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GRADUATION DAY

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Graduates-to-be Crystal Ward, left, and Marshall Van Pelt visit for a few moments before the start of Big Spring High School commencement ceremonies in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Friday evening.

Courtesy photo/Bob Fishback

Forsan High School valedictorian Tara Kuykendall, left, receives her diploma from her father and school board member Tom Bill Kuykendall during graduation ceremonies at the FHS gymnasium Friday evening.

HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Law enforcement and emergency medical personnel responded to the scene of a vehicle rollover on Interstate 20 about 20 miles east of Big Spring Saturday morning. Two people were transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center with undisclosed injuries.

No need to go hungry

BSISD's summer lunch program begins Monday

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Who says there's no such thing as a free lunch?

Big Spring Independent School District's annual Summer Food Program begins Monday, offering free breakfast and lunch to area schoolchildren.

Any student 18 or younger, regardless of school district, can eat for free at BSISD cafeterias during the program's run, which ends

July 11. Costs for adults are \$1.50 for breakfast and \$2.35 for lunch.

Cafeterias at the high school and Bauer and Marcy elementaries

open Monday. Moss Elementary will serve meals from June 9 through July 2. Because of maintenance at Big Spring Junior High this summer, no meals will be served there.

Breakfast will be served between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m., while lunch will be served between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., according to Judy Grant, director of food services for BSISD.

Grant said the program is a

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Continuous music planned at Funtastic Fourth Festival

By BILL McCLELLAN

News Editor

Music and more music. It's not all you'll find at this year's Funtastic Fourth Festival in downtown Big Spring but there's no doubt it will be abundant.

"We're proud to announce that Shane and Shane will be the featured act this year. Opening for them will be Crimson Soul. We'll also have the winner of the knock-out round for the West Texas Region

Johnson

of Rock the Desert," said Allan Johnson, a member of the Downtown Revitalization Committee, which is putting on the Funtastic Fourth Festival for the seventh straight year.

As the feature acts indicate, this year's theme will be God and Country, an idea which was begun last year and

will be the course for years to come.

Those acts won't be the only ones performing at the festival.

"We'll have live music from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.," said Johnson, who added that a complete schedule of performers will be released prior to the July 4 celebration.

That's not all, of course. Food and vendor booths will line the streets

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IN BRIEF

Forsan cheer squad washing cars at Wal-Mart

The Forsan High School cheerleaders will be holding a car wash the next two Saturdays at Wal-Mart Supercenter. The times for each day are from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Howard College girls basketball camps scheduled

Howard College women's basketball head coach Earl Diddle is holding three girls' basketball camps for three different age groups this summer.

The Little Hawk Camp is for girls in kindergarten through third grade and is set for June 2-5 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The Individual Day Camp is for fourth through eighth graders and also takes place June 2-5 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Finally, the Shooting and Position Camp for seventh through 12th graders will be held June 16-19 from 9 a.m. to noon each day.

For more information, call Diddle at 264-5043 or Eric Rodewald at 816-4327.

BSHS schedules start of several summer camps

The school year may be over soon, but Big Spring High School's athletic department will be keeping itself busy with the start of several summer programs.

Camp of Champs

The Camp of Champs is a weight conditioning program that begins Monday and runs through June 19.

Fourth and fifth graders lift from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Monday through Thursday.

Sixth and seventh graders occupy the weight room in the ATC from 11 a.m. to noon on the same days.

Cost is \$25 per person and \$10 for T-shirt.

Boys Basketball Skills Camp

From Monday to June 5, Steers basketball coach Marc Morris will conduct a skills camp for second through eighth graders at the junior high.

Second through fifth graders will have their session from 9 a.m. to noon.

Boys in grades 6-8 take the court from 1-4 p.m.

Cost is \$25 a person and \$10 for a T-shirt.

Volleyball Skills Camp

Girls going into grades first through eighth can participate in the Volleyball Skills Camp coordinated by Lady Steers coach Amanda Whitaker June 2-5 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Cost is \$25 a person and \$10 for a T-shirt.

Summer Running Camp

Cross country coach Randy Britton will once again be offering his services to a Summer Running Camp.

The camp begins Wednesday and runs through July 18.

Bulldogettes fall in title game

Second state title remains elusive dream

By JONATHAN HULL

Herald Sports Editor

AUSTIN — Dominant pitching wins championships in softball.

Although few pitchers have been as dominant as Coahoma's Heather Newton this season, the Bulldogettes finally ran into another ace capable of completely shutting down their offense Saturday in the Class 2A state finals in Austin.

East Bernard's Courtney Repka struck out 13 Coahoma batters, pitching a one-hitter in the process of a taking the 1-0 championship game victory.

"We've got a good offense, but today their pitcher was better," Coahoma coach Tracy Tadlock said. "We never hit the ball hard. Even our one base hit wasn't hit hard. They didn't hit the ball hard either, but we made a couple of mistakes and that was the game."

Just like in Coahoma's 1-0 victory in Thursday's semifinals matchup with Sadler S&S Consolidated, the only run of the game was scored in the first inning. Unfortunately, this time it wasn't Coahoma manufacturing the run.

East Bernard's first three batters reached base on a walk, a bunt and a batter being hit by a pitch. With no outs and Repka, who also served as the Brahmarettes clean-up hitter, at



HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull

Coahoma's Breanna Conner reacts to the Bulldogettes' 1-0 loss to East Bernard's Brahmarettes in Saturday's Class 2A state championship game.

the plate, Newton threw a pitch over catcher Janice Gonaes' head. East Bernard's Liz Reyes attempted to race home from third on the play, but the ball bounce off the padded backstop and rolled to a convenient spot for Gonzales to field it and tag Reyes before she crossed the plate.

Newton struck out Repka, but threw another wild pitch that

didn't take as fortuitous of a bounce off the backstop and Haley Dawson was able to score the game's only run, sliding under Newton's tag.

Newton struck out the next batter to end the inning with Coahoma trailing 1-0.

Unfortunately for the Bulldogettes, that's all the run support Repka needed. The junior

Baylor commit struck out the first seven batters she faced and had a no-hitter through six complete innings.

Coahoma senior Krista Kerby broke up the no-no in the seventh, leading off the inning with a single to left field.

However, Repka forced a pop

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AP Photo/Gary Malarba

Boston Celtics forward Kevin Garnett (5) shoots in the first quarter of Game 6 of the NBA Eastern Conference finals Friday.

Celtics advance to NBA Finals

By LARRY LAGE

AP Sports Writer

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Boston got past an old nemesis to set up a matchup with another rival.

Paul Pierce scored 27 points, Ray Allen had 17 and Kevin Garnett added 16 to lift the Celtics to an 89-81 victory over the Detroit Pistons on Friday night in Game 6 of the Eastern Conference finals.

Boston, which locked up with Detroit many times in the 1980s, will now rekindle another classic series in the NBA finals against the Los Angeles Lakers.

"It's kind of surreal," Garnett said.

The Celtics are in the NBA finals for the first since losing

to the Lakers in 1987, the third meeting in a four-year span.

The Pistons were eliminated on their home court for the first time during a six-year run that included a trip to the conference finals each year and the 2004 title.

Boston entered the series without a road win in the post-season, then beat Detroit on its home court twice to win the grueling series.

After playing two Game 7s, the Celtics will get a needed break before hosting Kobe Bryant and the Lakers on Thursday night.

"We're emotionally drained," Garnett said.

Chauncey Billups scored a playoff-high 29 points and Richard Hamilton had 21, but

the rest of their teammates had lackluster efforts — especially Rasheed Wallace.

At one point Billups had 21 points, matching the total for the rest of the team.

Wallace scored just four points on 2-of-12 shooting and had three turnovers in what might've been his last game as a Piston and could've been Flip Saunders' last as Detroit's coach. President of basketball operations Joe Dumars will likely make some sort of changes on the bench, the court or both.

"I'm sure that's something Joe and I will sit down and evaluate," Saunders said.

After it was 58-all, Detroit

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Sharapova gains fourth round at French Open

By STEVEN WINE AP

Sports Writer

PARIS — Maria Sharapova saved her most piercing shriek to punctuate her final shot of the first set, a thunderous crosscourt backhand winner to close out a tiebreaker.

She then dominated the rest of the way Saturday to beat Karin Knapp 7-6 (4), 6-0 in the third round of the French Open.

The top-ranked Sharapova needed 81 minutes to win the opening set. She squandered a lead and fell behind in the tiebreaker, then benefited from some shaky shots by Knapp.

But beginning with that ferocious backhand, Sharapova played her best tennis of the week.

"It was like my twin sister was here, and then Maria actually made her flight and made it for the

second set," Sharapova said. "I definitely became a lot more aggressive and stepped in and didn't give her too many easy balls."

The lone remaining American in either draw, Robby Ginepri, won again and became the first U.S. man to reach the fourth round at Roland Garros since Andre Agassi in 2003.

Ginepri extended his improbable run by beating Frenchman Florent Serra 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.

"I would definitely like to have a lot of the other Americans still in the tournament," Ginepri said. "I'm really not trying to let that weigh on my shoulders."

Ranked 88th, Ginepri came into the tournament 6-24 on clay and 0-5 at the French Open, but he has now reached the final 16 at all four Grand Slam events.



AP Photo/David Vincent

Russia's Maria Sharapova returns the ball to Italy's Karin Knapp during their third round match of the French Open tennis tournament Saturday at Roland Garros stadium in Paris.

He was steadier than Serra, losing serve just once and committing only 18 unforced errors to 43 for the Frenchman. Ginepri said he has benefited from the coaching of Jose Higuera and Diego Moyano.

"Talking with both of them has really opened up another door with me on

the clay court," Ginepri said. "Before I really had no clue how to construct points or what type of shots to hit when I was in trouble or how to serve, what sets up what. So with them having a lot of experience and just with me listening constantly, it's just started being engraved into my mind."

Ginepri will next play No. 24 Fernando Gonzalez, who outlasted No. 9 Stanislas Wawrinka 5-7, 2-6, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.

With no U.S. women left in the tournament, perhaps Americans can claim 18-year-old Belarussian Victoria Azarenka, who

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Wacky Facts

Juneteenth (June 19) celebrates the anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation issued by President Abraham Lincoln on Jan. 1, 1863. The proclamation gave the Southern slaves their freedom but many didn't get the news until June 1865. — www.dailyholidays.net

Chatter Box

"My father taught me to work; he did not teach me to love it. I never did like to work, and I don't deny it. I'd rather read, tell stories, crack jokes, talk, laugh — anything but work." — Abraham Lincoln



Teen chef gets cookin'

By PETER LARSEN
The Orange County Register

Chloe Langis is just 15, but she's loved to cook for as long as she can remember. As a little girl, she followed her grandma Francine Langis around the restaurant she owned, helping her prepare meals for customers. At an age when other kids were locked on Disney Channel or Nickelodeon, Chloe clicked her way to the Food Network where she obsessively watched her idol, Rachael Ray. "I just love her bubbly personality and how she's an all-American girl," the Garden Grove, Calif., teen says. "Even if she makes a mistake, she just laughs it off." So it won't surprise you now to learn that a year or two ago, when other kids were sending fan mail to Zac Efron or Vanessa Hudgens, Chloe wrote Ray at her day-time talk show in New York City, hoping for tickets to the show, at the most. Chloe heard nothing for so many months that she figured she never would. Until one day in March, after school, the phone rang. A voice was on the line, saying, "This is Melissa from 'The Rachael Ray Show'...." Two hours later, Chloe and the woman from "Rachael Ray" — Melissa Brescia, a creative production assistant — finally hung up the phone. Though Chloe wasn't told all the details at first, the deal was this: Ray wanted five teen chefs to help Michael Symon, the Iron Chef on the Food Network, run a restaurant for one night. The event would be shown later on "The Rachael Ray Show." Café Una Notte — Café One Night — would use teen chefs and celebrity guests to promote Yum-o!, Ray's non-profit organization that works to promote healthy eating for kids, and includes former President Bill Clinton as a partner. And Chloe could be part of it, if she passed her screen test, a homemade video. After an initial video that Brescia said was too scripted, Chloe submitted a second straight-from-the-heart version. Two weeks passed with no response. It was over, she thought. Hadn't made the cut.

And then one day during her spring break from Pacifica High School, her stepdad poked his head into her room and told her she needed to wake up. "Melissa was on the phone, saying, 'Congratulations, Chloe, we picked you!'" In mid-April, Chloe and her mom flew to New York City for the first visit, meeting Ray, the other teen chefs, and Symon. The big surprise only revealed itself as the teen chefs rode in a limousine and a videotape from Ray came on. She told them they were going to be running a restaurant. Two weeks later, Chloe and her mom returned to New York City for the event held on April 28. (The episode with Chloe and Café Una Notte aired May 7.) "We were all in charge of prep work," Chloe says of the work they did that day. "Mostly we did the plating of the food. We were busting our butts." As for the menu, at the time Chloe spoke about her adventure she was still under orders not to reveal the dishes dined upon by guests such as Clinton, talk show host Larry King and celebrity chefs Bobby Flay and Mario Batali. Later, a spokeswoman for "Ray" let us know that the courses included tasty treats such as crab parfait with tortilla chips, sheep's milk ricotta ravioli with brown butter and black truffle, halibut with fava beans, peas, lobster and dill. Dessert was a special presentation by the teen chefs — fresh sorbets, gelatos and berries. After prepping the meals, Chloe and her partners walked the arrival carpet clad in their bright orange chef coats, conducting interviews with Ray. Back in the kitchen, they met Clinton and his security detail, a moment that left her awed days later. And then home to her normal life as a high school kid, still too young to get a job in a nice restaurant (though if anyone needs a young chef with some serious culinary chops, Chloe wants to hear from you). "I wake up every day — I know it sounds corny — but I do pinch myself," she says. "Because I can't believe it's true. "I'm loving life. It's an adventure every day."

Rachael Ray helps 15-year-old prep for a career in the kitchen



From left, Chloe Langis, Bernie Roels, Rhiannon Wildman, Aria Anastasio and Brett Bush joined Rachael Ray, President Bill Clinton and Iron Chef Michael Symon, far right, for the Café Una Notte dinner.



Chloe Langis, 15, in her family's kitchen.

PANCAKE TACOS WITH FRUIT SALSA

In "Yum-o! The Family Cookbook" Rachael Ray focuses on family-friendly meals that kids will eat and in many cases can make themselves. The book includes recipes submitted by children, including this one from 12-year-old Laila El Hasan of Laguna Niguel, Calif. **INGREDIENTS** ■ 1 cup of blueberries ■ 1 cup of sliced strawberries ■ 1 cup of blackberries ■ 1 cup of sliced kiwi ■ 1 cup of raspberries ■ 1 package of pancake mix ■ 1 large egg ■ 1 tablespoon of vegetable oil ■ 1 cup of milk ■ 2 cup pancake syrup In a medium bowl, mix the blueberries, strawberries, blackberries, kiwi and raspberries and set aside. This will be the "fruit salsa." Prepare the pancake batter according to directions on the pancake mix box. After the pan has been heated, pour enough batter to make a large pancake. After the pancakes have been prepared place 1/2 cup of fruit salsa in the center of the pancake and fold over. Top with warmed syrup, if you wish, and enjoy! Yield: 4-6 servings

In The News
Court ruling could change U.S. currency

After a six-year court battle, the American Council for the Blind (ACB) landed a big victory recently. A federal court ruled, in a 2-to-1 decision, that the U.S. currency system discriminates against the blind. The court found that since every paper bill more or less feels the same, blind people are unable to distinguish between different denominations. The ACB claims that this denies the blind the right — under the federal Rehabilitation Act — to fully participate in society.

TIME TO CHANGE

Other countries have already made changes to their paper money to accommodate blind citizens. In Canada, paper money features a system similar to Braille. It uses raised dots in the upper right hand corner on the face side of the bill. In Europe, the Euro contains a foil texture that differentiates between bills and on Australia currency there's a raised feature. So far, more than 100 countries vary the size of their bills and others include features that help the blind. "I don't think we should have to rely on people to tell us what our money is," said Mitch Pomerantz, president of the ACB. Aside from getting help from others, some blind and visually impaired people use electronic currency readers, which can be pricey. Recently, the U.S. government has made some changes to paper money. The U.S. Treasury Department unveiled a colorful new \$5 bill which included a large purple "5" on the bottom right on the back of the bill to help those with poor eyesight. The \$10, \$20, and \$50 bills also underwent high-tech makeovers, however, none included features to help the blind. "Even the most searching tactile examination will reveal no difference between a \$100 bill and a \$1 bill," wrote Judge Judith Rogers as part of the court decision.

THE TROUBLE WITH CHANGE

The Treasury Department, which is currently reviewing the court's decision, argues that changing the size of U.S. bills would cost vending machine companies billions of dollars. They would have to redesign their machines for the new bills. Not all blind people agree with the court's decision. The National Federation for the Blind says that it does not find the U.S. currency to be discriminatory. Marc Maurer, the group's president, who is blind, says many blind people use paper money every day without difficulty. He argues that the ruling will foster the misconception that blind people cannot function as part of society. However he does agree that changes to the currency would make things easier. — Claudia Atticot

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Making money easier to 'read'

Most countries include features on their paper currency to help the visually impaired. Only the U.S. prints denominations that are identical in size and, until recently, color.

Numbers
Large, high-contrast numbers help to identify amounts; the large, purple five was part of the U.S.'s \$5 bill redesign in March

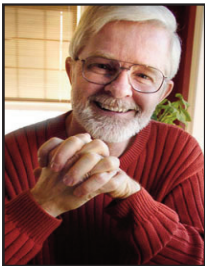
Raised markings
Sixteen countries engrave marks on their currency

Varying sizes
Euro notes vary in color and size as the amounts increase

SOURCE: DALLAS MORNING NEWS MCT

When a dad's tales of kids grow up

The Matterhorn books began as bedtime stories Mike Hamel made up on the spot to tell his four kids. He was concerned that his third son, Matthew, might feel left out, sandwiched between the older brothers he couldn't keep up with and a younger sister. So he created Matterhorn, an adventurer that his boy could aspire to become, a hero who travels through time and space to save the world. "I wanted to infect him with this vision of himself," said Mike Hamel, a Colorado Springs freelance writer. But it didn't take long for his other



Mike Hamel

kids to hear the stories and ask for characters of their own. Soon, Matterhorn, Aaron the Baron, Nate the Great and Princess Jewel were taking adventures together. Hamel wove quirks of his kids' personalities — say, a love of spicy foods or a good sense of direction — into their heroic characters "to give them a sense of who they were and what they could grow up into," he said. The real-life Matterhorn is now 28, and the bedtime stories he inspired have turned into the "Matterhorn the Brave" series for tween readers. The first six

books were published by Living Ink Books in 2007, and the final two are due out later this year. "It's not every day you're immortalized in a book," said Aaron "the Baron" Hamel, 32. In the books he's a 13-year-old gadget-whiz who's prepared for anything. Matterhorn the Brave books are a blend of adventure, fantasy and science fiction. There are sword fights, a cast of characters that includes leprechauns, sasquatch and merpeople, and time travel to various lands and centuries, accompanied by heady physics discussions of how it all works. "Kids have enough reality. I want

to help them escape," Mike Hamel said. "I can have conflict and struggle, but it doesn't have to be dark." The heroes of the books aren't superheroes, but rely on bravery, friendship and honesty to complete their missions. Hamel's sons clearly get a kick out of the books, but perhaps closer to their hearts are their memories of the bedtime stories. "It was an opportunity for my dad to create something unique for

me," Matthew Hamel said. "Nobody at school or anywhere else had access to these stories." "We always looked forward to Dad's bedtime stories. He's a good storyteller," Aaron Hamel said. For more information on the Matterhorn the Brave book series (\$10 each), visit matterhornthebrave.com. — Bill Reed, The Gazette



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Obituaries

Rexie Wayne Denton

Rexie Wayne Denton, 64, of Big Spring died Thursday, May 29, 2008, at his residence. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, June 2, 2008, at the Mt. Olive Memorial Park with Mona Lue Tonn, pastor of Spring Tabernacle, officiating.

He was born Feb. 1, 1944, in Big Spring. Mr. Denton was a lifelong resident of Big Spring and attended Big Spring High School, graduating in 1961. He had worked for Gandy’s in the 1960s and 1970s and was an assistant supervisor for the Dr. Pepper Company in the 1980s. He was Baptist.

Survivors include three daughters, Debbie Carpenter of Oklahoma, Cindy Corgill of Midland and Wyvette Denton of Big Spring; two sons, Rex Denton Jr. of Midland and Daniel Denton of Big Spring; three sisters, Angel Grantham of Big Spring, Sonjia Aycock of Midland and Sherry Hernandez of Dallas; two brothers, Dickie Denton and Quinn Denton, both of Big Spring; 10 grandchildren; and six great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dick and Bernice Denton; one daughter, Theresa Ann Denton; and his grandmothers, Floy Odom and Mabel Cloud.

The family suggests memorials be made to the donor’s charity of choice. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Mary Brisbin

Mary Brisbin, 68, of Big Spring died Friday, May 30, 2008, at her residence. No services are planned. She was born March 6, 1940, in Perryville, Ariz., and married Ronnie Brisbin July 16, 1987.

Mary had lived in Kermit for 13 years and Marfa for six years before moving to Big Spring in 2006. She was a member of the Gypsy Motorcycle Club and enjoyed oil painting.

Survivors include her husband, Ronnie Brisbin of Big Spring; three daughters, Susan Stovall of Monterey, Calif., Charlene LaGrone of Big Spring and Kathy Griffin of Cortez, Colo.; one son, Ray Stuckman of Olathe, Colo.; her mother, Charline Shuman of Big Spring; one sister, Jane Easley of Georgia; two brothers, Charles Vaughn of Florida and Chester Vaughn of Kermit; three step-sons, Steve Brisbin of Midland, Kevin Brisbin of Oklahoma and Darrin Brisbin of Temple; and one step-daughter, Brenda Hatfield of Austin.

She was preceded in death by her father, William Nick Vaughn. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Juanita Viera

Juanita Viera, 63, of Big Spring died Friday, May 30, 2008, at Odessa Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Support Groups

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

•Life Recovery, a non-denominational Christian group of recovering alcoholics and addicts, meets at 7 p.m. at the St. Paul Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall.

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

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

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

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 3-5-26-29-31
Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order:
2-7-2-1. Sum It Up: 12

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order:
4-8-8. Sum it Up: 20

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity Friday:

- JIM BOB WHITE, 41, 410 Dais, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- ROMERO VILLARREAL, 23, 505 N.W. 10th, was arrested on a capias warrant and parole revocation warrant.
- JAMEL SCOTT JOHNSON, 45, 2621 Chanute, was arrested on a charge of criminal trespass.
- CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported in the 400 block of First.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1900 block of Martin Luther King.
- THEFT was reported in the 1100 block of Lamesa Highway.
- UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore and the 700 block of Johnson.

Take Note

• The Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third, will host a benefit Saturday, June 7, for 6-year-old Chloe Scroggins, who needs pancreatic surgery. Hamburger plates will be served from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. for \$5 each. Texas country/rock n’ roll band Blackeye Shiner will play from 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. with a cover charge of \$5 per person. Join us for games, food, music and lots of fun for a good cause. For more information, contact the Lodge at 263-6862.

• June is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month. Any group that would like to see a program on the topic can contact Bill Birrell at 263-0659. He has an 18-minute American Cancer Society VCR tape edited by Sidney Poitier.

• Mobile Meals needs volunteers to deliver meals Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. The organization delivers approximately 70 meals each day and needs drivers to donate just one hour per week. Mobile Meals also needs back-up volunteers to fill in when regular drivers can’t make it. For more information, contact Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

• Road to Recovery, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call Nancy Koger at 267-7809.

• The purpose of life is a life of purpose. Join Nurses’ Hospice of Big Spring volunteer program and become an “Angel” or “Teen Angel” in someone’s life today. Come by 1008 E. Third St. or call (432) 517-4073 to register.

• Bring joy and kindness to others by becoming a Compass Hospice volunteer. Help those at the end of life’s journey. Make a difference in someone’s life. Call 263-5999 to begin your journey.

• All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue has an account set up with Big Spring Salvage at 3608 N. Hwy. 87 for all types of metals and aluminum cans. Please tell them that your donations are for All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is also still taking weight circles off of all Purina brand dog foods. Send your Purina Weight Circles, to A.C.S. & R. at P.O. 871, Coahoma 79511. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is still accepting old and used cell phones and ink jet cartridges, for drop off locations in Big Spring and Coahoma, Call Melanie at 267-7387.

• Christ Community Fellowship is collecting infant car seats and carriers. These are given to new mothers who cannot afford them. To donate your old or new car seats and carriers, call Karen Allen at 263-3517 or leave a message at Christ Community Fellowship, 263-love. All donations are appreciated.

• 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.

• Pediatric flu vaccinations for children ages 6 months to 35 months are now available at the Texas Department of State Health Services clinic in College Park Shopping Center. Cost is \$10, although no one will be turned away for inability to pay. For more information, call 263-9775.

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children’s Protective Services office at 263-9669.



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MONDAY
• Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon in the Cactus Room at Howard College.
• District Committee Lone Star of Big Spring meets at noon at 610 Scurry.
• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 begins at 5 p.m. with weight-in at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.
• Evening Lions Club meets at 6:45 p.m. at Dragon China Buffet.
• Howard County ARC meets at 806 E. Third in the Bingo Hall. Call 264-0674 for more information.
• The Big Spring Cruisers club meeting at 7 p.m. in the Texas RV Park meeting room.
• Prospector’s Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.
• Big Spring Chapter No. 178 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

TUESDAY
• Coahoma Senior Citizen luncheon is set for 11 a.m. in the Coahoma Community Center.
• Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
• Alzheimer’s Association, the Greater West Texas Chapter meets at 2 p.m. in the Howard County Library conference room, 500 S. Main.
• VFW Post 2013 meets at 7 p.m. in the VFW Hall, 500 Driver Road.
• Gospel Singing in the Kentwood Activity Center at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.
• The Howard County Sheriff’s Posse meets at 7 p.m. at the Sheriff’s Posse building on the Andrews Highway. For more information, call Bert Sheppard at 263-4483 or Rose Armstead at 263-2769.
• Order of the Eastern Star No. 67 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

WEDNESDAY
• Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
• Free blood pressure screenings from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., provided by InHome Care.
• Senior Circle meets at 10:30 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.
• Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
• Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
• Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge at 703 W. Third.
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Time may be running out for Spurs

By KEN PETERS

AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — Time finally may have run out on the San Antonio Spurs — both for this season and in their championship-filled run.

The group of 30-something Spurs could not keep up with the in-their-20s Los Angeles Lakers.

After another fast start at Staples Center, San Antonio seemed to tire, again blowing a substantial lead and falling 100-92 on Thursday night as the Lakers won Game 5 to advance to the NBA Finals.

San Antonio took a 17-point lead in the second quarter, but the Lakers caught up in the third and put the game away late in the fourth.

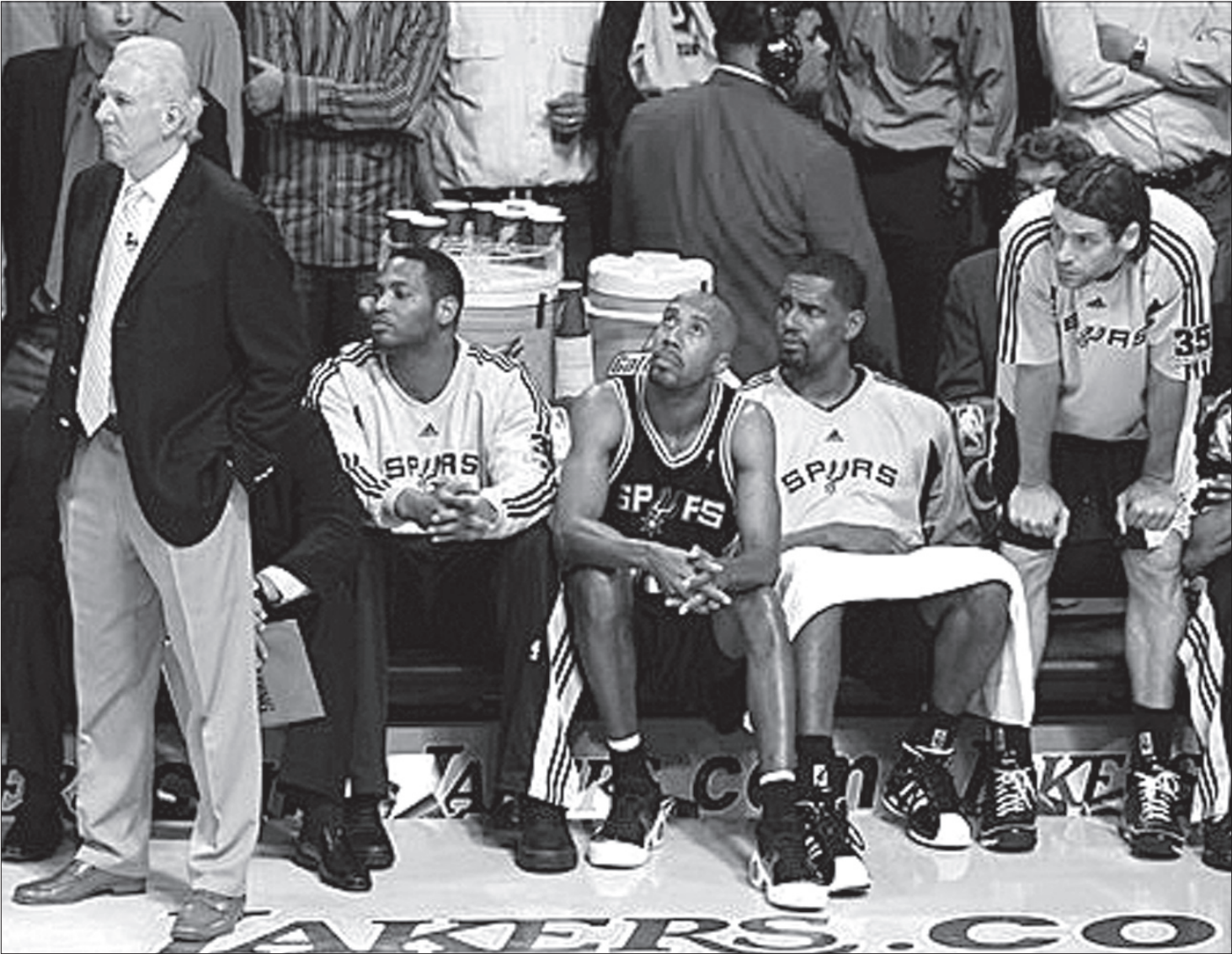
In the Western Conference finals opener, San Antonio was up by 20 in the third quarter on the Lakers' court before the Spurs began to struggle and Los Angeles stormed back to win 89-85.

The series could mark the end of an era for the defending champion Spurs and their impressive run of titles, which includes three in the past five years, and four in the last nine.

Earlier in the series against the Lakers, San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich had said age was really no factor,

that it was silly to think that when the Spurs won, it was because of their experience and when they lost, it was because they were older than dirt.

Following their loss to the Lakers, he still wasn't interested in talking about his team's age. He answered a question about there being a lot



San Antonio Spurs head coach Gregg Popovich, left, and team members, left to right, Robert Horry, Bruce Bowen, Kurt Thomas and Fabricio Oberto watch time run out during the fourth quarter of their 100-92 loss to the Los Angeles Lakers in Game 5 of the NBA Western Conference basketball finals in Los Angeles Thursday.

of good, young teams in the Western Conference, must make changes, he said, "So when you lose,

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Tim Duncan

thing.

"No, I think that's too superficial analysis of any team at the end of the season.

"Every team makes some kind of changes. We've made some changes every year, whether we've won or lost."

Tony Parker, at 26 the lone member of the Spurs' regular rotation under 30, and 32-year-old Tim Duncan did their part in Game 5, with Parker scoring 23 points and Duncan getting 19 points, 15 rebounds and 10 assists.

But down the stretch, the Lakers again outplayed them and teammates Bruce Bowen and Brent Barry, each 36; Michael Finely, 35; and Manu Ginobili, 30.

Popovich didn't use Robert Horry, who is almost 38, going instead with Kurt Thomas, who is 35. Thomas had 11 points in his 20:38 on the court.

Kobe Bryant, 29 and the Lakers' oldest regular except for 33-year-old backcourtmate Derek Fisher, led Los Angeles with 39 points. Pau Gasol, 27, had

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Tony Parker

19 rebounds and 12 points, while Lamar Odom, 28, chipped in with 13 points and eight rebounds.

Although they've been the league's best team in recent years, the Spurs still haven't been able to repeat as champions.

Duncan, however, doesn't believe it will take much for them to get back in the thick of things next season.

"We haven't repeated for whatever reason," he said. "We've just got to gear it up again to go to next year. Obviously, we have to add some pieces to our team and a couple of tweaks here and there."

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Ashley Sheree Newton and Chad Eugene Kemper

Newton and Kemper

Ashley Sheree Newton and Chad Eugene Kemper, both of Big Spring, announce their intention to marry on June 4, 2008, in Montego Bay, Jamaica, during a beachside wedding.

She is the daughter of Larry and Diane Newton of Big Spring and Terri and Richard L. Nix of San Angelo. Her grandparents are Loretta and the late James Cook of Big Spring and Leola and the late Lindell Newton of Big Spring.

He is the son of Boyce and Laura Kemper of Big Spring and Anna and Chuck Knopp of Katy. His

children are Kamri and Ky Kemper. His grandparents are Myra and the late Velah Kemper of Big Spring and Ellen and the late Bennie Thomason of Big Spring.

Ashley earned her bachelor’s degree in child and family studies with an EC-4 teaching certificate from the University of Texas-Permian Basin. She teaches at Moss Elementary.

Chad earned his bachelor’s degree in organizational management from Lubbock Christian University. He is employed with the Union Pacific Railroad.



Monica Espinoza Solis and Timothy Banks

Bobbitt and Marshall

Zane Neal Bobbitt of Big Spring would like to announce the engagement of her daughter Casey Ann Bobbitt to Zachary John Marshall.

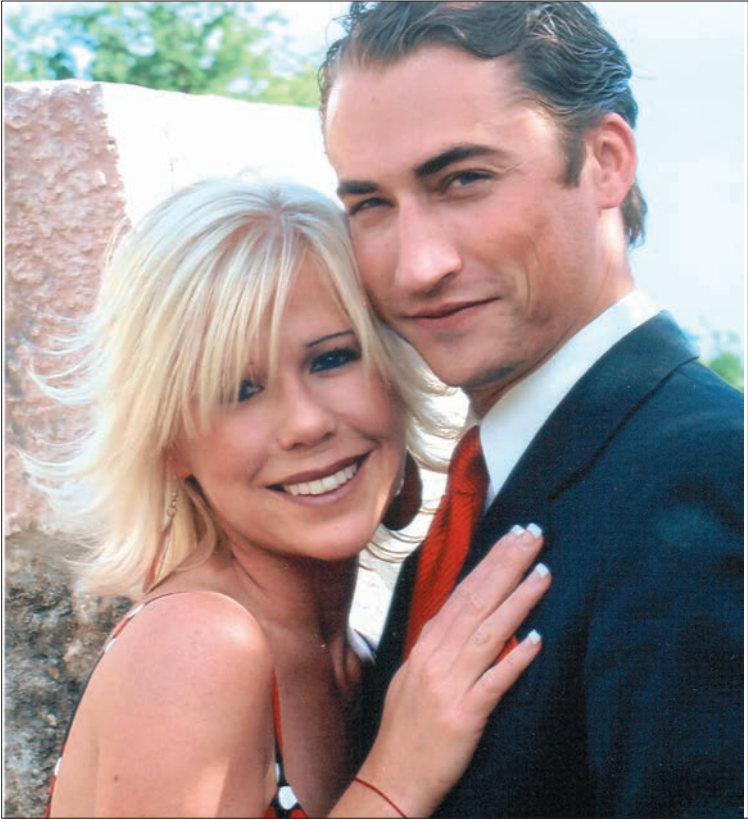
The bride-elect is also the daughter of Danny Bobbitt of El Paso and the granddaughter of the late Annabelle Neal and Bill Neal Jr. of Big Spring.

Casey, who lives in Big Spring, graduated from the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor in 2004 with a bachelor of arts in English and a minor in art. She is a land man for Endeavor Oil in Midland.

Zac Marshall of Midland is the son of Cynthia and Dr. John Marshall of Big Spring. He is the grandson of Charlene and the retired Rev. Steve Birdwell of Big Spring and the late Katherine and Dr. John Marshall of Salt Lake City.

Zac graduated from Westminster University in 2005 with a degree in economics. He is a financial advisor for Merrill Lynch.

Casey and Zac will be married in Jamaica on Nov. 3, 2008, in a sunset ceremony.



Casey Ann Bobbitt and Zachary John Marshall

Solis and Banks

Monica Espinoza Solis and Timothy Banks, both of Big Spring, will be united in marriage at 2 p.m. July 12, 2008, at the Dora Roberts Community Center with the Rev. Samuel and Christina Segundo.

She is the daughter of Veronica Solis and George Solis. Her grandparents are Martha and Abraham Espinoza and Angie and

Juan Solis, all of Big Spring. She is employed by Sun Loan.

He is the son of Holston and Beatrice Banks of Big Spring. His grandparents are the late Pauline Banks and Jose Banks of Big Spring and the late Magnolia and Paul Sydnie Detiege of Dayton, Texas. He is employed at production specialty in Coahoma.

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West Texas Centers to host forum

West Texas Centers for MHMR will host a public forum, Thursday in Big Spring to gather information on the delivery of mental health services in its 23-county area.

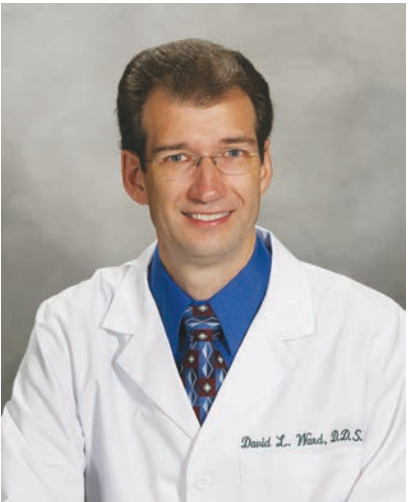
“We hope to have a strong discussion of proposed changes in the way mental health services are offered to individuals in the community and how this may affect the people we serve,” West Texas Centers for MHMR CEO Shelley Smith said.

The Local Planning and Network Development public forum will take place in the Howard County Library, 500 Main St., in the downstairs meeting room. The forum will begin at 5:15 p.m.

Additional information can be obtained from Amy Vidal, West Texas Centers community relations director, at 263-0007, ext. 256, or amy.vidal@wtcmhmr.org

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Texas officials, polygamist sect reach tentative deal to start returning children on Monday

SAN ANGELO (AP) — More than 400 children removed from a polygamist sect’s ranch will be returned to their parents beginning Monday, state officials chastened by a state Supreme Court ruling said Friday as they hammered out an agreement with the families.

The children won’t be able to leave Texas but they will be allowed to move back to Yearning For Zion Ranch, where child-welfare officials have alleged that underage girls were pushed into spiritual marriages with older men. The parents say there was no abuse, and two courts ruled that the state overstepped its authority in removing all children from the ranch, from infants to teenagers.

Texas Child Protective Services took custody of the children from the west Texas ranch after a raid nearly two months ago. A court order that a judge restore custody to parents applies to only 124 of the children, but state officials said about 300 others taken under identical circumstances also will be returned.

A draft agreement released by CPS attorney Gary Banks says the parents can get their children back after showing identification and pledging to take parenting classes and remain in Texas.

The agreement was reached with 38 mothers of 124 children who filed the complaint that prompted the Texas Supreme Court’s ruling Thursday.

Clinton says she expects superdelegates to make up their minds after Mont., SD primaries

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton said Friday she expects uncommitted superdelegates to begin making the choice that will decide her marathon Democratic primary race against Barack Obama soon after the Tuesday’s primaries.

In a conference call with Montana reporters, Clinton was asked about the effort by top Democratic leaders to push for a quick end to the fight for the presidential nomination after primaries in South Dakota and Montana next week. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said that he, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., and party chairman Howard Dean will urge uncommitted delegates to choose sides.

Clinton said: “I think that after the final primaries, people are going to start making up their minds. I think that is the natural progression that one would expect.”

Clinton said superdelegates — the party and elected officials who can vote for whomever they choose regardless of what happens in the primaries and caucuses — will have to decide who is the stronger candidate in the fall to run against Republican John McCain.

“I think that people will have to ask themselves those questions, who would be the best president in terms of preparation and readiness and effectiveness, and who would be the stronger candidate. And I imagine that process will begin after the end of the last primaries,” Clinton said.

Crane collapse on NYC’s Upper West Side kills 2 construction workers, injures another

NEW YORK (AP) — A construction crane snapped and smashed into an apartment building with a thunderous roar Friday, killing two workers in the city’s second

such tragedy in 2½ months and renewing fears about the safety of hundreds of cranes towering over the New York skyline.

The collapse happened despite stepped-up inspections and a shake-up in the city Buildings Department after the earlier accident, which killed seven people in March.

City officials could not immediately say how the 200-foot crane fell apart on Manhattan’s Upper East Side, where contractors were building a 32-story luxury condo complex.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg called the accident “unacceptable and intolerable” but added: “Having said that, we do not know at the moment what happened or why.”

With the city going through a supercharged building boom and an estimated 250 cranes in operation as of mid-March, New York has seen a series of deadly construction accidents. Nine people have died in crane accidents so far this year. None died in crane accidents last year; two were killed in 2006.

Thousands protest in Iraq against proposed security agreement with U.S.

BAGHDAD (AP) — Tens of thousands rallied in several cities Friday against a proposed U.S.-Iraqi security agreement, raising doubts that negotiators can meet a July target to finalize a pact to keep U.S. troops in Iraq after the current U.N. mandate expires.

Although U.S. officials insist they are not seeking permanent bases, suspicion runs deep among many Iraqis that the Americans want to keep at least some troops in the country for many years.

“We denounce the government’s intentions to sign a long-term agreement with the occupying forces,” Asaad al-Nassiri, a sheik loyal to anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, said during a sermon in Kufa. “Our army will be under their control in this agreement, and this will lead to them having permanent bases in Iraq.”

President Bush and Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki signed a statement last December on the future of U.S.-Iraqi relations, saying they planned to finalize a new security agreement by July 31 — in time for Iraq’s parliament to approve the deal before a U.N. mandate expires at the end of the year.

Passenger jet overshoots runway in Honduras and slams to a stop on a city street

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (AP) — A Miami-bound jetliner overshot a runway, raced onto a busy street and slammed into an embankment in the Honduran capital Friday, killing the pilot, a passenger and a motorist on the ground.

More than 75 people were injured, including Brazil’s ambassador to Honduras, Brian Michael Fraser Neele. Police said he was being treated at a private hospital and his wife was missing.

The nose of the Grupo Taca Airbus 320, which was landing with 124 people on board, smashed into an embankment and its fuselage buckled and broke in places, trapping the pilot and co-pilot inside.

Rescuers had to pry open part of the wreckage to get them out, but the pilot didn’t survive, said Cesar Villalta, director of Honduras’ military hospital.

Passenger Harry Brautigam, a Nicaraguan who headed a regional development bank, died of heart failure shortly after the crash. The body of a man trapped under the plane’s wreckage was believed to be a taxi driver.

Brazil reveals uncontacted Amazon tribe to alert world to threats

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) — Brazil’s government agreed to release stunning photos of Amazon Indians firing arrows at an airplane so that the world can better understand the threats facing one of the few tribes still living in near-total isolation from civilization, officials said Friday.

Anthropologists have known about the group for some 20 years but released the images now to call attention to fast-encroaching development near the Indians’ home in the dense jungles near Peru.

“We put the photos out because if things continue the way they are going, these people are going to disappear,” said Jose Carlos Meirelles, who coordinates government efforts to protect four “uncontacted” tribes for Brazil’s National Indian Foundation.

Shot in late April and early May, the foundation’s photos show about a dozen Indians, mostly naked and painted red, wielding bows and arrows outside six grass-thatched huts.

50 Cent’s multimillion-dollar home destroyed in overnight fire; 6 people injured

DIX HILLS, N.Y. (AP) — A multimillion-dollar home at the center of a bitter dispute between 50 Cent and the mother of his son was destroyed by a suspicious fire early Friday.

Six people, including 50’s ex-girlfriend Shaniqua Tompkins and their 10-year-old son, Marquis, were taken to a hospital after suffering smoke inhalation and later released. A firefighter also suffered a minor eye injury, officials said.

50, whose real name is Curtis Jackson, doesn’t live in the home and wasn’t there at the time.

Homeless Japanese woman arrested after living undetected in man’s closet for a year

TOKYO (AP) — A homeless woman who sneaked into a man’s house and lived undetected in his closet for a year was arrested in Japan after he became suspicious when food mysteriously began disappearing.

Police found the 58-year-old woman Thursday hiding in the top compartment of the man’s closet and arrested her for trespassing, police spokesman Hiroki Itakura from southern Kasuya town said Friday.

The resident of the home installed security cameras that transmitted images to his mobile phone after becoming puzzled by food disappearing from his kitchen over the past several months.

One of the cameras captured someone moving inside his home Thursday after he had left, and he called police believing it was a burglar. However, when they arrived they found the door locked and all windows closed.

“We searched the house ... checking everywhere someone could possibly hide,” Itakura said. “When we slid open the shelf closet, there she was, nervously curled up on her side.”

FOURTH

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around Heart of the City Park. There will be lots of children’s activities — water slides, train rides, horseback riding, inflatables and much more.

It’s not too late, by the

way, to have a booth at the fair.

“We’re looking for sponsors. Booth space is available,” said Johnson. “Our food booths are \$100 and limited to a total of 25. Craft booths will be available for \$50. Non-profit organizations can set up an informational booth for \$25.”

Johnson said the community event is designed to be fun for the entire family, and to get everyone celebrating God and Country.

“Our goal is to get all the local churches, youth groups and non-profit organizations involved,” he said.

In addition to the other

activities, a talent show is planned, coordinated by Clint Collins at Life Church or Jim Kerber. The only requirement to try out for the show is to stay within the theme of God and Country.

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Robert Crane, 76, died Tuesday. Graveside services with Military Honors were at 11:00 AM Saturday at Trinity Memorial Park.

Darrell Turner, 59, died Sunday. A Memorial Service will be at 7:30 PM Saturday at the Big Spring State Park's large pavilion.

Juanita Viera, 63, died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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result of federal mandates.

“Federal law says that if 50 percent or more of our students qualify for free or reduced-price meals, we are required to provide meals during the summer,” Grant said. “We want those families to know that their children can eat for free.”

Unlike past years, when BSISD staff have tweaked the menus during the summer program, Grant said the theme this year is “Seamless Summer” — the meals will basically be the same ones served during the school year.

Aside from BSISD students, free meals also will be provided to children

involved in summer programs at the YMCA, Boys and Girls Club and other organizations, Grant said.

“We feed our kids who are going to summer school, too,” Grant said. “With them and kids from the outside groups ... we’ll

probably feed around 600 children this summer.”

For more information on the program, contact BSISD Food Services at 264-3635.

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Three outs in one: Giants turn triple play

By JANIE McCAULEY
AP Sports Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Somehow, those involved lost track of their triple-play ball. John Bowker entrusted the souvenir ball to bullpen catcher Taira Uematsu, also the translator for Keiichi Yabu.

But, as it turns out, Uematsu had no idea that ball was the special one and he played catch with it — thus the ball got mixed up with all the others.

“I tried,” Bowker said with a grin. This one will have to stay in their memories and on the highlight reels.

The San Francisco Giants

turned a triple play in the eighth inning of their 7-3, 13-inning loss to the San Diego Padres on Friday night, the second in the majors this year.

Yabu had just entered with runners on first and second and got Kevin Kouzmanoff to hit the first pitch and ground into the Giants’ first triple play since June 14, 1999, on his first pitch.

“I was thinking groundball and double play, then we turned the triple play,” Yabu said. “Unbelievable. I had never seen one. We usually see triple plays where they catch a line drive. It’s the first time I saw a ground-ball triple play.”

Third baseman Jose Castillo

fielded the hard grounder near the bag and retired Giles on the forceout, then relayed to second baseman Ray Durham to get Gonzalez. Durham then fired the ball to first baseman Bowker for the third out.

“When he hit it, I was thinking he would touch third and throw to second,” Bowker said. “As he threw to second, I said, ‘Wait a minute, I think there’s time to throw to first. We got him by a half step.’”

The crowd of 37,178 jumped to its feet for a long ovation. The Padres hit into their first triple play since May 5, 2005, versus St. Louis.

“I hit it hard right at him,”

said Kouzmanoff, who wasn’t surprised to see the play turned. “It’s definitely something I don’t want to be a part of but that’s the way it goes.”

The Giants hadn’t turned a triple play at home since Oct. 3, 1980, against San Diego at Candlestick Park. This was the first one for San Francisco at its 9-year-old waterfront ballpark and the sixth total in the city by either team — four at Candlestick and one at Seals Stadium. The Giants have turned seven triple plays since moving West in 1958.

Cleveland’s Asdrubal Cabrera turned an unassisted triple play for Cleveland on May 12.

Yabu struck out one in three perfect innings and became the second Japanese pitcher to take part in a triple play along with Hideo Nomo in 1996 — to which Yabu said, “Oh really? No. 2? That’s good.”

“When it was hit, I thought no but then I saw the quickness to the bag and then I saw the first relay and I thought, ‘Yeah, it could happen,’” Padres manager Bud Black said. “When the ball was in flight to second I thought it could happen.”

Giants starter Matt Cain was back in the training room when the play happened, but he celebrated with the medical staff while watching it unfold on TV.

CELTICS

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closed the third quarter with a 10-2 run and took its first lead since midway through the opening quarter.

Just when it seemed the Pistons might be in control with a 70-60 lead early in the fourth, the Celtics scored nine points in less

than 2 minutes and went on a 19-4 run that put them ahead 79-74. Billups’ three-point play pulled Detroit to 83-79 with 2:24 left, then the Pistons wasted a chance to get closer.

Tayshaun Prince grabbed a loose ball after a Boston miss and turned the ball over when James Posey surprised him from behind.

Pierce made two free throws on the possession,

putting the Celtics up by six with 1½ minutes to go. “It was the best fourth quarter we played all play-off long,” Pierce said.

The Pistons failed on their 3-pointers down the stretch and couldn’t take advantage of Garnett missing two free throws with 36 seconds left.

The Pistons were eliminated at home for the first time since Pierce helped Boston do it in the second

round of the 2002 playoffs. Detroit had won its previous five games this post-season when coming off a loss.

Detroit lost Game 6 of the conference finals for the third straight year and with only one title and two NBA finals appearances during its impressive six-year run, the franchise will draw more comparisons to baseball’s Atlanta Braves.

COAHOMA

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up, a line out and then registered her 13th strikeout to end the game.

East Bernard’s only run was unearned as Newton strung out seven Brahmarettes’ hits and stranded eight base runners over seven innings. Newton finished with four strikeouts.

Coahoma made its biggest threat in the sixth after Joanna Gonzales drew a walk to begin the inning. Shelbi Paige bunted Gonzales up a base to second, but then a controversial call cost the Bulldogettes an opportunity to have runners on

the corners with just one out.

Berkley Iden was called out for putting her foot on home plate. However, the home plate umpire called a conference with her colleagues to confirm the call.

“She said she was unclear on whether or not Berkley should be out if it was a foul ball,” explained Tadlock, who argued the decision that was made. “She said she just wanted to make sure she got the right call. I didn’t understand why she had to go out and talk to them if that was the call, though. Either way, we’re not going to blame an umpire’s decision for us losing.”

Newton came to bat with two outs in the inning and

Repka threw a wild pitch, allowing Gonzales to move to third. Unfortunately, after an eight-pitch battle, Newton struck out, ending Coahoma’s best scoring threat.

Shutouts became a habit for Repka, though. Saturday’s 1-0 win was the seventh consecutive shut-out East Bernard’s ace pitched in the playoffs.

Coahoma finishes the season with a mark of 33-10 and finish as the state runner-up for the first time since 2003.

Tadlock says the Bulldogettes’ faithful should be ready for another trip to Austin in an attempt to gain that elusive second state title very soon.

“We’re losing some girls

that are going to be very hard to replace,” Tadlock said. “We’re just going to have to reload like great programs do. We’ve got some good players ready to come up from the JV and with the core we’ll have returning, we expect to be back here playing for a state title again next year.”

East Bernard 100 000 0—1 7 0
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Courtney Repka and Liz Reyes.
Heather Newton and Janice Gonzales.
W — Repka (30-4-1). L — Newton (25-9).
E: CHS — Shelbi Paige.

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FRENCH

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has lived and trained the past two years in Scottsdale, Ariz. The No. 16-seeded Azarenka beat No. 18 Francesca Schiavone 6-1, 6-1 and has lost only six games in three matches this week.

Azarenka took advantage of Schiavone’s weak second serve, winning 23 of those 28 points. Since the start of the year, Azarenka has climbed in the rankings from 30th to a career-high 17th.

“This year I improved a lot my forehand, which was my weak shot,” she said. “Now it’s like my weapon, which helps me a lot.”

Azarenka will next play No. 4-seeded Svetlana Kuznetsova, who faced only one break point and beat Nadia Petrova 6-2, 6-1. Kuznetsova, the 2004 U.S. Open champion, beat Azarenka in their two previous meetings, both on hardcourt.

“She’s a big player, but she’s also human,” Azarenka said. “I played her two times already. It probably won’t be that scary anymore.”

Against Petrova, Kuznetsova hit five aces

and lost only five points on her first serve. She said she changed her service motion two months ago.

“I need my serve more than ever, so I’m really focused on it, and I feel like I’m doing much better,” Kuznetsova said. “I feel so much power in it, more consistent. I feel really good when I can get everything together.”

After winning the Australian Open in January, Sharapova needs only a French Open title to complete a career Grand Slam. Clay is her least favorite surface, and she’s top-seeded only because four-time champion Justine Henin retired two weeks ago.

In a sign that it won’t be easy, Sharapova needed 6½ hours to win her first three matches.

“We’re playing on a surface that’s going to make you hit more balls and that’s going to be more physically challenging,” she said. “But, you know, I’m mentally prepared for that.”

To keep winning, she’ll need to improve her serve. Sharapova had nine double-faults against Knapp, giving her 36 in three matches.

“Sometimes it becomes a steamroll,” Sharapova said. “It’s fine. I have dou-

ble-faulted numerous amounts of times in my career. Today was an improvement. It is a lot better — felt more comfortable.”

She’ll next play Dinara Safina, seeded 13th, who defeated Zheng Jie 6-2, 7-5. Safina beat Sharapova in the fourth round at the French Open two years ago.

Their quarter of the draw is all Russian. It includes No. 7 Elena Dementieva, who beat Olga Govortsova 6-0, 6-4, and No. 11 Vera Zvonareva, who swept Aleksandra Wozniak 6-2, 6-2.

In the completion of a match suspended because of darkness, No. 3 Jelena Jankovic defeated No. 28 Dominika Cibulkova 7-5, 6-3. Jankovic led 4-2 in the second set when play stopped Friday.

On the men’s side, No. 5 David Ferrer won a see-saw marathon against No. 25 Lleyton Hewitt, 6-2, 3-6, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4. No. 21 Radek Stepanek beat No. 12 Tommy Robredo 6-3, 6-2, 6-1.

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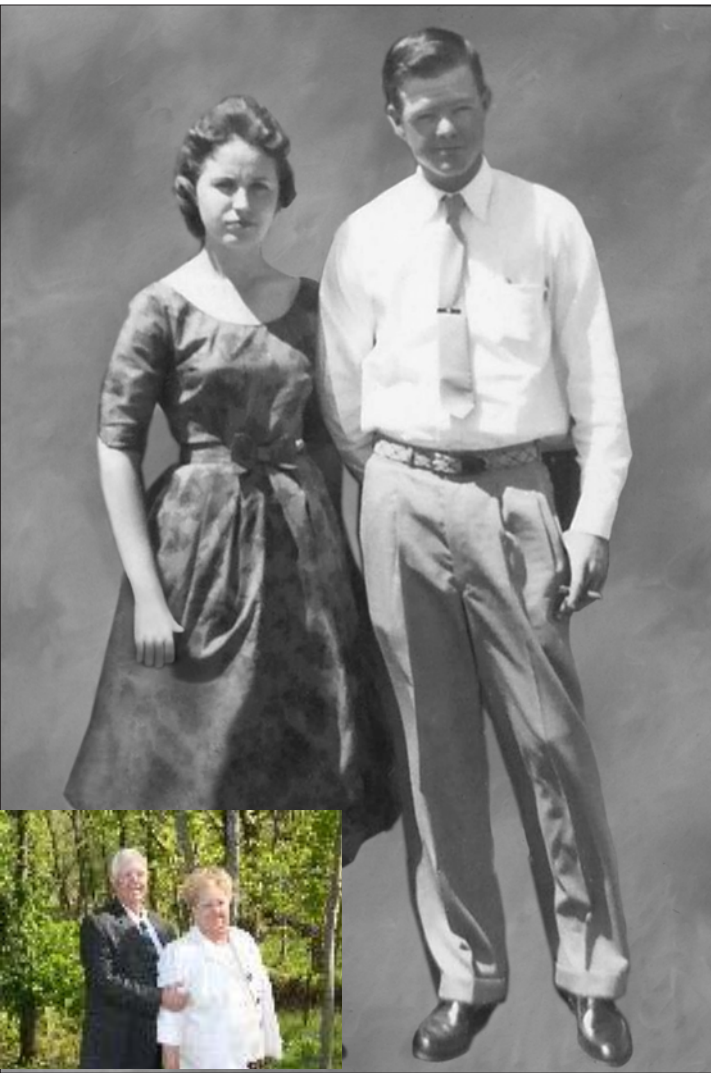
Howard Cates McChristian and Hauna Ruth Moore were married May 30, 1958, in Big Spring. The couple lived in Big Spring until 1976 when Mr. McChristian was transferred to Louisiana by Sid Richardson Carbon Black Company.

The couple moved with their five children to Denham Springs, La., in 1976. Mr. McChristian left Sid Richardson in 1993 and went to work for Venture Transport in 1994, where he remains working at this time. Mrs. McChristian was a housewife and full-time mother until 1986 when she put in Hauna's Professional Answering Service in Denham Springs. She sold the business in 1996 and became a co-driver with her husband. She remains there, but only works part-time.

The couple were given a gift of a trip to Nashville, Tenn., by their children and their families.

Their children are Jimmy Howard and Donna McChristian, Jerry Jeff McChristian, Jason Lloyd and Monic McChristian, Justin Cates and Suzanne McChristian and Johauna Leann and Donald Lege, all of Denham Springs, La. They are the grandparents of Katrina, Kelli, Kevin, Britney, Cherie, Ben, Jarmen, Keri, Kayren, Josh, Brandi, Brady, Blake, Catherine, Jeff Mikell and Shauna. They are the great-grandparents of Dawson, Dalton, Caydence, Victoria, Mitchell, Hosea and Landon.

Mr. McChristian graduated from Forsan High School in 1957 and Mrs. McChristian was in the class of 1958 at Big Spring High School. Mr. McChristian is the son of the late B.F. and Lela Cates McChristian and Mrs. McChristian is the daughter of the late Lloyd and Ruby Moore. They were all of Big Spring.



Parkers 50th anniversary

Married May 28, 1958, Richard and Jean Parker of Knott celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Wednesday, May 28, 2008.

The Parkers will be celebrating with family members during lunch Sunday, June 1, at the Big Spring Country Club.

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Guzman and Henry

Stephanie Michelle Guzman and Russell Lee Henry were joined in marriage at 11 a.m. May 24, 2008, in Fredericksburg in front of the waterfall at the historic library. The ceremony was performed by a local justice of the peace.

Stephanie is the daughter of Mike and Cindy Guzman. She is the granddaughter of Don and Rosalie Reed of Big Spring, Dora Perches of Big Spring and Henry Guzman Sr. of Midland.

Russell is the son of Jessie and Karen Henry of Big Spring. He is the

grandson of Jonell Daniels and the late Murphy Daniels and the late Jetty and Violet Henry of Big Spring.

Stephanie graduated from Big Spring High School in 1996 and attended Howard College and SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf. She is employed by Vision Makers.

Russell graduated from Coahoma High School in 1996 and served in the U.S. Army 82nd Airborne. He is employed by Patterson Drilling.

► Who's Who

Niccolette Aguerro of Big Spring has been named an All-American Scholar.

The United States Achievement Academy has established the All-American Scholarship Program to offer deserved recognition to superior students who excel in the academic disciplines. The All-American Scholars must earn a 3.3 or higher grade point average. Only scholars selected by a



school instructor, counselor or other qualified sponsor are accepted.

Niccolette, who attends Big Spring High School, was nominated for this honor by Virginia Miller. Niccolette will appear in the All-American Scholarship Yearbook, published nationally.

She is the daughter of Lisa Sale Aguerro from Big Spring.

Her grandparents are Chris and Eloise Salas of Odessa and Demitrio III and Juanita Aguerro of Pecos.

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OUR VIEWS

We encourage local business to join chamber

All right now, Big Spring area businesses, pay attention — the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is currently in the midst of its annual membership drive and that means you can expect a visit.

That's because members of the chamber's board and its ex-officio members have been put into five teams and have been out in force meeting prospective members and letting them know the advantages of being a member of the chamber.

Jan Hansen, the chamber's membership development vice president, said the theme for this year's drive is “Show Me the Members!” and those five teams are involved in a little good-natured, but spirited competition.

As members of the chamber ourselves, we're aware of the benefits of that membership, but some may not.

“When you join the Chamber of Commerce you get noticed,” explains Debbye ValVerde, the chamber's executive director. “What I mean by getting noticed is there are free services provided exclusively for chamber members.”

According to ValVerde, some of those perks include free display space in the Chamber of Commerce office lobby, use of chamber facilities for meetings, referrals by the chamber and meeting other business associates and cultivating new ones through before and after hours mixers.

What's more, being a member keeps local businessmen and businesswomen informed on the different goings on that affect the business climate in Big Spring and Howard County.

That's because the chamber's goal is improve the qualify of life and business climate in Big Spring and the surrounding area.

The Chamber also helps to sponsor numerous events, including Pops in the Park, the Health Fair and the West Texas Ag Expo and Luncheon. Its continuing programs include Leadership Big Spring, Junior Leadership and Senior Leadership.

So, if a chamber member drops by to chat in the next few days, be sure to take a few minutes and lend an ear.

And if you haven't heard from a chamber member or just want more information, call 263-7641 or go by the office at 215 W. Third St. The chamber's staff will be happy to assist in any they they can.

We hope you'll join us as chamber members, because it's really not about what the chamber can do for us individually, but what we and the chamber can do together to better our community.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Saying small prayers, Lord, can generate a pleasant surprise.

Amen

We're Americans ... guns are us

Don't worry...if the Redcoats ever take another crack at recovering their lost colonies, we'll be ready.

Some 35 percent of our households sport guns, more than the total number of Brits — man, woman or child. Doesn't that make you feel safe?

Unfortunately, though, that ancient violent era left us with an ambiguous constitutional provision that maybe allows any brain-disordered citizen to own a gun.

And with this crazy Supreme Court, Lord knows the odds are good for that troubling rule to stick.

Surely today's high security lifestyle poses special hazards for all of us, and not just no-fly lists, false arrests, extraordinary renditions, phone-taps, Guantanamo and the like.

Our archaic gun rules allowing citizens to feel secure also led to 29,000 deaths nationally in 2004. We shoot each other at a world record rate, with minorities bearing the brunt.

Some young black males feel safer in jail than on the street, and of course as a society, we are happy to oblige.

Other nations lack our history of musket-based uprisings, gun-toting frontier life, and preoccupation

with violent home invasions. Consequently, they permit far fewer guns, thus vastly reducing tragedies like Columbine, Virginia Tech, other famous massacres, and our fabled day-to-day firearm mayhem.

Sort of makes you wonder what those countries show on TV.

Anyway, in this country, ambivalence rules. Not only is the Constitution coy about the right to own, but owners are supremely organized.

And makers and dealers in turn, support these owners financially. They advertise openly in the paper and lobby militantly in state capitols.

Meanwhile innocent folks get shot while law-abiding gun-toters provide political cover for the crooks and drug dealers who cruise in their wake.

Luckily, mitigating solutions are not hard to devise. They're just hard to pass. Even today, a bunch of afflicted mayors is on the case of Congress, legislatures and police departments to tighten their rules.

Speedy reporting of guns “stolen” from dealers would be a good start.

So would background checks on buyers and employees, especially at gun shows. No Ph.D. is required to think up rules like that — just gumption.

How brainy does a lawmaker need to be to prohibit sales to buyers with a history of mental illness?

Just now, the talk within the trade is of a high-tech proposal to make guns leave behind an imprint

on the cartridges they fire.

Another gambit would require all bullets to carry a code number to help with tracing. Such ideas would surely carry a big price tag and further strain police manpower.

Still, if the Big Court rules that anyone can own a gun, expensive steps may be necessary.

But setting aside the hardware for a moment, we ought to take a closer look at our complicit culture.

We're a violence-prone society. Consider our movies, or video games, or rap lyrics. Contemplate our military invasion of other countries, or our mindless war on drugs.

Remember too our corporate-ruled economic system that is busily driving more and more Americans into poverty.

With such fertile soil to nurture them, young toughs may be less alien to firearms than in other lands.

Congress' new statute outlawing sales to the mentally ill is a reasonable response to one tragic symptom of this social dysfunction, but it's only a tiny start.

Battles over drug turf are probably the biggest cause of shootings while video games help make them more socially acceptable.

Now those are a couple of real issues into which Congress could sink its teeth.

Columnist William A. Collins is a former state representative and a former mayor of Norwalk, Conn.
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YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of the Vietnam Memorial Committee we would like to express our most heartfelt thank you to the individuals and businesses in Big Spring and the surrounding area for their support and assistance in making the Memorial Day ceremony and dedication of the All Veterans Monument happen.

This was one of the best Memorial Day ceremonies I have seen. We strive vigorously to keep the focus of what Memorial Day is really about and never let those that served and lost their lives for America be forgotten.

Memorial Day is a day to pay respect and remember those who unselfishly served and gave their lives so Americans can take time to spend a weekend enjoying their families. It is not about concerts, sales, parades and parties.

Thank you all.

GENE WILSON
PRESIDENT
VIETNAM MEMORIAL COMMITTEE
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

The Howard County Master Gardeners had a phenomenal turnout for their annual plant sale on April 26.

We want to thank everyone who helped make it a successful event — Terri Johansen, Skip Burcham, Chris Evans and staff, Mary Storen, Mike Abusaab, Shane Ward, Johnny Earp and Matt Malouf.

We also want to thank the Big

Spring Herald, KBST, KBYG and those businesses that helped make the sale possible.

And, of course, thanks go out to all the customers who came out and all the Master Gardener members who helped before, during and after the sale.

KATIE GRIGG
PRESIDENT
HOWARD COUNTY MASTER
GARDENERS

TO THE EDITOR:

I can't believe the city would spend \$2.1 million on a golf course. Why? Are there that many golfers in Big Spring? I don't think so, but I guess the people that run Big Spring do play and had something to do with the course getting a face lift.

I just can't understand it. I remember when the Kid Zone project had to have fund-raisers and such just so our kids could have a nice place to play. There was no \$2.1 million for them. I don't remember any golfers having any fund-raisers to fix the golf course.

I guess since the federal government has its share of pork barrel spending the city had to have it too. It was like if someone said if you want a sports complex you have to fix the golf course, too, kind of thing.

Let's see, \$2.1 million, what could we have done with that? I don't know, maybe buy mounted computers for our city police cars or maybe, just maybe, use the money on something everyone can use like improve

our lake facilities, fix the potholes or even give the city employees a raise or bonus.

I don't even think we had any major problems with the golf course. It does look pretty though. For \$2.1 million it should.

It's getting ridiculous ... \$2.1 million!

SANTIAGO FLORES
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

It's hard to watch someone you care about get sick and know that he isn't going to get well and will soon die.

The family of Felipe Anguiano Jr. would like to thank everyone at the Big Spring VA Hospital for helping to make his last few days on Earth as peaceful and painless as they could.

There wasn't an hour that went by that someone — be it a nurse, social worker, member of the cleaning staff or another patient — wouldn't stop by and let us know that they cared. Kind words and heartfelt hugs helped make a sad time just a little bit easier to bear. Many prayers were offered and gratefully accepted.

A special thanks to Edward Gonzales, who made us smile when all we really wanted to do was cry. Katy, Donna, Karen, Mary Ann and April, you are all nurses and angels as well. Chaplain Thomas, we know your prayers helped Felipe find his

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Home runs merit benefit of replay

By Tim Cowlshaw
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — If Major League Baseball doesn't get serious about using replay to make proper home run calls, someone may die.

It looked like it might happen earlier this week in our nation's capital.

It seems the new Nationals Park has two left-field walls. One facade is separated from the other by a three-foot alley.

So when supersized first baseman Dmitri Young launched a ball high off the wall against Milwaukee's Brian Shouse on Monday, no one was instantly sure which wall he had struck.

That left Young to huff and puff all the way to third base.

What you have to understand about Young is that this is a large man. Team Web sites are usually gen-

erous when it comes to reporting the weights of gravity-challenged players. The Nationals' Web site lists Young as 6-2, 300 pounds.

So you figure it out.

While Young was trying to collect his breath, manager Manny Acta ran out and challenged the call. The four umpires got together, chatted for a bit and shortly thereafter home plate ump Jerry Meals signaled home run.

This is a process that Major League Baseball needs to rid itself of, before a World Series game is determined by one of these silly umpire "what-do-you-think-happened" chats.

It's pretty clear that none of the four could tell exactly where the ball had hit. But TV replays showed the ball hitting the railing of the far wall, indicating that it was a home run.

The NFL and college

football use replay technology. So do the NBA and college basketball. So does the NHL.

When will commissioner Bud Selig drag baseball into the 21st century?

I'm not suggesting we use it on balls and strikes or close plays on the base paths. No one wants to spend six hours to watch nine innings of baseball.

But by a 25-5 vote last November, the league's general managers approved looking into the use of replay in three home run situations _ to determine whether or not a ball cleared the fence, to check for fan interference on a possible home run ball and in determining whether the home run ball was fair or foul.

This, I can live with. This, we can all live with.

For years, I thought there was no place for replay in baseball. It's a completely

different game from football, which began using replay in the NFL more than 20 years ago. It's a completely different mindset.

Umpires have their own strike zones. You certainly don't want a situation where teams can challenge balls and strikes.

And umps are going to make mistakes on close plays on the bases. It's an inevitable part of the game and it's something we have to accept.

But the modern ballparks cry out for replay to be used on home run calls.

The only good thing about the cookie-cutter multi-use stadiums built in the late '60s and early '70s (Riverfront Stadium, Three Rivers Stadium, the Metrodome) was that they had pretty basic straight-line architecture in the outfield. It was easy to see whether a ball was a home run or not (although fan interference always has been a problem).

But now the creativity of the architects has made the umpires' job an impossible one. So many different walls, different heights, different rules interpretations in each stadium tells me that a first-base umpire standing more than 200 feet away cannot possibly see what he needs to see to make the correct call.

It was announced recently that replay will be used in the Arizona Fall League and then possibly in spring training before determining if it can be part of the game in 2009.

That's nonsense. There are two ways the

league can have a system in place for the postseason, still more than four months away.

Put a replay official in a booth in each stadium and begin "rehearsing" immediately or at least after the All-Star break.

Or designate a set of replay officials in the league office to monitor all the games. The NHL has a setup similar to this with replay officials at games but also an official in Toronto standing by to

make calls.

Baseball has enough problems without letting another one slip through the cracks when it's so easily preventable.

Commissioner, pay attention to that vote by the GMs and do something about it before the playoffs. Sooner than that would be even better.

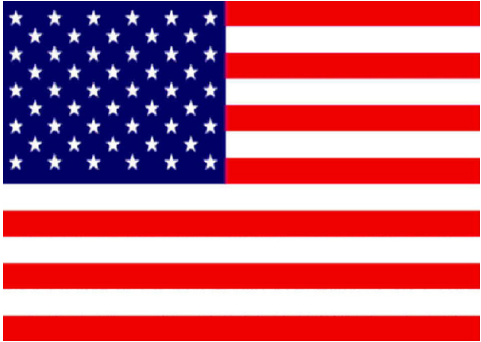
Dmitri Young will thank you for it.

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New York Mets' David Wright strokes a two-run home run in the third inning against the Los Angeles Dodgers at Shea Stadium Thursday.

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Hope to see you all next year!!!





Return flight to bankruptcy growing possibility for airlines

By HARRY R. WEBER
AP Business Writer

ATLANTA — Airlines are cutting U.S. flights, shedding employees, putting off plane orders and even talking about combinations.

But with cash bleeding fast, fuel prices high and credit tight, nothing they do may be able to stop several major airlines' return flight toward bankruptcy, and possibly liquidation.

Unlike when four of the six legacy carriers filed for bankruptcy protection between 2002 and 2005, airlines facing bankruptcy in this climate may find it tougher to reorganize because of tight credit markets and they have fewer unencumbered assets to use as collateral for loans.

"It may be Darwin's law of the fittest. If one of the carriers goes into bankruptcy and liquidated, it would take a lot of seats out of the market and other carriers would benefit," Calyon Securities airline analyst Ray Neidl said.



AP Photo/John Bazemore

Don Thompson of Skytanking works to refuel an Airtran jet at Hartsfield Jackson Atlanta International Airport in Atlanta. Airlines are cutting U.S. flights, shedding employees, putting off plane orders and even talking about combinations.

A handful of small carriers in recent months have filed for bankruptcy protection or gone out of business altogether.

With losses piling up for

most of the major airlines, maintaining a strong cash position is important to avoid the same fate.

Spiraling fuel costs and limited means to trim

other costs quickly makes that a tricky proposition.

"Unlike 2002, 2003, 2004, when it was largely a

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Shop sells allergy-free items

By Jim Wyss

McClatchy Newspapers

MIAMI — As the mother of two children who suffer from food allergies, Jennifer Herskowitz would spend hours at the grocery store — scrutinizing labels for dairy, peanut or soy ingredients that might lead to hives or worse.

But it was one particular November — when she dropped her son off at

school only to be told there was nothing for him to eat at the annual Thanksgiving lunch — that pushed her into entrepreneurship.

"I was driving around Miami searching for food that might be close to what the other kids were having, and I was so frustrated," she recalls. "I wondered, 'Why can't I just go to a single place where I could find him something to eat?' It just seemed unfair."

Last week Herskowitz opened just such a place. The Allergy-Free Shop in south Miami-Dade County, aims to bring all the hard-to-find foods for allergy sufferers under one roof. In addition to food, the 3,000-square-foot store carries hypoallergenic teddy bears, air filters, fragrance-free laundry detergent, organic clothing and more than 1,000 other

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Courtesy photo

Melanie Gambrell poses with instructors Charles "Chick" Gardner and Steven Thomason. Gambrell is a certified canine diagnostician.

Local woman certified as canine diagnostician

Melanie Gambrell, of All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue, has completed the Gifted Animal Placement Program (GAP) training and is now a canine diagnostician serving Howard County.

The course was presented at Midland Animal Services with co-directors Charles "Chick" Gardner and Steven Thomason instructing.

The role of a canine diagnostician is similar to that of a human behavioral diagnostician, according to the trainers. Depending on the certification, this professional may be called a learning evaluator, consultant or a placement consultant. The GAP diagnostician goal is to increase the number of adoptions at local shelters and be better in identifying the characteristics and temperaments of the dogs for placement with service or government agencies.

The GAP diagnostician is able to recognize certain traits that are necessary to make these types of dogs successful at their jobs. The GAP program has been successful at placing dogs that have such a high drive that many times they would be unacceptable and consequently euthanized because they don't make good backyard companions.

A GAP diagnostician will also be able to recognize and place assistance dogs, such as guide, hearing and service dogs for people in need.

Melanie Gambrell will be doing consultations. You may contact her at All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue, Coahoma, or by calling (432) 267-PETS (7387).

She can be heard every Saturday on KBYG 1400 AM with her show "The Pet Connection's Pet Talk" at 11:05 a.m.

AT&T names Don Cain as new presidential

AT&T Inc. (NYSE:T) has announced that Texas native Don Cain has been named president of AT&T Texas.

Cain started with AT&T in 1979 in Dallas and has progressed through a series of jobs, with responsibilities in customer service, regulatory and external affairs, including positions in South Africa and Washington, D.C.

He has served as a board member of the Oklahoma City Chamber, Allied Arts, Oklahoma Business and Education Coalition and the Oklahoma City Public Schools Foundation. He is the current chairman of the Oklahoma State Chamber.

Cain grew up in the Texas Panhandle city of Pampa. He earned a bachelor of science degree from McMurry University in Abilene in 1976.

"As a native Texan, I am happy to return home and even happier about continuing the vibrant relationship between the state of Texas and AT&T to make Texas the most innovative and connected state in the nation," he said.

Cain replaces James Epperson Jr., president of AT&T Texas since late 2005, who has been appointed to senior vice president-State Legislative and Regulatory Affairs at corporate headquarters in San Antonio. In his new role, Epperson

will be responsible for helping AT&T achieve its public-policy goals nationwide.

Since joining the company in 1979, Epperson has held numerous public affairs positions in Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri and California. During his tenure in Texas, the Legislature enacted pioneering video legislation that opened the door to competition in the cable TV industry. Since then, more than 20 states have passed similar legislation.

"Texas is a great state led by great leaders," Epperson said. "I will greatly miss the Capitol and working with legislators who have passed some of the most progressive legislation in the nation."

Energy Watch



Bhupen Agrawal is branch manager and a senior vice president of Investments of A.G. Edward's Midland office. He is also a member of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association.

Bill Franks, AAMS, is a senior assistant to the branch manager. He is also a member of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association.



Once again, some of the nation's top oil company executives appeared before a Senate panel. The briefing was pretty much par for the course. The lawmakers criticized the top five oil companies' profits, and each defended noting, "The fundamental laws of supply and demand are at work." According to "Big Oil," today's profits are large in absolute terms but need to be viewed in terms of the industry's scale. They again asked for Washington to open more land for drilling and exploration.

Oil was trading around \$98 when the executives were on Capitol Hill in April. This time, nearby prices rallied over \$135. This morning, OPEC noted they have "no magic solution" to record prices. In their opinion, it's "out of the hands of OPEC."

In reality, OPEC and the "Big Oil" remarks parallel each other. Speaking of supply and demand, the fundamentals, we believe OPEC has minimal spare capacity. This underlying tightness is supportive of prices, particularly as demand continues to rise. Since OPEC exhausted its spare capacity in 2004, prices have skyrocketed.

Meanwhile, IEA officials began laying the groundwork for their November release of a comprehensive oil field assessment. The market generally believes the IEA is prepared to make a significant downward revision to its long-term oil supply forecast. The energy watchdog has increasingly looked to survey supply, fueling suspicion they are concerned the oil-producers won't be able to meet growing demand.

Of late, investors, particularly institutional investors, have increased their exposure to commodities with crude oil doing exceptionally well. Longer-term, the aforementioned tightness of market makes crude attractive.

Last week, Congress received the most detailed account of how speculation has supported commodity prices over the past five years. According to Masters Capital Management, institutional investors (e.g. government or corporate pension funds, university endowments, and sovereign wealth funds) account for more outstanding futures contracts than any other market participants. Energy Intelligence writes the hedge fund estimates assets allocated to commodity index trading strategies jumped from \$13 billion in 2003 to \$260 billion this March. "Over that five-year period, speculators' demand for petroleum futures has increased by 848 million barrels." Those longs never take delivery but undoubtedly play a part in the underlying demand strength in the markets.

As we've noted in recent days, the deferred contracts have performed better than the nearby months (the December 2016 contract is trading over \$140). In fact, the market has moved into contango whereby the future delivery price is higher than today's price. This curve traditionally indicates underlying weakness. The contango is reportedly even stronger in the physical market, again pointing to waning demand versus current supply.

The contango market results in a negative roll-yield for passive long positions. It's not to say prices can't continue rising in this environment, but in coming weeks this could slow the surge. As the crude oil market looks like it is taking on a life of its own, we note NYMEX data suggests open interest fell 8.1 percent in a week when prices moved up more than 2.5 percent. This leads us to believe at least a portion of the rally we've seen in recent days is the result of short-covering. We think this leaves the market susceptible to an overdue correction, but it is probably too soon to call a near-term top. Additionally, we generally believe any pullback in prices is better viewed as a correction rather than a longer-term reversal.

• Recent remarks on Israeli Army Radio suggest President Bush made it abundantly clear he was willing to deal with the Iranian threat before he leaves office. Apparently Bush doesn't think his successor will be willing to take care of business.

• During a recent speech, Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez accused the U.S. of spying. Last week, a U.S. Navy plane flew into Venezuelan airspace. The plane was on an anti-drug mission, but Chavez contends the U.S. was conducting reconnaissance. He warned Washington fighter jets will be dispatched if it happens again.

• Rising oil prices have made the risks associated with oil theft worth it for some. The Texas Railroad Commission, which oversees the state's oil and gas industry, reports the amount of product stolen last year increased 18 percent over 2006. Noting the low conviction rate — roughly 10 percent of oilfield crimes are solved — the figure may be understated.



► Odds & Ends

Kenosha police finally collect on parking ticket from 1987

KENOSHA, Wis. (AP) _ Someone from Texas apparently had a guilty conscious. The police department in Kenosha, Wisconsin, says that a parking violator from Texas finally decided to pay up — 21 years later. On Thursday, officers found a \$6 payment for the Jan. 20, 1987 ticket in its parking-ticket drop box. A notice on the ticket indicated that failure to pay within 120 hours would result in doubling of the \$3 forfeiture. Six dollars was included with the ticket. It was signed by a male, presumably the owner of the car, who listed a Dallas address.

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way home. Also, a special thank you to Libby Uribe for being there for all of us, and thank you, Bill Myers, for your kindness and caring heart. I wish we could name everyone who helped us in this sad time, but since we can't, please know that our Heavenly Father saw your acts of kindness and he smiled.

LANA ANGUIANO
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR: I would like to tell you about the events that took place on a Saturday evening during the Memorial Day weekend. My two boys and I decided to go to the local Gregg Street Sonic to have ice cream after a very hot afternoon. We pulled into a parking space to a very familiar scene, teenagers hanging out on the patio. But this time there was a deputy sheriff and a very friendly pitbull dog. We placed our order, sat back waiting and listened to the conversation that was taking place with the teens and the deputy as the dog made his way between the six or seven teens that were there on the patio. That is when, out of the blue, the deputy pulled out a tazer gun and started chasing the dog around the patio. The dog, scared, looked for protection and ran to a couple of the teenagers that just about five minutes earlier had been playing with him. At the advice of the deputy a couple of the teens took the dog to the edge of the street so that maybe he would cross and their "dog problem" would be taken care of. The dog started crossing, but halfway across he was hit by a truck that didn't even slow down. Two of the teens darted into the street to try to slow traffic down long enough to get the badly injured dog out of the street, while the deputy remained on the patio.

Stolen soda machine's tracks lead back to owner

HUGHES, Ark. (AP) _ Police didn't have to look too hard to figure out the source of a soda vending machine found in a front yard — they just followed the tracks. Deputies from the St. Francis County sheriff's office spotted a Pepsi machine on Thursday in the yard of a home in Hughes. A set of dolly tracks in front of the machine led back to a liquor store less than a mile away that had reported it missing. Two men in the yard fled when authorities arrived. One was arrested on suspicion of theft, fleeing on foot and obstructing government operations. The other remains at large. About 1,800 residents live in Hughes, about 30 miles

you my brothers and sisters, you were called to be free. But do not let this freedom become an excuse for letting your physical desires control you. Instead, let love make you serve one another. For the whole Law is summed up in one commandment: 'Love your neighbor as you love yourself.' But if you act like wild animals, hurting and harming each other, then watch out, or you will completely destroy one another. What I say is this: Let the Spirit direct your lives and you will not satisfy the desires of the human nature. For what our human nature wants is opposed to what the Spirit wants. These two are enemies... What human nature does is quite plain. It shows itself in immoral, filthy and indecent actions; in worship of idols and witchcraft. People become enemies and they fight; they become jealous, angry and ambitious. They separate into parties and groups; they are envious, get drunk, have orgies and do other things like these. I warn you now as I have before, those who do these things will not possess the Kingdom of God."

TONYA HILARIO
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR: The recent months have been filled with violence, heartbreak and death in the Big Spring community caused by an evil that has drifted into Howard County. The "evil" has shown itself by an increase in drug use, warring drug dealers, shootouts and drive-by shootings which have caused the deaths of innocent bystanders and the death of an innocent unborn child. Immorality, senseless shootings, revenge, fast money through drug dealing, being a member of a so-called gang is caused by human weakness to sin. Any form of violence is against the incarnation of Christ in each of us. We read in Galatians 5:13-25 that our flesh wars against the spirit. "As for

there are many customers ready to try and buy marijuana, ecstasy, heroin, cocaine and what else? The temptation must be great among adults, youth and children. Many fall into temptation; get hooked; get addicted...this is sin. But now we have violence in our city; a drive-by shooting — threatening with gunfire — actually killing adults and an unborn child. A mother has her children sleep on the floor at night. A couple will not leave their home to visit a neighbor for fear of being shot. "Listen to the words of Paul, 'Mend your ways; stop sinning.' That means change what you are doing. Stop taking illegal drugs. Learn to say no. Do not ruin the precious life that God in His love has given you.... "God is merciful and gracious; God is faithful and forgiving, steadfast in love. Live in peace. If you are dealing drugs or have a friend doing so, stop ... mend your ways. Our parish will help you and give you courage, even help to overcome addiction..." How do we stop the terrible sin of drug use in our city? First, each one personally is called to a life without illegal drugs. If one is using illegal drugs, seek help from Jesus. He will help you overcome your

southwest of Memphis, Tenn.

Illinois DOT plans to leave more roadkill

CARBONDALE, Ill. (AP) _ The view along Illinois highways this summer should be beautiful — for the turkey vultures. The state's transportation department says it won't be picking up as much roadkill left along roads because it spent too much of its budget during the winter. IDOT says it spent more than twice the allotted \$40 million on clearing ice and snow removal because of rising fuel costs and harsh weather last winter. Dead animals in driving lanes and any deemed hazardous to motorists will be removed. But much of the rest will be left for scavengers.

going upriver to see what is causing so many deaths and stop it." We are all called to go upriver to stop the deaths. We are called to live a life of holiness — a life of service, a life of example, a life of sacrifice. May God empower each of us to live this kind of life.

FATHER BERNARD GULLY
HOLY TRINITY PARISH
BIG SPRING
AND
BISHOP MICHAEL PFEIFER
DIOCESE OF SAN ANGELO

TO THE EDITOR: With another year of joyful graduation, we also have the unpleasant task of finding seats at the auditorium. I absolutely dread going early and still not being able to sit down because families have sectioned rows at a time for their members that cannot be there early. I can see one or two seats, but not rows at a time. I have seen elderly couples trying to find a seat with no success. This is something that very badly needs to be addressed. People that go early ought to be able to sit when they get there. This might not help, but I did get this off my chest.

SANJUANITA PORRAS
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District Court Filings:
Joey Martinez vs. Julie Ann Arguelo, family court.
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Tammy Kay McComb vs. James Lewis McComb, divorce.
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Eramso H. Sosa and Linda J. Sosa vs. John G. Kelley, executor of the estate of A.E. Kelley, civil suit.

Marriage Licenses:
Jason Kyle Massey, 36, and Michelle Mary Harms, 40, both of Trent.
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Warranty Deeds:
Grantor: James D. Johnston and Sharon Johnston
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Property: A 4.9 acre tract out of Section 8, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P Rr Co. Survey
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Grantee: Scott Herrin and Nancy Herrin
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AIRLINES

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revenue problem that drove them into distress, this is largely a fuel price problem,” said Fitch Ratings analyst Bill Warlick. “You could argue that the risk associated with fuel price spikes is largely uncontrollable in contrast to the revenue problem post 9/11, which was addressed through a variety of measures such as cutting costs.”
Several of the carriers used their first trip through bankruptcy protection to wipe away debt, resize fleets and terminate employee pensions.
“There are fewer opportunities to restructure now that the initial work is done,” Warlick said.
American Airlines, the nation’s largest carrier, teetered on the verge of bankruptcy before winning employee concessions in 2003. Because of high pension and debt obligations, as well as the hefty price of fuel, the unit of Fort Worth, Texas-based AMR Corp. is again facing the possibility of a future cash crunch.
It had \$4.5 billion in unrestricted cash at the end of March, but Neidl projects that AMR could have a negative cash balance by the end of 2009 if oil prices remain at the current level of roughly \$130 a barrel. Covenants on some of American’s debt require the airline to maintain at least \$1.25 billion in unrestricted cash at the end of each quarter through at least the middle of next year.
At the current fuel price level, Chicago-based UAL Corp., parent of United Airlines, and Tempe, Ariz.-based US Airways Group Inc., both of which have had trips through Chapter 11, also face the potential for precarious cash positions by the end of next year, according to Neidl’s projections. Fitch Ratings said Thursday that US Airways would face a growing risk of violating one of its debt covenants if adverse fuel trends persist through the remainder of this year.
The debt covenant issue wouldn’t necessarily force a bankruptcy filing, as airlines could re-negotiate debt agreements with lenders or sell assets to pay off debt. Neidl believes airlines would take drastic

actions before the end of 2009 if current fuel trends continue.
Having few assets that aren’t already being used as collateral on existing loans and the tight credit markets could make it difficult for US Airways, for instance, to raise financing to allow it to reorganize in bankruptcy if it had to file for the third time since 2002, Warlick said, adding that under those circumstances liquidation could result.
US Airways declined to make an executive available to discuss the airline’s financial situation.
Atlanta-based Delta Air Lines Inc. and Eagan, Minn.-based Northwest Airlines Corp., which are seeking to combine, had a combined total of \$5.8 billion in unrestricted cash at the end of March, but at current fuel prices Neidl projects that could dwindle significantly by the end of next year. Delta also has said it expects to incur \$1 billion in one-time integration costs from its acquisition of Northwest. Both Delta and Northwest exited Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection just last year.
Neidl’s cash projections include unrestricted cash and short-term investments, but exclude auction-rate securities.
The airlines are furiously trying to remove domestic flights from the air to reduce costs. At least two have announced plans to cut U.S. capacity by double-digit percentages and trim thousands of jobs. Others, like discount carrier JetBlue Airways Corp., are putting off buying certain new planes.
The price of oil has doubled in the last year. But fare increases have fallen well short of keeping pace with the price of fuel. As their finances have been buffeted, stocks of most major airlines have plummeted by double-digit percentages over the last year.
“Obviously, there are things that are outside of our control,” said Beverly Goulet, American’s vice president of corporate development and treasurer. “The first thing that comes to mind is the price of jet fuel.”
But Goulet said American, by cutting U.S. capacity, imposing new fees on travelers and taking other measures, has been working hard to position itself to remain viable

in the current economic and fuel environment. The airline currently isn’t considering bankruptcy.
“It’s an interesting reflection on perceptions to hear people talk about the benefit of walking away from obligations,” Goulet said. “Would it be easy to walk away from debt? Yes. But as a manager of this business, as people who take on obligations to those stakeholders, we don’t think that’s the appropriate way to think about those kinds of tactics.”
Goulet said the airline industry will have to change in the face of persistently high fuel prices, and she insisted American doesn’t plan to give up.
Kevin Healy, senior vice president of marketing and planning for AirTran Airways, said the Orlando, Fla.-based discount carrier is reducing its growth plans starting in September through at least next year, and it will accomplish that through a combination of deferral of aircraft deliveries and the sale of some existing aircraft.
“There’s some belief that having international is the great salvation, but what that really means is they can extract higher yields and don’t have a cost structure to compete domestically,” Healy said. AirTran operates mainly in the U.S.
“We do have the cost struc-

ture to compete domestically and set the pricing.”
Neidl said in a recent research note that mergers, which are supposed to make the industry more efficient, may not work in the current environment because there is a large cash outlay up front and high execution risk. He believes the current crisis, which he described as the biggest challenge the

industry has ever faced, may serve to cool the merger frenzy.
For their part, Delta and Northwest insist they are pushing ahead with their plans to combine in a stock swap deal that would create the world’s largest carrier, and officials dismissed speculation by some analysts that Delta could possibly walk away from the deal. United and

US Airways had been discussing a possible combination of their own, but on Friday the companies said there won’t be an agreement “at this time.”
“I think particularly with the sky high price of oil, this deal makes more sense than ever,” Northwest spokeswoman Tammy Lee said of the Delta-Northwest combination.

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Some turn to vegetable oil for fuel as gas prices rise

By J.B. SMITH
Waco Tribune-Herald

WACO — There's a reason David Cole's diesel pickup truck smells like fried chicken. It's fueled by the glistening, golden waste oil of a restaurant fry pit.

Every two or three weeks, Cole visits a North Waco chicken joint and empties out a 50-gallon oil barrel. He takes the free fuel home and filters it through a homemade system of pipes and barrels. Then he pumps it into a tank in the bed of his 1995 Ford F-350. The four-door truck, which can switch easily from diesel to cooking oil, is the only vehicle for his family of four.

"We take it on a lot of weekend trips down to Austin," he said. "Last week, we went to Victoria. The highway is where you get the most use out of your vegetable oil."

Cole, 26, farm manager at the nonprofit World Hunger Relief Inc. in Elm Mott, is one of a new breed of grease monkeys who are bucking high fuel prices through used vegetable oil.

Their motives are a blend of frugality, environmental altruism and good old do-it-yourself spirit.

"We were looking to buy a new vehicle 2 1/2 years ago," Cole said. "I wanted to buy a used truck, but I was learning about the environmental repercussions of our oil use and how it affects Third World people. ... I got sucked into the world of vegetable oil. I was totally fascinated by it. I bought the truck in spring of 2007, and I've been running it on vegetable oil for six months."

For Cole, it's also about avoiding the high cost of diesel — which topped \$4.50 a gallon at some Waco stations within the last week.

Waste vegetable oil is free or dirt-cheap if you don't mind getting your hands dirty and you're willing to spend the time and money to convert your engine. Cole bought a conversion kit for about \$2,500, and he improvised a filtration system for about \$250.



AP Photo/Duane A. Lavery
David Cole demonstrates how he uses recycled grease to fill up his modified pickup truck in Elm Mott. Every couple of weeks, Cole, 26, visits a North Waco chicken joint and empties out a 50-gallon oil barrel. He later filters the free fuel through a homemade system of pipes and barrels and pumps it to his 1995 Ford F-350.

John Hendrickson, manager of Waco Transit, is holding the cost down on his diesel-to-waste oil conversion by using off-the-shelf parts designed for hot rods.

He estimates he will finish the conversion soon at a cost of about \$1,500.

Hendrickson, 36, has been brewing his own biodiesel for a couple of years, using waste oil that he picks up from a convenience store fry pit. Biodiesel can run in a diesel engine without conversion.

But it requires methanol, an alcohol that has been getting expensive lately, so Hendrickson decided to switch to waste vegetable oil.

"I'm a cheap guy," he said. "I may end up using both biodiesel and waste oil."

He estimates that the cost of collecting the oil and purifying by running it through a centrifuge costs him 11 cents per gallon. He expects he will get 20

miles to the gallon on waste vegetable oil, slightly less than real diesel.

An idea for all?

At prices like that, why doesn't everyone run on waste vegetable oil?

To begin with, it's a challenging fuel to use. At colder temperatures, it begins to gum up and can damage engines. Grease users like Cole and Hendrickson solve that problem by preheating the oil and starting and ending each trip with diesel to purge the system.

Then there's the question of supply.

In past years, restaurants have paid to have contractors pick up waste oil and were all too happy to give it away for free. Those days are coming to an end along with the era of cheap fuel,

said Citrano, owner of George's Restaurant in Waco. In the past two years, he said, restaurants are starting to charge for their waste oil, and he has heard reports of people stealing the stuff from alleys.

"It's almost like copper," he said.

It's not that running diesel engines on waste vegetable oil is a new idea.

Rudolf Diesel himself experimented with using peanut oil in the engine that he invented, and in 1912 he pronounced it a potential rival to petroleum as a fuel. The oil crisis of the 1970s inspired some do-it-yourselfers to try vegetable oil, new or used.

One was David Tinsley, who used to own a chain of 50 Tinsley's Chicken restaurants and now owns Health Camp Burgers on the Circle in Waco.

In 1980, Tinsley started using leftover cottonseed oil from the chicken vats to fuel his Mercedes Benz turbodiesel sedan.

"I did 50-50 oil and diesel," said Tinsley, who lives near Lott. "It drove real good as long as it was warm weather. In a cold snap, it couldn't go over 15 or 20 miles an hour."

Tinsley still has the Mercedes, and he plans to start using grease in it again.

"I hate to throw anything away, because anything worth throwing away will someday fuel something," he said.

Another pioneer in the field is Max Shauck, a Baylor University aviation and mathematics professor.

After the oil shortages of the early 1970s, he began experimenting and running vehicles with biofuels that included waste vegetable oil. Currently, he is consulting with the airline industry and the Federal Aviation Administration on bio-fuel for jets.

"Giving the run-up on prices, everyone's desperate for a solu-

tion," he said. "When you look at (petroleum) oil at \$137 a barrel, it's going to take everything we've got."

Shauck foresees large-scale biofuel production from crops such as algae, but he thinks the automotive use of waste vegetable oil will remain a niche market.

"For pure vegetable oil, I don't think it will be more than a very limited usage," he said. "It's going to be more for people who are interested in sustainable fuel."

Weighing the benefits

Shauck said waste vegetable oil and similar biofuels don't emit sulfur pollutants, unlike diesel, but they can emit smog-forming nitrogen oxides.

While plant-based fuels emit the global warming gas carbon dioxide when burned, they are made from plants that actually take carbon from the air. So the carbon footprint is smaller than fossil fuels.

Both Hendrickson and Cole have come to see the societal benefits of biofuels over the years.

Hendrickson started working at his dad's automotive shop in Amarillo before he could drive, learning to customize buses. He got a job as a mechanic at the Lubbock public transit bus barn while he attended Texas Tech University for a business management degree. That allowed him to get into transit administration without losing his hands-on knowledge of engines.

Along the way, Hendrickson served as a soldier during the Gulf War era and came to see alternative energy is a strike against oil-rich regimes that fund terrorism.

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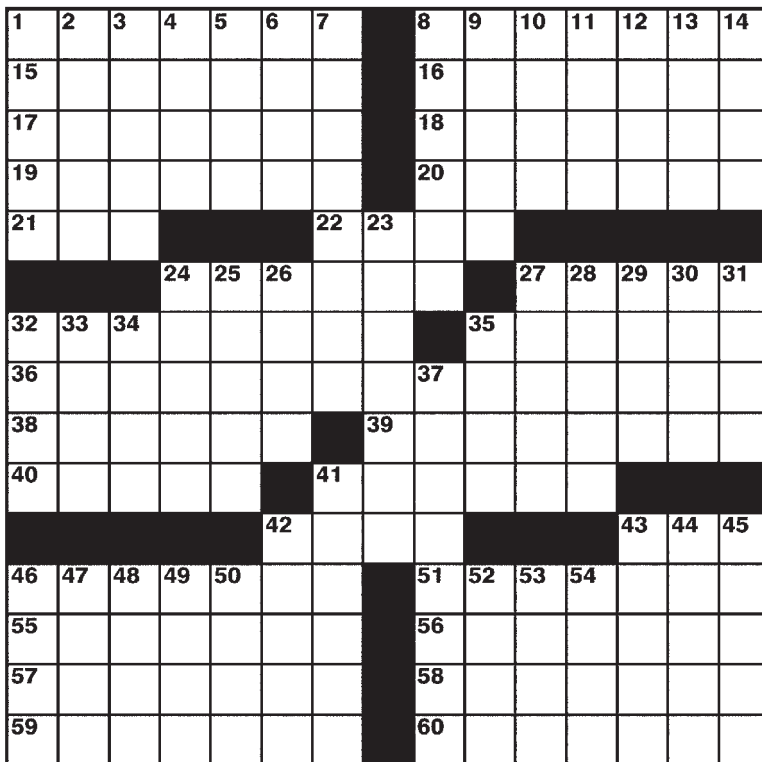
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Marj Carpenter — who has won more than 150 writing awards in a journalism career spanning more than six decades — has been selected as the winner of the 2007-2008 David Steele Distinguished Writer Award by the Presbyterian Writers Guild.

She will be given the award at the Guild's biennial luncheon and meeting during the 218th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., in San Jose, Calif. June 21-28. The award is presented to recognize and honor the cumulative work and influence of a Presbyterian writer.

Since joining the Presbyterian Church national staff in 1978 as director of the news service, Carpenter has arguably become the premiere communicator about Presbyterian missions around the world.

Over the course of 30 years, she has visited nearly 600 mission stations in 130 countries. Her two books on the Presbyterian global mission — "To the Ends of the Earth" and "And a Little Bit Farther" — have been top sellers for the Presbyterian Publishing Corporation. her humor column, "In This Corner," still appears in "The

Presbyterian Outlook." Just months after her "retirement," Carpenter was elected moderator of the 207th General Assembly in 1995 and remains the most in-demand speaker of all the former moderators. She has spoken in more than 6,000 PC congregations, traveling all over the country from her home in Big Spring, where she's an elder at First Presbyterian Church.

A native Texan, Carpenter first worked as a reporter at age 15 for *The Mercedes Enterprise*. One of her early assignments was a press conference with Eleanor Roosevelt, where she was by far the youngest reporter. She eventually interviewed seven U.S. presidents and served on the First Amendment Congress under presidents George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton.

At 16, Carpenter enrolled in Texas A&I University, where she graduated magna cum laude with a degree in music. While at A&I, she wrote for the *Corpus Christi Caller*, where she first began covering sports. While she was editor of the school paper, *The South Texan*, it was named the best small college newspaper in the state.

When she married after World War II, she taught school for several years before moving to Pecos,

where she went to work for *The Pecos Independent*. When her husband died at an early age, Carpenter quickly became a familiar sight around West Texas and she trooped around with one or all of her three children in tow.

In 1962, Carpenter helped break the Billie Sol Estes oil field scandal. During the investigation and trials that followed, she contributed to Life, Time and Fortune magazines, the *New York Times*, the *New York Herald* and the *Dallas Morning News* and numerous other newspapers, as well as news organizations.

She and two other reporters were nominated for the Pulitzer Prize. She won the Associated Church Press Community Service Award for her followup stories on Estes.

She had a snake thrown into her car and her office was set on fire and endured a number of bomb threats.

Over the years, she has won awards from the Associated Press, the Associated Church Press, the Texas Press Association, the Georgia and Kentucky Press Women and the National Federation of Press Women, which she served as president of for two years. In 1982 she became the only religion writer ever named Communicator of Achievement by the organization.

During her 15 years as director of the Presbyterian News Service, Carpenter served ecumenically as a member of the National Council of Churches' News and Information Committee. She led the newsroom operation for 16 PC General Assemblies and worked on the reporting staff for the World Alliance of Reformed Churches General Council in Ottawa, the World Council of Churches Assemblies in Vancouver in 1984 and Canberra, Australia in 1991, and for the Caribbean and North American Area Council of WARC in Havana, Cuba.

Carpenter is the rare church journalist who enjoys perhaps the greatest respect from secular reporters. The late George Cornell of the Associated Press called her "The best of the religion hacks." And Ann Rodgers of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette said, "We trust Marj because she has a built-in baloney filter."

Who's Who

Bryan Christopher Stokes received a bachelor of science in entomology Friday, May 9, 2008, from Texas A&M University, College Station. Bryan is the son of Janie Rodriguez of Big Spring and Bobby J. Stokes of Pearland. He is employed with Agrilife, Texas A&M and

is assigned to the USDA office in Big Spring. Bryan is a 2003 graduate of Big Spring High School and a 2005 graduate of Howard College.



Stokes



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ANNOUNCEMENT: Office Closure



Dr. Kimberly Saenz
Pediatrician

1501 W. 11th Place; Suite 206
Big Spring, TX 79720
Phone: (432) 714-4950
Fax: (432) 714-4955

It is with my deepest regrets that I am announcing the closure of my office, as of June 30th 2008. My last day to be available to patients will be June 20th.

Please take this time to begin choosing your child's new pediatrician.

- Be reassured that your child's medical records will remain confidential and accessible at all times, even after our office closes, as they will be transferred to the pediatric office of Dr. Joseph Chavez.
- If you plan to choose Dr. Chavez as your new pediatrician, no further action will be required to obtain or transfer records. These records will already be maintained with his staff. Otherwise, records are available as below:

Prior to June 20th, your child's records can be obtained by either:

- Choosing a new physician. At the new physician's office, ask to sign a request for medical records from our office. If we receive this written authorization before June 20th, a copy of your child's records will be directly transferred.
- Come to our office and sign a release to receive a copy of your child's records, before June 20th.

After June 20th, requests for records can be made to Dr. Chavez' office as below:

Dr. Joseph Chavez, Pediatrician
1501 W. 11th Place, Suite 205
Big Spring, TX 79720
Phone: (432) 714-4700
Fax: (432) 714-4703

Feel free to call our office during this transition for any questions or concerns.

It has been a great pleasure providing for your children's health care needs. I wish future health and happiness to everyone.

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RFB# 08-018 Athletic Equipment & Supply Catalog
Documents may be obtained from Jason Mims, Director of Business Services, Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, (432)264-5167. Sealed proposals will be accepted through 2:00 p.m. on Monday, June 16, 2008, in the Practical Arts Building, room 105A, Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, at which time they will be read into record. Vendors are instructed that a formal opening will not occur. The college will negotiate with qualified vendors concerning the bids submitted. The final determination of proposal award will be made a future board meeting.
All questions should be directed to Jason Mims, Director of Business Services, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, e-mail jmims@howardcollege.edu (432)264-5167. Howard County Junior College District reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
#5789 May 25 & June 1, 2008

LEGAL/PUBLIC NOTICE
Spanish Summer School
As part of the total Big Spring ISD Summer School Program, the district will offer 120 hours of Spanish Summer School for Spanish speaking children entering kindergarten or 1st Grade in 2008-09.
Dates: Monday, June 9, 2008 - Wednesday, July 22, 2008
Time: 8:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.
Place: Moss Elementary School
This program is designed for Spanish speaking Kindergarten or 1st Grade students in need of language arts/math instruction in Spanish.
For registration information: Call Administration Office Darrell Ryan, Director of Federal Programs Phone: (432)264-3600 Escuela De Verano Espanola
Como parte del programa escolar de verano, el Distrito Escolar Independiente de Big Spring ofrecera 120 horas en la Escuela de verano en Espanol para los ninios que hablan espanol y que ingresaran a el Kindergarten o el Primer grado en el ano escolar 2008-09.
Fecha: lunes 9 de junio, 2008- miercoles 2 de julio, 2008
Horario: 8:30 manana - 2:30 tarde
Lugar: Escuelar Primaria de Moss
Este programa esta disenado para los estudiantes que hablan espanol y van a ingresar a el Kindergarten o a el primer ano. El programa ayudara a los estudiantes a desarrollar destresas en espanol en las materias de lenguaje y de matematicas.
Para informacion de matriculas favor de llamar a el Senor Darrell Ryan, Director del Programa Bilingue Telefono: (432)264-3600.
#5791 May 30 & June 1, 2008

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Attention c/o Vincent G. Garcia
Current Tax Records and Title Records indicate that you have a proprietary interest in the above referenced property. This structure is in violation of Section 6-3 of the Substandard Structure Code, and the following detailed report documents the conditions which have rendered the structure to be in violation of Section 5-30 of the Code.
Inadequate Maintenance. Any structure or portion thereof which is determined to be an unsafe structure as a result of improper or inadequate maintenance.
Therefore, by the authority vested in my office by the Coahoma Code, I have declared this structure or portions thereof unsafe, dilapidated substandard or unfit for human habitation, and have determined it or portions thereof poses a hazard to public health, safety, and public welfare.
This is your notice, pursuant to and in accordance with the Ordinance Number 46, to correct, remedy, or remove such unsightly, objectionable, or unsanitary conditions from your premises; specifically: demolition of house on or before the 18th day of June, 2008. If you fail to take the action requested, you will subject yourself to prosecution for a Class C misdemeanor for which you may be fined not more than \$200.00.
In addition, the City may do such work or make such improvements as are necessary to correct, remedy, or remove the conditions complained of, or cause the same to be done, and charge the expenses incurred thereby to you, the owner of the premises complained of.
You are also advised that the City may cause the expenses of such work to be assessed against the real estate upon which the work is done and thereby obtain a lien on such property seconds only to tax liens and liens for street improvements.
It is the sincere hope of the City that you will cooperate with us in helping to make Coahoma an attractive and clean community in which to live.
Todd Darden
Building Official
#5800 June 1 & 2, 2008.

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TAMI DAVIS
ASSISTANT CITY SECRETARY
#5796 May 30 & June 1, 2008

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Talent, skill and dedication have sent these three Howard College athletes to the National College Rodeo Finals held in Casper, Wyoming June 15-21, 2008. Cody Samora (Cortez, Colorado) will be representing Howard College in the bull riding event while Calvin Brevick (Durango, Colorado) and KC Curtis (Monroe, Utah) will compete in the team roping event. To keep up with their success and find out more information about the college finals, visit www.cnfr.com.

Howard College is proud of these and the many other rodeo athletes that confidently represent HC, their home towns, their families and themselves as they compete throughout the season. It's what college rodeo is made of and it's what makes the rodeos such great competition and entertainment.



L to R Cody Samora, Calvin Brevick, KC Curtis

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Ages 3 years -13 years

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- Weekly themes will include:
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| "Retro Week" | Wild, Wild West |
| Arts & Crafts of the Past | Music & Books of the Olden Days |
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SUBJECT: School credit by examination without prior instruction.
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The District shall accelerate a student in grades K-5 in the following manner:
1. The student scores 90 percent or above on a criterion-referenced test for the grade level to be skipped in each of the following areas: language arts, mathematics, science and social studies.
2. A District representative recommends that the student be accelerated; and
3. The student's parent or guardian gives written approval of the acceleration.
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Procedures to allow a student not six years old at the beginning of the school year to be placed initially in the first grade are as follows:
1. Scores on readiness test(s) and/or achievement test(s) that may be administered by appropriate District personnel;
2. Recommendation of the kindergarten or preschool the student attended;
3. Chronological age and observed social and emotional development of the student; and
4. Other criteria deemed appropriate by the principal and Superintendent.
A student planning to take an examination for acceleration is required to register with the principal or designee of the school in which he is assigned at least 30 days prior to the scheduled testing date. Testing dates for 2008 are:
Elementary, Grades K-5, July 30-31 and August 1, 2008;
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Ref: Board Policies EEJB (Legal & Local)
AVISO PUBLICO
SUJETO: El credito de la escuela por la examinacion sin la instruccion anterior.
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#5792 May 30 & June 1, 2008

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

The practical Taurus moon begins this first day of June examining what we need to accomplish our summer goals. Spending plans are created, and good ones at that. You'll figure out how to take the summer vacation, improve the home and still have enough left to do that crazy, frivolous thing called "eating."
ARIES (March 21-April 19). You've fretted over a situation long enough. You recognize that worry is an indulgence that can't bring any good. You're ready to implement your plan and solve a problem. You can do it.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll be socializing. Wherever you go, your accomplishments walk into the room with you. Even if the crowd doesn't exactly know what you've done, they sense it and act accordingly.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21). What you wouldn't give for a realization, an undiscovered need -- anything to prove that you're moving right along and



HOLIDAY MATHIS

Legals

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3. Nino sin hogar.
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getting better as you do it. Ah, but some days are just meant for relaxing and enjoying.
CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your appetite for excitement is insatiable. If you follow the call of the wild, you will be able to get into some pretty exhilarating circumstances. Sagittarius makes a fine traveling partner.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Friendship bonds are increasingly important, especially those bonds that are ordered, uplifting and respectful -- the opposite of the clinging, dramatic and needy relationships you used to attract.
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (JUNE 1). You're a paradox. You somehow get older yet seem more innocent. Your youthful charm and openness gives you the kind of "babe in the woods" quality that has guides coming out of the woodwork to protect and teach you. Next month brings long overdue remuneration. You celebrate a lucky union in October. Aries and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 1, 40, 31 and 33.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You have the rather sophisticated ability to accept people as they are. Find the soft place in your heart that can

embrace someone who is wired differently (oh, so differently) from the way you are.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your contribution to the community will be vital to the overall tone of a place. Even if your contribution is a simple gesture -- smiling and being pleasant to those you pass on the street, for instance -- it will make a difference.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Though you know that each person has his or her own path, you still have compassion for the lost souls you encounter. And who knows -- your kind thoughts may be enough of a beacon to illuminate the path home.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Usually you have to back off from a problem to get a decent perspective. But today, getting closer will help you more. Bring your emotional magnifying glass to the situation and you'll figure out what's really going on.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Make a commitment. Instead of restricting, the decision will liberate you. When you know where you're going, you're free to move down the path. When you don't, you're paralyzed with uncertainty.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-

Feb. 18). You're letting a few of your expectations slide, and wisely so. Better to concentrate on feeling positive and joyful instead of trying to sweat all of the little details that were supposed to create these emotions.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll be privy to the inside scoop -- but wait. This is only the world according to the person who is speaking. There are many different truths in a situation. Your style is to listen without judgment.
FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: This week's chatty new moon in Gemini is a master of multiplicity, a spirited sprite, a lover of learning. She's the sixth-grader you know or have known, the child caught in the question of curiosity -- "why?" Why is the sky blue? Why doesn't glue stick to the inside of the bottle? Why do feet smell and noses run? Answering the question definitively isn't the point, but encouraging dialogue, expressing ourselves and asking plenty of questions is. Why? We learn through exchange. With the sun, Mercury and Venus in Gemini, minds are happily nourished in casual conversation, by venturing into unfamiliar territory or reading every book or

magazine we can get our hands on. With all this air (intellectual) energy, some of us go borderline mental with too many conflicting thoughts. To really hear what's going on in our heads, we have to stop talking and start listening! That said, eloquent communicators are appreciated, as are those who say it with wit and style. Mercury is still moving backward, so there's a lot of information to work through, evaluate and even toss out. By the way, why is it called "research" when it's about trying to find something new?
CELEBRITY PROFILE: Alanis Morissette is a twinner. Not only is she born under the sign of the twins, she also has a twin brother. And, when you think about it, being embodied as a twin is a convenient way for the double-bodied sign to revel in the dualism of life without having to commit to only one identity -- or even one place. Ironie? Alanis has dual citizenship in Canada and the U.S.
Holiday Mathis is the author of "Rock Your Stars." If you would like to write to her, please go to www.creators.com and click on "Write the Author" on the Holiday Mathis page.

Annie's Mailbox ®: Advice for those in need



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

tening to music on his iPod or watching TV. His conversational skills are poor and his grades are not good. On several occasions, money has disappeared from purses when the boys were present, and I am terrified to think what the money is purchasing.
If I try to talk to my daughter, I risk being excluded from her life. But if things don't improve, her family will fall apart. What can I do?
-- Troubled Grandma
Dear Grandma: Your daughter's parenting skills could use some improvement, and yes, it's possible those kids will grow up to be overweight, undereducated small-time crooks, but she needs to see it for herself. Your daughter knows you disapprove of the way she is raising her children, and that could be part of the problem. Frankly, watching inappropriate TV, listening to an iPod, text messaging, drinking soda and eating sweets is not uncommon behavior, and we wouldn't go overboard with disapproval. Stealing from purses and poor grades are of greater concern. Stop criticizing your daughter, and when the grandchildren are in your house, set reasonable rules and enforce them, and keep your money hidden. Modeling good parenting is the best you can do.
Dear Annie: This is for "Gasping for Breath in Florida," whose health is being affected by the smoking of a downstairs neighbor. She should contact the American Lung Association of Florida and her local health department. She also can go to www.no-smoke.org for more information on how to deal with the second-

hand smoke in their condo. Some cities have multi-unit housing laws regarding secondhand smoke. I hope this gives her more options. -- Debora Patti, Public Health Assistant, Tobacco Education Project Coordinator, Public Health & Community Development Department, Yreka, Calif.
Dear Debora Patti: Thanks for your excellent suggestions. We hope she will find out if there are additional solutions in her area.
Dear Annie: Our 34-year-old daughter, "Simone," a single mother of two, has an excellent, high-paying job and spends 70-80 hours each week at work. In the meantime, her children are with me, my wife or their other grandparents. Simone lives next door to us in a very nice home that she inherited. She pays only real estate taxes and insurance. But the house is a complete mess. There is no place one can normally walk. The carpet is so filthy it will need to be replaced rather than cleaned, the sink is full of dirty dishes and her bedroom is a pigsty. She frequently delivers her 6-year-old daughter late to school. Simone is behind in her credit card payments because of her and her ex's "instant gratification" habits. She's been in credit counseling for several months.
In spite of all this, Simone is a pretty, charming, intelligent, educated young lady with a fiance who loves her dearly, as do all the members of her family. The older adults in her extended family care for the children with great love.
We are concerned that the local child protection agency might object to the way Simone is living and caring for her children. Even though we are in agreement that something must be done, we are unsure how to proceed. Is it time for a family intervention? If not, then what? -- Older and Wiser
Dear Older and Wiser: Unless someone reports Simone to the authorities, no one will investigate her pigsty. It is very difficult for a single mother with a demanding job to also be a thorough house-

keeper, and once things get out of control, it's overwhelming to get organized. We suspect she's doing the best she can. Your assistance with the child care is an enormous help, but before a family intervention, try a family handout. Hire someone to clean her house. Then suggest to Simone that she have cleaning help come regularly if she can afford it. Without being critical, help her understand that her children will function better in an organized home and it will make her life easier.
Dear Annie: I read with amusement your advice to "No State Sue," whose husband wanted her to wear a trashy outfit when they went out of town. You suggested she wear a wig so no one would recognize her.
OK, so they don't know it's her, but they'd see her husband, out of town, with some strange floozy in a trashy outfit. I hardly think that's an improvement. Her friends will think her husband is a two-timing louse. I guess the best way to tell would be to see how many friends stop speaking to him afterward.
She should either wear the outfit or not. If someone sees her, she should just boldly say "So?" She can wear what she wants. Bad taste isn't a crime. -- Incognito
Dear In: We're laughing at the great visual you've provided. Maybe they both can wear wigs -- along with fake mustaches and sunglasses.
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Jennifer Herskowitz won this year's Business Plan Challenge with her idea for the Allergy Free Shop, a store that caters to those with any type of food allergy, in Miami, Fla.

ALLERGY

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items. The store also plans to feature guest speakers as a service to those who are just learning to live with food restrictions.

CRITICAL CONCERN
According to the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, food allergies are responsible for two to three deaths and 5,000 hospitalizations per week. And about 7 percent of children younger than 4 have an allergic reaction to food.

Catalina Corpus is the mother of a 5-year-old daughter who suffers from severe peanut allergies. Recently, after being fed a chocolate chip that had been produced on a machine that also processed peanuts, her daughter went into anaphylactic shock. Corpus said she's relieved to find a store that understands how serious food allergies can be.

CAREFREE CUPCAKES
"I understand they are going to have cupcakes and cakes in the store that are peanut-free — so we can finally go and get a freshly made cupcake and not worry," Corpus said.

"I'm looking forward to having a place that's safe for my daughter and that gives us more options."

The concept is not entirely unique, but there's nothing quite like it locally.

Grocery stores such as Wild Oats or Whole Foods that might carry some of the same items do not usually have them organized in a convenient way, said Herskowitz.

"There are no allergy sections within those stores, so the customer has to read all the labels meticulously," she said.

The partners behind the venture have backgrounds suited for the niche. Herskowitz is a licensed attorney, and her father-in-law, Allan Herskowitz, is a neurologist.

GETTING STARTED
Combining personal savings and a bank loan, the team is expecting to put some \$300,000 into getting the venture past the start-up phase.

But the concept is not without its challenges.

The store's focus may be too limited.

Competition could also be fierce. The barriers for an existing grocery store to organize an allergy-free aisle are minimal.

But Herskowitz is hoping that an aggressive marketing campaign in

parenting magazines and back-to-school fairs will help get the word out about The Allergy-Free Shop and help build a loyal group of customers.

While Herskowitz may have started The Allergy-Free Shop to solve her own problems, she's committed to do the same for other families.

During opening week, Herskowitz was handing out comment cards to customers. "If there is anything you would like to see here, let us know," she said. "We will make it happen."



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Protesters march outside the Meyerson Symphony Center in Dallas as Exxon Mobil Corporation holds its annual shareholders meeting.

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Your Manners Matter: The Devout Servant

There are many people who desire to become devout, but few wish to become servants. Most do not realize that servant-hood is a grace of etiquette. And what's more, even fewer understand that humility is the greatest source to combat evil, and is also a grace of etiquette.

I am often asked just how far one should go in serving another in need. My answer is always in line with the Golden Rule — do unto others as you would have them do unto you. How far you go is your decision. One of our greatest examples was Mother Theresa. She never for one small moment considered herself before others. Many times she was asked, “How do you do so much?” Her reply was, “I do it one step at a time.” None of us can feed the whole world, but most of us can do more than we think. Jesus Christ was and is our ultimate example. Yet, those who ask the question, “How far does one go?” never seem to make the necessary adjustments in their lives to become that servant.

The most counteracting source against evil is not love, as many believe, but it is humility. No person who is a servant to others is without the grace of humility and servant-hood. The person who loves his neighbor is a person who lives a life of

humility and servant-hood. God's plan to redeem fallen man was a supreme act of love; a love so pure and true that mankind cannot truly understand it. But His love was clothed with humility and the very essence of grace and goodness.

I would hope that those who frown when they hear the word etiquette would also understand that the true meaning of etiquette is not the pictures and stories we have all seen and read about in Victorian days, but is rather a life dedicated to bless, serve, and love our neighbors. It is the life Jesus Christ chose, since He is the essence of servant-hood and all that is good.

Titus 3:2 says to “speak evil of no one, be peaceable, be gentle, showing all humility to all men.” Footnotes in the New King James Version mention that these virtues are “graces of good conduct and etiquette that becomes all Christians who live the higher life.”

Dear Jerrie,
I want to say a big “thank you” for your column in the Big Spring Herald. I can be very low and depressed, but when I read your column, it puts me in a whole different mood. I have saved your columns and re-read them so many times. God bless you for blessing so many of us.

My question is, how do I not offend those who are always talking bad about some of the neighbors in our community? I never join in on the conversa-

tion in a negative way, but I always try to lead the conversation away from the bad. However, they have made a ritual of talking against others, even though they don't really know them.

Thanks,
Koreen

Hello Koreen,
Perhaps they need to be offended. Maybe they need a wake-up call, and you may be the one to do it. When others make a ritual of speaking unkindly about others, you have a choice to make. You can say nothing or you can refuse to associate with those who do so. Remember, the Bible tells us in Job 4:8-9, “Even as I have seen, those who plow iniquity and sow trouble reap the same.” Verse 9 says, “By the blast of God they perish, and by the breath of His anger they are consumed.” It is possible that those who practice speaking evil of others may not understand that there are consequences one reaps, and often times it is not pleasant.

Hello Jerrie,
Thank you dear lady for your great column. I always read it and then send it to my daughter who lives in Corpus Christi. She has two teenage children who are very unruly. She says the older daughter reads the column and has become a more obedient young lady.

Here is my question. My neighbor friend has recently developed a bad cough and she never covers her mouth when she coughs. She smoked when

she was younger, but that has been over 20 years ago. This irritates me so much that many times I have refused to answer the door when she rings the door bell. I am a 66-year-old lady and have always used proper manners, and I feel really bad when I refuse to answer the door. I have thought about talking to her about seeing a doctor. I don't want to hurt her feelings.

Hilda

Hi Hilda,
You should do the same as you would want someone to do to you. First, you must talk to her about seeing a doctor. Then you should advise her in a kind and polite way that it's important for her to cover her mouth when she coughs. She should understand that coughing

without covering her mouth can spread germs to others. If this doesn't help, tell her that you may either have to wear a mask when she visits, or stop the visiting altogether until she sees a doctor. Taking care of your own health must be a priority. However, no one should ever cough or sneeze without covering their mouth. It's very bad manners to do so, and most people know that.

Dear Jerrie,
Isn't it rude when someone asks you what you paid for certain things? My husband recently bought a new pickup truck. Our friends went as far as calling us on the phone and asked where he bought the truck and how much he paid for it. Then they wanted to know how

much the payments were. I know I did not act very polite, but I refused to give them an answer. I talked around their questions, but never answered one of them. What is the best way to handle this?

Thanks,
Frances

Hello Frances,
I think you gave a pretty good answer — nothing! However, it is never necessary to be rude even to those who ask very personal questions. When you return wrong for wrong, ugly for ugly, you only reap the same. Simply let the person know that those things are personal. You have absolutely no obligation to answer those types of questions. It is not necessary that you apologize or explain.



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