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Safety first: Lock up your firearms, sheriff says

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

For most Americans the idea of having a front door without a lock would seem insane, a premise the Howard County Sheriff's Office is trying to apply to firearms. For the fifth year in a row, the HCSO will be offering free gun



Walker

locks to local firearm owners, part of a nationwide firearm safety program. "We've participated in the program over the last three years," said Sheriff Dale Walker. "We keep a box of the free gun locks

in our office for the public, and over the past year we've handed out hundreds of them to gun owners. We also give them out at community events, such as neighborhood watch meetings and the annual fair." Touting special gun locks designed to fit every make and model of firearms, from shotguns to revolvers, Project

ChildSafe, an expansion of Project HomeSafe, will distribute millions of free firearm safety kits this year as part of a nationwide initiative to raise awareness about safe and responsible firearm ownership and storage. According to Project Childsafe officials, the combination of free gun locks and

education is having a very positive impact on the nation. "Project ChildSafe has become the most comprehensive firearm safety education program in America," said Doug Painter, president of the National Shooting Sports Foundation. "The combination See LOCKS, Page 3A

A mixed blessing

School curriculum getting tougher; more funding to be available for some

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Curriculum requirements are about to increase for Texas high school students, but so are efforts by the state and local school districts to help those students graduate and move on to college.

Starting with the 2007-08 school year, incoming freshmen will be required to complete four years of science and math courses in order to graduate, according to guidelines recently adopted by the Texas State Board of Education.

In math, students will have to successfully complete Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II and a fourth course in which Algebra II is prerequisite, such as trigonometry.

Likewise, students will have to complete at least one advanced science course before graduating, Big Spring Superintendent Michael Downes said.

Downes noted that the new requirements are a mixed blessing.

"On the plus side, there's no question that high school graduates will be better prepared for post-secondary education," he said.

The new guidelines do pose two potential problem areas — finding enough qualified teachers and lab space.

"The additional class requirements will demand additional teachers in science and math. These are two of the most critical shortage areas right now, and the situation will only get worse," Downes said.

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"And as the number of science classes increase, the need for more lab space will increase, as well."

While state officials have increased curriculum requirements, they have also provided extra revenue to districts for use in high school completion and college readiness programs.

Downes said the money, which was included in the state legislature's recent school finance reform bill, will have various applications.

Specific uses of the money won't be finalized until guidelines are adopted by the Texas Education Agency in early August.

"One possible expense is that we could pay for all our high school students to take the SAT and ACT college-entrance exams," Downes said.

"Another possibility is that we could use the money to help pay tuition and fees for students taking concurrent courses," he added.

WORKING ON THE ROADWAY



A construction crew from Albany-based Tenpenny Construction fills in the roadway after removing an island on the Interstate Highway 20 North Service Road, located in front of the Travelcenters of America truck stop. The landscape development project will include the construction of concrete sidewalks and planting of trees and other vegetation along the frontage road.

HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

Splash out to raise awareness of United Way's benefits to city

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

While the annual KBST Splash In ushered in the summer and the opening of the city pool, the United Way of Howard County will be using a similar event to "splash out" the season and raise awareness for its annual fundraising campaign.

Set for Aug. 26, the event will be similar to the annual summer festival, but with a slightly different message, according to Kim Howell, a local United Way board of directors member.

"This isn't really a fundraising event we're planning. We won't be trying to raise money, we'll be trying to raise awareness," said Howell. "Each year we've kicked off the campaign the same way, with a luncheon at Garrett Hall. This year we're doing things a little different. This year we're working on planning an entire week of kick-

off activities, and this splash out is one of them." Howell said officials with local radio station KBST have agreed to support the event.

Food, fun planned at Comanche Trail Park swimming pool Aug. 26.

"We're working with them to make the day very similar to their annual Splash In," said Howell. "They will be broadcasting live from the city pool, and the wonderful people from the local Rotary Club have agreed to handle cooking free food, which is being donated by Scenic Mountain Medical Center, for everyone. We'll most likely have something simple, like hot dogs and drinks."

"I know everyone expects to hear about a fundraiser when we talk about the annual United Way cam-

aign, but all of this is free. Admission to the pool will be free. The food will be free. It's going to be a lot of fun for everyone."

Howell said if the campaign kickoff seems slightly different from previous years, it should come as no surprise.

"We're so lucky to have Clay Grizzle as the campaign chairman this year," said Howell. "He's so good at looking at things from a different angle and thinking outside the box. I really feel like this is going to be a good campaign."

Agencies assisted by the United Way include: YMCA, Victim Services, Girl Scouts, Westside Day Care Center, Westside Community Center, Salvation Army, Northside Community Center, Isaiah 58, Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, CASA of West Texas, Council on Aging, Buffalo Trail Council of Boy Scouts of America, Big Spring

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ESSAY CONTEST HELD

Children, can you explain why freedom of speech is important?
Hangar 25 Air Museum is sponsoring an essay contest for children age 5-14. All you have to do is write a 250- to 500-word essay on the topic, "Why freedom of speech is important to me and to the country."
The winner will receive a backpack and a \$50 gift certificate toward school supplies in time for the 2006-2007 school year.
The deadline to enter is Aug. 4.
For more information, contact the Hangar 25 Air Museum at 264-1999.

Dog dip

Benefitting the Howard County Youth Horseman Club
11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday
Pretty Pets Bed & Bath
4510 S. U.S. Highway 87
Cost is \$10 for large dogs and \$7 for all others
For more information, call 264-9797

ICE CREAM CONTEST SET

The public is invited to enter an ice cream eating contest Saturday during the Farmers Market in downtown Big Spring.
The contest will begin at approximately 10:30 a.m. There is no pre-registration, no entry fee and no age limit. The winner will receive two tickets to Schlitterbahn Waterparks.
At 10 a.m. there will be an ice cream making demonstration, using all Texas ingredients. Samples of the homemade ice cream will be available to those who attend. Farmers Market is located in the Heart of the City Park.

Obituaries

Margaret Ann Nichols

Margaret Ann Nichols, 72, of Midland, formerly of Big Spring, died Wednesday, July 12, 2006, in a Midland nursing home. A private family graveside service will be held at Trinity Memorial Park.

Margaret Ann was born June 11, 1934, in Eastland. She was a graduate of North Texas State University, with degrees in music and education. She moved to Big Spring in 1937. She taught school in Lockney, San Antonio and Knott.

She was a member of 14th & Main Church of Christ. Survivors include a sister, Connie Kothari of Nacogdoches; a brother, Gary Dale Nichols Sr. of Altus, Okla.; and one nephew.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Aubury and Hazel Nichols.

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

Support Groups

MONDAY
• Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for June 5. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.

TUESDAY
• The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 6 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1005 Birdwell Lane. The next meeting is March 28. Call Tracey at 263-4948 for more information.

WEDNESDAY
• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Tena at 267-1883 or Lucy at 264-1213 for more information.

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

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

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

Around Town

• **HERITAGE MUSEUM** is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into the Potton House, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children.

• **HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM** is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday.

• **POTTON HOUSE**, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into Heritage Museum, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens.

Take Note

• **AMERICAN LEGION POST 506**, 3203 W. Highway 80, will hold a fish fry from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday. Food will be delivered from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. by calling 263-2084. Plates are \$7 each; carry outs are welcome.

• **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

• **SANDS-ACKERLY EX-STUDENTS HOMECOMING 2006** will be Sept. 30. The committee is in the process of updating address files. Contact Dorothy Rogers at 1608 W. FM 2230, Big Spring, or call 432 399-4312. We need correct mailing addresses for the homecoming letters. We would also like to have ex-teachers' addresses.

• **ROAD TO RECOVERY**, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call LaWanda Hamm at 263-7827.

• **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).

• **BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL STEER BAND 10-YEAR REUNION** for classes 1970 to 1980 is planned July 28-29. Send name and addresses to Steer Band

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Police blotter

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

- **LANCE WADE BROCKMAN**, 20, of 2911 West Highway 80 Apt. 123, was arrested Friday on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less in a drug free zone.
- **ANDREW JUAREZ**, 17, of 411 Trades, was arrested Friday on a charge of minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage.
- **UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE** was reported in the 2000 block of Gregg Street.
- **THEFT** was reported:
 - in the 1100 block of Lamesa.
 - in the 1800 block of FM 700.
- **RESISTING ARREST, SEARCH OR TRANSPORTATION** was reported in the 200 block of Marcy.
- **ASSAULT/CLASS C** was reported in the 100 block of 19th Street.
- **AGGRAVATED ASSAULT** was reported:
 - in the 800 block of Lorilla
 - in the 1500 block of Sycamore.

Sheriff's report

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

- **MISTY GAYLE MARTIN**, 27, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of theft by check.
- **STARLA MARIE MENDOZA**, 27, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for failure to identify.
- **JOHNNY LOPEZ**, 26, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated.
- **DAVID R. GONZALES**, 35, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of bondsman off bond for manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance.
- **RUBEN LEE TREVINO**, 28, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on charges of bondsman off bond for possession of a dangerous drug, bondsman off bond for possession of marijuana - two ounces or less and bondsman off bond for driving while license invalid.
- **ELADIO ZUBIATE**, 29, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of assault with intent to cause bodily injury - sentence/judgment.
- **JOSEPH MICHAEL COOK**, 27, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on charges of forgery of a financial instrument (two counts).
- **MCKINLEY HASKIN**, 23, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of sexual assault of a child.
- **FRANK LEE JACKSON**, 47, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief.
- **MELISSA ANN OLIVER**, 38, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of filing a false statement for property/credit.

Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3900 block of Highway 350. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 4900 block of Ratliff Road. Service was refused.
- **STRUCTURE FIRE** was reported in the 500 block of Northwest Eighth Street. Fire was extinguished.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 800 block of Scott. Service was refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.

Reunion P.O. Box 103 Big Spring, 79721 or go to the Web site www.bigspringsteerband.org. For more information or to leave a message, call 263-2205.

• **THE COAHOMA ALUMNI REUNION WILL BE HELD AUG. 5** in the Coahoma Elementary School Cafeteria.

9:30 a.m.- Coffee and donuts

10 a.m.- Business meeting

10:30 a.m.- Visitation

Noon- Lunch with keynote speaker C5 Galaxy Pilot Major Helm (Class of 86)

2:30 p.m.- Awards and memorials

3 p.m.- Auction to benefit the community scholarship fund for High school seniors

4 p.m.- Concert by Jody Nix (Class of 70) and the Texas Cowboys

5 p.m.- Class meetings

Tickets covering the meal and all activities are \$10 for alumni, \$7 for spouses and \$5 for children.

Early ticket sales will end July 22, but tickets will also be available at the door.

Send check to Rae Nell Best, PO Box 77, Coahoma 79511

Updates are available at www.coahomaisd.com. For more information, contact Bob Fishback at 457-2264.

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Bulletin Board

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

TODAY
• Spring City Senior Citizen's Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area senior citizens are invited.

SATURDAY
• Free eye glasses are available from 9 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. in the Event Center, 1607 E. Third.
• American Legion Post 506 fish fry, 3203 W. Highway 80. Noon to 3 p.m.; delivery, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. by calling 263-2084. Plates \$7 each, carry outs welcome.
• Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

MONDAY
• The Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teacher's Association meets in the Cactus Room at Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. 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 1756 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 the La Posada Restaurant.

• DAV and Auxiliary Chapter 47 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 610 Abrams St.

• Christian Singles Fellowship meets from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Youth Hall. All singles in the community are invited for an evening of fellowship, food and table games.

• Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

TUESDAY
• Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• Big Spring Band Boosters meets at 5:30 p.m. in the high school band hall. All band parents are invited to attend.

• Big Spring Art Association meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library. All working artists and those interested in art are invited to attend.

• Order of the Eastern Star No. 67 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the evening. Lows in the mid 70s. Southeast winds around 10 mph.

Saturday...Partly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the upper 90s. South winds 10 to 15 mph shifting to the southeast in the afternoon. The chance of rain is 20 percent.

Saturday night...Partly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms in the evening. Lows in the lower 70s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph. The chance of rain is 20 percent.

Sunday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 90s. Southeast winds around 10 mph.

Sunday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s.

Monday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 90s.

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

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

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

Wednesday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s.

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

Thursday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s.

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 2-3-20-28. Bonus Ball: 5.

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

Estimated jackpot for Monday night drawing: \$575,000.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 1-6-13-14-26.

Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize per winner: \$29,807.

Winning ticket sold in: Arlington.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Friday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 3-4-7

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NEWS BRIEFS

Woman accused of kidnaping baby freed on bond

LUBBOCK (AP) — A woman accused of posing as a nurse to steal a newborn baby posted bail Thursday after a district judge reduced her bond by half.

Stephanie Lynn Anderson Jones, 33, had been in Lubbock County Jail since June 5 on charges of abandoning a child, kidnaping and theft by check.

District Judge Cecil G. Puryear lowered her bond from \$150,000 to \$75,000 despite a request by her lawyer to lower the bond to \$5,000, the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal* reported for Friday editions.

Police say Jones posed as a nurse in hospital scrubs last month before kidnaping then 5-day-old Priscilla Nicole Maldonado from the baby's home. Jones was arrested the next day, and detectives found the baby in a car seat abandoned beneath a carport in 104-degree heat.

Erica Ysasaga, the baby's mother, told police that a woman in medical scrubs began visiting her hospital room and offered to drop by her home with a swing and some baby clothes. Police say when Jones visited the house, she fled with the baby while Ysasaga was momentarily distracted with her 2-year-old son.

Officer's girlfriend gets 62 years over his death

DENTON (AP) — A jury ordered 62 years in prison for the girlfriend of a Little Elm Police officer who was found guilty of killing him.

Denise Miller, 40, of Little Elm was sentenced Thursday, one day after being convicted of murder in the December 2004 shooting death of Officer Jonathon Wayne Irby, 38.

Prosecutors have said Irby was in

the process of breaking up with Miller when he was killed.

The defense had claimed the fatal shooting was an accident.

Little Elm is about 20 miles north of Dallas.

FEMA ordered to allow money to go for utility bills

HOUSTON (AP) — A federal judge Thursday ordered the Federal Emergency Management Agency to let hurricane refugees in its temporary housing program spend unused portions of their rental assistance on utility bills.

The number of evacuees who could benefit from the preliminary injunction is uncertain, but it is likely "in excess of six figures," said attorney John Scofield, who is representing Hurricane Katrina refugees in a class-action suit against the agency.

FEMA is reviewing the order and "determining what ramifications it has for the agency and FEMA's housing policy," FEMA spokesman Aaron Walker said.

The ruling by U.S. District Judge David Hittner would help refugees pay utility costs when the amount of rental assistance they're eligible to receive exceeds their actual rent. The difference in most cities is typically around \$100, Scofield said.

Wildfire forces evacuations, threatens wind turbines

ABILENE (AP) — Crews were working late Thursday night to contain a wildfire near Abilene that scorched 500 acres, forced the evacuation of a dozen homes and threatened to burn about 50 large wind turbines.

Windy and dry conditions quickly spread the blaze, which started around 4 p.m., said Traci Weaver, a spokeswoman for the Texas Forest

Service.

"We've got two helicopters on it and several fire departments on it as well," she said. "It's pretty rugged terrain."

Weaver said she didn't know if the fire damaged the turbines, which are used to generate electricity.

"It burned around them, but they haven't reported any damage yet," she said.

Investigators have not determined what caused the fire, which began about 15 miles southwest of Abilene in Taylor County. By 10:15 p.m., the fire had burned a small hunting cabin and was only about 10 percent contained, Weaver said.

Taylor County Judge George Newman told the Abilene Reporter-News that the fire burned from south to north "from juniper to juniper." The flames were about 35 to 45 feet tall, he said.

Death of 1-month-old Abilene child investigated

ABILENE (AP) — A preliminary autopsy on a 1-month-old boy whose death and burial wasn't reported showed he died of traumatic asphyxia, Abilene police said Thursday.

Police said the boy's 31-year-old father told authorities the child died July 7 and that the death and burial weren't reported because of the family's religious beliefs. The child's parents allegedly buried him in an undisclosed site in Callahan County.

No charges have been filed in the case. Authorities began investigating Monday after a call to the Child Protective Services Hotline reported a child's death.

Trail said investigators convinced the father to bring the boy's body to the police station. Police do not know the burial site.

LOCKS

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of free gun locking devices, an in-depth safety education component and distribution efforts in all 50 states will significantly enhance public awareness of the importance of proper gun storage in the home.

The safety kits include a cable-style gun lock and a safety brochure that discusses safe handling and proper storage procedures.

Walker said although the program is annually sponsored by Project ChildSafe, his office keeps the locks on hand throughout the year.

"I think this program is very important," said Walker. "The locks can go on any firearm, so no one has the excuse that it won't fit, and if a child gets access to the gun somehow, you know it will be unloaded and unusable. This can prevent a lot of accidental shootings."

And while the locks are

a definite step in the right direction for gun owners. Walker said it's important to remember the law. "It is a criminal violation to leave a firearm within the reach of a child," said Walker. For more information, contact the Howard County Sheriff's Office at 264-2244.

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

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL
24th & Johnson 267-8288
Ellihue "Possom" Magers, 83, died Friday. Funeral Services will be at 2:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.
Ray McKinnon, 86, died Monday. Funeral Services will be at 10:30 AM Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 8:00 until 9:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

UNITED WAY

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Humane Society, Boy's Club of Big Spring and American Red Cross, West Texas Chapter.

For more information on the United way and the upcoming campaign, contact local United Way Director Cynthia Scott at 267-5201.

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Israel increases attacks on Lebanon, hitting capital, striking transport routes

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Israel tightened its seal on Lebanon, blasting its air and road links to the outside world and bringing its offensive to the capital for the first time Friday in order to punish Hezbollah — and with it, the country — for the capture of two Israeli soldiers.

Warplanes again smashed runways at Beirut's airport with hours of airstrikes, trying to render it unusable, and destroyed mountain bridges on the main highway to Syria. Warships blockaded Lebanon's ports for a second day.

Smoke drifted over the capital after strikes exploded fuel tanks at one of Beirut's two main power stations, gradually escalating the damage to Lebanon's key infrastructure.

Lebanese guerrillas responded by firing a barrage of at least 50 Katyusha rockets throughout the day into northern Israeli towns.

The death toll in three days of fighting rose to 61

people in Lebanon and 10 in Israel. The violence sent shock waves through a region already traumatized by the ongoing battles in the Gaza Strip between Israel and Hamas.

Israel's offensive pressed ahead with several goals. Its strikes on the airport and roads and naval blockade all but cut off Lebanon from the world, while hits on infrastructure aimed to exact a price from its government for allowing Hezbollah to operate freely in the south.

At the same time, strikes on Hezbollah — including ones targeting its leadership in south Beirut — aimed to pres-

sure the Shiite Muslim guerrillas to release the Israeli soldiers captured Wednesday and push the militants away from Israel's northern border.

But there were fears — acknowledged by President Bush — that the Israeli assault could bring down the Western-backed, anti-Syrian government of Lebanon.

Bush, in Russia for the G-8 summit, spoke by phone with Lebanese Prime Minister Fuad Saniora and promised to pressure Israel "to limit damage to Lebanon ... and to spare civilians and innocent people from harm," according to a statement from Saniora's office.

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East Fourth Street Baptist Church

A special Saturday "VBS" party will be held at East Fourth Street Baptist Church, 401 E. Fourth St., this Saturday from 9 a.m. until noon. We will be having games, music and other fun activities. This party is to allow you to bring your children and sign them up for the all-day Vacation Bible School that will be held July 22. Our all-day VBS will start at 9 a.m. and last until 3 p.m. Lunch will be served and your children will be delighted with the study and activities as we take them to the "Arctic Edge."

Sunday, our regular services begin at 11 a.m. with Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. In the evening, we will be hosting our opportunity meeting, followed by a prayer walk for our upcoming Vacation Bible School.

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Worship services are at 9 a.m. This is a special worship service with a Christian mariachi group from Ysleta Lutheran Mission in El Paso. This is an intergenerational music ministry based in one of the poorest communities along the border in El Paso.

This group is probably the only Lutheran mariachi group in the world. Please join us for this special worship opportunity as they are traveling through West Texas. They will have a service in Lamesa the night before on the courthouse square. There will be a special offering to help support this talented group. Our Sunday school will follow at 10:15 a.m.

St. Paul Lutheran Church is located at 810 Scurry St. For more information concerning any of the church's programs, call 267-7163.

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

Starting this Sunday night through Wednesday, July 19, from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., will be Vacation Bible School. The theme is Boomerang Bonanza from the land down under with the ages from 4 years through 12 years.

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church is located at 1512 Birdwell Lane.

Sunday worship services are at 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. Midweek services are at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

For a ride to church or VBS, call 267-7157 or 267-8214.

First United Methodist Church

We, the congregation of First United Methodist Church, would love to welcome you to our services. We regularly meet on Sunday morning for worship at 8:30 a.m. and again at 10:50 a.m. Our senior pastor, Dr. Shane Brue, preaches both services. This Sunday his message, "Family Resemblance," is based on scripture found in 2 Corinthians 3:12-18. Sunday school for all ages will begin at 9:45 a.m. Centered in Praise Ensemble will practice at 3 p.m. There are no combined youth activities planned for this week, as the UM Army (Senior High Mission Trip) is scheduled to leave this Sunday and be back July 22.

Ad. Council will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the Pathmaker's room. The Open Door class meets Monday at 7 p.m. for Fun Night.

Tuesday, the Mission Committee meets at 5:30 p.m. Also this Tuesday and Friday, the Project Light Class will meet from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tutors are needed.

Wednesday and Friday begin with Children's Day Out at 9 a.m. Noon lunch/Bible study will meet Wednesday. The Hispanic Ministry will have Bible Study at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the Men's Bible Class. Chancel Choir meets to practice at 7 p.m.

Special prayer times are observed in the chapel Thursday at noon and Friday at 7 a.m.

Upcoming events to plan for include Vacation Bible School "Set Sail" to be held July 24-28, from 9 a.m. to noon. Refreshments and craft materials are still requested.

"Rock the Desert," a Christian rock event, will be held in this area July 27-29. Contact Jason Archuleta at the church for more details.

Kids Club is in need of volunteers; if interested, contact the church.

First United Methodist Church is located at 400 Scurry. For more information on any of the programs, call the church office at 267-6394.

Salem Baptist Church

Salem Baptist Church will have Joe Whitten and His Children, a prison

ministry, Sunday. They will perform during the morning worship service. A fellowship meal will follow. Sunday school begins at 10 a.m., morning service at 11 a.m. and evening worship is at 6 p.m. The Wednesday evening service is held at Parkplace at 6 p.m.

Sunday, July 23, Stormie Barrett will be making a presentation to the church on her recent trip to the Amazon.

Pastored by Bro. Monroe Teeters, Salem Baptist is located at the corner of Salem Road and Old Colorado City Highway. Contact the church at 394-4655.

Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church

Elder James Allen of Florida is scheduled to be the guest minister at the Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church for the Sunday morning worship service at 10:30 a.m.

Bible Study is each Wednesday night at 7 p.m.

Visitors are always warmly welcomed to both services.

Church location is 201 East 24th St.

For more information, call John Wayne Metcalf at 394-4067 or Dennis Walker at 264-1363.

First Presbyterian

The Rev. Matthew Miles will speak on text taken from Mark 6:14-29 at worship service on Sunday. Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. and Take Ten starts at 10:30 a.m.

Activities for the week include: Encouragers meeting at 6 p.m. Monday and the session meets at the same time. Wednesday, the men's monthly breakfast begins at 7 a.m. That afternoon, Bible study is held at 5:17 p.m. and choir practice follows at 6.

First Presbyterian is located on Runnels between Seventh and Eighth streets. For more information, call the church office at 263-4211.

St. Mary's Episcopal

Holy Communion will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. Father Liggett's sermon for Sunday will be "What's in your bag?"

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will have its monthly meeting and breakfast this Saturday at 8 a.m. in the chapel.

The Pastoral Care Committee will meet Monday at 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

For more information about St. Mary's

Episcopal, call 267-8201 or visit our Web site at www.stmarysbst.org. St. Mary's is located at 1001 South Goliad.

Church of Christ, West Highway 80

The Church of Christ, 3900 W. Hwy 80 (Business 20) will hold an organization and government workshop at 10:45 a.m. and 3 p.m. Sunday and at 7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. It is facilitated by Willie Cox. For more information, call 267-6483. The public is invited.

First Christian

First Christian Church's Vacation Bible School will happen next week starting Monday and run through Friday at 6 each evening.

Titled "Friendship First," this year's VBS is an intergenerational event (for all ages!). Each evening will start with a kid-friendly dinner of either pizza, hot dogs, spaghetti or chicken and

fellowship singing led by Bob and Marla Rainwater.

At 7 p.m., the large group will divide into three age-appropriate ses-

sions: one for children (3 years old to sixth grade), led by Ann Fritzler; one for youth, led by Frank

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<p>July 19 * Wednesday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sit & Be Fit - 10:30 AM • Senior Appreciation Day - 11:30 AM 	<p>July 26 * Wednesday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sit & Be Fit - 10:30 AM • Senior Appreciation Day - 11:30 AM • Lunch-N-Learn - 11:30 AM
<p>July 20 * Thursday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mail Walking - 8:00 AM • Coffee @ Gale's - 10:00 AM 	<p>July 27 * Thursday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mail Walking - 8:00 AM • Coffee @ Gale's - 10:00 AM
	<p>July 28 * Friday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SUMMER MUMMERS @ the Yucca Theater - 5:00 PM - ?

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and Laura Sickles; and one for adults, led by the Rev. Ken McIntosh.

Each evening will come to a close after gathering the three groups together for one last song and prayer.

To help us plan for dinners, please call the church office at 267-7851 if you and your children would like to join us for this year's VBS.

Sunday, we will have the Rev. Paula Brooks as our guest pastor, as our minister will be attending church camp with some of our youth. Sunday

school takes place at 9:30 a.m., followed by worship beginning at 10:40 a.m.

East Side Baptist

Saturday, July 29, East Side Baptist will celebrate its 18th anniversary with a gospel concert at 7 p.m. Earley Praises, Marvin Stewart and Rosie O'Toole from the Fort Worth area will perform.

Activities Sunday include Fun Time at 9:45 a.m.; family praise and worship, 10:45 a.m.; prayer meeting, 5:30 p.m.; and praise and worship, 6 p.m. Nursing home services are 2:30 p.m. at Parkview each third Sunday of the month and 3 p.m. at Mountain View the last

Sunday of each month.

Baptist Temple

Baptist Temple will be hosting a Saturday Summer Splash this Saturday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at 400 E. 11th Place. Activities include a dunking booth, water slide and water games. This is open to children in Pre-K through sixth grade and their families. Kids are asked to wear old clothes and bring a towel. Boys and girls must wear a shirt at all times.

Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. and worship service is at 10:45 each Sunday. For more information, visit www.baptisttemplechurch.org or call the church office at 267-8287.

First Church of God

First Church of God will be hosting a Jesus Jubilee July 22 for any child who is able to come. The church is located at 2009 Main St. This is a one-day event from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. All children under 12 years of age are welcome to attend this free, fun activity. There will be games, food, crafts, songs and fellowship. For a ride, call 816-1270 or 264-0160.

Coahoma United Methodist Church

Join CUMC at 11 a.m. Sunday for our regular worship services. Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m.

Monday is "Funday Monday" for the youth from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. All youth are invited to attend. Meet at the church for fun and fellowship.

Wednesday will have youth activities and Praise Band worship from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Thursday, all youth are invited to meet at the church at noon for lunch and fellowship. Bring \$5 for pizza.

Youth camp is quickly approaching, July 24-28, at Ceta Canyon. If you have not signed up, there is still time. Contact the church at 394-4432 for more information.

Coahoma United Methodist Church is located at 401 N. Main.

Club News

Sand Springs Lions Club

The Sand Springs Lions Club met Monday, July 3, with President Phillip Reid presiding.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Bob Madigan and the opening prayer was worded by Ben Boadle.

President Reid announced we will be dis-

cussing the International Campaign Sight First II in the near future and the action to be taken.

Lion District 2A1 Governor Marshall Twombly will be the guest speaker for the July 17 meeting. A meal will be served.

Betty Franklin made a motion to buy glasses for Kristian Rose. The

motion was approved. An appointment has been set for July 18 with Dr. Seymour. The transfer application of Connie Alvarado of the Evening Lions Club was approved.

The club's annual family picnic will be held the second Monday in August at the Coahoma City Park.

Award certificates and a patch were received by the president from the Texas Lions Camp, RSVP and the Western Texas Lions Eye Bank Alliance and a thank you from the Jimmy Earnest family.

The Sand Springs Lions Club meets each first and third Monday of each month in the Sand

Springs Community Center, 131 Scout Hut Road in Sand Springs, at 6:30 p.m. All interested persons are welcome to attend.

Growth of Christianity in developing world tests Jewish-Christian ties

By The Associated Press

The world used to be much smaller for Jewish groups trying to win Christian friends.

Interfaith relations once were a matter of Jewish leaders shaking hands at the Vatican, seeking out mainline Protestants in the United States and Europe, and forging ties with American evangelicals over Israel.

But the landscape of Christianity is transform-

ing, creating a new challenge in the drive for mutual acceptance: Christian churches are growing fastest in the developing world, and within a generation or two, will eclipse their northern counterparts in size and influence.

In Africa, where the Christian population grew from about 10 million to 423 million over the 20th century, many feel an affinity for Jews and Israel.

Big Spring Independent School District Announces SUBSTITUTE ORIENTATION

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Softball touney set for this week at Cotton Mize Park

The first-ever Ball Busters Softball Tournament will take place Saturday and Sunday at Cotton Mize Field inside of Comanche Trail Park.

The touney costs \$125 per team and trophies and T-shirts will be awarded to the top three teams. There is also a six home run limit.

For more information, contact Amador Rios at 432-466-1128, Pete Carrillo at 432-816-1245 or Abel Rios at 432-213-2115.

BSHS announces baseball camp for upcoming week

Big Spring head baseball coach Clint Clayton, along with his assistant coaches, will be having a summer baseball camp Monday through Thursday.

The camp will run from 9 a.m. to noon daily and is for first through ninth graders. It also costs \$25 per participant.

For more information, call coach Clayton at 214-801-2782 or the ATC at 264-3662.

Hunter education course scheduled

A hunter education class has been scheduled for July 22-23 at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce building.

The cost of the class, which will be held at 8 a.m. each day, is \$15 per person.

For more information or to register, contact Steve Poitevent at 264-7033 during the evening hours.

Reds try to fix pen with huge trade

CINCINNATI (AP) — The Cincinnati Reds overhauled their rickety bullpen, getting Gary Majewski and Bill Bray in an eight-player trade that sent outfielder Austin Kearns and shortstop Felipe Lopez to the Washington Nationals.

The Reds also acquired shortstop Royce Clayton, infielder Brandon Harris and pitcher Daryl Thompson.

Desperate for a fifth starter, Yanks sign Ponson

NEW YORK (AP) — Slonee Ponson is about to get another chance, this time with the New York Yankees.

Ponson was cut by the St. Louis Cardinals last week and the Yankees, desperate to find a fifth starter, expect to sign the talented-but-troubled pitcher Friday.

Ponson's career was derailed by alcohol problems. Baltimore released him last September during a \$2.5 million, three-year contract.

Wie again struggles to compete on men's tour

Four men tied for lead at Deere Classic

By ANDREW SELIGMAN

AP Sports Writer

SILVIS, Ill. — She hit bushes and trees, water and weeds. Michelle Wie hit them wide right and left, long and short, everywhere but the fairway.

She let out an "argh!" as a tee shot sailed off to the right, into the trees. And she put her right hand over her mouth as another floated wide right, this time landing on a hill.

This was Michelle Wie? "No, it was just my evil twin sister playing," she said.

The Wie who showed up

Thursday for the first round of the John Deere Classic bore little resemblance to the one who was 1 under after the first round last year.

Trying for a fifth time to become the first woman since 1945 to make a cut in a PGA Tour event, the 16-year-old shot 6-over 77 and was in a three-way tie for 149th place, 13 strokes off the lead. Only Bob May and Mike Springer trailed her.

J.P. Hayes, John Senden, Daniel Chopra and local favorite Zach Johnson were tied for the lead at 7-under 64, one stroke ahead of Joe Ogilvie and Kris Cox.

Defending champion Sean O'Hair was 2 under.

"I didn't make the cut shooting 1 under on the first (day), so maybe shooting 6 over might do it," Wie said, referring to last year's opening round.

Wie is trying to become the first woman since Babe Zaharias in 1945 to make the cut. And if ever there was a time the teen phenom was going to do it, this appeared to be it.

She missed the cut at last year's Deere Classic by two strokes, blowing her chance at history with two bad holes late in the second round. A year older and wiser, she arrived playing the best

golf of her career. In the first three LPGA Tour majors, she's finished a combined five shots out of the lead.

She'd already made the cut at one men's event, too, finishing 12 shots off the lead in the Asian Tour's SK Telecom Open.

But Wie got off to a rough start Thursday and never quite got back on track. She hit seven of 14 fairways and six of 18 greens in regulation, only one in the first nine. She took four drops, three in the first five holes.

Heavy fog delayed the start of the first round by 2 hours, 10 minutes, and Wie passed the time read-

ing and sleeping at the home where she's staying.

"It was nice," she said.

Her first few holes were anything but.

Wie started on the 10th tee, where about 2,000 fans greeted her with loud applause, and she ran into trouble on the 11th, when bugs hovered as she addressed her ball. She stepped back five times, throwing her head back in frustration the final time.

She pushed her tee shot so far right it was lost in a thicket of trees and she had to take a drop. She

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Rangers soar past Orioles

Teixeira homers three times in Texas' win over Baltimore

By DAVID GINSBURG

AP Sports Writer

BALTIMORE — Mark Teixeira hit a career-high three homers and drove in seven runs, and the Texas Rangers hit six home runs Thursday night in a 15-1 rout of the Baltimore Orioles.

Teixeira hit a sacrifice fly in the first inning, a solo homer in the sixth, a two-run shot in the eighth and a three-run drive in the ninth. The seven RBIs tied a career high.

Teixeira has 12 homers, including four in his last two games. It was his 12th career multihomer game, the first this season.

Texas totaled 19 hits and reached a season-high in home runs.

Brad Wilkerson hit his 14th homer and drove in four runs, and Rod Barajas also homered for the Rangers, who got at least one hit from every starter. Mark DeRosa went 3-for-3 with a home run and two walks.

Vicente Padilla (9-5) gave up one run and four hits in seven innings to win his third straight start. The right-hander struck out three and walked three.

The game was tied at 1 before Texas got seven hits in the six-run sixth.

Teixeira hit a leadoff homer and Ian Kinsler drew a one-out walk before Kevin Mench hit a ground-rule double. Wilkerson then chased Daniel Cabrera (4-7) with a two-run double.

Wilkerson was tagged out at the plate trying to score on Barajas' single off Chris Britton, but Gary Matthews Jr. followed with a single and DeRosa hit a three-run shot to left.

Wilkerson's two-run homer in the seventh off Senny RREAL made it 9-1.

Cabrera allowed four runs, six hits and five walks in 5 1/3 innings. He is 0-5 in his last six starts and leads the AL with 75 walks in 85 2/3 innings.

Cabrera received some fine defensive support in the fifth. After Fahey made a nice running grab of a foul liner hit by Matthews, DeRosa singled before Brian Roberts snapped up a sharp grounder by Michael Young and started a 4-6-3 double play.



Baltimore Orioles' catcher Ramon Hernandez looks down as the Texas Rangers celebrate a two-run homer by Brad Wilkerson in the seventh inning. The Rangers defeated the Orioles, 15-1, at Orioles Park at Camden Yards in Baltimore, Md., Thursday. Texas hit six home runs in the game.

Huff homers in debut as Astros beat Marlins

By ADRIAN SAINZ

Associated Press Writer

MIAMI — Aubrey Huff hit a three-run home run in his Houston debut and Lance Berkman had three hits to lead the Astros to a 5-1 victory over the Florida Marlins on Thursday night.

Huff, who was acquired in a trade with the Tampa Bay Devil Rays on Wednesday, homered to right-center in the eighth off reliever Randy

Messenger (1-5) to give the Astros a 5-1 lead.

Houston broke a three-game road losing streak, while the Marlins lost for the fourth time in their last 13 home games.

Huff's homer was part of a four-run eighth. Willy Taveras singled to lead off the inning and advanced to third as Chris Burke reached when first baseman Mike Jacobs failed to handle a low throw by shortstop Hanley Ramirez. Berkman drove

in Taveras with a single to right, and Huff followed with his homer, his second hit of the game.

The 30-year-old Huff hit .283 with eight home runs and 28 RBIs in 63 games for the Devil Rays this season. The third baseman hit safely in 20 of his last 23 games with Tampa Bay, batting .433 with 13 doubles, five homers and 16 RBIs during the stretch.

The game began as a pitcher's duel between the

Astros' Roy Oswalt and the Marlins' Dontrelle Willis — but neither figured in the decision.

Oswalt pitched 6 1/3 innings, allowing one run and six hits while striking out four. He pitched at least six innings for the 17th time in his past 18 starts.

Willis, who began the season 1-6, entered the game having won five of his last six decisions.

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Astros place all-star Ensberg on 15-day DL

Scott gets called up from Round Rock to fill roster position

MIAMI (AP) — The Houston Astros Thursday placed third baseman

Morgan Ensberg on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to July 10, with a bruised right shoulder.

Ensberg originally hurt the shoulder June 9 against the Atlanta

Braves and had been laboring with the injury for a month, Houston manager Phil Garner said.

Ensberg was hitting .236 with 19 homers and 44 RBIs. He has just one

home run since June 9.

The Astros called up outfielder Luke Scott from Triple-A Round Rock.

Scott hit .188 in 34 games for the Astros last season.

Barbaro continues to fight for life after injury

Race horse develops severe case of laminitis in back foot

By RICHARD ROSENBLATT

AP Racing Writer

KENNETT SQUARE, Pa. — Kentucky Derby winner Barbaro was fighting for his life Thursday

after developing a severe case of laminitis, a potentially fatal disease brought on by uneven weight distribution in the limbs.

Dean Richardson, the chief surgeon who has been treating Barbaro since the colt suffered catastrophic injuries in the Preakness May 20, called the Derby winner's

chances of survival "poor."

"I'd be lying if I said anything other than poor," Richardson said Thursday. "As long as the horse is not suffering, we're going to continue to try (to save him)."

"If we can keep him comfortable, we think it's worth the effort."

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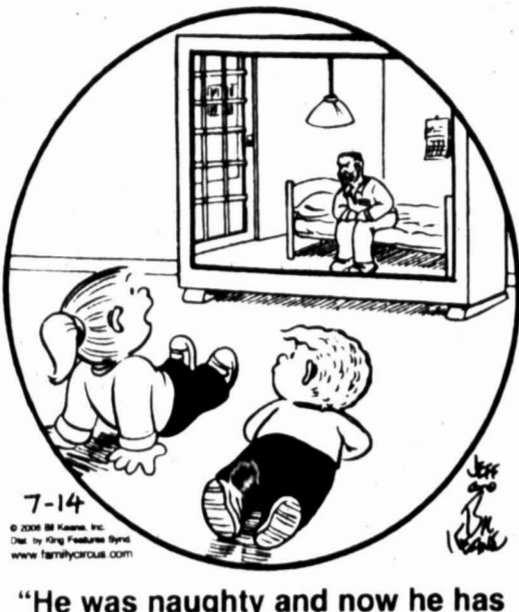
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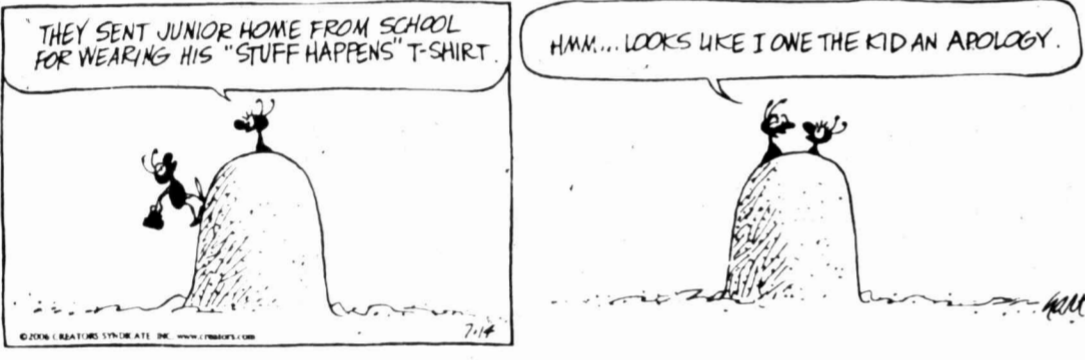
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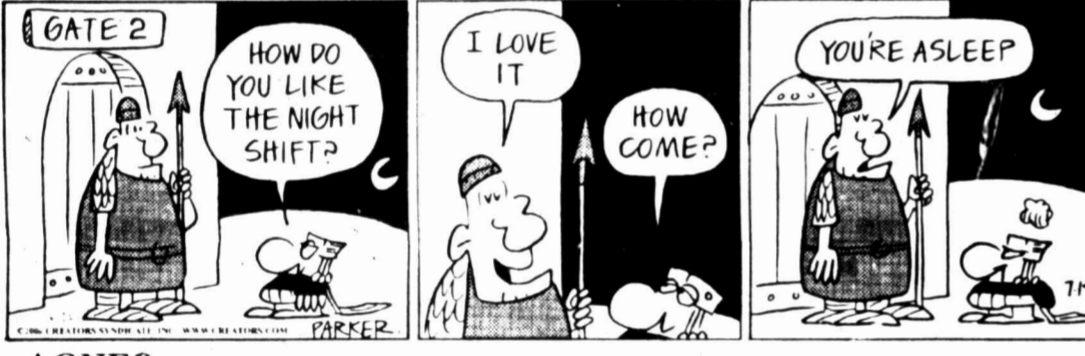
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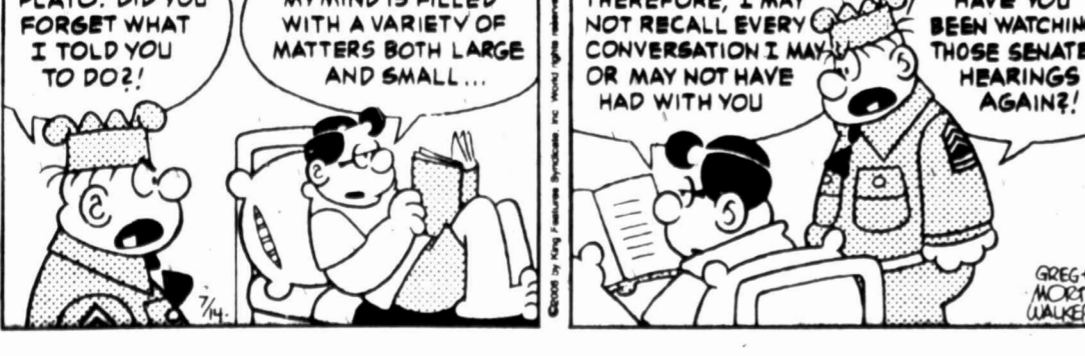
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, July 14, the 195th day of 2006. There are 170 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On July 14, 1789, during the French Revolution, citizens of Paris stormed the Bastille prison and released the seven prisoners inside. On this date: In 1798, Congress passed the Sedition Act, making it a federal crime to publish false, scandalous or malicious writing about the U.S. government. In 1853, Commodore Matthew Perry relayed to Japanese officials a letter from former President Fillmore, requesting trade relations. In 1881, outlaw William H. Bonney Jr., alias "Billy the Kid," was shot and killed by Sheriff Pat Garrett in Fort Sumner, N.M. In 1933, all German political parties, except the Nazi Party, were outlawed. In 1958, the army of Iraq

overthrew the monarchy. In 1965, the American space probe Mariner 4 flew by Mars, sending back photographs of the planet. In 1965, U.S. Ambassador Adlai E. Stevenson Jr. died in London at age 65. In 1966, eight student nurses were murdered by Richard Speck in a Chicago dormitory. In 1976, Jimmy Carter won the Democratic presidential nomination at the party's convention in New York. In 1978, Soviet dissident Natan Sharansky was convicted of treasonous espionage and anti-Soviet agitation, and sentenced to 13 years at hard labor. (Sharansky was released in 1986.) Today's Birthdays: Former President Gerald R. Ford is 93. Movie and stage director Ingmar Bergman is 88. Actor Dale Robertson is 83. Actor Harry Dean Stanton is 80. Actress Nancy Olson is 78. Actress Polly Bergen is 76. Former football player Rosey Grier is 74. Country singer Del Reeves is 74. Actor Jerry Houser is 54. Actor-director Eric Laneville is 54. Actor Stan

Shaw is 54. Movie producer Scott Rudin is 48. Country musician Ray Herndon (McBride and the Ride) is 46. Actor Jackie Earle Haley is 45. Actor Matthew Fox is 40. Rock musician Ellen Rea (Crash Test Dummies) is 40. Rock singer-musician Tonya Donnelly is 40. Actress Missy Gold is 36. Rhythm-and-blues singer Tameka Cottle (Xscape) is 31. Hip-hop musician taboo (Black Eyed Peas) is 31. Thought for Today: "A man must be both stupid and uncharitable who believes there is no virtue or truth but on his own side." - Joseph Addison, English essayist and poet (1672-1719). © 2006 The Associated Press.

Answer to previous puzzle: DOLT RING OPTS, ARIA IDOL CRUEL, HEMS FLUE TIBIA, LOOKALIVE OVENS, BENE PARES, SNOWY GAMBIT, COARSE UMA EPEE, ARTISTS INSEAMS, BASS AAA STYLUS, TOUSSUP REESE, CRAWL DESI, HODAD VIEWPOINT, AMATI ABLE SCAR, PENCE SLED LEIA, OOMS EYRE ORLY.

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