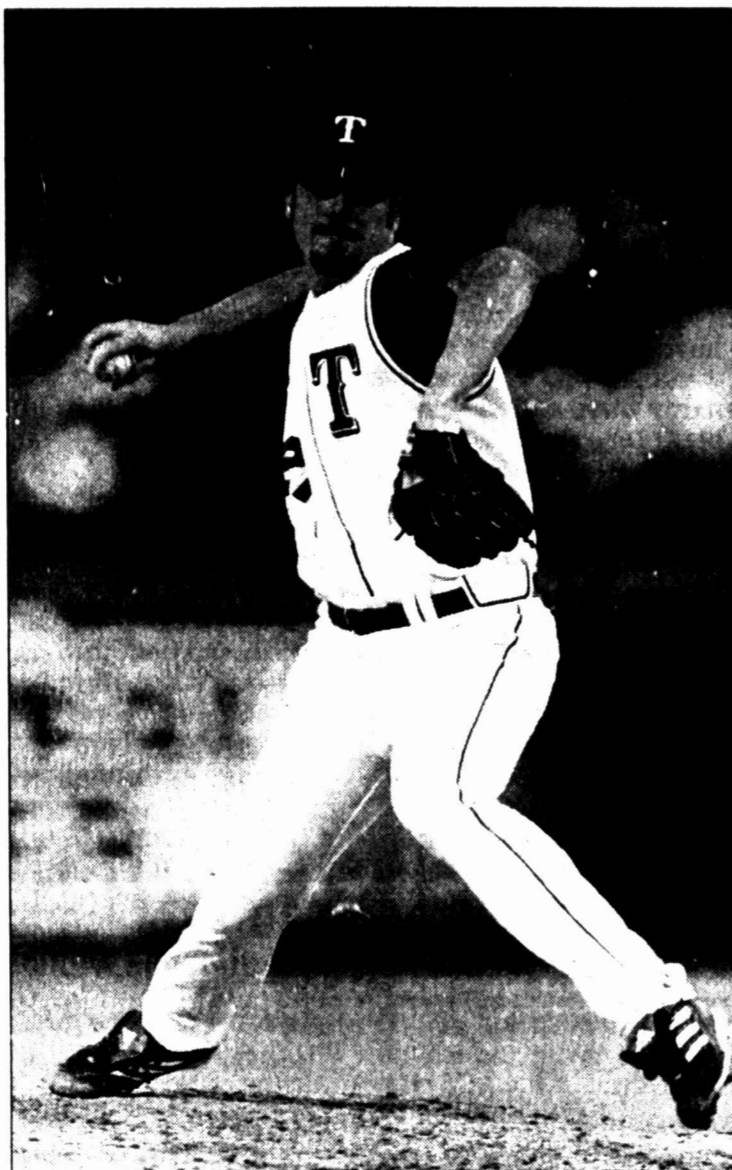
Junior high football coaches announce equipment hand out

Junior high football coach John Richard Sparks has announced that football players in seventh and eighth grade will be issued equipment Aug. 10 and 11.

The eighth graders will get theirs the first day from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and the seventh grade will go the second day at the same time.

For more info, call 264-4135.

Eaton loses in Texas debut



MCT photo/Jeffery Washington, Fort Worth Star-Telegram
Texas Rangers' Adam Eaton pitches in the third inning against the New York Yankees at Ameriquest Field in Arlington Tuesday. Eaton cruised through three innings before walking three to load the bases in the fourth. He took the loss after giving up three runs, and did not make it out of the fourth inning.

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON — Mike Mussina made it through a sporadic six innings for his 12th victory and Aaron Guiel homered in the second straight game for the New York Yankees, who made the most of their four hits in a 7-4 victory over the Texas Rangers Tuesday night.

Alex Rodriguez showed more signs of breaking out of his slump, reaching base three times (two walks and hit by a pitch) and scoring twice. The Yankees third baseman handled four fielding chances without an error, including a couple of short-hoppers.

A-Rod even had some fun when he was shown on the giant video screen after the sixth inning during a regular "Kiss Cam" segment. The two-time AL MVP, who played three seasons in Texas before being traded to New York in 2004, reached over and playfully pecked teammate Andy Phillips on top of the head.

Mussina (12-3) won his fourth straight decision over his last seven starts. The right-hander threw

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Courtesy photo
The Big Spring Sandlot softball team placed fifth this past weekend in Hobbs, N.M. at the USSSA National Youth Softball Tournament. Front row, from left: Jacob Acosta, Manuel Sosa, Frankie Reyes, Ivan Martinez and Isaac Nieto. Back: Angel Martinez, Elijah Salazar, Jake Hernandez, Nick Jones, Cameron Churchwell, Isaac Garcia and Jake Rhoton. The team is coached by Ben Flores and the assistant coaches are Kevin Rhoton and Johnny Prado. The team went 2-2 in the tourney, defeating the Clovis Reds and Hobbs Homegrown and losing to the Rage and the Clovis Shockers.



Courtesy photo
The Big Spring 8-and-under "Dirty Dozen" participated in the West Texas all-star tournament in Midland July 14-16 and won the consolation bracket after beating teams from Eunice, Lubbock and Lamesa. Front row, from left: Mariah Sarmento, Abby Saucedo, Klowa Lesser, Lauren Smith, Destiny Mata and Makenzie Roberts. Middle: Brittnee Rios, Skydra Sanford, Danie Ortega, Alaine Lopez, Kaylee Kemper and Kendra Dyer. Back: Coaches Jennifer and Tony Sarmento and Jason and Monica Hull.



MCT photo/Chuck Zovko, Allentown Morning Call
Indy 500 Rookie of the Year Danica Patrick, right, shares some thoughts with the fastest rookie qualifier for this past year's Indianapolis 500 race, Marco Andretti, at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in Indianapolis, Ind., back in May. Patrick announced yesterday that she would join the young Andretti next season and drive for the Andretti-Green racing team.

Patrick to join new Indy team

• Indy's most high-profile driver will join Andretti-Green; ends NASCAR talk

CHICAGO (AP) — Danica Patrick signed with Andretti Green Racing on Tuesday, deciding to stay in the IndyCar series instead of switching to NASCAR.

Patrick will start driving for her new team in 2007. Her current contract with Rahal Letterman expires at the end of the season. Though she toyed with joining NASCAR, Patrick said last week she was leaning toward staying in the IndyCar series.

"My heart and soul is in IndyCar racing," Patrick said at a news conference. "NASCAR is not out for good. It's out for right now."

Patrick, the 2005 IndyCar Series rookie of the year, is the third driver under contract to Andretti Green racing for 2007. She joins Tony

Kanaan and Marco Andretti. Andretti Green has four full-time entries in the series.

"Danica has shown great talent during her first two seasons in the IndyCar Series," CEO Michael Andretti said in a prepared statement. "Our focus has been and always will be on winning races and winning championships. We certainly believe Danica will do that. She has made it very clear that one of her goals as a driver is to win the Indianapolis 500 and we are looking forward to giving her a great opportunity to do that."

Patrick has finished fourth in back-to-back races and is currently ninth in the IndyCar standings, but her Rahal team generally hasn't been competitive this season.

"I've had a very good run, a very good relationship with Rahal Letterman and Bobby

Rahal. He helped me when no one else stepped up. And I will be forever grateful for that," Patrick said.

"But at some point in time, there's just time for a change, time for something new. I feel Andretti Green is going to give me the opportunity to win races, and while Rahal Letterman still can, too, I have to go with what I think is best for my future. I feel like that's the place."

Patrick and AGR officials refused to release the length of the deal.

Patrick's father, T.J., caused a stir earlier this month when he showed up at a Nextel Cup race at Chicagoland Speedway and told a Chicago Tribune reporter that Patrick was interested in switching to NASCAR.

But Patrick said she was just exploring every option and always was leaning toward staying in IndyCar.

Harang's gem leads to Reds' win over Astros

By CHRIS DUNCAN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Aaron Harang outpitched Roger Clemens Tuesday night and dominated the Houston Astros for the third time this season, leading the Cincinnati Reds to a 2-0 victory.

Harang (11-6) allowed four hits and struck out six with one walk in eight innings. He held the Astros to five hits in victories on April 29 (6-3) and June 2 (14-3).

Preston Wilson and Luke Scott hit two-out singles off Reds right-hander Todd Coffey in the ninth but Bill Bray got pinch-hitter Eric Bruntlett to fly out to center for his first career save.

The Reds beat the Astros for the sixth time in seven meetings. The defending NL champs also fell six games behind Cincinnati in the wild-card race.

The Astros wasted another solid effort by Clemens (2-4) the way they usually do — by failing to offer run support.

Clemens allowed seven hits and struck out four,

but the Astros suffered their 11th shutout when he pitches since the start of last season. Houston has mustered two runs or fewer in four of Clemens' seven starts this year.

The Reds got the only run they needed in the first inning.

Adam Dunn, batting .324 since the All-Star break, singled sharply to center, stole second and went to third on Rich Aurilia's single off Aubrey Huff's glove. Scott Hatteberg followed with a single to center for his fifth RBI since the All-Star break.

Harang, meanwhile, cruised through the first three innings, allowing only Mike Lamb's harmless single in the first.

Lamb singled again in the fourth and Harang hit Huff with a pitch with one out. But Wilson hit a bat-shattering grounder to Aurilia at third to start a double play.

Harang walked Clemens on four pitches, but then got Craig Biggio to hit a soft liner that second baseman Brandon Phillips leaped to catch in shallow right.

UT's Taylor decides to transfer

AUSTIN (AP) — Running back Ramonce Taylor, who struggled with academic and legal troubles after Texas' national championship season, said he will transfer to another school.

Taylor scored a touchdown in Texas' Rose Bowl win over Southern California. But he missed spring practice because of academic problems and in May was arrested on a marijuana possession charge, which is still pending.

One of the Longhorns' most versatile players, Taylor scored 15 touchdowns last season, playing both running back and wide receiver.

"We appreciate all that R.T. contributed to our program," Brown said. "We wish him the very best in football and in life."

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97 pitches with four strikeouts, two walks and a hit batter. He allowed three runs and five hits.

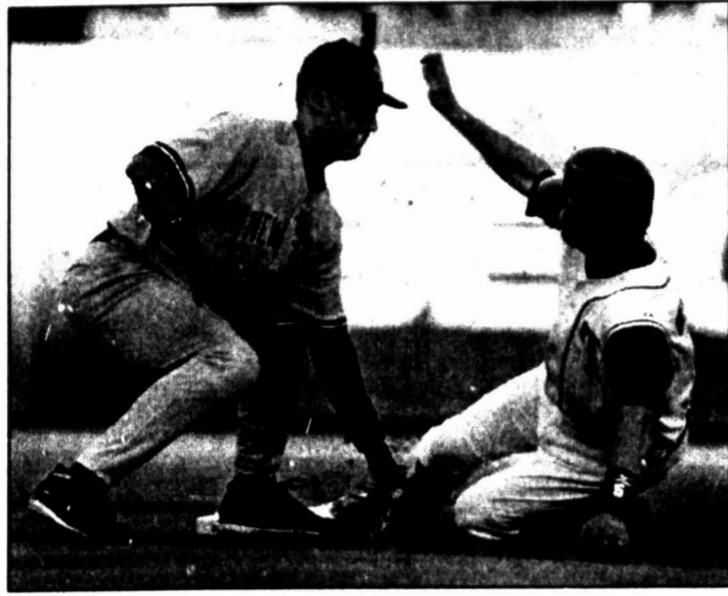
Mariano Rivera pitched the ninth for his 24th save in 26 chances.

The Yankees loaded the bases with two outs in the fourth when Adam Eaton (0-1), finally making his Texas debut, walked two batters and hit Guiel before walking Phillips to drive home a run. Miguel Cairo then hit a two-run single, a grounder through the middle that put New York ahead 3-2.

That was the last batter and the only hit allowed by Eaton, activated from the disabled list earlier Tuesday. Acquired in a December trade from San Diego to be the No. 2 starter behind Kevin Millwood, Eaton injured the middle finger on his pitching hand in his final spring start and had surgery.

Eaton threw 43 of 78 pitches for strikes, with four strikeouts, four walks and hit two batters. The right-hander retired 10 of the first 12 batters he faced before walking A-Rod with two outs in the fourth.

Derek Jeter had a lead-off single in the fifth and after Rodriguez walked



MCT photo/Jeffery Washington, Fort Worth Star-Telegram
New York Yankees' Derek Jeter, left, is late on the tag as Texas Rangers' Michael Young slides safely into second base in the bottom of the first inning at Ameritrust Field in Arlington Tuesday.

again, Guiel hit a three-run homer, his sixth of the season.

Guiei was claimed off waivers from Kansas City on July 5 because the Yankees desperately needed outfielders with Gary Sheffield and Hideki Matsui on the disabled list. Plus, Johnny Damon missed his second straight game Tuesday because of a sore back.

Before his homer, Guiel had only two hits in his previous 19 at-bats, including a solo shot in Monday night's 6-2 victory.

Rodriguez took a called third strike in the seventh, one pitch after his flyball down the right-

field line landed in the stands just a few feet past the foul pole. Despite going 2-for-5 in the series opener, he still has only six hits his last 33 at-bats.

Texas led 1-0 in the first after rookie second baseman Ian Kinsler walked, stole second and scored on Mark Teixeira's single.

The Rangers got another run in the third without putting a ball into the outfield.

Jorge Posada led off the eighth with a double, and came home on Rick Bauer's error when the reliever dropped the relay throw covering first base on Guiel's grounder to Teixeira.

Brown must find replacement for VY, others in similar boat

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Mack Brown has lost his star quarterback from a national championship team. But the Texas coach still has his sense of humor.

Asked how the early departure of double-threat quarterback Vince Young has affected the Longhorns' offensive game plan, Brown deadpanned:

"We probably won't have more structure, but we also won't have too many third-and-30 scrambles for first down. I called a lot of those, and they were pretty exciting."

Behind Brown's wisecracks, though, there's a genuine concern. And he's not the only Big 12 coach wondering how to replace key players from a bowl team.

Kansas and Colorado, whose coaches both spoke at Tuesday's media day, are in the same situation.

Young left for the NFL after his junior season, when he led the Longhorns to a 13-0 record capped by a 41-38 victory over Southern California in the BCS title game. Partly because Brown had expected him

to stay for another year, and partly because Young's grip on the position was so tight, Texas has no proven replacement.

"Any time we'd bring a quarterback recruit in, Vince would not miss a pass," Brown said. "It was the most incredible thing I'd seen in my life."

That leaves Texas with redshirt freshman Colt McCoy and freshman Jevan Snead as the most likely successors to Young — possibly in tandem, Brown said.

"We'll probably have to play both guys," he said. "Colt's just been there longer. It's been a very difficult thing for Jevan to come in in January and be pushed into the offense. It's something we will just have to put together on the run."

Kansas graduated its entire linebacking corps of Nick Reid, Banks Floodman and Kevin Kane — the heart of a defense that led the Jayhawks to a 7-5 mark that included a win over Houston in the Fort Worth Bowl.

Going into fall drills, coach Mark Mangino said, Kansas' top three

linebackers are senior Eric Washington and sophomores Joe Mortensen and Mike Rivera.

New Colorado coach Dan Hawkins takes over a team that played in the Champs Sports Bowl — but also lost its last four games by a combined 149-32, including a 70-3 thrashing by Texas in the Big 12 title game which led to Gary Barnett being forced out.

Hawkins lost quarterback Joel Klatt, who threw for 2,696 yards and 14 touchdowns as a senior, and had likely replacement James Cox hampered by injuries in spring drills.

But unlike Brown and Mangino, Hawkins has his team's most notable player coming back, even if it's only for a few snaps each game.

Senior kicker Mason Crosby was 31-for-31 on conversion attempts last year and had five field goals of 50 yards or more. He decided against turning pro — and part of his reward, Hawkins said, will be a chance to break the collegiate record for the longest field goal.

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Garage Sales

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- 2) Be of good moral character
- 3) Must have a Bachelor's Degree from accredited college university;
- 4) and have either:
 - (A) One year of graduate study in Criminology, Corrections, Counseling, Law, Social Work, Psychology, Sociology, or other field of instruction approved by the state, or;
 - (B) One year of work experience in Case work, Counseling, Community Corrections, Group work with offenders or other disadvantaged persons.
- 5) Must be able to pass a drug test and criminal history check
- 6) And must reside in Howard County or be willing to relocate

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Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS ARIES (March 21-April 19). You have a point to make. This is no time for subtlety. Make it, and then make it again and again - with a lunch break in between, of course. (Just because you're forceful doesn't mean you have to be relentless!) TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Allow for input from everyone, even people you don't agree with - this takes maturity and wisdom. By expanding your scope to include the opposite viewpoint from your position, you become truly open to inspiration.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). If you can be powerful and just all at the same time, today, you'll make a difference in the world, indeed. If you can only choose one, choose justice, and you'll still make a remarkable difference.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). When you believe in someone, do it all the way. Relationships thrive when there's not an ounce of doubt in your heart or a critical word lingering on your lips. Stand proudly behind your love.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your questions surface for a reason. Ask away. If you don't know how you'll possibly apply the answers you get, that's OK, too. Your mind is a beautiful art piece - a perennial work in progress.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Take initiative. Most people have good intentions. Following those good intentions with action is what makes the classy people like you stand out. You're a doer.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). What your loved ones believe would be good for you has no scientific or logical merit. That doesn't mean it won't solve your problem. It doesn't mean it will, either. "Good for you" is something only you can determine.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Everyone wants to be celebrated. If you're willing to celebrate others, they'll be eager to reciprocate. Tonight, vulnerability attracts powerful love, and powerful love attracts emotional stability.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your youthful curiosity (regardless of your chronological age) is golden. You'll be promoted in one way or another because your questions show such sensitivity and intelligence.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The stars show you in a position to reason with a notoriously difficult person. Success depends on preparation. Spend most of your time anticipating what this person might say, so you can counter effectively.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your vices and your virtues are interwoven into a fabulous tapestry. Those who love you know what they're getting into. So you can feel free to be yourself completely. You're accepted.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You let yourself be swept into the swell of love. Getting to know someone and teaching them about yourself will be a grand adventure, inspiring you to take risks you normally wouldn't consider.

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Legals PUBLIC NOTICE The Howard County Auditor will receive sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. Friday, August 11, 2006, for prescription medicine and services for the County Indigent Health Care, County Welfare, Howard County Jail and the Howard County Juvenile Probation Programs. Specifications may be obtained at the County Indigent Health Care Office, Howard County Courthouse, 300 Main Street, Room #310, Big Spring, Texas 79720. Bids will be presented to the Commissioners' Court on August 14, 2006 for their consideration. The Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Jackie Olson, County Auditor #5025 July 26 & August 4, 2006.

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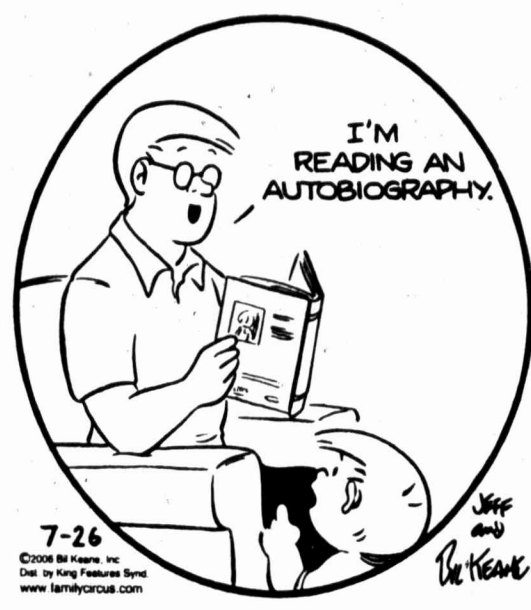
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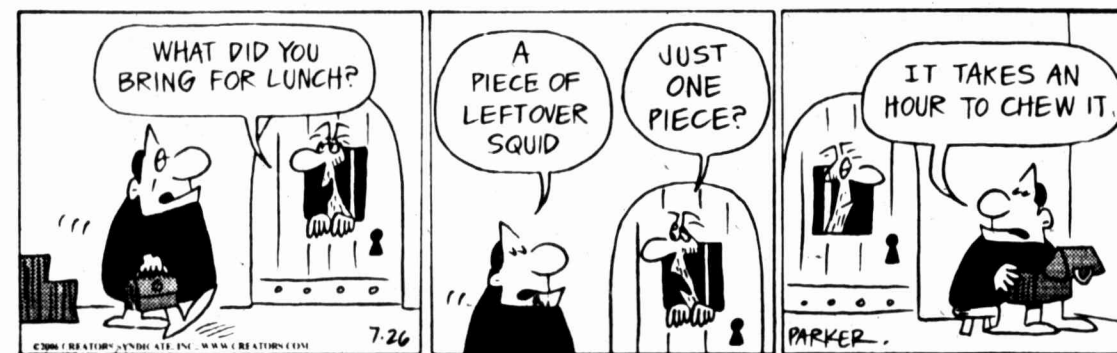


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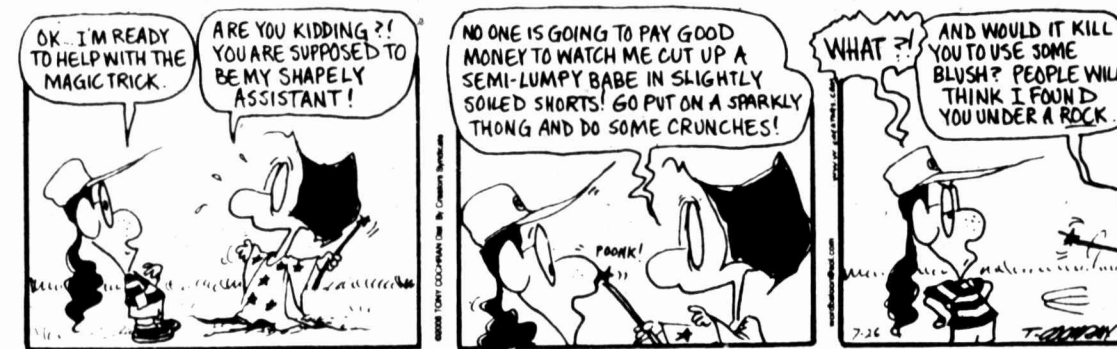
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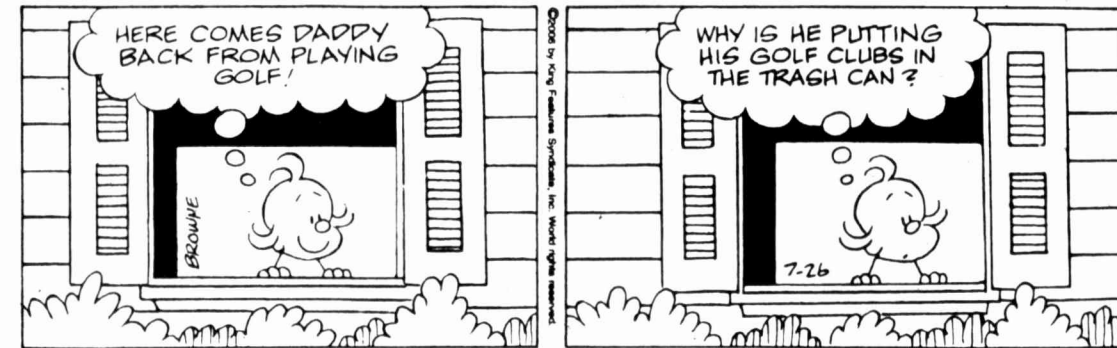
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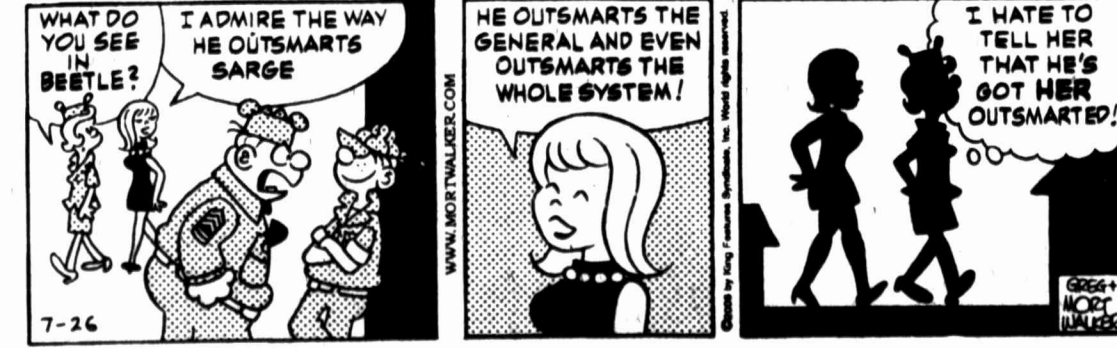
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, July 26, the 207th day of 2006. There are 158 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

- On July 26, 1856, 150 years ago, playwright George Bernard Shaw was born in Dublin, Ireland.
- On this date: In 1775, Benjamin Franklin became Postmaster-General.
- In 1788, New York became the 11th state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.
- In 1945, Winston Churchill resigned as Britain's prime minister after his Conservatives were soundly defeated by the Labour Party. (Clement Attlee became the new prime minister.)
- In 1952, Argentina's first lady, Eva Peron, died in Buenos Aires at age 33.
- In 1952, King Farouk I of Egypt abdicated in the wake of a coup led by Gamal Abdel Nasser.

In 1956, Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser nationalized the Suez Canal.

In 1956, the Italian liner Andrea Doria sank off New England, some 11 hours after colliding with the Swedish liner Stockholm: at least 51 people died.

In 1971, Apollo 15 was launched from Cape Kennedy, Fla.

In 1986, kidnappers in Lebanon released the Rev. Lawrence Martin Jenco, an American hostage held for nearly 19 months.

In 1986, American statesman W. Averell Harriman died in Yorktown Heights, N.Y., at age 94.

One year ago: America's manned space program roared back to life with the launch of Discovery, 2 1/2 years after the Columbia disaster. Cubs pitcher Greg Maddux recorded his 3,000 career strikeout against San Francisco in the third inning of a 3-2, 11-inning victory for the Giants.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director Blake Edwards is 84. Actor James Best is 80. Singer Dobie Gray is 66. Actress-singer Darlene Love is 65. Singer Brenton Wood is 65. Rock star Mick Jagger is 63. Movie director Peter Hyams is 63. Actress Helen Mirren is 61. Rock musician Roger Taylor (Queen) is 57. Actress Susan George is 56. Actor Kevin Spacey is 47. Rock singer Gary Cherone is 45. Actress Sandra Bullock is 42. Actor Jeremy Piven is 41. Rapper-reggae singer Wayne Wonder is 40. Actress Kate Beckinsale is 33. Gospel/Contemporary Christian singer Rebecca St. James is 29.

Thought for Today: "A life spent making mistakes is not only more honorable, but more useful than a life spent doing nothing." — George Bernard Shaw (1856-1950).

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- Brown shade
- Help to do wrong
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- Between ports
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- Pomeranian pest
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World briefs

Calif. heat-related deaths climb to at least 56 after 10th straight day of 100-degree temps

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Gripped by a 10th straight day of 100-degree heat, California sweated out the possibility of more blackouts Tuesday as the number of suspected heat-related deaths climbed to at least 56 and the rotting carcasses of thousands of dairy cows and other livestock baked in the sun.

Some communities faced their third day without electricity as the record-breaking temperatures strained transmission equipment.

"We're asking people for one more day of conservation," said Gregg Fishman, the California Independent System Operator, which manages the state's power grid. "We're not out of the woods yet."

The stretch of 100-plus degree scorchers that descended on the state last week marks the first time in 57 years that both Northern and Southern California have experienced extended heat waves simultaneously, California Undersecretary for Energy Affairs Joe Desmond said.

In the Central Valley, where most of the deaths have occurred, temperatures hovered between 100 and 105 degrees Tuesday, down from 110 to 115 in previous days. Truly cooler weather was not expected until Wednesday, when the system was forecast to move east into Nevada and Utah.

Reports: Several Israeli soldiers killed in heavy fighting in southern Lebanon

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Hezbollah fighters battled Wednesday to stop Israeli forces from capturing a southern Lebanese town, leaving several Israeli soldiers dead, Arab TV stations reported.

Al-Arabiya, a Dubai-based satellite TV channel, said 12 soldiers were killed as Israeli forces tried to gain control of the town. The Qatar-based satellite TV station Al-Jazeera reported that nine Israelis had been killed and 25 wounded.

In Jerusalem, the Israeli military would say that no more than several soldiers had been wounded in heavy fighting at Bint Jbail, which lies 2 1/2 miles north of the Israeli-Lebanese border.

Israel Radio reported that "at least 10 Israeli soldiers had been hit" in heavy fighting against 200 Hezbollah guerrillas in the town. It did not specify how many Israelis were killed.

Rice at international conference under pressure to call for Mideast cease fire

ROME (AP) — Almost every nation attending an international conference in Rome is pressing Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice to call for an immediate end to the fighting on the Israeli-Lebanese border.

But Rice, who was attending the session on

Wednesday, stood her ground in two days of diplomacy in Lebanon and Israel and the West Bank. Rather than a quick fix, she has repeatedly said the region needs enduring solutions, and other U.S. officials have raised doubts about an immediate cease-fire between Israel and Hezbollah fighters in the south of Lebanon.

The Rome meeting of European and moderate Arab officials was to discuss the fighting sparked by the July 12 Hezbollah abduction of two Israeli soldiers. Rice attended a morning meeting with Italian Foreign Minister Massimo D'Alema before the international conference was set to begin.

When asked if she planned to announce an international force for Lebanon, Rice smiled and wouldn't comment.

On Tuesday, Rice said her effort was designed "to bring about an urgent but enduring cease-fire in Lebanon, one that can deal with the causes of extremism that began this crisis and that can also lead to the establishment of the sovereignty of the Lebanese government throughout its territory."

Senate passes bill making it a crime to cross state lines for abortion without parents' OK

WASHINGTON (AP) — An abortion bill aimed at stopping people from helping pregnant girls skirt parental-notification laws has gained passage in both houses of Congress, but sticky political and policy disputes stand between it and President Bush's desk.

Just moments after the Senate passed its version 65-34 late Tuesday — with the support of 14 Democrats — Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., used a procedural motion to halt its progress.

Moreover, there are significant differences between the Senate bill and the House version passed last year.

For his part, Bush urged Congress to resolve the differences and send him the bill.

"Transporting minors across state lines to bypass parental consent laws regarding abortion undermines state law and jeopardizes the lives of young women," he said in a statement.

Saddam returns to court, asks to be executed by firing squad if sentenced to death

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A thinner but combative Saddam Hussein appeared in court Wednesday for the first time since his hunger strike and hospitalization and asks to be executed by firing squad if the court convicts him and sentences him to death.

Saddam also complained that he had been brought to the chamber against his will and rejecting the tribunal as an agent of the U.S. occupation.

"The Americans insisted that I come against my will. This is not fair," Saddam told the chief judge.

The ousted president was then allowed to make a statement, beginning with a verse from the Quran, in

which he challenged the validity and impartiality of the court which could sentence him to death by hanging.

Saddam and seven co-defendants have been on trial since Oct. 19 in the killing and torture of Shiites in Dujail following a 1982 assassination attempt against him there.

Prime Minister Nouri Al-Maliki turns focus to Congress to shore up U.S. commitment in Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — Seeking to shore up the U.S. military commitment in Iraq, Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki must charm an increasingly skeptical Congress that is wary of his criticism of Israel and concerned about rising violence in Baghdad.

During his first trip to Washington since becoming prime minister two months ago, Al-Maliki was to address the House and Senate in a joint meeting on Wednesday.

In earlier meetings with President Bush, the Iraqi leader asked the United States for more military equipment and recommended increasing U.S. and Iraqi forces patrolling Baghdad neighborhoods.

Al-Maliki told reporters he and Bush agreed Iraqi forces needed training and better arms "as quickly as possible," particularly in the besieged capital city, to stabilize the country. Bush said the violence in Baghdad "is still terrible" and more troops are needed there.

The president said U.S. forces would be moved into Baghdad from other parts of Iraq. He did not say how many troops would be redeployed, but Pentagon officials have suggested several thousand soldiers would be moved to Baghdad, including some now based in Kuwait.

'Prison Break' star Wentworth Miller braces for more hours in makeup chair to apply tattoo

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Wentworth Miller is bracing himself for more hours in the makeup chair to apply the intricate tattoo his "Prison Break" character wears.

The Fox drama returns for its second season Aug. 21, with the convicts having escaped from prison and the subjects of a nationwide manhunt, led by a ruthless FBI agent.

The upper-body tattoo featuring the prison's blueprints takes about four hours to apply.

"I have to admit I'm much less a fan of the tattoo than I was when we started," Miller told the Television Critics Association's annual meeting Monday.

"It is an arduous process, but it's such a cool special effect, I think the most ambitious faux tattoo ever attempted for TV or film. It is the reason why some people are tuning in, because they think it's such a great set piece."

July Summer Selldown

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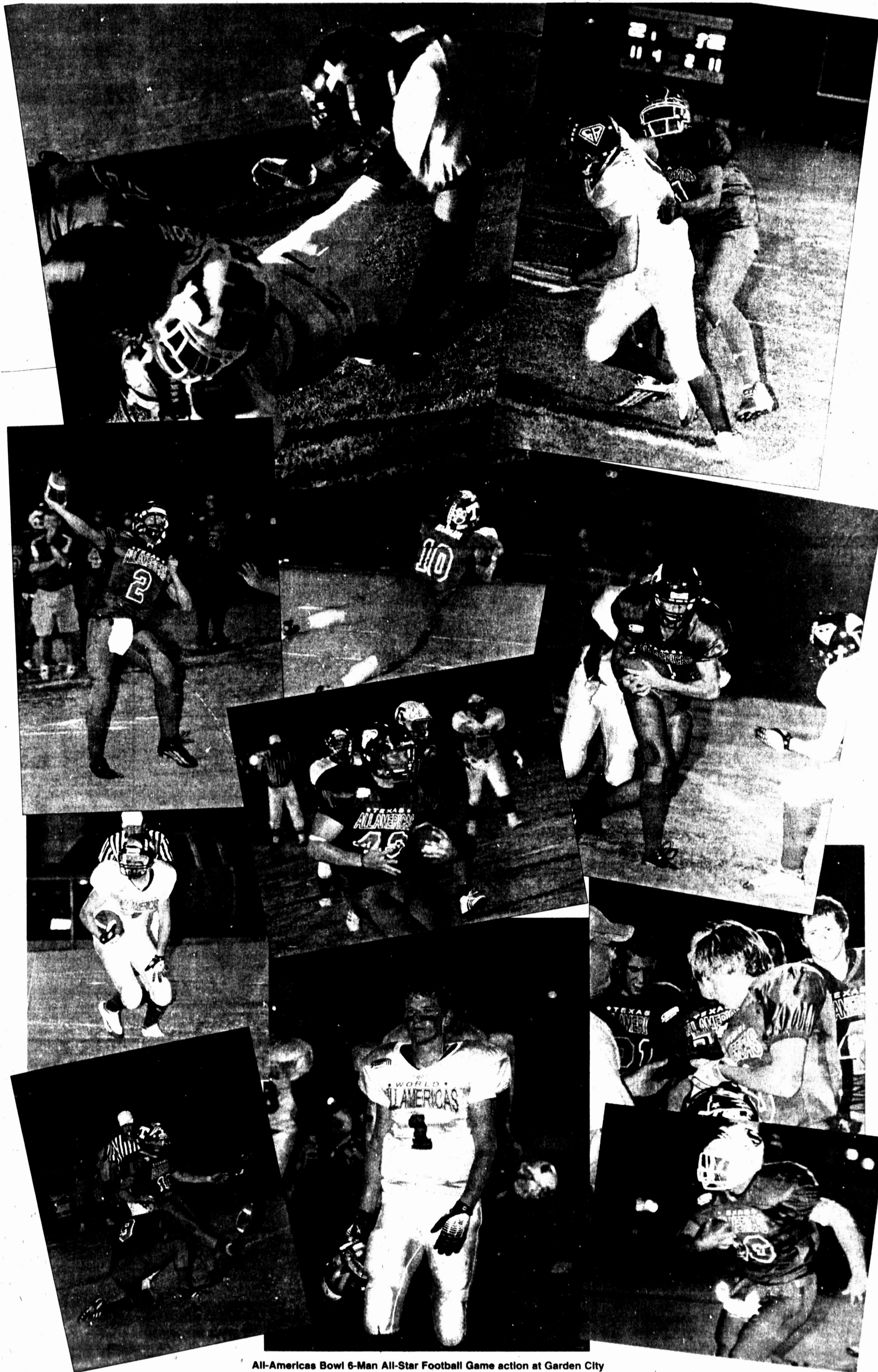
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Job Opening(s) Part-time positions for Wellness Trainer(s), early morning and afternoon hours will be considered. Successful applicants will be fitness-minded and dependable. Experience is not necessary but preferred. Responsibilities include assisting with wellness classes and programs, educating new members, equipment and department upkeep. Apply in person at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. 3rd Street, Big Spring, TX.

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