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## Moore director may be named

*Board to convene Wednesday night*

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

After nearly a year without an executive director, the board of directors for Moore Development Inc. could have a new person at the helm as soon as Wednesday's meeting.

Board President Larry McLellan said the economic development corporation could be ready to announce the hiring of a new executive director if the pieces of the puzzle fall together in the next few days.

"We had originally planned to make the announcement during Wednesday's meeting," said McLellan. "However, after we talked to the gentleman he asked us to hold off for the next couple of days so he can tie up some loose ends from a business standpoint.

"Right now we're sort of in limbo as far as the naming of the executive director is concerned. If he calls and says he's ready before the meeting, we'll be able to announce it Wednesday. If not, we'll probably call a special meeting next week and do it then."

Moore Development has been without an executive director since long-time director Kent Sharp announced he would be resigning in August 2006.

Also on the meeting agenda is discussion of



McLellan

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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins  
**Big Spring Police Lt. Terry Chamness explains the scenario that will be played out in Big Spring over the next two days as emergency responders from all over the Permian Basin take part in a drill centered around Big Spring's prison population.**

## Emergency responders

*Multi-county drill to be held in Big Spring*

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

If local emergency response personnel seem busier than usual over the next couple of days, it's not a matter of perception.

Approximately 200 responders with local emergency services and from surrounding communities — including law enforcement, fire services, emergency medical services, prisons, hospital and community service groups — will be participating in a two-day drill focusing on the interoperability of the Permian Basin Council of Governments.

**"Area residents may see some strange vehicles in the area. However, this is all just part of the drill and there's no reason for them to be alarmed."**

—Lt. Terry Chamness

"The Permian Basin COG consists of Andrews, Borden, Crane, Dawson, Ector, Gains, Glasscock, Howard, Loving, Martin,

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## Challenge to House speaker grows stronger

*Craddick urged to step down; says he will not give up Speaker's post*

By **APRIL CASTRO**

Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN — With talk of a House coup escalating, a second Republican lawmaker formally joined the race to unseat three-term House Speaker Tom Craddick and a former Craddick ally publicly asked the embattled leader to step down to avoid a venomous battle.

Rep. Jim Pitts, of Waxahachie, filed his candidacy Monday with the state Ethics Commission for a term to begin if Craddick is unseated, according to his declaration for speaker candidacy.

"It's just time for a change," Pitts, 60, said. "I frankly wish that we could do this without hurting anybody. But I don't think we can get that done."

Later in the day, Rep. Byron Cook, a



Fort Worth Star Telegram photo/Rodger Mallison  
**House Speaker Tom Craddick, R-Midland, is in danger of being unseated. A second Republican lawmaker formally joined the race to unseat him Monday.**

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## Purcell, Johnson excel at Forsan High School

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

FORSAN — Jonathan Purcell and Seth Johnson are the top graduates for the Forsan High School Class of 2007, school officials announced.

Purcell, son of Charles and Ellen Purcell, is class valedictorian with a four-year grade point average of 96.2.

He is a member of National Honor Society, serving as chapter president this year.

Also, he participated in band all four years in high school.

Purcell has been active in University Interscholastic League academic competition, participating on the FHS Number Sense, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies teams.

He is an Eagle Scout and an



Purcell



Johnson

active member of Trinity Baptist Church Youth Group.

He plans to attend Howard College in the fall before transferring to Texas Tech with a major in engineering.

Johnson, the son of Randy and LaDonna Johnson is class salutatorian with a four-year grade point aver-

age of 95.2.

He is a National Honor Society member, serving as chapter president his senior year. Also, he serviced as class president and class favorite his freshman, junior and senior years.

He participated in the FHS Band and competed in UIL academics all four years in high school.

In athletics, he was a mem-

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# Sports

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## IN BRIEF

### Bulldogettes set date for regional final

Abilene Christian University will play host to Coahoma's Bulldogettes regional final matchup with Hawley's Lady Bearcats.

The two teams will play in a best-of-three series with Game 1 slated for 2 p.m. Friday. Game 2 is scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday with a third game, if necessary, to be played 30 minutes after the completion of the second game.

### Lady Hawk basketball camps scheduled

Howard College women's basketball head coach Earl Diddle will host three girls' basketball camps this summer.

The Little Hawk Camp begins on June 4. The four day camp will run from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. each day. This camp is for girls entering kindergarten through third grades in 2007 and costs \$50.

The Individual Day Camp also runs from June 4-7, with an afternoon session from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. each day. This camp is for girls entering grades 4-8 and costs \$60.

The Shooting and Position Camp is for girls entering grades 7-12 and costs \$60. It begins June 18 and runs from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. until June 21.

For more information or to register, please contact Earl Diddle at 264-5043 or Eric Rodewald at 816-4327.

### Lady Steers summer softball camp set

The Lady Steers will be holding their All-Skills Softball Camp June 4-7 at the Big Spring ISD Softball Complex. Each day's activities will last from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The camp is for girls going into 1st grade thru going into 8th grade. It will be administered by the Lady Steers head softball coach Jennifer Reyes and assistant coach John Sparks.

Cost for the camp is \$45 and will include a T-shirt.

For more information contact John Sparks at 270-2711.

### Junior tennis camp slated for end of May

Kathy Boland will be holding her Big Spring Junior Tennis Camp at Comanche Trail Park's Figure 7 Tennis Center from May 29 thru June 1.

The camp will last from 8:30 a.m. until noon and is for boys and girls between ages 6-13. The cost is \$60.

Contact Kathy Boland by calling 940-886-6169 or call Big Spring Junior High at 264-4135.

### City of Big Spring Tennis Camps set

Ted Olesen and Nelson Payne will be holding the first of three City of Big Spring Tennis Camps May 28-31.

The camp is for all ages and ability levels and will take place at the Figure 7 Tennis Center from 11 a.m. to 3

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## Forsan tennis duo takes third at state



Forsan's Kaylor Stanley, left, and Cayley Eggleston took third in girls' doubles at the Class 1A State Tournament May 14 in Austin.

By **JONATHAN HULL**

Herald Sports Writer

FORSAN — It had been 29 years since a girls' tennis player represented Forsan High School in the state tennis tournament. Marcy Nichols represented the Lady Buffs in 1978.

Nichols was in attendance when the drought ended May 14, as Forsan was represented by three student athletes at the state tournament in Austin. Senior Courtney Holdampf played singles at the tournament for the Lady Buffs, while Cayley Eggleston and Kaylon Stanley represented their school in the girls' doubles bracket.

Holdampf surprised even her coach by making

the state tournament.

"Courtney's the type to do unexpected things," said Forsan's head tennis coach Connie Eggleston. "She wasn't even seeded at the district tournament and she ousted the top-seeded player, who had been to state previously and fully expected to be going back. Courtney gets better the farther along she plays. She starts off solid and she finishes strong. She didn't have an amazing year, but when it came to district she turned on her game."

Holdampf qualified for the state tournament by finishing second at the Class 1A Region II Tournament held in Abilene on April 26.

Unfortunately, she fell

in the quarterfinal round of the state tournament to Imperial Buena Vista's Lauren Ivey, 7-5, 6-0, to end her tennis career at Forsan.

Eggleston and Stanley fared better at state, finishing third in girls' doubles.

They qualified for state courtesy of a runner-up finish at the Region II tournament.

The duo won their quarterfinal match against Lindsay's Meredith Bezner and Melissa New in straight sets, 6-3, 6-2. This victory insured that Eggleston and Stanley would at least take home third place medals.

"I think the girls were

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## Lady Steers honored at spring banquet

By **JONATHAN HULL**

Herald Sports Writer

Newly selected Big Spring High School Athletic Director Mike Ritchey made a point to emphasize his interest and excitement about all athletic programs at the Lady Steer Spring Banquet Monday night.

"I don't want to make light of being named head football coach," said Ritchey. "But I am just as excited and just as passionate about being the athletic director. I want to be just as involved with Lady Steer athletics from kindergarten up until we throw the hats in the air. I am so excited about acknowledging the achievements and successes of every athlete in this program."

Ritchey was the guest speaker for the banquet that was held in honor of all Lady Steer athletes that participated in spring sports.

Ritchey went on to reveal the philosophy he is adopting as athletic director for Steers and Lady Steers athletics. He proudly held up a T-shirt that read "Count Me In" across the front of it. This phrase will be found on the front of every sport's practice uniform next season.

"I ran across this shirt six years ago and it just jumped out at me," explained Ritchey. "I love this saying, 'Count Me In.' I can sum up what this phrase means to me



Big Spring's Athletic Director Mike Ritchey, right, raves about the seniors from the Lady Steers softball team at the Lady Steers Spring Banquet held Monday night at the Big Spring High School cafeteria. Lady Steers pictured from left: Desiree Yanez, Cortney Heinis, Bridgette Rodriguez, Amber Sides, Heather Whitt, and Brenna Phernetton.

in one word. Commitment. This goes for the athletes, coaches and parents. Our program will require a commitment to success."

Ritchey wrapped up his speech by explaining three key components that emphasize the type of commitment he expects from the athletes — attitude, work ethic and love. He found a Lady Steer team that, according to him, exemplified these three qualities when he introduced the Lady Steer softball team.

"There was a major improvement from where this softball team started to where they ended," said Ritchey as he called the seniors of the softball team back to the front. "They are a major indicator of a group of seniors that refused to let a team go down and quit working. Their body language, attitude and the essence of work ethic and love for each other pushed this team further. That's why it's so critical to have senior leadership and these ladies were the

essence of that leadership."

The Lady Steers softball seniors walked back to their seats to a standing ovation.

"It was a huge turnaround for us during the season," said Lady Steers' head softball coach Jennifer Reyes. "We started off the year looking like the Bad News Bears. This group was amazing. If you didn't get to see them play this year then you missed out on the definition of team."

Amber Sides, Brenna

Phernetton, Linzee Yarbar, Kenzie Hunt, Kelli Sage, Baylea Fox, Heather Whitt, Cortney Heinis, Bridgette Rodriguez and Desiree Yanez were all recognized for achieving all-district awards. Phernetton, Whitt, Heinis, Rodriguez, Yanez and Sides are graduating seniors.

The first group to be introduced was the Lady Steers' basketball team coached by Amanda Whitaker and Vance

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## Laird slams Rangers past Twins

The Associated Press

ARLINGTON — The Texas Rangers are quickly making up for their early season struggles at the plate.

Gerald Laird hit his first career grand slam in an eight-run fifth inning and the Rangers beat the Minnesota Twins 14-4 Monday night.

Laird, who was batting .098 on April 23, finished with a career-high five RBIs, and Sammy Sosa had two doubles and three RBIs for the Rangers. Laird went 2-for-3 to improve his average to .240.

Texas scored 10 or more runs in consecutive games for the first time since Sept. 14-15, 2004, against Oakland.

Rangers manager Ron Washington passed the credit for the recent offensive revival to hitting coach Rudy Jaramillo.

"These guys like to bang," Washington said. "Rudy deserves all the credit for that. He spends a lot of time with these guys. He's always believed in them and it's starting to pay off."

The Rangers equaled a season

high for runs in a 14-1 rout of the Houston Astros on Sunday, then matched that total against the Twins. They entered play 13th in the AL with a .248 team batting average.

"We haven't gotten off to the start we wanted, but it's only May," Laird said. "There's time for us to step up. I think this is the start of something good."

Frank Catalanotto and Nelson Cruz also homered for Texas, which got at least one hit from all nine starters. Catalanotto was activated from 15-day disabled list earlier Monday after missing time with tendinitis in his right biceps.

Rangers starter Vicente Padilla (2-6) gave up two runs and five hits before exiting with two outs in the sixth after Mike Redmond's line-drive single glanced off Padilla's right hand.

Padilla, who struck out four and walked two, wasn't seriously injured.

Texas led 4-2 before it chased Twins starter Carlos Silva (2-5) during its highest scoring inning of the season. Kenny Lofton led off the fifth with a single and

Mark Teixeira was intentionally walked with one out to put runners on first and second. Sosa then hit a two-run double.

Catalanotto and Ian Kinsler walked with two outs and Laird's second homer of the season off reliever Julio DePaula gave Texas a 10-2 lead.

"There was a chance to break the game open and (DePaula) left a pitch up," Laird said.

Ramon Vazquez scored on shortstop Nick Punto's scoring error, and Michael Young also singled in a run for the Rangers.

Silva allowed seven runs and nine hits in 4 1-3 innings. DePaula gave up seven runs and six hits in one inning.

"We didn't pitch," Twins manager Ron Gardenhire said. "If you don't pitch, you're not going to win. Silva left too many pitches up in the zone and DePaula had a hard time."

In the sixth, Cruz's solo homer and Vazquez's sacrifice fly stretched Texas' lead to 14-2.

Minnesota's bullpen, already missing left-hander Dennys Reyes with a sore left shoulder, took another hit in the eighth

when left-hander Glen Perkins left the game after straining a muscle in his left shoulder while striking out Catalanotto.

Gardenhire said Perkins will be placed on the disabled list Tuesday. Reyes won't be put on the disabled list, but he won't be available for the next few days while he tries to strengthen his left rotator cuff through exercise. Right-handed reliever Jesse Crain will have season-ending surgery next Tuesday for a right shoulder injury.

"We're going to have to find some pitching," Gardenhire said.

Notes: Texas scored 14 or more runs in consecutive games for the fourth time in club history. The last time was on July 31-Aug. 31, 2002, against the New York Yankees and Boston Red Sox. ... The start of the game was delayed for 28 minutes due to rain. ... Sosa remains three home runs short of 600 for his career. ... The Twins have lost nine of their last 12. ... Texas has two grand slams this season. ... The Rangers have won three of their last four. ... Silva has lost his last four starts.



## Obituaries

### Edith P. 'Dollie' Murphree



Edith P. "Dollie" Murphree, 83, of Menard, died Saturday, May 19, 2007, in a Junction hospital. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Thursday, May 24, 2007, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Jerry Edmondson, pastor of The Fellowship at Cinco Ranch, officiating. She was born July 31, 1923, in Haslett and married Vandoyl Murphree Jan. 17, 1951, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death Aug. 19, 1988.

Dollie is survived by her daughter, Melody J. Bolin and son-in-law Tommy D. Bolin of Katy; three grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; one sister, Juanita Slay; and several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to: "Live Out Loud" Campaign, The Fellowship at Cinco Ranch, 22765 Westheimer Parkway, Katy 77450.

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

## Lottery

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 5-8-21-32. Bonus Ball: 23  
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 1  
Winning tickets sold in: Garland.  
Prize per winner: \$225,000.

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 3-16-19-26-36.  
Number matching five of five: 0.

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 2-6-8.

## Take Note

• **THE HOWARD COUNTY A&M CLUB** is accepting scholarship applications from students who are currently enrolled at Texas A&M for the Fall 2007 semester. Students must be Howard County residents and enrolled for at least 12 hours. More information can be found at the club Web site: clubs.aggienetwork.com/howardcountyamc/webhome.htm  
Application deadline is June 1.

• **ST. MARY'S AND FRIENDS OF ST. MARY'S ARE HOLDING A LAP BLANKET DRIVE** to place approximately 400 lap blankets in the hands of every nursing home patient in Big Spring. Blankets can be taken to the church office, 1001 Goliad, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Friday or call Connie Fowler at 267-2713. As part of the drive, a beginning crochet class will be held this Thursday at 6 p.m. in the church's Parish Hall. If you need a brush up course in crocheting or would like to learn for the first time, you are welcome to attend.

• **THE WORKFORCE NETWORK HAS FUNDING AVAILABLE** for training and employment with competitive wages for youth in Howard, Borden and Glasscock counties. Enrollment will be held at the Workforce Network, 310 Owens in Big Spring from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. May 21. You must bring copies of your birth certificate, Social Security card and picture ID if you have one. You must have a parent with you if you are under 18 years of age.

• **ALL CREATURES SANCTUARY AND RESCUE** has an account set up with Big Spring Salvage at 3608 N. Highway 87 for all types of metals and aluminum cans. See John Kimberly, manager or Cruz Rodriguez, metal specialist, to make your donations. Please tell them that your donations are for All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue. The sanctuary 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. Box 871, Coahoma 79511. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue has an account also set up with Howard County Feed and Supply at 701 E. Second St. For donations of coastal or grass hay for a rescue horse.

• **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.

• **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.

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

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

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## Police blotter

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

- **MATTHEW MENDOZA**, age not provided, of 2203 Morrison, was arrested Monday on a charge of criminal trespass of a habitation.
- **DANNY ORTIZ ISBELL**, 31, of 2500 Central Drive, was arrested Monday on two local warrants and two capias warrants.
- **MARVIN KEITH CAIN**, 55, transient, was arrested Monday on a charge of solicitation by a pedestrian.
- **HARVEY HARMON JR.**, 24, of 1400 Mt. Vernon, was arrested Monday on charges of driving while license invalid and failure to stop and render aid.
- **FAILURE TO STOP AND RENDER AID** was reported in the 1500 block of Gregg Street.
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS OF A HABITATION/SHELTER CENTER** was reported in the 2200 block of Morrison.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 1100 block of Birdwell Lane.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 2400 block of Cheyenne.
- **ASSAULT BY CONTACT** was reported in the 2600 block of Chanute.

## Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3000 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 700 block of Hillside. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near the intersection of 15th and Gregg Street.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1900 block of E. 25th Street. Service refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2400 block of Cheyenne. One person was transported to SMMC.

## Weather

Tonight...Mostly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms in the evening. Lows in the upper 60s. South winds 15 to 20 mph. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

Wednesday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 80s. South winds 15 to 20 mph.

Wednesday night...Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s. Southeast winds 10 to 20 mph.

Thursday...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Cooler. Highs in the lower 70s. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday night...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s.

Friday...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 80s.

Friday night...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s.

Saturday...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 80s.

Saturday night...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s.

Sunday...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 80s.

Sunday night...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s.

Memorial day...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s.

## Support Groups

### TUESDAY

• The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) support group meets from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main. Anyone who has a mental illness or has a friend or family with mental illness is invited to participate. Call Felicia Talley at 268-3835 for more information.

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

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

### WEDNESDAY

• Dual Recovery Anonymous (DRA), 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Howard County Library Basement Community Room. DRA is a 12-step meeting for those who have a desire to stop drinking and/or using drugs and also have a mental or emotional illness.

All meetings are non-smoking and coffee is not available but members can bring their own coffee or non-alcoholic beverage. For more information, call Deidra F. at (432) 816-3033. Leave a message if you get voice mail.

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## Bulletin Board

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### TODAY

• The Powwow Committee of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church annex, 809 Scurry, or the fellowship hall at 810 Scurry. Call Robert Downing at 263-3255 for information.

### WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.
- 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.
- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
- Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

### THURSDAY

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room. Call 267-6479.
- Staked Plains Lodge No. 598 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 221 Main. Meal served. Meeting at 7 p.m.

### FRIDAY

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.
- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
- Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Spring City Senior Citizens Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area seniors are invited.

## Sheriff's report

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

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

- **KEVIN LEE DUNLAP**, 29, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on charges of unsafe speed, failure to stop and render aid and no liability insurance.
- **WILLIAM RYAN LOCKE**, 32, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on charges of displaying an expired motor vehicle inspection certificate, no liability insurance, violation of a promise to appear (three counts), disregarding a stop sign and speeding.
- **JASON M. THREATS**, 29, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of burglary of a habitation with intent to commit other felony.
- **MARCUS EMORY STURGILL**, 18, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle and failure to give notice of striking a highway fixture.
- **ERNEST WILLIAM CLARK**, 67, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.
- **CHRISTOPHER RUIZ**, 20, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- **JUAN CARLOS CORDOVA**, 30, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a Menard County warrant for driving while license invalid.
- **NORMA VALENZUELA**, 45, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated - third or more offense.
- **TRACY LAIN KRUSE**, 42, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on charges of bondsman off bond for possession of a controlled substance, bondsman off bond for driving while intoxicated - third of more offense, a bench warrant, judgment/sentence for possession of a controlled substance and a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated.
- **TOMMY GENE CHRISTIAN**, 39, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on charges of burglary of a building (two counts) and unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.
- **MATTHEW MENDOZA**, 27, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana - two ounces or less and a charge of criminal trespass of a habitation/shelter center.
- **MANUEL ROMERO LOZANO III**, 34, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while license invalid.

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# Staubach hopes to bring Dallas another Super Bowl

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON — The Dallas Cowboys have been to more Super Bowls than any team, yet they've never hosted one. They hope that changes Tuesday when NFL owners vote on whether the 2011 game will be played in Arlington, Indianapolis or Glendale, Ariz.

Formally known as the North Texas bid, the plan was submitted to league officials last month. All that's left is the personal plea — and who better for the Cowboys to send in for some final-minute

heroics than Hall of Fame quarterback Roger Staubach?

Staubach is the leader of the local bid committee, which he proudly says he expects to become the local host committee by Tuesday night.

"I really believe we can enhance the best way a Super Bowl can be hosted," Staubach said. "I'm 2-2 in Super Bowls. I want to be 3-2. We want to make sure people can look at (2011) as the gold standard."

Staubach will have 15 minutes to plead his case to league owners.

He'll talk up the new \$1

billion, 100,000-seat stadium that opens in 2009 and the support of all the communities pitching in to make the plan work, from Dallas to Fort Worth and the cities in between. He'll also likely remind everyone that "America's Team" has been to a record eight Super Bowls and was the first team to win five.

Then he'll share his own story, of how he listened to two Super Bowls while in the military, watched the next from the sideline as the Cowboys lost on a last-second field goal, then was the MVP of the following year's game,

in January 1972, leading Dallas to its first title. Staubach won another Super Bowl in January 1978.

He also lost two classics to Pittsburgh, a fact he'll point out to Dan Rooney, the owner of the Steelers then and now.

"I've had a Super Bowl history that I'm going to try to bring out into my remarks because it's been a part of my life, a very instrumental part of my life," Staubach said, adding that his success in the business world can also be traced to his football fame.

"I have a lot at stake to

do this right," Staubach continued. "I want them to know I want to give back to what football and what the Super Bowl has done for me. This is a chance for me to be the host and make sure it's the best Super Bowl they've had."

Staubach described himself as "kind of the coach" of the local effort, offering expertise and clout when possible while deferring to others for much of the grunt work. Auto racing mogul Roger Penske had a similar position for Detroit's 2006 Super Bowl, and Staubach sought Penske's advice

before taking on this challenge.

"I'm really proud of the bid we've actually put together," Staubach said. "Again, you get nervous because you put a lot of heart and effort into it. Like going to the Super Bowl, I've experienced some wins and I know it's no fun when you lose."

The Dallas-to-Fort Worth aspect of this bid is legitimate. Hotels and other facilities would be used in both big cities, plus more in stadium site Arlington and Irving, home to team headquarters and their current stadium.

# Williams has Spurs' attention

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

SAN ANTONIO — After seeing Utah's Deron Williams open the Western Conference finals with a career-best 34 points, San Antonio point guard Tony Parker vowed never to be so generous to his counterpart again.

Not on defense. At the dinner table.

See, the night before the series began, Parker took Williams out for some fine French dining.

"If he's going to score like that, it's the last

time," Parker said Monday, laughing. "I'm changing restaurants tonight — something bad."

Parker was able to joke about Williams' big game because his team won Game 1 on Sunday. Yet the way Williams played, and the way he powered a late comeback, has the Spurs wondering about a new strategy for Game 2 Tuesday night.

San Antonio's plan in the opener was to focus on slowing Williams' two prime passing options, All-Star forward Carlos Boozer and Mehmet

Okur. The Spurs followed orders so well the duo was a combined 6-of-25 through three quarters, a big reason why San Antonio led by 16.

In the fourth quarter, Williams finally decided to make himself the main scoring option. He scored 18 points in the period, helping Utah tighten things in the final minutes. The Jazz never really came close to winning, but they went away confident they can, regardless of what's now a 17-game losing streak in San Antonio and all the Spurs' championship experi-

ence.

"It was important that we battled back, got it under 10 and we made a game of it, we didn't get blown off the court," Williams said. "It's not the end of the series. It's one game. We feel we can play better. Hopefully we will."

Many basketball fans remember Williams best for helping Illinois reach the NCAA title game in 2005. He had a solid rookie year, but was overshadowed by another rookie point guard, Chris Paul of the Hornets who won rookie of the year honors.

# FORSAN

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just happy to be out there in the first match," said Connie Eggleston. "They were out there having fun, but when they started winning, it clicked in their minds that they could keep up with these girls."

The duo couldn't overcome a more experienced Sabinal team of Lindsey Horton and Nicole Lopez and fell in the semifinals, 6-3, 6-1.

The Forsan duo also surprised their coach by advancing to state.

Eggleston and Stanley didn't become a doubles team until a month before district play. They had never played tennis together as a team before this season.

"Cayley's always preferred to be a doubles player and is somewhat apprehensive about playing singles," said Cayley's mother and coach, Connie Eggleston. "She lost her partner a month before our first district match. I had no idea that they would work this well together. I wish I could've had them as a team longer."

Coach Eggleston attributed the girls' success in a short period of time together due to their athleticism and complimen-

tary styles of play.

"Both girls are very good athletes," explained Eggleston. "Kaylon is very competitive and the type of player you want playing in the match who will clinch a victory for your team. Cayley is consistent. She will replicate the same thing over and over again. The two styles made them very complimentary to each other."

Both girls are seniors and will walk across the stage Friday. They both will attend Howard College in the fall.

Stanley plans to walk on to the Lady Hawks' basketball team, hoping to earn some playing time. She played on the Forsan girls' basketball team and ran cross-country.

She is ranked sixth in her class. She played with a stress fracture in her foot for most of the tennis season.

Eggleston will attend Howard for one year and then plans to attend Texas Tech.

She is ranked third in her class. Besides tennis, she was also a cheerleader and a member of the Lady Buffs' basketball team.

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# BANQUET

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Pirtle. Heather Sheppard was honored as a second-team all-district member, while Yanez was honored as a member of the all-district first team.

Departing seniors included Brittney Randle, Monica Rocha, Jessica Chancy, Briana Valles,

Phernetton, Whitt and Yanez.

The cheerleaders were the second group acknowledged. They were introduced by this year's sponsors, Shannon Stuteville and Shanna Brasel.

Seniors Mallory Kennedy and Whitney Lewis were both selected as All-American cheerleaders. Sydnie Robertson was selected as a FCA

cheerleader.

Lady Steers' track coach Amy Moore introduced her team that included Region I qualifiers Mistie Aguilar, Catherine Leubner and Esther Tobar.

Head Trainer Andrew Rankin ended the acknowledgments by introducing his group of trainers that he described as utility players.

"I couldn't do my job

without them," said Rankin.

The banquet ended with the varsity cheerleaders leading the audience in Big Spring's school song, "Dear Ol' Big Spring High."

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# BRIEFS

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p.m. each day.

The fee is \$100 and includes a daily lunch.

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## Magers-Powell camp scheduled

Rose Magers-Powell, the Big Spring High School Hall of Fame volleyball star and 1984 Olympian, will again be conducting a volleyball camp at BSHS this summer.

The camp is scheduled for July 30-Aug. 1 with sessions for middle school players

from 9 a.m. to noon and the high school players' session from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

The fee will be \$125 per player.

Players can register online and get additional information on the camp by going to Magers-Powell's website, www.gotrosevolleyballcamps.com.

## Texas Tech schedules summer sports camps

Texas Tech University has scheduled several sports camps for this summer.

The Tim Siegel Tennis Camps are set for June 2-6 and June 17-21. The overnight camps are for players 8 to 17 of all abilities.

## WBU schedules tryout baseball camp

The Wayland Baptist University baseball staff

is holding a tryout camp for graduating high school seniors and college players with remaining eligibility interested in becoming a part of the Pioneer baseball program. The camp is scheduled for Saturday, May 26 at David and Myrt Wilder field, located on the WBU

campus in Plainview. Registration begins at 8 a.m. with the tryouts to follow at 9 a.m. There is no cost. For more information or to make reservations, contact Coach Josh Milner at 806-292-1690 or 806-291-1158 or email him at milnerj@wbu.edu.




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# Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker  
**You Can't Win 'em All**

West dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

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♠ A Q 9 8 6 3 2  
♥ 5  
♦ 6 2  
♣ J 6 4

**WEST**  
♠ K 7 4  
♥ K 9 8 2  
♦ A Q  
♣ 10 7 5 3

**EAST**  
♠ J 10 5  
♥ Q J 10 7 4  
♦ 7  
♣ K 9 8 2

**SOUTH**  
♠ —  
♥ A 6 3  
♦ K J 10 9 8 5 4 3  
♣ A Q

The bidding:  
West Pass North Pass East Pass South 5♦  
Opening lead — three of clubs.

**It is well-known** that more contracts are won or lost on the opening lead than at any other stage of the play. Of course, some players are more gifted than others in choosing the opening lead, but the fact is that the batting average of almost every player suffers severely when the effectiveness of his opening leads is compared with the rest of his game.

**As an illustration,** take this deal played in a rubber bridge game. It was reported to us by West, who was upset by the result.

**After three passes,** South opened the bidding with five diamonds. West was tempted to double, but chose the more conservative course of passing. He had no clear-cut opening lead and, after much thought, selected his fourth-best club.

**This was not very successful,** because declarer won East's king with the ace, played the ace and another heart, ruffing in dummy, and discarded his last heart on the ace of spades. Declarer then led a diamond and lost two trump tricks to make exactly five diamonds.

**Disturbed by the outcome,** West later polled 10 top experts to see what they would have led against five diamonds.

**As usual,** where an opening lead is involved, there was a lack of unanimity among the experts. Seven of them agreed with West's opening lead of a club. Two favored a low heart lead. One said he would lead a low spade.

**Remarkably,** they all struck out! Not one found the only way to defeat the contract, which was to lead the ace of diamonds and continue with the queen! Against this defense South is helpless and, in fact, goes down two tricks!

**It just goes to show** that even the experts can't achieve perfection when it comes to opening leads.

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**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

**BY HOLIDAY MATHIS**

The Leo moon encourages playful exuberance. The reason most people don't play enough is out of a fear of doing it wrong or looking foolish. Have you ever paused a DVD to observe the funny looks that cross the faces of those in the picture? Life is a series of awkward moments that, when blurred together, create something presentable.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Pepper your self-expression with flair. A gesture here or an exclamation mark there — wild gesticulations (all nice, of course) leave a far more colorful impression than polite conversation.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). It'd be a shame to miss the chance to explore because you lost your nerve. Instead of questioning whether you can do it, consider what would happen if you don't.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Cluelessness happens. You have the right and the privilege to bump into the walls of self-discovery without adhering to any one path. Hold off on defining yourself just yet.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Be nonsensical. Fill your head with irrelevant but pretty thoughts. Make up new words for the nuanced and previously

unnamed emotions of the world. Make mystery your religion and receptivity your prayer.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Admiration is a powerful motivator. But whether your girlfriend's new look inspires you or a personal trainer's physique pulls you to the gym, you're the one who ultimately does the work.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You don't need to worry about how you're being perceived. Stay on path. You need only focus on putting one foot in front of the other and following the obvious signs.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're holding everyone accountable to your farsighted tabulator. Divvying up tasks may feel fair to you, but it destroys feelings of camaraderie in the team. Love doesn't keep score.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Unless it concerns you, most of the time, keeping other people's mistakes and secrets to yourself is the best policy. Rarely is exposing someone worth the repercussions, and that is certainly true now.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're focused on making connections. Brush up on your small talk. You just might chitchat your way into someone's heart. Give your office crush something you know they'd love.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Working overtime may win you the Most Virtuous award, but they won't remember it next week. Lead with your creativity as you bump your work up to a whole new level of uniqueness.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Distinguish yourself from the pack by making a distinctive statement. Lavish your personality on your home; hang your artwork at the office. Create a world that reflects you.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Contrary to popular opinion, you CAN have your cake and eat it, too. How? By not eating the entire cake in one sitting. Likewise, there's a way to give in to your cravings and temptations while handling them responsibly.

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# Legislative roundup

## STEROID TESTING

Mandatory random steroid testing of Texas public school athletes got a boost Monday when the state House of Representatives tentatively approved a plan to start before next football season.

The Senate has already passed a similar version, and once the House takes an expected final vote Tuesday, the only obstacle will be deciding who pays for it: the state or the ticket-buying public.

If approved, Texas would have the largest high school steroid testing program in the country, targeting at least 22,000 students a year at a cost of about \$4 million. Athletes in every sport would be subject to testing.

The Senate version calls for

the state to pay for the program. The House version would apply a fee to the cost of high school football and basketball games, a method some critics have called a "ticket tax."

## NEEDLE EXCHANGE

A needle exchange program was revived in the House — on a limited basis.

Needle exchange programs are designed to curb the spread of hepatitis, HIV and other diseases through intravenous drug use by giving users clean hypodermic needles.

Texas is currently the only state that doesn't allow such programs.

The Senate had previously voted to allow needle exchange programs statewide, but that

issue appeared dead in the House until it voted to allow a pilot project only in Bexar County, which includes San Antonio.

## SCHOOL BUS SEAT BELTS

The House agreed with the Senate on Monday and gave final legislative approval to a bill requiring school buses to be equipped with seat belts. The bill would apply to buses purchased on or after Sept. 1, 2010.

School districts would have to require students to wear their seat belts. Districts would be allowed to make their own disciplinary policies to enforce the rule.

## TRAFFIC CAMERAS

Local governments would be

barred from using automated cameras to issue speeding tickets through the mail under a bill the Senate approved Monday and sent to the governor.

Several communities have begun using digital equipment to detect and photograph speeding vehicles. Officials can then trace the vehicle's license plate number to issue a ticket to its registered owner.

"By any definition this is a speed trap," said Sen. John Carona, a Republican from Dallas who sponsored the measure in the Senate.

Sen. Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, opposed the bill, saying some small towns have tiny police forces and can't enforce the law without speeding cameras.

## FHS

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ber of the football, basketball and tennis teams for four years, played golf for two years and participated in varsity baseball his senior season. As a senior, he was named to the academic all-state team in football and basketball.

Johnson plans to attend South Plains College before transferring to Texas Tech University. He plans to study mathematics and become a teacher and coach.

Forsan High School will hold commencement exercises for the Class of 2007 at 8 p.m. Friday in the high school gymnasium.

## MOORE

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the letter of intent aimed at the Settles Hotel Development Company — amounting to \$3 million in funds — and its ongoing efforts to restore the building.

"We have it on the agenda just in case we need to take action on it, but I really don't anticipate any movement on the matter right now," said McLellan.

"We've sent the letter of intent to Brint Ryan (manager of the Settles Hotel Development Company) and now we're just waiting to hear back from him."

The project, which was recently undertaken by Big Spring native Ryan, calls for commercial and residential use of the property, with retail space available on the first and second floors.

The Big Spring City Council voted unanimously May 1 in favor of Moore Development for Big Spring's plan to fund \$3 million to efforts to restore and

renovate the historic Settles Hotel.

According to McLellan, the agreement between the economic development corporation and SHDC will require a two-to-one exchange in funding.

"Moore Board will pay 4A expenses that we can legally pay. As the project progresses, we will reimburse for those expenditures, up to \$3 million," said McLellan. "Keep in mind, these could come in early because of infrastructure. We will have a claw back agreement that will require Mr. Ryan to spend \$6

million or reimburse Moore Board for any funds that do not meet that two-to-one ratio. So, if this project is finished at \$6 million, Moore Board would receive money back."

The meeting is expected to begin at 5:15 p.m. Wednesday in the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce board room, located at 215 W. Third Street.

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## DRILL

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Midland, Pecos, Reeves, Terrell, Upton, Ward and Winkler counties," said Big Spring Police Department Lt. Terry Chamness, spokesman for the drill. "Each of the counties is sponsoring this drill, which is designed to test the readiness of the region if a disaster were to occur.

"The interoperability of the responders is the focus of the drill. What this means is we're testing to see if we can communicate with each other. The drill is being held in Big Spring and is being centered with the other counties and cities in the region responding to help. The prison systems in Big Spring will be the targets."

According to Chamness, the drill will focus on a scenario based on the use

of weapons of mass destruction and should help measure the effectiveness of recent grants to help with preparedness in such a dire situation.

"The region, using Homeland Security grant money, has spent more than \$8 million dollars for equipment and training to assist responders in the event of a disaster," said Chamness. "Interoperability is one of the main problems responders face in disasters and the

Governor's office directed regions to use grant money to help solve this problem. We will be using this equipment in the drill to show our level of interoperability.

"The scenario is very basic. A truck loaded with explosives will have driven onto the grounds of one of the prisons. After that attack, a second truck will release a chemical weapon that will cause respiratory distress at the Big Spring FCI.

That's what responders will be facing during the drill."

And while the drill will focus mainly on the McMahan-Wrinkle Airpark — where the Federal Bureau of Prisons and Cornell Corrections prisons are located — Chamness said area citizens will see a presence during the effort.

"We're going to be bringing in a lot of different vehicles for this scenario," said Chamness.

"A lot of them will be getting into position near and around the airpark before the drill begins, so area residents may see some strange vehicles in the area. However, this is all just part of the drill and there's no reason for them to be alarmed."

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## CRADDICK

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Republican from Corsicana, railed against Craddick in a scathing speech from the front of the House as Craddick watched, quietly seated a few feet behind.

"I'm a Republican and I voted for Speaker Craddick three times, but I will not and cannot support his re-election and I beg him to step down," Cook said.

Craddick spokeswoman Alexis DeLee said he would not abdicate the post.

Cook, one of the few members Craddick has trusted enough to make a committee chairman, said the office of speaker had become corrupted by "money, power and influence."

After the speech, Craddick proceeded with the scheduled legislation without acknowledging Cook's comments.

The House has been abuzz recently with speculation that the chamber will vote to force Craddick to step aside before the current legislative session ends May 28.

"I'm not going to say it's a huge majority ... but it is a majority" of the House that feels determined to unseat Craddick before the session ends, Pitts said.

With a week left in the session, lawmakers still

must come to an agreement on the \$150 billion state budget, the only thing they're legally required to do before adjourning.

Cook blamed Craddick for delaying the state budget and suggested Craddick is using it to keep his post.

Sen. Steve Ogden, the chief budget writer in the Senate, said the two-year state spending plan is hung up on some higher education issues.

"It appears the budget is being stalled, delayed and exploited for political gain. I say this is wrong," Cook said.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst last week said Craddick had "taken a real interest in ... the higher education budget and some special items ... for different members' districts."

Dozens of other bills also are pending, but the House leadership seems unhurried — an attitude that critics say exacerbates the brewing anti-Craddick sentiment.

"We're not passing bills, I mean we're breaking for lunch and dinner and not working weekends," said Rep. Brian McCall, a Plano Republican also rumored to be in the running to replace Craddick. "We came to work and bills are dying."

The abbreviated schedules are no coincidence, McCall surmises.

"If we're not here, we can't challenge him," he

said.

A spokeswoman for Craddick said "speakers politics do not play a role" in the scheduling.

Until this session started in January, Pitts was chairman of the powerful House Appropriations Committee, where he led the writing of the multi-billion dollar two-year state budget.

He was replaced after unsuccessfully challenging Craddick, a fellow Republican, in a race to be speaker before the 140-day legislative session convened in January. Pitts withdrew his name on the opening day, when it became clear Craddick had enough support to win re-election.

Rep. Jim Keffer, an Eastland Republican, announced his candidacy for the top House post last week. Unlike Keffer's bid, which would be for a term to begin in January 2009, Pitts' candidacy would be for a term to begin when and if a bid to unseat Craddick is successful.

Craddick has said he intends to seek another term, when his current

two-year term ends in 2009.

Craddick, who has been called the most powerful man in state government, is the only state leader who does not have to win a statewide election. Voters in his Midland district have dependably returned Craddick to Austin since he was first elected in 1968.

If Craddick foes decide they want to make a move before the session ends Monday — which seems increasingly likely — a 76-vote majority of the 150-member chamber can vote to vacate the chair and replace Craddick, opponents say.

If Craddick is still at the helm when the Legislature adjourns, he will remain speaker at least as long as there is no formal gathering in Austin. The next regular session convenes January 2009.

Every two years, on the first day of the legislative session, members of the House select a speaker to preside over the chamber.

In 2003 Craddick became the first

Republican Texas speaker since Reconstruction. But nasty battles over redistricting and budget cuts have taken their toll. When the Legislature convened in January, he survived a narrow re-election battle, but hard feelings remain.

Earlier this month, Craddick suffered a rare rebuke when a bipartisan group of lawmakers voted to overrule a parliamentary ruling by Craddick. Republicans and Democrats who once supported Craddick said obeying the rules was more important than loyalty at all costs.

Craddick seemed visibly shaken as his allies rose to announce they simply could not go along with the man they have

returned to power three times.

Craddick became speaker in 2003 when Republicans won a majority in the Legislature for the first time in more than a century.

In his three terms as the presiding officer of the House, Craddick has alienated some of his supporters with what critics call a despot leadership style.

His backers say Craddick has been extremely effective in passing a conservative agenda, including a Republican-friendly redistricting map, property tax relief and tort reform. But critics say he has been too unyielding in his win-at-all-costs approach to governing the chamber.

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## OUR VIEWS

### Give real thought graduates, this is an important time

It is once again graduation time. Recently, Howard College, SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf and several Crossroads area high schools undertook the annual ritual. And in the next few days, high school seniors from Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan will receive their diplomas.

Coahoma High School's class of 2007 will graduate at 8 p.m. Thursday, while seniors at Big Spring High School and Forsan High School will have their graduation ceremonies at 8 p.m. Friday.

This season brings to mind more than caps, gowns and "Pomp and Circumstance." It is often said, but it is true: Graduation is not just the end of another school year. It is a once-in-a-lifetime chance for a new beginning.

For some, this time is the opportunity to take on the responsibility of a job and a more independent life. For others, it is the end of one season of school and the move on to another level of education or training.

For the high school graduate, this is definitely a turning point. Many of them will look back in 10 years or even 20, and say, "What if I had ...?" or "Why didn't I ...?"

That is why we urge all of our area high school seniors to take this time seriously. Yes, it is a busy time, but you absolutely must take time to stop and really think about where you are going. The decisions you make today will affect you for years to come, perhaps for a lifetime.

Congratulations to all our area graduates! You have accomplished something which you and your family can be proud.

Now is the chance for you to set the stage for your future. Be sure your decisions are made with the long term in mind.

While you may not like the idea of more books, more studying or even just one more test, the fact is that today, education beyond high school is usually essential to getting a good job. That does not mean the traditional college education is your only answer. In fact, there are many options, but be sure you check them out and make your plans as soon as possible.

You will be glad you did, and our community, your home, will be the better for it.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

*We know where we are heading when we are with You, Lord.*

Amen

# Banks put Willie Sutton to shame

My 103-year-old aunt has finally escaped the banks. She died. No more credit card offers. No more privacy statements explaining how they absolutely will never divulge her personal information to any other company, unless they really, really want to. No more offers to consolidate her debts or recitations of exorbitant new fees and interest rates. Dying has its compensations.



WILLIAM A. COLLINS

Banks, you see, for all their solemnity and protocol, learned a great deal from Willie Sutton, the 20th Century's most prominent robber. When asked why he plundered banks he replied, "That's where the money is."

Yogi Berra couldn't improve on that.

But bankers could, and have. They've learned instead how to separate people from their money legally and to remain pillars of the community all the while. Their most egregious technique in these parts is to convert old mutual savings banks to public stock companies.

The depositors (they used to own the place) must first approve such a change before it can happen, and generally, they do so under a heavy barrage of propaganda.

The resulting sale of stock brings in a flood of cash, a big chunk of which is quietly siphoned off by the bank's execu-

tives for themselves.

It works great — no consumer protection, no investigations, no indictments. Poor Willie was on the wrong end of the business.

Other mammon-oriented banks and pseudo-banks jumped into the recent housing boom. They financed mortgages to "sub-prime" borrowers. These are folks who probably couldn't afford a house in the first place, but bought into the national euphoria for "home ownership."

Supporting this charade, the sub-prime lenders often took fees and charges off the top. As the inevitable defaults and foreclosures have now followed, some lenders themselves have declared bankruptcy, leaving borrowers, employees and investors all holding the bag. Already a bunch of failed execs are starting new ventures to repeat this shoddy cycle.

But perhaps the ugliest parasites in the "civilized" lending business are the credit card banks.

Their game is to set up massive penalties and usurious interest rates to drop on any borrower who is late with a payment. All those appealing low rates from the newspaper ads and mass mailings are instantly revoked if you miss a deadline.

Not surprisingly, this sort of predatory lending has driven a lot of families into bankruptcy, which, while painful, used to allow sufferers to write down some of those unjust debts. No more.

Last year the banks were able to gather enough muscle in Congress to tighten the bankruptcy law.

This has switched lots of families from merely being poor into a new life of abject penury.

It foments family break-ups as well.

Meanwhile the industry marches along unfettered. We have nearly 20 different banks here in our town alone, plus branches. Half that number would be plenty. In many cases, the owners are simply biding their time waiting for the next merger mania to dawn. Then some of them will sell out to megabanks and start the cycle all over again.

Maybe a few branches will close and emerge as Dunkin' Donuts shops in the process, but mostly they won't miss a beat, operating just as they do today. Only the signage will change.

And these mergers will unquestionably occur.

Bank of America is still on the prowl, as are Chase, Citi, Wachovia and the other national sharks.

Each pines for nationwide coverage.

Then, upon completion of an acquisition, the acquired regional bank chiefs get paid off handsomely for all their work in pulling together so many small local units into an appealing package.

Poor Willie just got very bad career counseling in high school. He should have joined the industry instead.

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# Pentagon space proposal suicidal

For most people, "Star Wars" evokes the memory of George Lucas action movies. However, the United States has been working on a program that could turn our fictional idea of "star wars" into a reality. Through its missile defense system, where the Pentagon hopes to shoot down incoming missiles by running interceptors directly into them, the United States is moving its battles to the ultimate high ground: space. If that is allowed to pass, it will endanger all, while providing defense to none.



VICTORIA SAMSON

The U.S. Missile Defense Agency (MDA) is asking for \$10 million to start initial design concepts for a space "test bed." While this is chump change by Pentagon standards, MDA's budget documents indicate that it is planning to spend \$290 million on this program through fiscal year 2013, which establishes that this is a serious effort to move something from the drawing board to the skies.

The proposed Space Test Bed would be used to do research on putting interceptors in the heavens, with the idea that orbiting spacecraft would be guided into and destroy enemy ballistic missiles.

If it takes this step, the United States would start a new, more dangerous era.

There are major problems with this idea. The first is that it would establish the precedent of weaponizing space. So far, satellites are used to monitor other countries' activities, share com-

munications and guide weapons, but there have not been actual weapons placed on orbit. Yet.

If there were, the United States would have the most to lose. Both the U.S. military and the economy rely very heavily upon satellite systems working reliably and constantly. Imagine the public's consternation if ATMs didn't work, or if GPS navigation was cancelled for ships on the high seas, or if credit card transactions couldn't be processed. More dangerous is the effect it would have on the U.S. military. We have become so dependent upon our "eyes in the sky" that during war-gaming, when satellite capabilities have been knocked out, the commanders launched (simulated) nuclear attacks. Their arguments were that if they couldn't see what their enemies were doing, they had to assume the worst.

Even during the most distrustful times of the Cold War, when the two superpowers were eyeing each other suspiciously and adding thousands of nuclear weapons to their arsenals, agreements were signed protecting their satellite networks, also known as "National Technical Means."

Another negative consequence of putting weapons in space is the debris that would follow. Only 6 percent of the objects circling our planet are working satellites; the rest are junk.

As tests are held while space-based interceptors are developed, the addition of more space debris would be unavoidable. This trash up in space is dangerous: Even minute pieces that are 1 cm. in diameter or less could, at the dizzying speeds at some of the orbits, have catastrophic results should they hit other spacecraft, satellites, or astronauts. China

held a test in January where a rocket launched from its territories deliberately hit one of its old weather satellites at an altitude of roughly 530 miles. It was destroyed and left over 1,000 pieces of space debris ... that we know about. There could be hundreds of thousands of smaller fragments that could prove lethal, should they run into anything of value. It is estimated that half that debris will remain on orbit for over 20 years. China has since stated that it would like to see some sort of treaty preventing the weaponization of space, so its path has not yet been carved in stone.

This test demonstrates that weaponizing space could have ramifications long after the weapons have lost their use, assuming that they can show some sort of military utility in the first place. A 2003 report from the non-partisan American Physical Society stated that to defend against a solitary North Korean liquid-fueled Intercontinental Ballistic Missile, there would need to be 1,600 interceptors on orbit, a number that would be impossible to actually field and maintain.

There are more effective ways to defend ourselves, and certainly methods that don't result in a trigger-happy world hemmed in by thousands of pieces of space debris. Let's hope that Congress realizes this and nips the Space Test Bed in the bud.

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Bird Poop:

# White-necked raven's young rescued thanks to lineman



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Larger than a crow, Chihuahuan (also known as white-necked) ravens love to soar. Diving into dust devils on a hot, summer day, they will ride the uplift high into the sky. Attracted to dead livestock and road kill, the birds also eat rats, mice and insects. Another part of their diet includes grain sorghum, corn, melons, peanuts and cactus fruit.

To the lineman, it seemed the restless flocks were arriving earlier each spring. As he drove countless miles inspecting the system, he noticed numerous nests in mesquite and hackberry. Where there were no trees, windmill towers and the cross-arms of utility poles sufficed. Year after year, the birds used the same nest. By early June there would be young.



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Stopping to watch the annual courtship, he loved to see his favorite duo standing side by side atop their pole. As they rubbed their bills together, they would bow, then raise their wings. Ruffled and exposed by a gust of wind, the feathers of

their throats and upper necks would suddenly appear as white boas against the glossy purplish-black feathers that normally hid them.

Built by the female, the nest was a bulky, round mass of thorny twigs. He guessed it must be at least 20 inches across. More than once after nesting season ended, he had removed a Chihuahuan raven's nest because of problems on the line. Inside the nests were remnants of cattle hair, grass, rabbit fur, rags, bits of rope and newspaper. He marveled at the female's ability to interlace twigs, sticks and rusty, cast-off wire into a safe, deep haven for her young.

Sometime after midnight, the constant ringing of the phone awakened him. In a way, he had anticipated being called. The unexpected front, with its lightning and thunder, had brought

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## Laura on Life: Experiencing the joys of extreme fishing

Every now and then, out of the chaos of a busy family comes a day that is beautiful, tranquil, and perfect. It's never happened to me, but I still think it might someday.

As a matter of fact, much of my day is spent trying to keep the din at a low decibel. Sometimes my husband and I will take the din outside and at least it will dissipate more quickly into the air instead of being trapped inside four walls. If you haven't figured it out yet, the din would be our children.

Last weekend we took the din fishing. My husband dug a tangled heap of fishing rods out of the basement. We



LAURA  
SNYDER

bought new line, hooks, sinkers, bobbers, and live bait. We also bought fake bait, because if I can somehow avoid squeezing worm guts all over my fingers, I will not hesitate to do so.

My husband says that I will only catch the dumb fish if I use fake bait because they are the only ones who will fall for that trick. I tend to think that the majority of fish are pretty dumb anyway. If they were smart, they would know that no live worm worth its salt would be just hanging there in mid-water ready to be gobbled up for their dining pleasure. In fact, a normal worm wouldn't be swimming around in the water at all, they would be snuggled up safe and warm in their little worm holes on dry ground. Stupid fish.

I am not the only squeamish one, though. My husband always says he wants to go fishing because the fresh fish

would taste so great cooked up in a frying pan. But every fish we catch is "too small" so he throws them back in the water, thereby erasing the need for filleting them. Well, of course it's too small to feed our family! There will never be anything in the small, fresh water lake in which we were fishing that would be big enough to feed our entire family. If there was such a fish, it would also, as a rule, have the ability to jump up and swallow my husband whole. So it didn't take a rocket scientist to see that we'd have to catch a bunch of the smaller ones and hope that there are no freshwater whales in that little lake.

My husband always forgets to bring something to put the fish into when we catch them, so I'm pretty certain that this is a calculated plan. We could catch ten fish during the day, but if he keeps throwing them back because they are "too

small" we'll never have enough for him to cut up and eat unless all seven of us happened to catch a fish at the exact same time. Clearly a remote possibility. So I'm pretty sure that he simply doesn't want to filet them. This is truly okay, because, for me, it is enough to get the din out of the house for a while.

Besides, he's busy enough trying to keep the kids' hooks and lines baited. I watched him from my vantage point, far from the evil barbs that were slinging hither and yon. He sat between our youngest two children untangling line, putting worms on their hooks and telling the little one over and over that he needed to "watch your bobber and leave the darn thing in the water!"

Apparently, they weren't as thrilled with the possibility of catching a fish, as they were with learning how to cast. So every other minute or so, I

could see my husband lean way back as he avoided yet another razor sharp hook bent on imbedding itself into his flesh.

The man was amazing. He untangled lines, baited hooks and dodged flying hooks with unerring accuracy and fluid motion. He was the ultimate extreme fisherman. As I watched him handle all of this with the grace of a ballerina, he suddenly bent down to retrieve his own pole that had been hanging in the water, only to pull in another fish!

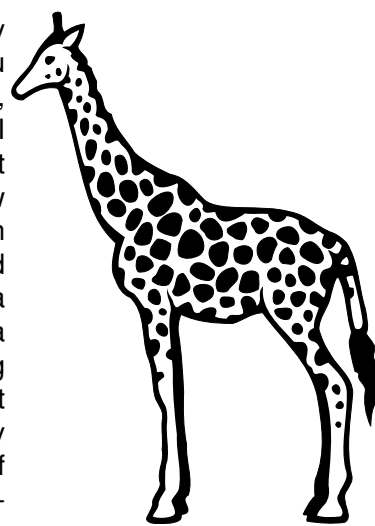
Of course, it was too small, so he threw it back as he avoided another oncoming bobber-laden line. I smiled and thought, "That man can fish!" So what if he doesn't want to filet them?

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## JIMMY GIRAFFE AND THE LAUGHING HYENA

Jimmy Giraffe lives in a country far, far away from our country. Do you know which country that may be? Did you say "Africa"? I knew that you knew that! Can you find Africa on a map? It is a very big country, isn't it? They have lots of beautiful animals just as we do in our own country.



Another animal that lives in Africa is the hyena. Because of the funny sounds they make, we call them "Laughing Hyenas". Can you name another part of the world where we might find hyenas? I won't tell. After you wake up tomorrow, look in one of your books and tell me which part of the whole

world we might find another hyena. Promise you will find out for me? Okay!

This story is about Jimmy Giraffe and Sadsack Hyena. Sadsack was not a happy hyena. He was a very sad hyena. He could never be a real laughing hyena. Or, could he?

Sadsack Hyena did have one hobby. He loved to fly kites. Do you love to fly kites? Some of them are very pretty, aren't they? The wind was blowing perfectly that day. Sadsack found his very special kite and went out into the open field to watch his magic kite do its tricks, flying along with the winds, up, then down, then

sideways, then up again. It was so much fun!

Jimmy Giraffe saw Sadsack playing with the kite and wished he had one, too. Jimmy was a very nice Giraffe. I think all giraffes are nice. They are really tall, aren't they? Jimmy watched Sadsack running down the field with his kite. Jimmy saw Sadsack running up the field with the kite. Jimmy saw the kite doing all its wonderful tricks, and doing each one with such grace. It was a pretty thing to watch. Until something happened!

Sadsack was having so much fun that he did not notice the big, tall tree. Jimmy did! He saw Sadsack running straight toward the tree, and

wished that the pretty kite wouldn't get caught on the tree's branches. A sudden gust of wind made sure that the kite did get caught! "Oh, no," cried Sadsack, "What will I do? I will never be able to climb the tree and get my kite back!" Sadsack was sadder than ever before.



Jimmy Giraffe saw that Sadsack would lose his kite forever if no one helped. Jimmy knew what he could do and he would be glad to help because he was so nice. And, he loved to watch the wonderful kite, too! He hoped the tree and its branches did not hurt the pretty kite when it got caught. It just so happens

that the big tree loved to watch the kite too, and very gently caught it without hurting it. But the big tree could not reach over to put the kite on the ground again. Sadsack Hyena could not climb the tree to fetch it.

Here came Jimmy! To the rescue! Jimmy had no trouble at all reaching the kite. It was so easy for him because he is so tall. He very carefully lifted the kite from the tree's branches and it seemed as if the tree was handing it to him ever so carefully. Jimmy thought he even saw the tree smile.

As Jimmy handed the unbroken kite to Sadsack, he noticed a little smile on Sadsack's face. This was the very first smile he had ever seen on Sadsack. Suddenly, Jimmy snatched the kite back from Sadsack. "If you want this pretty kite back, you will have to give me a great big smile. Come on. Smile. Bigger! Bigger smile than

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that!" Sadsack thought this was so funny, he started laughing. He laughed so hard! It felt good! He laughed even more. Jimmy did give the kite back to Sadsack then. Everyone was happy!

If you ever go to Africa and hear an animal that sounds like he is very happy and even laughing, it just might be Sadsack because he is now called a Laughing Hyena! He is happy. Jimmy is happy. The big tree loved to hear the laughter spreading throughout Africa and he just might even say, "Good Night."

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# Grandma, what a big schedule you have!

By HEIDI STEVENS

Chicago Tribune

Grandparenting looks a lot different than it used to.

For starters, it does pilates. And jets across the country for business trips. And runs the House of Representatives, thank you very much.

About 78 million Americans are grandparents, and roughly 39 million of them are Baby Boomers — a group not known for sitting idle as life marches by. As a whole, grandparents today are healthier, wealthier and more active than in any previous generation. They date. They volunteer. They run corporations — and marathons.

So where do the grandkids fit in?

“When it comes to a sense of who they are, grandparent is one piece — and a very import-



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Cliff Pierce and his 2-year-old granddaughter Georgia play together in her parents' home located in Chicago's Bucktown neighborhood.

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## RAVENS

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high winds and a cold, steady rain. By dawn he would be back in the same sector he had checked more than a month ago.

As he approached the pole, he noticed the raven's wing extending beyond the edge. Having seen the parents and their broods for years, he felt uneasy. The noise of his truck and his shutting the door caused no movement by the large black bird. When the bucket had carried him slightly above the cross-arm, he looked down and was startled. Sprawled atop her nest, the lifeless female raven completely covered any young or eggs from his sight. Lowering the bucket enough to examine the lower part of the nest, he noticed a piece of barbed wire extending from the structure. During the turbulent storm, an integral part of the nest that had held it together had somehow worked loose and made contact with the line. Her movements to shield her family had resulted not only in causing a short circuit, but her electrocution.

Lifting the valiant

mother, the lineman found wiggling nestlings huddled together. The youngest appeared to be a few days old. Much larger was the oldest. All had gaping mouths waiting to be fed. Since the remaining parent could not keep them warm, and secure food at the same time, the man decided to take the youngsters.

When he called his wife, she was not too surprised. His travels through open country often resulted in his bringing home a critter for her to raise. This time was different. She didn't have a clue as to what to feed five baby ravens.

Although storms can be an indication of incoming birds, we never expected this challenge. After asking the lady to keep the babies warm, we started the 25-mile trip to her home. Gray skies still threatened to rain and northeasterly winds buffeted our vehicle. We hoped the nestlings had not been exposed to the elements for too long a time. Inviting us inside, the lady mentioned she was in the process of trying to feed the infants. Anticipating a messy ordeal, she had placed

the five babies on a tile floor. With nothing to push against, the ravens had wallowed in the food that had missed their mouths.

As I picked up the smallest, I realized how chilled it was. Since nestlings are naked at first, two of the young had nothing to retain body warmth. Only the older three had started developing a brownish-gray down. Asking the lady to thank her husband, and telling her how much we appreciated her calling us, we started home. When we were far enough away, we stopped to re-arrange our passengers. Placing the five inside my shirt, I knew body heat was the quickest way to warm young life. Quickly, the quintet grew comfortable and slept the rest of the way.

Knowing that Chihuahuan ravens have both animal and vegetable diets, we researched long enough to discover that the nestlings are nearly entirely carnivorous. Thus, minced mice from sunup to sundown were provided for the protein and calcium they needed. Naturally, the largest nestling ate the most. We carefully monitored the intake of the smallest ones to make sure all of the birds were well fed. Warmth and diet soon made a difference. The ravens seemed to grow as we fed them, and being satisfied, they slept soundly until the next feeding. Increasingly vocal with guttural sounds, one would awaken and sound the hunger alarm for the others. When we took the

nestlings to the wildlife center, volunteers were eager to supply the demands of these deep voiced creatures.

Feeding the nestlings and knowing what they could become, we were transported back in time to a fall migration. On the winding mountain roads of Colorado and New Mexico, we had accompanied flocks cavorting as they traveled. Sideways somer-

saults resulted in some of the ravens flat on their backs in the air. Quickly, they recovered themselves with another turn. These aerial antics by nature's clowns endeared us to the specie. We never dreamed that some day we would be responsible for five emerging lives.

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

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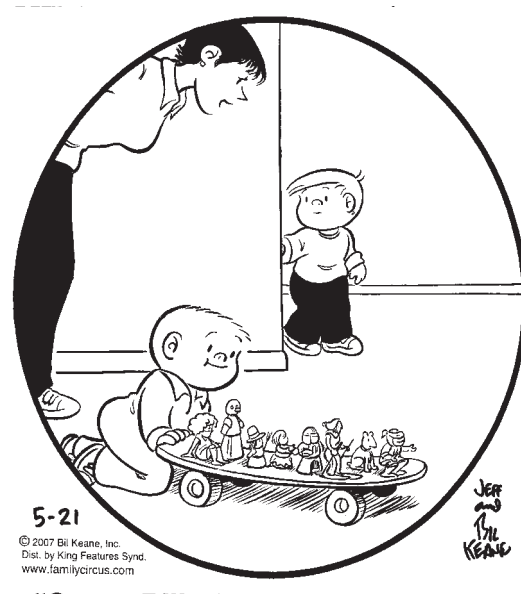
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10:PM	News (CC) Nightline	News Nightline	Primer Impacto Noticiero Univ	70s Show Late Show-	News Late Show-	Noticias 12 Corazones	News Tonight Show	Sex and-City Sex and-City	The Hour of Healing	MythBusters (CC)		Movie: Death Hunt (CC)	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	Jamie Foxx Jamie Foxx	Zack & Cody That's-Raven	Billiards: U.S. Pro Tour	SportsCenter (CC)	Movie: Universal	
11:PM	The Insider Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)	Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)	La Hora de la Risa	King of the Hill Malcolm-Mid.	Letterman Late Late	¡Al Rojo Vivo!	Late Night: Conan O'Brien Apex	Seinfeld (CC) Seinfeld (CC)	Uri Harel Scribner	Sign Off	Oil, Sweat and Rigs	Movie: Death Hunt (CC)	Dundee II	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	In Living Color In Living Color	Han, Montana Kim Possible	NASCAR Now (CC)	NBA Fastbreak Baseball	Soldier (CC)
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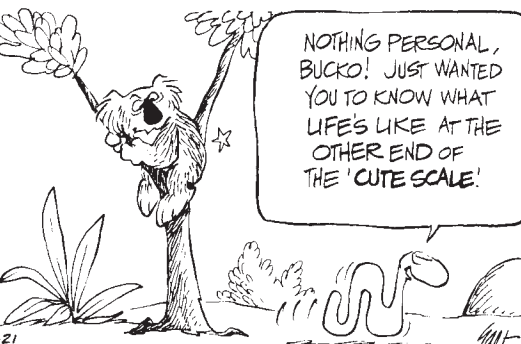
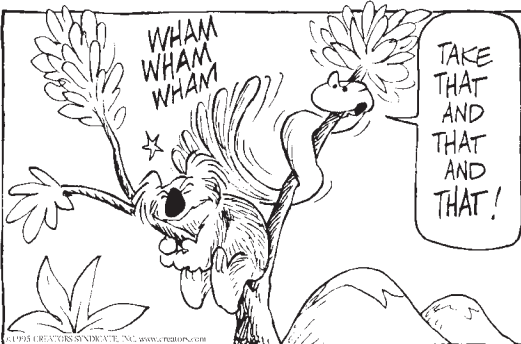
"Sorry, Dad, Ruff's already asleep. I guess you'll hafta fetch your slippers yourself."

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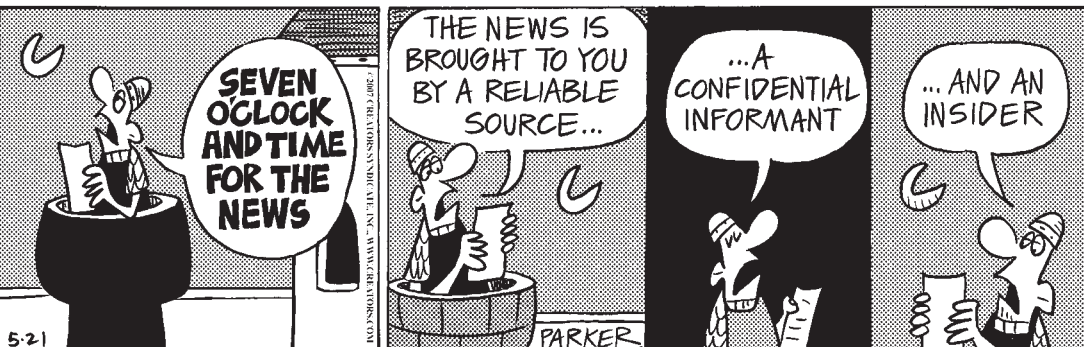


"Sorry, Billy. Your skateboard has been upgraded to a bus."

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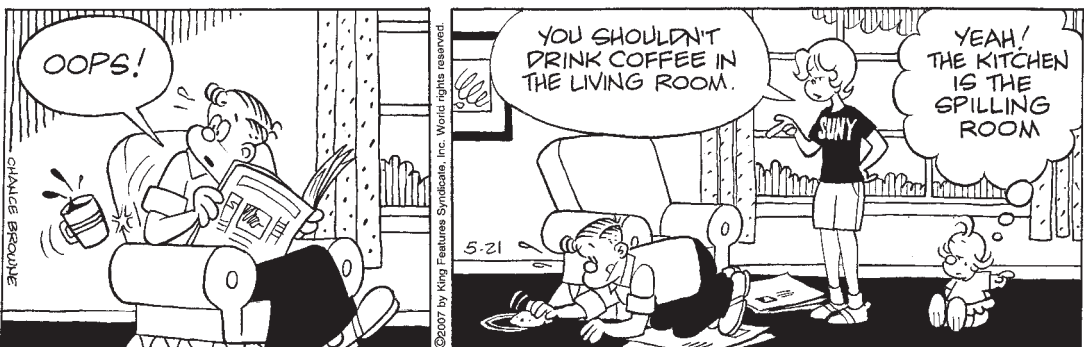
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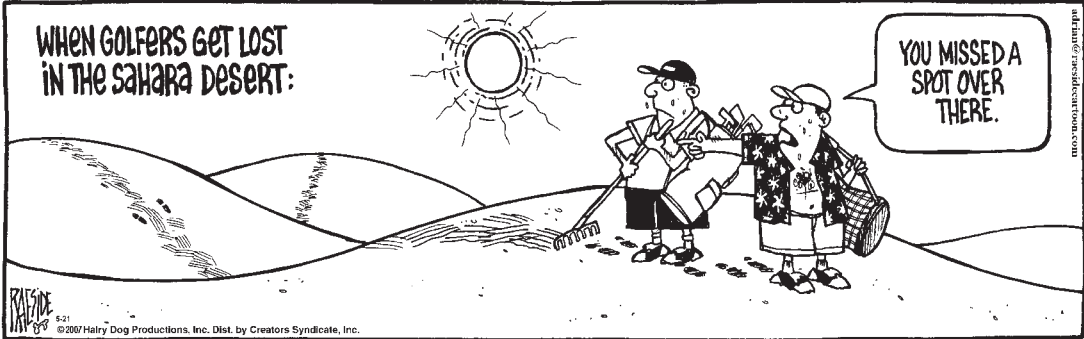
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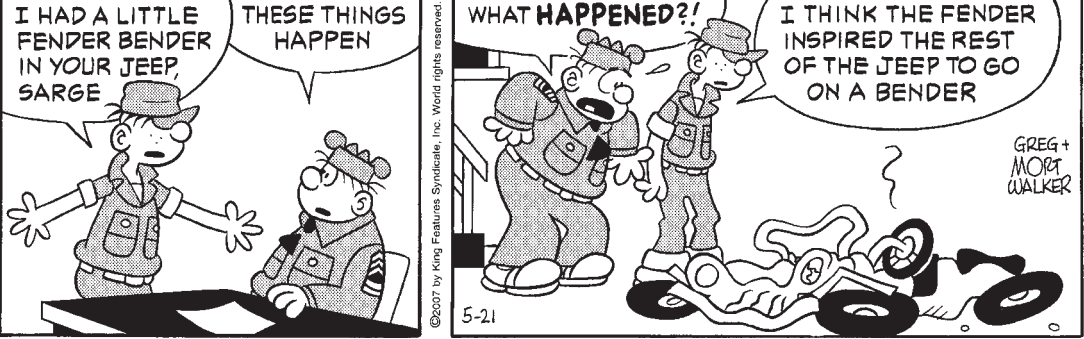
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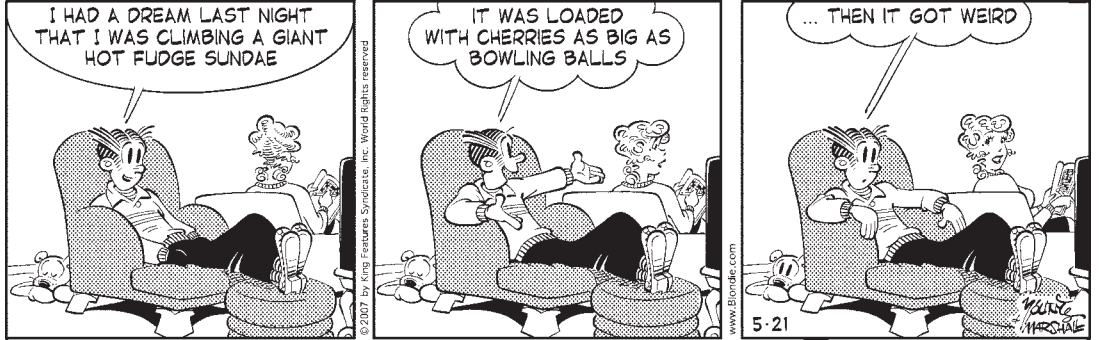


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This Date In History

By The Associated Press Today is Monday, May 21, the 141st day of 2007. There are 224 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 21, 1927, Charles A. Lindbergh landed his Spirit of St. Louis near Paris, completing the first solo airplane flight across the Atlantic Ocean.

On this date:

In 1542, Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto died while searching for gold along the Mississippi River.

In 1832, the first Democratic National Convention got under way in Baltimore.

In 1840, New Zealand was declared a British colony.

In 1861, the Confederate Congress, meeting in Montgomery, Ala., voted to move the capital of the Confederacy from Montgomery to Richmond, Va.

In 1881, Clara Barton founded the American Red Cross.

In 1892, the opera "Pagliacci," by Ruggero Leoncavallo, was first performed, in Milan, Italy.

In 1924, 14-year-old Bobby Franks was murdered in a "thrill killing" committed by Nathan Leopold Jr. and Richard Loeb, two students at the University of Chicago.

In 1956, the U.S. exploded the first airborne hydrogen bomb over Bikini Atoll in the Pacific.

In 1979, former San Francisco City Supervisor Dan White was convicted of voluntary manslaughter in

the slayings of Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk.

In 1982, during the Falklands War, British amphibious forces landed on the beach at San Carlos Bay.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Jeanne Bates ("Ben Casey") is 89. Actor David Groh is 66. Rhythm-and-blues singer Ron Isley (The Isley Brothers) is 66. Actor Richard Hatch ("Battlestar Galactica") is 62.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

HANKERINGS by Gail Grabowski  
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Chinese-food staple
  - 5 Health resorts
  - 9 Tea variety
  - 14 Fan-mail recipient
  - 15 Payment method
  - 16 Fencing move
  - 17 Whine and complain
  - 19 On \_\_\_ (winning)
  - 20 Unhappy
  - 21 Playful aquatic mammal
  - 22 Short messages
  - 23 Cashews and pecans
  - 24 Most minuscule
  - 26 Higher than
  - 28 Horn sound
  - 29 "Absolutely!"
  - 32 Keen-witted
  - 33 Finished first
  - 34 Whitish gemstone
  - 35 \_\_\_ story (biography)
  - 36 Coffee-to-go topper
  - 37 All-knowing
  - 38 Environmental science: Abbr.
  - 39 Stovetop vessel
  - 40 Acquired a tan
  - 42 "\_\_\_ the land of the free ..."
  - 43 Small taste
  - 44 Prepare to propose
  - 45 Fill with joy
  - 47 Ponytail material
  - 48 Shoe parts
- DOWN**
- 1 Barbecue favorites
  - 2 Creative thought
  - 3 Like Antarctica
  - 4 Letter after kay
  - 5 Toss randomly, as seeds
  - 6 Treaties
  - 7 Tennis great Arthur
  - 8 Robin Hood's forest
  - 9 Venus or Mars
  - 10 Italian coins
  - 11 Paneling wood
  - 12 Make eyes at
  - 13 Electrified swimmers
  - 18 "\_\_\_ got to be kidding!"
  - 23 Fictional work
  - 25 Very long time
  - 26 Wonderland girl
  - 27 Pretty soon
  - 28 Packing string
  - 30 Artist's stand
  - 31 Winter vehicle
  - 32 Nile queen, for short
  - 34 Deed holder
  - 36 TV program for night owls
  - 39 Center of a peach
  - 40 Ice Capades performers
  - 41 Togetherness
  - 43 Long-eared hound
  - 46 Clark's exploration partner
  - 47 Sharpened
  - 48 Lengthy story
  - 49 Baking appliance
  - 51 Sheltered inlet
  - 52 Top-notch
  - 53 Round specks
  - 54 Grumpy mood
  - 57 Traveler's guide

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TUESDAY

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6:PM :30	News (CC) Entertainment	News Wheel-Fortune	Duelo de Pasiones	King of the Hill The Simpsons	News Entertainment	Dame Chocolate	News Be a Millionaire	Raymond MLB Baseball:	Dr. Young John Hagee	News-Lehrer	Deadliest Catch		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	Live (CC) College Hill	Han. Montana Zack & Cody	Shoataround WNBA	NFL Live	Special Unit 2 (CC)
7:PM :30	Dancing With the Stars	Dancing With the Stars	La Fea Mas Bella	American Idol (CC)	NCIS (CC)	Marina	Dateline NBC (CC)	New York Mets at Atlanta	Update/Israel Booker	Nova (CC) (DVS)	Deadliest Catch	Movie: Papillon	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	Movie: The Players Club	Kim Possible: So the Drama	Basketball: Monarchs at	NBA Draft Lottery	Special Unit 2 (CC)
8:PM :30			Nuestra Belleza Latina	On the Lot (CC)	Movie: Jesse Stone: Sea	Zorro - La Es- pada y la Rosa	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Braves (CC)	Light of the Southwest	Frontline (CC) (DVS)	Deadliest Catch		Movie: House of Flying	The Closer (CC)		Kim Possible	Mystics PBA Bowling	NBA Basketball:	Special Unit 2 (CC)
9:PM :30	Boston Legal (CC)	Boston Legal (CC)		Becker (CC) Friends (CC)	Change (CC)	La Esclava Isaura	Law & Order: SVU	Raymond		Independent Lens (CC)	Man vs. Wild (CC)		Daggers	The Closer (CC)	College Hill Run's House	Life Derek Phil of Future	Baseball Tonight	Conference Final Game 1	ECW
10:PM :30	News (CC) Nightline	News Nightline	Primer Impacto Noticiero Univ.	70s Show Raymond	News Late Show-	Noticias 12 Corazones	News Tonight Show	Raymond Raymond	The Hour of Healing	Charlie Rose (CC)	MythBusters (CC)	Movie: Escape From Alcatraz	The Ultimate	Cold Case (CC)	Ballers (CC)	Zack & Cody That's-Raven	SportsCenter Car Auction	-- Teams TBA SportsCenter	Painkiller Jane (CC)
11:PM :30	The Insider Jimmy Kimmel	Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)	La Hora de la Risa	King of the Hill Malcolm-Mid.	Letterman Late Late	!Al Rojo Vivo!	Late Night-	Sex and-City Sex and-City	Joe McGee Biblical Israel	Sign Off	Deadliest Catch		Fighter CSI: Crime	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	In Living Color In Living Color	Han. Montana Kim Possible	NASCAR Now U.S. Poker		Dark Angel (CC)
12:AM :30	Live (CC) News (CC)	Extra (CC) Basco	El Privilegio de Amar	Malcolm-Mid. My Wife-Kids	Show The Insider	Programa	Conan O'Brien Apex	Movie: Showtime	Update/Israel J.R. Church		Deadliest Catch	12:15 Movie: Midnight	Scene Invstgtn. Star Trek:	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	Comicview (CC)	Proud Family Sister, Sister	Championship U.S. Poker	NBA Fastbreak Baseball	Twilight Zone Twilight Zone

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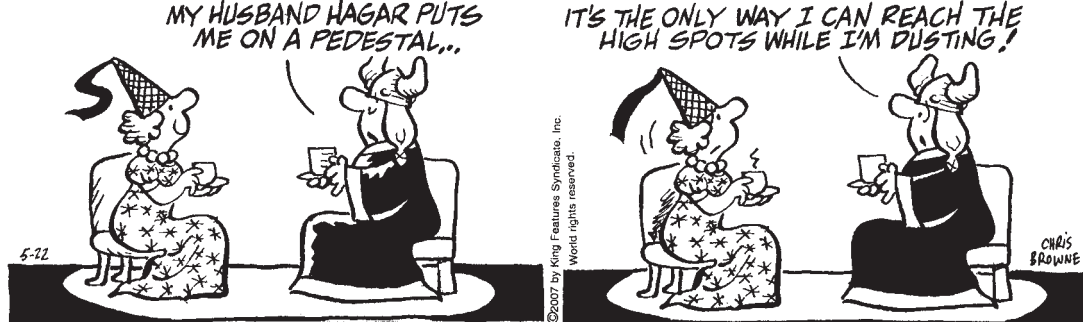
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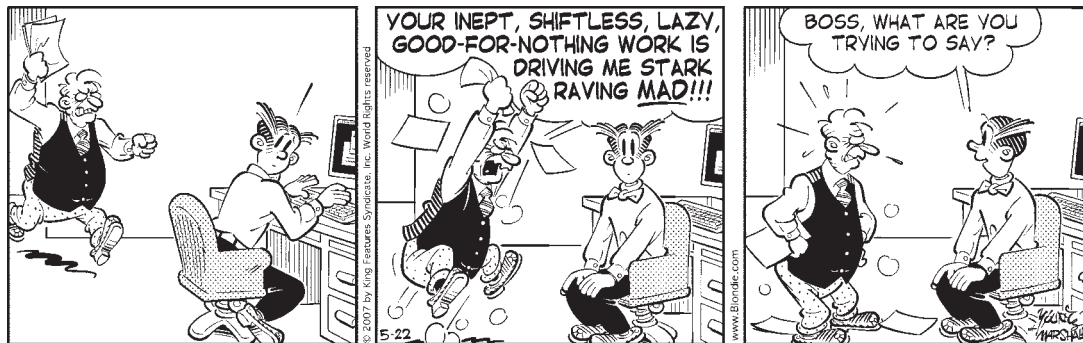


"Oh, no! My jellybread landed backside up!"

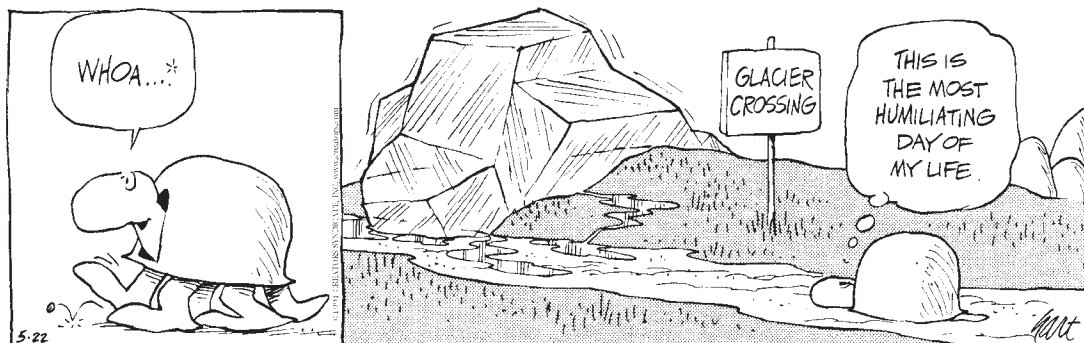
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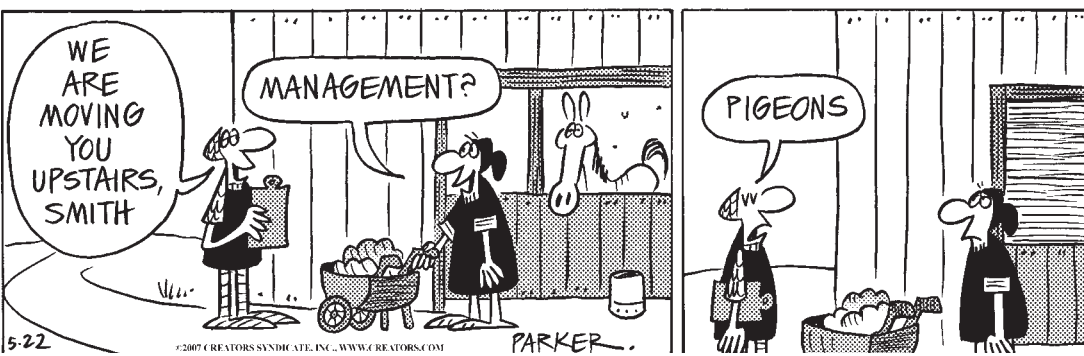
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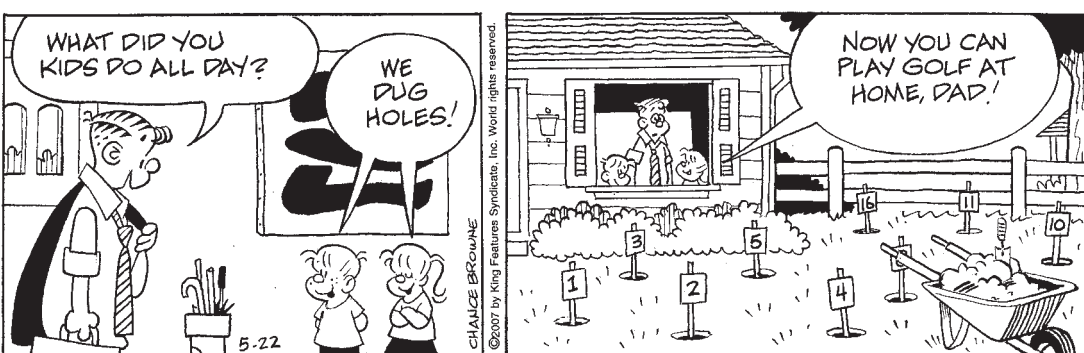
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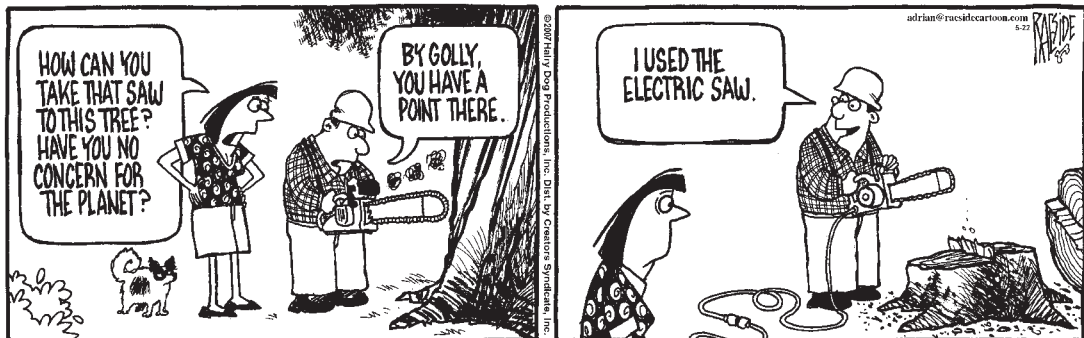
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THE OTHER COAST



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This Date In History

By The Associated Press  
Today is Tuesday, May 22, the 142nd day of 2007. There are 223 days left in the year.  
Today's Highlight in History:  
One hundred years ago, on May 22, 1907, actor-director Laurence Olivier was born in Dorking, Surrey, England.  
On this date:  
In 1813, composer Richard Wagner was born in Leipzig, Germany.  
In 1868, a major train robbery took place near Marshfield, Ind., as seven members of the Reno gang made off with \$96,000.  
In 1939, the foreign ministers of Germany and Italy, Joachim von Ribbentrop and Galeazzo Ciano, signed a "Pact of Steel" committing the two countries to a military alliance.  
In 1947, the Truman Doctrine was enacted as Congress appropriated mili-

ary and economic aid for Greece and Turkey.  
In 1968, the nuclear-powered U.S. submarine Scorpion, with 99 men aboard, sank in the Atlantic Ocean. (The remains of the sub were later found on the ocean floor 400 miles southwest of the Azores.)  
In 1969, the lunar module of Apollo 10 flew to within nine miles of the moon's surface in a dress rehearsal for the first lunar landing.  
In 1972, President Nixon began a visit to the Soviet Union, during which he and Kremlin leaders signed the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty.  
In 1972, the island nation of Ceylon became the republic of Sri Lanka.  
In 1979, Canadians voted in parliamentary elections that put the Progressive Conservatives in power, ending the 11-year tenure of Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau.  
In 1992, after a reign lasting nearly 30 years, Johnny Carson hosted NBC's "Tonight Show" for the last time.

Today's Birthdays: Movie reviewer Judith Crist is 85. Singer Charles Aznavour is 83. Actor Michael Constantine is 80. Conductor Peter Nero is 73. Actor-director Richard Benjamin is 69. Actor Frank Converse is 69. Actor Michael Sarrazin is 67. Former CNN anchor Bernard Shaw is 67. Actress Barbara Parkins is 65. Songwriter Bernie Taupin is 57. Actor-producer Al Corley is 51. Singer Morrissey is 48. Actress Ann Cusack is 46. Country musician Dana Williams (Diamond Rio) is 46. Rock musician Jesse Valenzuela is 45.

Answer to previous puzzle

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REGRET-FULL by Sally R. Stein  
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Doozies
  - 5 "\_\_\_ want for Christmas is..."
  - 9 "When You Wish Upon \_\_\_"
  - 14 Considerably
  - 15 Low-quality
  - 16 Compassion
  - 17 Regretful remark
  - 20 Houston pro baseballer
  - 21 The USA: Abbr.
  - 22 \_\_\_ out a living (just gets by)
  - 23 Bearded farm animal
  - 25 Acquire
  - 27 Japanese and Koreans
  - 30 Ruckus
  - 31 Ran into
  - 34 Mercedes-\_\_\_
  - 35 Window ledge
  - 37 Bit of broccoli
  - 39 Regretful remark
  - 42 Long look
  - 43 Concerning, in memos
  - 44 Shoemaker's tools
  - 45 Tee preceder
  - 46 Business envelope abbr.
  - 48 Dusk
  - 50 General vicinity
  - 51 A portion of
  - 52 Have the belief
  - 55 On the summit of
  - 57 Location
  - 61 Regretful remark
  - 64 Brainsy
- DOWN**
- 1 Mama's mate
  - 2 Misfortunes
  - 3 Verse writer
  - 4 Astronomer, often
  - 5 Gorilla, for one
  - 6 Lite, on food labels
  - 7 Weaving machine
  - 8 Not perfect, as discounted new clothing
  - 9 "What a good boy \_\_\_"
  - 10 Early evening
  - 11 Hard journey
  - 12 Summit
  - 13 Sandwich breads
  - 18 Any day now
  - 19 Mardi \_\_\_
  - 24 Helper: Abbr.
  - 26 "This \_\_\_ sudden!"
  - 27 Make humble
  - 28 Religious groups
  - 29 Ancient Peruvians
  - 30 Swashbuckling actor Errol
  - 31 Cat sounds
  - 32 Hawk relative
  - 33 Secret meeting
  - 36 Acting like
  - 38 What a Boeing 747 can hold
  - 40 Fleshy fruit
  - 41 Mexican coin
  - 47 Rip up
  - 49 Baseball judges
  - 50 On the ball
  - 51 Divide
  - 52 Boxer's weapon
  - 53 Actress Thompson
  - 54 Airport-board displays: Abbr.
  - 56 Woodwind instrument
  - 58 Singer Guthrie
  - 59 Gator's kin
  - 60 Potato features
  - 62 Hwy.
  - 63 Decade fractions: Abbr.

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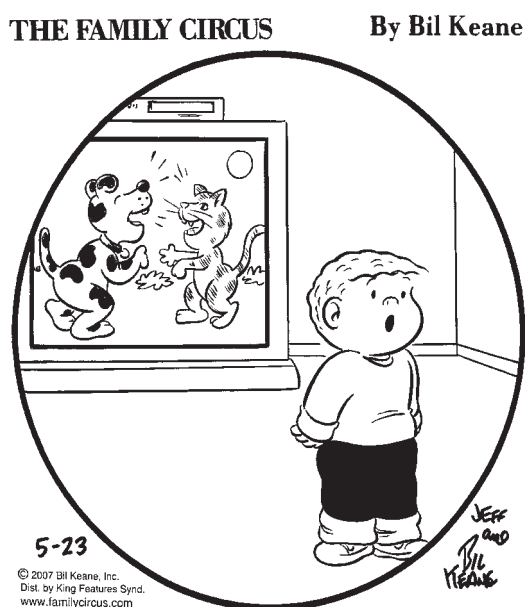
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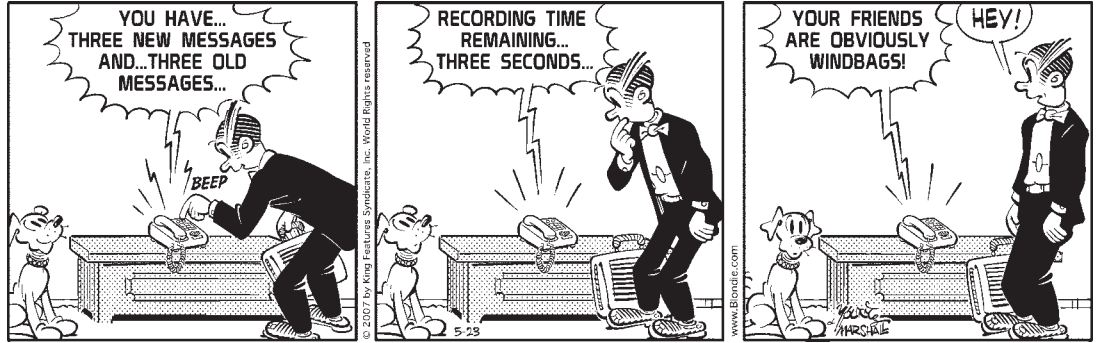


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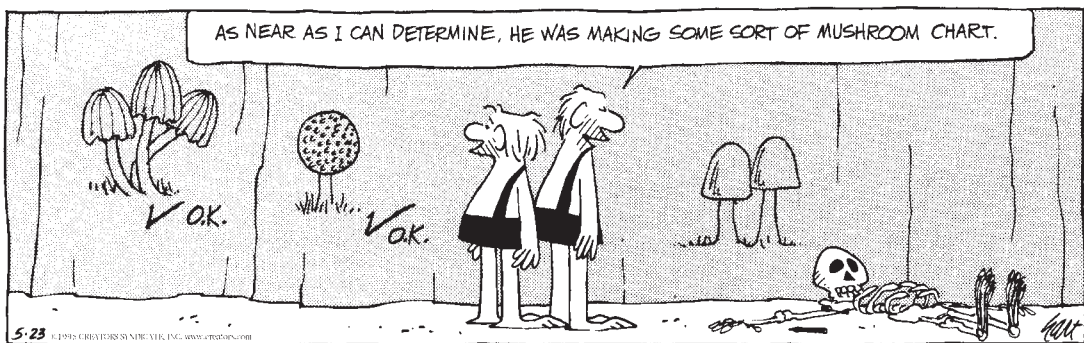
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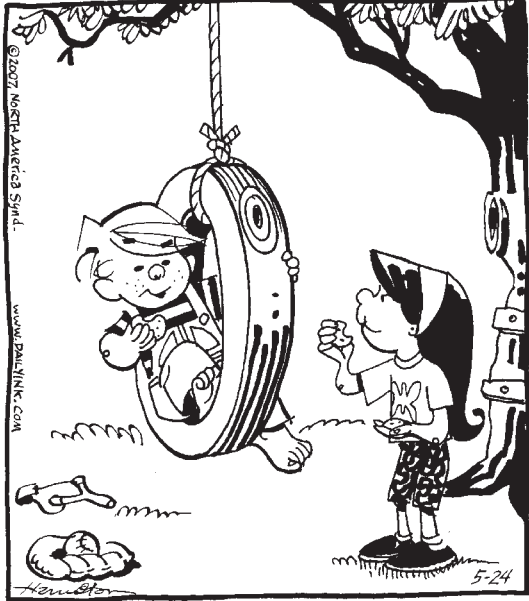
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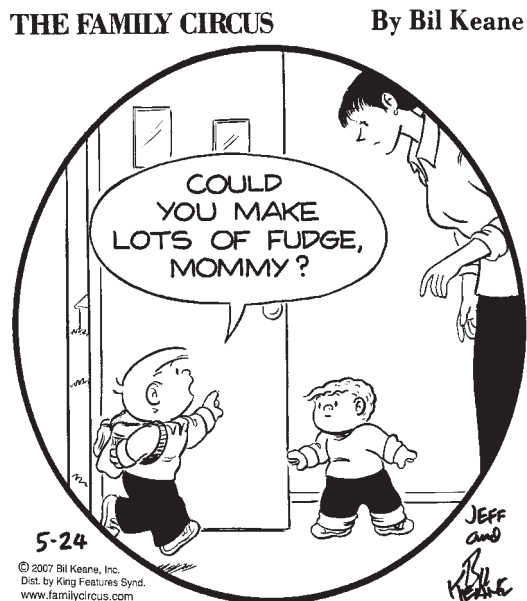


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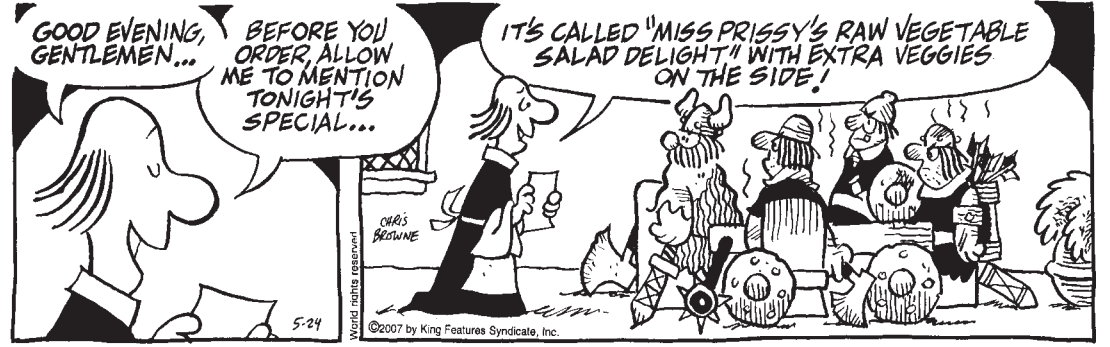
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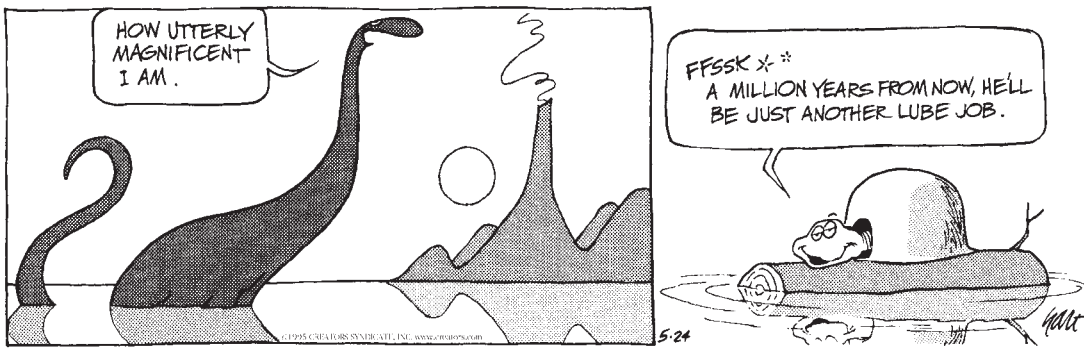
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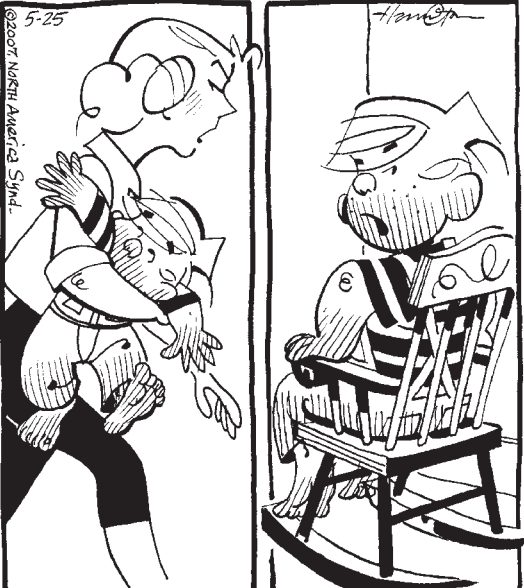
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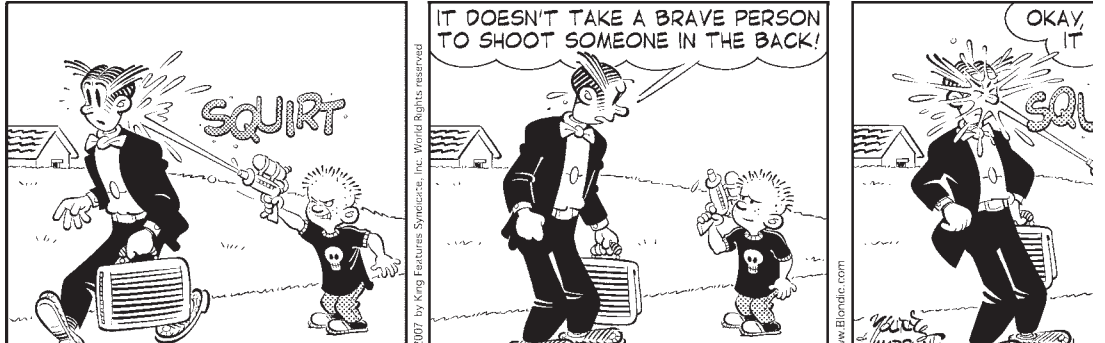


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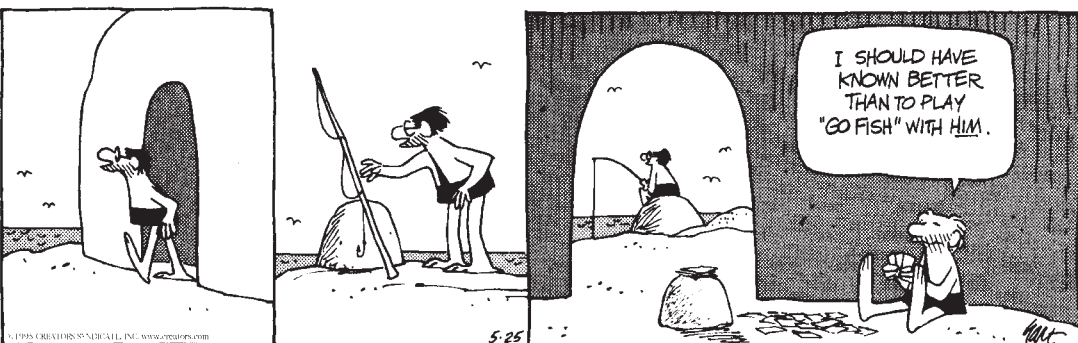
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# News in brief

## Car bomb kills 25 people and injures 60 others

BAGHDAD (AP) — A parked car bomb ripped through a packed outdoor market in southwestern Baghdad on Tuesday morning, killing 25 people and injuring 60 others, despite a 3-month-old security crackdown meant to reduce violence in the capital.

The deadly blast occurred about 10 a.m. in the Shiite-dominated neighborhood of Amil, damaging a nearby medical center, turning buildings into charred husks and setting a line of cars on fire, police said.

The neighborhood has seen an increase in violence in recent weeks, and Sunni politicians expressed fears that Shiite militiamen had resumed their campaign of sectarian cleansing in Amil and nearby neighborhoods of southwestern Baghdad.

"There were four women around my stall when we heard a loud explosion, which threw me many meters away from my stall," said Fadhil Hussein, 32, who sells spices in the market and suffered shrapnel wounds in his back and head.

"I found myself in a pickup truck with other people. Some of them were bleeding and yelling."

Sami Hussein, 25, was heading to the market with her 5-year old son when she heard the blast, "followed by gray and black smoke, which engulfed the market and made me to fall on the ground."

## Fighting resumes between Lebanese army and militants

TRIPOLI, Lebanon (AP) — Artillery and machine gun fire echoed around a crowded Palestinian refugee camp Tuesday as the Lebanese government ordered the army to finish off the Fatah Islam militants holed up inside the camp in the country's north.

The fighting — which resumed for a third straight day after a brief nighttime lull — reflected the government's determination to pursue the Islamic militants who staged attacks on Lebanese troops on Sunday and Monday, killing 29 soldiers. Some 20 militants have also been killed, as well as an undetermined number of civilians.

The Cabinet late Monday authorized the army to step up its campaign and "end the terrorist phenomenon that is alien to the values and nature of the Palestinian people," Information Minister Ghazi Aridi said.

Hours after the decision, fighting flared up again Tuesday morning around the Nahr el-Bared camp outside the northern port city of Tripoli, with black smoke billowing from the area after artillery and machine gun exchanges.

A spokesman for Fatah Islam, Abu Salim Taha, said fighters of the group repulsed several attempts by Lebanese troops to advance on their positions

inside the camp.

## Britain charges Andrei Lugovoi in death of former Russian spy

LONDON (AP) — British officials said Tuesday they will seek the extradition of Russian businessman Andrei Lugovoi to face a charge of murder in the poisoning death of former Soviet agent Alexander Litvinenko.

"I have today concluded that the evidence sent to us by the police is sufficient to charge Andrei Lugovoi with the murder of Mr. Litvinenko by deliberate poisoning," the Director of Public Prosecutions Ken Macdonald said.

Litvinenko, 43, died from polonium-210 poisoning in a London hospital Nov. 23, and on his deathbed accused President Vladimir Putin of being behind his killing. The Russian government denies involvement.

Lugovoi had met with Litvinenko in London on Nov. 1.

The politically charged case has driven relations between London and Moscow to post-Cold War lows.

The Russian Prosecutor General's office has said Moscow would not extradite suspects to Britain if charges were filed against Russians.

## Israel vows harsh response for Palestinian rocket attack

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel on Tuesday pledged a harsh response for a Palestinian rocket attack that killed a woman in southern Israel, but Prime Minister Ehud Olmert acknowledged he does not have a quick solution for the nonstop rocket barrages launched from the Gaza Strip.

The Israeli threats — following a day of fighting in which five militants were killed in Israeli airstrikes — signaled there would be no halt in nearly a week of fighting.

Israeli defense officials said the army would step up its attacks on Palestinian militants, warning that Hamas' top leaders, including Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh, could be in danger.

"They are just terrorists in suits. This doesn't exonerate him," Deputy Defense Minister Ephraim Sneh told Israel Radio. "There is no one in the leading, commanding circle of Hamas who has immunity."

Leaders of Hamas and other Palestinian militant groups in Gaza already have taken a series of precautions to avoid Israeli attacks.

## House Democratic leaders have to sell new Iraq plan to liberals

WASHINGTON (AP) — After weeks of refusing to back down to President Bush on setting a timetable on the Iraq war, House Democratic leaders soon will be in the awkward position of explaining to members why they feel they must.

Party officials said Monday the next

war spending bill most likely will fund military operations and not demand a timeline to bring troops home, although it will contain other restrictions on Bush's Iraq policies.

On May 1, Bush vetoed a \$124.2 billion bill that would have paid for combat in Iraq and Afghanistan through September as Bush requested, but demanded that troops start coming home this fall.

Democrats say they hope to send Bush a new bill by the end of the week he will sign, and troops in combat will get the resources they need without disruption.

## New York jury convicts Florida doctor of helping al-Qaida

NEW YORK (AP) — A Florida doctor on trial for pledging to help al-Qaida had hoped to convince a jury that he did not know he had offered his medical expertise to the terror group.

But jurors Monday apparently did not believe him.

They convicted Dr. Rafiq Abdus Sabir of providing material support to terrorists by agreeing to treat injured al-Qaida fighters so they could return to Iraq to battle Americans.

"By the time I was done, I knew he

was guilty," said juror Jeffrey Ellsworth of Brewster.

Sentencing was set for Sept. 12. Sabir, 52, was convicted in Manhattan federal court after a three-week trial that featured testimony from him and Ali Soufan, an FBI agent who posed as the al-Qaida recruiter in a sting operation that led to four arrests.

## Forecasters warn of busy hurricane season

WASHINGTON (AP) — With hurricane season about to get under way, residents of coastal areas are watching the forecasts and hoping for a repeat of last year's mild season.

But already two leading storm experts have called for a busy hurricane season.

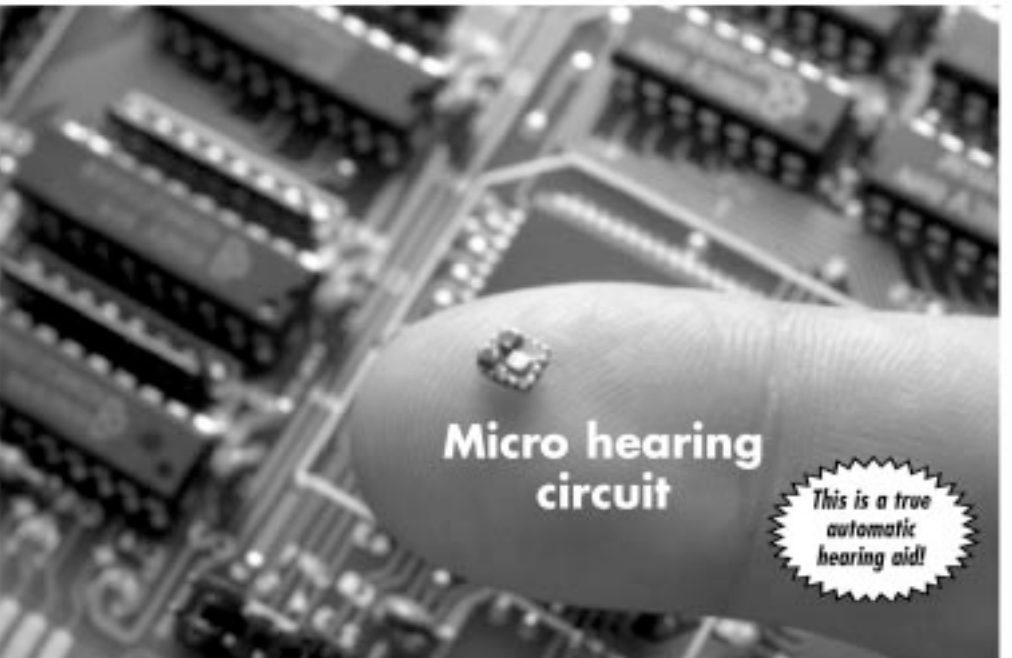
The official government forecast is due out Tuesday.

After the battering by storms Katrina and Rita in 2005 there were widespread fears last summer of another powerful storm striking, but the unexpected development of the El Nino climate phenomenon helped dampen conditions.

The El Nino has ended, however, leaving the potential for more tropical storms threatening the Gulf and East coasts.

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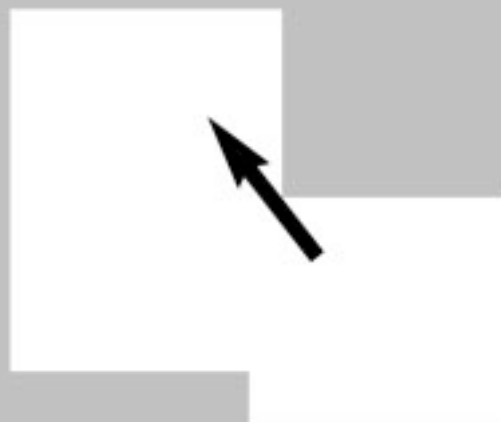


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ant one — but not the end-all and be-all,” said Dale Grubb, a psychology professor at Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea, Ohio. “They have other things to attend to.”

There is, of course, no such thing as a “typical” grandparent — some are in their 40s, some are in their 90s; some are raising their grandchildren, some see them once a year; some are divorced or widowed, some are celebrating decades-long marriages. But for many modern grandparents, the quest to “have it all” — formerly the domain of women’s libbers and working moms — is a new state of mind.

And they appear to be managing quite successfully.

In the case of Cliff Pierce, a 63-year-old retired Chicago public school teacher, he has weekly yoga and pilates classes to attend to, thrice-weekly racquetball dates, frequent rounds of golf and the occasional Cubs, White Sox or Bulls game.

But every Monday, without fail, you’ll find him with his granddaughters, Georgia, 2, and Lila, 3 months, at their home in Chicago’s Bucktown neighborhood.

“About the time Georgia was born, I was retiring,” said Pierce. “I felt like it was a great opportunity to get closer with my granddaughter but also help my relationship with my daughter-in-law as well. That’s been a real plus.”

Pierce reads to the girls and takes them to the zoo, the park, the Kohl Children’s Museum. “I feel very comfortable taking care of them,” he said. “It just gives me a lot of pleasure to be around and see them grow.”

Kathryn Pierce, Cliff’s

daughter-in-law, is grateful for the help. The 39-year-old stay-at-home mom is well versed in the complexities of modern grandparenting, so she is loath to take her father-in-law for granted. Kathryn’s mother, 65-year-old Jill Appell, is a full-time farmer in central Illinois as well as the president of the National Pork Producers Council, a job that requires frequent travel.

“It’s definitely a lot of scheduling,” Kathryn Pierce said. “If my husband and I are looking for a weekend with just the baby or something, I call her up and say, ‘What does May look like? What does June look like?’ She’s not one of those grandmas who’s always home.”

And that’s becoming more the norm, according to Christine Crosby, founder and publisher of Grand, a national magazine based in Palm Coast, Fla., that focuses on grandparenting.

“This generation is in the prime of their health and longevity,” Crosby said. “But that also comes with a new attitude. They’re not at the end of life by any stretch. They’re continuing on.”

“I don’t think they love their grandchildren any less or any more,” she added. “It’s just going to take a different shape.”

Grubb, who teaches classes on aging and adult development, said studies conducted in the late ‘90s and early 2000s show that while the amount of contact time between grandparents and their grandchildren has decreased slightly, the quality of the relationships — as judged by both grandparents and grandchildren — has changed very little. The relationships continue to be viewed by both parties as mutually affectionate and supportive.

“This bodes well for the

grandparent/grandchild relationship. It means the expectations for grandparenthood have changed,” Grubb said. “The notion that grandparenthood would consist of being home, waiting for the grandchildren to come by, is not there.”

And the studies indicate that the quality of time may be more important than the quantity.

“This generation of grandchildren doesn’t believe in the ‘Beverly Hillbilly’ grandmother image,” Crosby said. “They’re taking them on trips, spending money on them in the American Girl store, taking them to museums.”

Or teaching them to use a backhoe, as Appell does with little Georgia Pierce. “They plant strawberry plants, cook, do Play Doh — country stuff,” Kathryn Pierce said of her daughter’s visits to Grandma’s farm. “Romping around a cornfield is a big change. We live in (Chicago).”

Of course, the “have it all” model of grandparenting requires a lot of effort from all parties involved — meticulous scheduling, frequent communicating and, perhaps most important, lots of understanding.

D’one Wagner and her husband, Jeremy, grew up in South Dakota, and both sets of parents still live there (next door to each other, in fact). So taking their 4-month-old daughter, Mackenzie, to visit her grandparents is relatively easy. Assuming they can catch them at home.

Jeremy’s father is a health-care consultant whose job requires a lot of travel. Jeremy’s mother is the vice president of a bank. During their off time, they take trips to Australia, Alaska and the like. They also have another son in Phoenix and a daughter in Washington, D.C., so

their calendars are booked pretty solid.

“It’s definitely not ‘Let’s go to Grandma’s’ and they’re waiting on the porch,” said 29-year-old D’one, who lives in Chicago’s Lake View neighborhood. “It’s ‘Where can we nail you down and when?’”

But the Wagners are an innovative clan, and they don’t let things like distance and packed schedules stand in the way of family fun. They’ve designated July 4 as the family holiday, acknowledging that there’s too much competition for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Every three years they plan a WAVE (Wagner Adventure Vacation Extravaganza) to a new destination such as Hawaii or the Caribbean. Jeremy’s father bought each of his children a Webcam for video conferencing.

“They’re very, very busy, but they sacrifice a lot and juggle their schedules a lot to see their grandchildren,” D’one said.

And that’s the secret to success, said Crosby (who is, herself, a great-grandmother).

“We all have the same amount of time,” Crosby said. “Busy people are just more organized. They schedule their time and get more done. A friend of mine who’s a real estate executive schedules every Thursday to take her grandchildren to the museum or the science center. She’s a top real estate executive, but on

Thursdays she just doesn’t schedule any appointments, and off they go.”

Of course, boundless energy also helps.

Rita Dempsey, 60, works Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays as a nurse at Loyola. She also cares for her husband, Thomas, who is recovering from his second rotator cuff surgery.

But every Tuesday and Friday she baby-sits her grandson Ezekiel, who’s almost 4, and granddaughter Hazel, who’s almost 2, while her daughter Rita Bramble works as a high school librarian. She also hosts frequent “cousin nights” at her Northwest Side Chicago home — slumber parties for all her grandchildren, “so they’re able to grow up together,” she said.

“Taking care of these kids is life-giving,” Dempsey said. “I can forget about all the sorrow in the world. Not that I don’t want to be aware of it, but I don’t think of any of that when I’m with the kids.”

Dempsey considers the time she spends with her grandchildren sacrosanct.

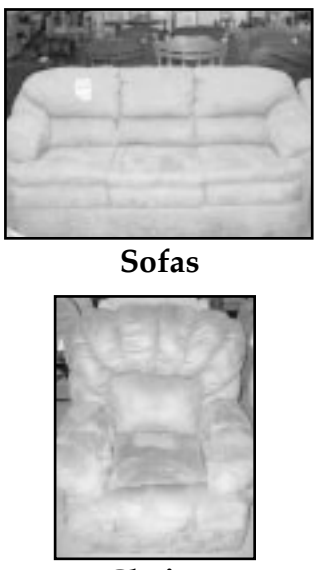
“I’d never give up those days,” she said. “It would

be great if all children had parents to love them, of course, but also older people. Other people to affirm their goodness.

“Just another person who loves them unconditionally.”

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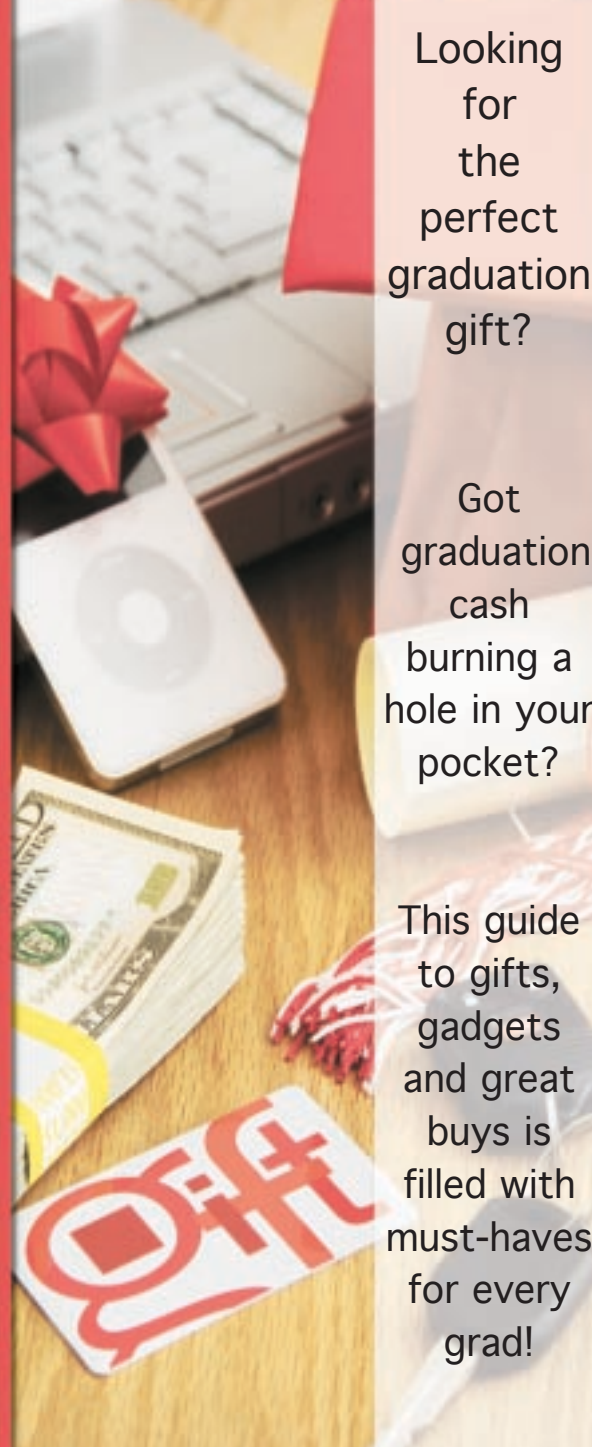
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