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The Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo begins June 21.

By **JOHN A. MOSELEY**
Managing Editor

One of the oldest rodeos in the United States — the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo — begins Thursday, June 21, at the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl and advance tickets are now on sale for all three performances.

As is the case with most of Big Spring's annual attractions, tradition plays a huge role with the staging of what is the oldest continually running professional rodeo in Texas.

Businesses encouraged to sponsor rodeo banners

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

As the 74th annual Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo gets ready to get under way June 21, the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is asking area businesses to show their support by sponsoring rodeo banners.

Chamber Assistant Director Nancy Newell



Newell

"The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is working

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The event's 74th edition gets under way at 8 p.m. June 21 with the traditional grand entry.

As in the past, this year's rodeo is expected to draw nearly 500 cowboys and cowgirls. Sanctioned by both the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) and the Women's Professional Rodeo Association (WPRA). It is a Dodge Series Rodeo as well as a Coors Rodeo.

Performances are 8 nightly, and in addition to bucking events, roping and barrel racing, it will include the antics of Gizmo McCracken and the Dr. Giz Ambulance.

Carr Pro Rodeo, established in 2005 by Pete Carr of Dallas and Malakoff, Will again be producing this year's event. The company has stock already slated for National Finals Rodeo appearances.

As always, youngsters from the community get into the act with mutton bustin' while teams of older youth and adults try their expertise at calf dressing. There is a \$20 entry fee for mutton bustin' and contestants must not weigh more than 50 pounds to ride a sheep. Contact Diane

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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

Emergency personnel — assisted by a pair of cranes — work to remove this tractor trailer from the eastbound guard rail of Interstate Highway 20 near Birdwell Lane Wednesday afternoon. No life-threatening injuries were reported as a result of the accident. However, more than a mile of the highway's eastbound lane had to be shut down as a result of the accident.

County to consider jail work program for inmates

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Inmates at the Howard County Jail may have more to do than just count the days until their release soon, as county commissioners are expected to take a look at a special work program Friday after-



Barr

noon. According to County Judge Mark Barr, the commissioner's court will be looking at a new program that could be a boon for the city and county.

"It's just in its

infant stages right now, but we hope to be able to have it up and running pretty quickly," said Barr.

The program would allow inmates at the county jail a chance to work off fines by doing community service-type activities, but according to Barr, it won't stop with those

currently incarcerated.

"One of the problems we have is that the people currently on community supervision (probation) simply don't show up," said Barr. "This program would give them a designated work-site, and if they don't show up they risk having their probation revoked.

"We're looking at doing this in conjunction with our Adopt-a-Spot highway program, and there are numerous projects the city is doing that we could assist with. There's also plenty of trash that needs to be picked up along county roads."

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FISHBACK VET OF MONTH

William A. Fishback, World War II veteran, has been named Hangar 25 Air Museum Veteran of the Month for June.

A reception in his honor will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 7, in the museum Briefing Room.

Mr. Fishback served as Coahoma principal for 23 years. During his military career he served 15 months overseas in the European Theater. He participated in three major battles and received the Bronze Star.

The public is invited to this hour-long reception.

For more information, contact Hangar 25 at 264-1999.

HANGAR 25 NEW HOURS

Hangar 25 Air Museum has announced new hours of operation.

Beginning Friday, the museum will be open to the public from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

Mondays will be reserved as an in-house work days for exhibit development.

However, tours can still be scheduled on Mondays.

To schedule a tour, contact the museum at 264-1999.



CAMP REGISTRATION SET

The Salvation Army will hold Family Night Registration for its Boys and Girls Club Summer Camp from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. today at the organization's main building, 811 W. Fifth.

The camp runs Monday through Friday from June 4 through Aug. 24 and is for children age 6 through 18. Cost is \$12 per child. The annual fee also allows children to take part in the after-school program, held from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. when school is in session.

During camp, children will be able to participate in a number of activities, and will be provided lunch. For more information, call 264-0455.



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IN BRIEF

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 Monday. 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 begins Monday and concludes Thursday, 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 starting their All-Skills Softball Camp Monday at the Big Spring ISD Softball Complex. The camp will last until Thursday.

Each day's activities will last from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The camp is for girls going into first grade through ninth 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.

Coahoma Bulldogs baseball camp slated

The Coahoma Bulldogs Baseball Camp has been slated for June 18-21 at Coahoma High School's baseball field.

The camps is for boys ages 5-15 and will last from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each day. It will be administered by the Coahoma baseball coaching staff.

The cost of the camp is \$75 and will cover all phases of the game.

For more information, contact Brad Harman at 816-3258.

Bowl-A-Rama holding benefit tournament

Bowl-A-Rama will be holding a no-tap singles bowling tournament at 3 p.m. Sunday to help Mary Grace Jackson raise money to pay the expenses of her pending kidney and pancreas transplant.

The entrance fee will be \$15 per person. There will be separate divisions for men and women. A cash prize will be paid to one place for every five entries.

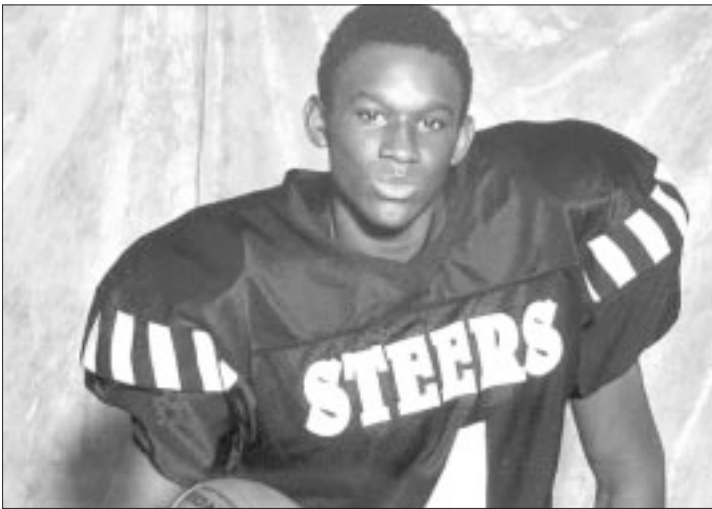
For more information, contact Debbie Burrow at 263-8952 or Jimmie Wood at 267-8676.

Parent-child tourney at country club

The Big Spring Country Club will hold

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Big Spring football player seeking funds



Big Spring's Sidney Parker was one of 200 football players in the nation selected to participate in a football combine in Union, N.J.

Herald Staff Report

Sidney Dewayne Parker Jr., a junior at Big Spring High School for 2007-2008, is looking for some help.

An avid athlete who participates in football, basketball and track, he participated in a football combine for underclassmen March 18. Those participating went through a myriad of tests in order to determine whether they might have "what it takes" to become a collegiate athlete.

"We did the 40-yard dash, 20-yard shuttle, broad jump, triple jump,

vertical jump and then we participated in one-on-one skills," said Parker.

There are 14 camps nationwide and when the combines were completed, 100 sophomores and 100 freshmen were to be invited back for a final showcase in Union, N.J.

"Almost three months later, I found out that I am one of those lucky athletes," a surprised Parker said.

The event is scheduled June 10, and Parker is seeking funds to help make the trip. He is hoping to raise between \$1,000 and \$1,500.

"I was wondering if there is any company or any helpful people out there who would like to sponsor me so I can go and experience this opportunity," explained Parker, who also participates in school choral activities.

He is the son of Sidney Parker Sr. and the grandson of Shirley Parker, both of Big Spring.

If anyone is interested in helping, they are asked to contact Parker, his father or grandmother at 816-5610 or 816-3711. If there is no answer, leave a message.

Every Bulldogs starter named all-district

By **JONATHAN HULL**

Herald Sports Editor

COAHOMA — Coahoma's Bulldogs had their baseball season cut short with a loss to Blanco's Panthers in the area round of the Class 2A playoffs.

"I really expected to be playing in Austin next week with the talent that we had on this year's team," said Bulldogs' head coach Brad Harman. "The plan was for the softball team to be playing for state one week and for us to be playing for state the following week. It just didn't work out that way."

It may not be a state title, but the 2007 Coahoma baseball team had all 10 starters honored with all-district awards by District 5-2A coaches.

The Bulldogs took home two most valuable honors, with Colin McMillan winning the Offensive MVP Award and Blaine Kerby receiving the Defensive MVP Award.

McMillan led the team in most hitting categories for most of the season. He finished district play with a .548 batting average, 29 RBIs, four doubles and two home runs.

"Colin is strictly a baseball player. It's the only sport he plays and he works hard at getting better," raved Harman. "He's a complete player. This year he moved from second base to shortstop for us out of necessity. That's just an example of the type of player he is."

McMillan, a senior, is one of two Bulldogs selected to play in the Greater West Texas Baseball Coaches Association All-Star Game to be held Sunday at Lubbock Christian University. He is a 4-year varsity player, winning first-team all-district honors his sophomore and junior

seasons. He was a second-team all-state selection his junior year.

McMillan has accepted a scholarship to play baseball at New Mexico Junior College.

Kerby was a 3-year starter in the outfield for Coahoma and also pitched this season. He pitched nine innings in the Bulldogs' Game 2 loss to Blanco in the playoffs to end his high school baseball career.

"Blaine has a terrific work ethic," said Harman. "He's a great outfielder with good range and a strong arm."

Senior Dakota Teaff was selected as the district's Utility Player of the Year, given to the player that contributes significantly at more than one position. He put in time in the outfield as well as behind the plate at catcher for the Bulldogs this season.

"Dakota has great quickness and will play anywhere we need him to so he can get on the field," Harman said. "He's got a great chance of playing college ball."

Teaff led the Bulldogs with 33 stolen bases and was also selected to play in the Greater West Texas All-Star Game alongside McMillan.

Coahoma had four underclassmen chosen as first-team all-district selections. Sophomores Donnie Garcia, P.J. Daylong and Corey Roberts were joined on the first team by freshman Chance Hart.

"These four guys will be the nucleus of our team for the next two years," Harman said of his underclassmen. "The future success of the baseball program looks bright because of their abilities."

Garcia became the Bulldogs' top pitching option during the season. He finished district play

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Coahoma's Blaine Kerby winds up to deliver a pitch in action earlier this season. Kerby was among 10 Bulldogs honored with a District 5-2A All-District award.

HERALD photo/Dana Reid

Spurs rout Jazz, 109-84, headed back to NBA Finals

By **JAIME ARON**

AP Sports Writer

SAN ANTONIO — Tim Duncan headed to the bench for a well-deserved break. Only nine minutes into Game 5 of the Western Conference finals, he already had the San Antonio Spurs well on their way to another NBA finals berth.

"Good job," coach Gregg Popovich said blandly, not even making eye contact.

Duncan nodded slightly and took his seat.

The Spurs aren't flashy and don't brag. They just win, especially in odd-numbered years, and the display they put on at the start of their 109-84 victory over the Utah Jazz on Wednesday night should serve as a warning to Detroit and Cleveland what one of them will be facing when the championship round begins next week.

Duncan and Tony Parker led a 14-0 surge over a 2:13 span late in the first quarter, and San Antonio had a 23-point lead early in the second quarter. Although Utah got an emotional lift at half-time when Derek Fisher arrived from New York, where his infant daughter was getting medical care for a rare eye condition, the only thing in doubt by then was

whether the Pistons or Cavaliers would be the Spurs' next foe in their bid for a third title in five years.

"Our first quarter was unbelievable," said Parker, who scored nine points during the game-breaking flurry and threw a lob that Duncan slammed about as hard as he ever does. "I can't remember, since I've been with the Spurs, shooting the ball like that. Our offense was great, our defense was great. ... You can't ask for a better start."

The finals begin a week from Thursday in San Antonio, regardless of who comes out of the East. The Pistons-Cavaliers series is tied 2-2, with Game 5 on Thursday night in Detroit.

Although Dallas and Phoenix had more wins in the regular season, it shouldn't be surprising that San Antonio wound up being the best in the West. After all, this is 2007, and the Spurs have dominated in odd-numbered years since Duncan arrived for the 1997-98 season. San Antonio won it all in 1999, 2003 and '05, and even came close in the lone exception, losing the 2001 conference finals to the eventual champs, the Los Angeles Lakers.

"It always feels good to be here," Spurs owner Peter Holt said upon receiving the Western

Conference trophy, a sparkling silver basketball, during an on-court presentation. "This is wonderful."

"It never gets old," said Robert Horry, who is headed to his seventh finals.

Duncan has been the MVP of all three finals San Antonio has played. The way he's dominated in the playoffs so far — against Denver, Phoenix and Utah — he could be headed toward a fourth trophy, individually and for the team.

"It's great, it's about the journey," Duncan said. "Last year we had a tough finish. This year to come back, put the team together and to go through three really, really good teams to get here, it's tremendous."

The looks on the faces of Utah players throughout the game showed their disappointment. After missing the playoffs last year, and nearly going out in the first round this year, the Jazz were fortunate to have gotten this far — but the way things ended left a bitter taste for emerging star Deron Williams.

"There were some guys that were already on vacation," said Williams, who played through a sprained right foot two days after playing through a stomach ailment. "Point-blank. On vacation. A long time ago."

Fisher said his daughter is doing well, but has a life-long battle ahead. As for his team, he had mixed emotions. He believes the future is bright, but he's been around long enough to know chances like this don't come around often.

"We got this close without really having a team that understands what it takes to get there," Fisher said. "But it is very obvious we have some very good pieces and a team that can be good for a long time."

After taking a seven-point lead in the first quarter of the first game, Utah didn't lead during any of the other 11 quarters played in San Antonio and has now lost 19 straight games on the Spurs' home court.

The Jazz were buried this time by a veteran team motivated by the chance to have eight days off, as well as all the other benefits of ending the series early, like not giving the underdogs any hope and avoiding another trip to Salt Lake City.

San Antonio led 16-11 when the game-breaking stretch began with Parker cutting through several big guys and making a tough layup. It ended with Bruce Bowen hitting a 3-pointer from the left corner that put the Spurs

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Police and Department of Public Safety troopers investigate the scene of a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of Birdwell Lane and FM 700 Wednesday afternoon. No injuries were reported, but debris from the accident temporarily blocked FM 700, officials said.

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COUNTY

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Barr said the program would only be available to minimum security inmates and would require qualified supervision. "It would require us to have a person dedicated to the program," said Barr. "This will allow us to put a little more teeth to the community supervision program." The commissioners court is also expected to hold a budget workshop during the meeting, which is slated for 1:15 p.m. in the commissioners courtroom, located on the second floor of the county courthouse.

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RODEO

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Hofacket at 267-8041 to register contestants for that event.

As always, the rodeo's events will begin with a parade in downtown Big Spring at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, June 21.

The grand marshal will be Patricia McCormick, the Big Spring native who became a world famous bullfighter and the only woman ever admitted into the bullfighters union.

Now a resident of Del Rio, McCormick makes her living as an artist.

McCracken, the rodeo's

specialty act and barrel man, has been ACRA Clown of the Year five times, a PRCA Comedy Act of the Year nominee and was the 2006 Dodge National Circuit Finals Rodeo (DNCFR) Specialty Act of the Year.

Veteran rodeo announcer Mike Mathis, who works atop his horse inside the arena, will return to give his special flavor to the rodeo. He is a local favorite and participates in activities throughout Big Spring during rodeo week. He has called some of the sport's most prestigious events. He was nominated for PRCA Announcer of

the Year in 2002 and has announced the Texas Circuit Finals Rodeo a total of 16 times. Last year, he was selected to work the National Finals Steer Roping in Hobbs, N.M., for the third time in his career.

There will be a dance just for teens on Thursday, June 21, and traditional rodeo dances on Friday and Saturday nights. All dances are held at the Dora Roberts Fair Building on the rodeo grounds.

No one over 19 years of age will be admitted to the Thursday night dance, and paid admission to the rodeo is the

ticket for that deejay dance.

Jake Hooker and the Outsiders headline the 9:30 p.m. Friday dance. The \$10 per person tickets may be purchased at the door of the fair barn on the night of the dance.

Aaron Watson will headline the Saturday night dance. Tickets are \$15 per person and can also be purchased at the fair barn door the night of the dance.

Tickets to the rodeo will be \$10 for adults and \$6 for children under 12 at the gate. However, advance sale prices are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children. They can be pur-

chased at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Ward's Boot and Saddle, First Bank of West Texas, First Big Spring Banking Center, Wells Fargo, Citizens Federal Credit Union, State National Bank and H-E-B.

In addition, box seats are available for the three-day rodeo run. To make reservations, call Dr. Rip Patterson at 267-2435.

In conjunction with the rodeo, the four-man Cowboy Scramble Golf

Tournament benefiting the Justin Cowboy Crisis Fund will begin at 8 a.m. Friday, June 22, with a shotgun start at the Big Spring Country Club.

Dr. Patterson is heading up the golf tournament and said participants may either make up a team or join the cowboys by calling the club at 267-5354.

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BANNERS

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with the Rodeo Association once again this year in helping to decorate the town with rodeo banners," said Newell. "The banners are red, white and blue with a panel in the middle that has the word 'Welcome' in the middle."

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Newell said the banners will be put up and taken down by the same company, offering area businesses a chance to show their support for the annual rodeo with little or no "physical" effort.

"The company we work with is Flying J Flag and Banner Service," Newell explained. "They come in and put up the banners several days before the rodeo and then they take

them down after the rodeo is over. You don't have to lift a finger — they do all the work."

Newell said she and the Chamber staff have already contacted the business owners that participated in the program last year, and have come up somewhat short.

"We're down 11 businesses this year," said Newell. "Some didn't want to participate this year, while others have since closed. We would really like to get at least as many businesses as we had last year, so we need about another dozen to make that happen. There's no limit on the

number of businesses that can participate, so we're really hoping to have some local owners step up."

Newell said the deadline for the banner program, which is a fundraiser for the local Chamber, is next week.

"Flying J is expected to be in town putting up banners next week, and as long as they are still here when businesses call to sign up, we can still get them onboard," said Newell.

For more information on rodeo banners, call the Big Spring Chamber at 263-7641 or visit them at 215 West Third Street.

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By Eddy Pitchford

Many people cannot take food and water for granted. They do not know from day to day how they will survive. The very act that you and I can take them for granted proves we are blessed.
Marriages fall when people are taken for granted. Nations fall when freedoms are taken for granted. Health, jobs and friends are often taken for granted until they are gone.
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OUR VIEWS

Businesses can 'cowboy up' and sponsor banners

It's time to "cowboy up." That's right, the 74th annual Big Spring Rodeo and Cowboy Reunion is right around the corner, and the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is asking area businesses to get involved by sponsoring rodeo banners.

Scheduled for Thursday through Saturday, June 21-23, at the Rodeo Bowl, the Big Spring Rodeo and Cowboy Reunion is the oldest continually operating professional rodeo in Texas, and that's something in which our entire community should take pride.

Chamber Assistant Director Nancy Newell said area businesses are being asked to "cowboy up" this season by sponsoring the red, white and blue tapes.

And while the chamber staff will be calling last year's participants, offering them another chance to take part in the banner program, that doesn't mean other businesses aren't welcome.

In fact, business owners that don't receive a call for some reason, are encouraged to contact the chamber by calling 263-7641, or they can go by the chamber office at 215 W. Third Street.

The size and cost of the banners is as diverse as the annual rodeo itself, according to Newell.

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The chamber and rodeo association are working together to decorate the town with rodeo banners which are red, white and blue with a panel that has the word "Welcome" in the middle.

As was the case last year, Flying J Flag and Banner Service will be putting up the banners and taking them down, offering area businesses a chance to show their support for the rodeo with little or no "physical" effort.

But be sure and hurry. The deadline for signing up to sponsor the banners is rapidly approaching.

We think it's important that local businesses take part in helping Big Spring deck out in its rodeo finest.

That way, when out-of-town visitors arrive for the rodeo, they'll see a community that takes pride in its western roots and its cowboy and rodeo traditions.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

We can live our life stress free when we live our life with You, Lord.

Amen

A remedy worse than the illness

It never really mattered how much immigrant rights activists were willing to concede in order to reach a compromise on comprehensive immigration reform. If the deal included any kind of legalization path for the 12 million illegal immigrants already in this country, the anti-immigrant Republicans were always going to oppose it.

Yet the Democrats kept making concessions, to the point that they finally agreed to a "compromise" that is far to the right of the immigration reform bill passed by the Senate last year.

The so-called bipartisan Border Security and Immigration Reform Act of 2007, which is now before the U.S. Senate, is a huge disappointment to those who have marched and struggled for comprehensive and compassionate immigration reform.

The last hopes for true reform were ruined by a series of new provisions — concessions — which, while failing to appease the anti-immigrant hardliners, make this bill unacceptable to those who defend immigrant rights.

"The entire process is inhumane, unrealistic, cumbersome, and puts severe onus on the immigrant workers and families," says Partha Banerjee, a prominent immigrant rights advocate in New Jersey.

Banerjee is one of those who have worked long and hard to make immigration reform a reality.

But the bill currently in Congress has so many flaws that he can't go along with it. Banerjee calls it "an unworkable deal."

And he is not alone. Many other immigrant rights activists are finding so many problems with the new concessions added to the

bill that, unless it is dramatically amended, they say it must be rejected.

In fact, some pro-immigrant organizations are saying that, as it stands, the current bill could create a situation that is worse than the status quo.

Imagine that — a remedy that could worsen the illness!

The measure would create "a society that is more divided and less free," according to the National Immigration Law Center, an organization that fought for comprehensive immigration reform and now argues that unless the bill can be improved on the Senate floor, it should be opposed.

The bill dismantles our country's bedrock principle of granting legal immigration based on the applicants' relationship to U.S. residents, while creating a point system that will favor skilled workers. It creates a new class of U.S. workers — "temporary guest workers" — who would not be allowed to seek permanent U.S. residency, "thereby perpetuating an indentured servitude," Banerjee says.

But to conservative hardliners, it's still "amnesty."

It requires illegal immigrants applying for legalization to seek an initial probationary status while border security measures and a worker ID program are implemented. It gets them on a path to a green card, which eventually leads to U.S. citizenship, but only after waiting 10 to 15 years, staying out of trouble, learning English, paying upwards of \$10,000 in fees and fines and having the head of each household return to their home countries.

But the conservative hardliners still call it "amnesty."

Of course, that's a word that has received very negative press lately. Before conservative demagogues turned "amnesty" into a four-letter word, it used to stand for compassion, tolerance and hospitality — attributes that made us

proud to be Americans.

But now — thanks to the fear-mongering xenophobes in Congress and the media — supporting amnesty is somehow considered a sign of weakness. To them, legislation that grants anything resembling amnesty is somehow unpatriotic.

And their loud rhetoric has led us to this point — a stalemate with a bill on the Senate floor that is unacceptable to both liberals and hardliners.

While some Republicans are trying to make the bill even more draconian, some Democrats are now introducing amendments to "improve" it.

"The most important areas we want to improve are on family reunification, the temporary worker program, and having a workable pathway to citizenship for the undocumented that does not include unnecessary hardships for those families," said Sen. Robert Menendez in his Saturday "Democratic Hispanic Radio Address." He vowed that Democrats "will keep fighting to make the improvements necessary so that this comprehensive legislation solves our nation's broken immigration system once and for all."

But since some key Democratic leaders, including Sen. Edward Kennedy, have signed on to the agreement, chances of passing some critically needed amendments are minimal.

"Our elected leaders, in their politically expedient maneuvering, excluded from the dialogue the millions of working-class, undocumented immigrants who came out and marched all across U.S. demanding a real, meaningful, comprehensive reform," Banerjee says. "The new deal, despite making some rudimentary progress, falls far short of their expectations and their children's aspirations."

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Immigration: Why aren't Republicans crying?

Republican proponents of the so-called "compromise," "comprehensive" immigration bill argue the legislation is palatable because it includes important concessions to accommodate conservatives' concerns. But the more I read about the measure, the more apparent it becomes that it is neither a compromise nor comprehensive and that any concessions offered by Democrats are illusory.

Proponents tout the bill as comprehensive because it allegedly deals with all aspects of the knotty immigration problem, including enforcement, security, immigration-related labor, employment and business issues, the rule of law and even assimilation concerns.

Democrats definitely get what they want: an ever expanding new voter constituency and a lasting supply of fodder for self-congratulation for helping people with other people's money, but what about Republicans?

If the concessions promised conservatives never materialize, there's no compromise and no comprehensiveness, just a sophisticated bait-and-switch scam to lure unteachable Republicans — and possibly the nation — into suicide.

One unmistakable sign the bill offers Republicans little is that Ted Kennedy cannot wipe the smile off his face. Why shouldn't he be smiling?

Let's consider the sources of his elation.

First, he gets most of what he wants now — instant gratification — while deferring provisions designed to gratify conservatives until much later. As we know, deferred gratification often leads to no gratification, especially where government is the supposed

gratifying agent and Democrats are an integral part of the government.

Remember when Bush 41 voluntarily walked the political plank by reneging on his no-new-taxes pledge in exchange for promises of spending cuts from Democrats, only to have them not only renege but excoriate him for compromising with them in the first place and breaking his pledge?

Remember how Democrats supported the Iraq war resolution, then betrayed President Bush, saying they never intended to give him unconditional authority to attack Iraq, even though the resolution did precisely that?

Remember the last time the government promised that giving amnesty to illegals would deter future immigration problems? Remember when the government allocated money for a border fence — yet have only completed some two miles of it? Fool me once, shame on you.

National Review Online (NRO) notes that one thing Kennedy and his colleagues will get immediately is that illegal immigrants will become eligible for "probationary" legal status the moment the bill passes, which is exacerbated by the fact that the government will have only one business day to run a background check on such applicants. Columnist Thomas Sowell points out that even if the bill's requirements on illegals are "tough," which Sowell clearly doubts, the bill does nothing to address those among the 12 million who simply choose not to become citizens and thus avoid the "tough" requirements.

But more disturbing than either of these points are certain revelations of NRO contributing editor Stanley Kurtz, which further explain and remove any ambiguity from Ted Kennedy's ear-splitting grin.

One sop to conservatives in the bill is that it supposedly replaces family-based immigration —

which has led to uncontrollable inflows — with a merit-based point system that will both make the immigration flow more manageable and improve immigrant assimilation.

But according to Kurtz, not only is this shift toward merit-based immigration very unlikely to happen under the bill, in the meantime, the bill will tilt the current system even more heavily toward family-based immigration by awarding "75 percent of new green cards" — it's currently 60 percent — "to family members to clear existing backlogs."

Since the shift to the merit system is deferred — like other positive aspects of the bill — for eight years, immigration advocates would have eight years to "gut" the merit system.

In case you doubt Kennedy and his ilk are inclined to "gut" the promised merit system, Kurtz emphasizes that all stars are lining up in that direction: Hillary Clinton is pushing an amendment now to reinstitute the family-based system, Speaker Pelosi has signaled her desire to revisit (and reverse) the merit-based provision soon, and American employers — of all stripes — seem united against the merit system and, indeed, helped to defeat a similar promised reform a little more than a decade ago.

Doesn't it strike you as ironic, not to mention utterly maddening, that the only immigration issue truly demanding urgent action — enforcement — is the only one that will be put on the back burner (or completely off the stove), while other non-urgent aspects will be addressed posthaste?

I understand why Kennedy's laughing. But why aren't Republicans crying?

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of 36 mpg in the city using regular unleaded gasoline.

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The full-hybrid system utilizes a 2.3-liter four-cylinder engine (133 horsepower) in conjunction with a 70 kw electric motor to produce a net 155 horsepower. It has a 0-60 time similar to that of 200 horsepower V-6 engine, yet with a 75 percent improvement in city driving fuel economy.

ON THE ROAD



BY NEAL WHITE

It's like getting the best of both worlds.

During the past two years, taxi drivers in San Francisco and New York City have used Escape Hybrids during their shifts to demonstrate fuel



The 2008 Ford Escape

savings and durability.

Currently, there are more than 40 Escape Hybrid taxis in San Francisco and more than 20 in New York City, with many already having logged more than 125,000 miles each on the odometer. San Francisco cabbie Paul Gillespie recently reported that his Escape Hybrid saves him up to \$30 in fuel each shift, with an annual savings around \$6,000. He's been driving an Escape Hybrid cab since 2004 and has logged more than 125,000 miles without any major mechanical repairs.

"The fuel economy of the Escape Hybrid puts thousands of dollars back in drivers' pockets and helps decrease fuel emissions," Gillespie said in the report released by Ford.

For those unfamiliar with hybrid vehicles, the batteries for the electric motor are constantly being recharged as you

drive the vehicle, meaning you never need to plug it in. You fill it with gas and go — although it doesn't need filling quite as often.

Being a full hybrid, the Escape can also operate in electric mode only at speeds below 30 mph — which often occur in city driving situations. In electric only mode, no fuel is being used and no emissions are being emitted from the vehicle.

When the driver accelerates, the gas engine is engaged automatically.

It really is a seamless system. The redesigned Escape is absolutely stunning. Space prevents me from going into detail, but it's loaded with safety and convenience features.

For those looking for a no compromise option to save on fuel, the Escape Hybrid is a must test drive.

Neal White has been covering the automotive industry for more than 15

THE NUTS AND BOLTS



MODEL:
2008 Ford Escape Hybrid 5-seat hybrid SUV
Front-: four-wheel drive
PRICE RANGE:
\$25,740 - \$29,000
ENGINE:
2.3-L 4C (133 hp/124 torque) 70 kw electric motor (Total combined output equivalent to 200-hp V-6 gas engine)
TRANSMISSION:
CVT
EPA: 36/32 mpg city, 31/29 mpg highway (2WD/4WD)
FUEL: Regular unleaded
SUSPENSION: Independent with MacPherson struts, coil springs and stabilizer bar (front);

Independent with lateral links and trailing arm design (rear).
BRAKES: ABS with integrated regenerative braking
LENGTH: 174.7 inches
WHEELBASE: 103.1 inches
WIDTH: 71.1 inches
HEIGHT: 68 inches
WEIGHT: 3,638-3,794 lbs.
TRACK: 61.1/60.4 (front/rear)
FUEL TANK: 15 gallons
TIRES: 16-inch
WARRANTY: 3-year/36,000-mile bumper-to-bumper; 5-year/60,000-mile powertrain; 8-year/100,000-mile hybrid comp.

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Texas news in brief

DPS seizes record amount of illegal drugs

EL PASO (AP) — Texas state troopers set several records last year by seizing more than 50 tons of illegal drugs worth nearly \$340 million, the Department of Public Safety said.

The drugs included marijuana, cocaine and methamphetamine, and carried a street value of about \$335.9 million, DPS spokesman Tom Vinger said Wednesday.

The 95,653 pounds of marijuana seized were more than double the amount of the drug found in 2005 and topped the 2004 record by more than 20,000 pounds.

Troopers found 5,986 pounds of cocaine, beating the record of 4,009 pounds set in 1994. The 267 pounds of methamphetamine were nearly 100 pounds more than the 2004 mark.

Authorities also arrested a record 1,975 people during the seizures, most on routine traffic stops, Vinger said.

Top Democrat, Craddick ally, to challenge Craddick

AUSTIN (AP) — Democratic Rep. Sylvester Turner, the second-ranking member of the House and longtime ally of Republican House Speaker Tom Craddick, said Wednesday he's joining the growing number of candidates challenging Craddick for the top spot in 2009.

Turner, the speaker pro tempore, is the seventh lawmaker to announce his candidacy in recent weeks, part of a movement among Republicans and Democrats unhappy with Craddick's win-at-all costs leadership style. The unrest reached fever pitch over the weekend with an open rebellion and attempt to kick Craddick out of the speakership 18 months before

his term expires.

"I don't ever want to have another legislative session like the one just completed where taking care of the people's business took a back seat to political agendas," Turner said.

Turner is one of a handful of Democrats who support Craddick and have been rewarded with coveted committee assignments and other advantages.

Prison escapee recaptured just outside Harris County Jail

HOUSTON (AP) — A 25-year-old prison escapee was captured Wednesday on a jogging trail behind the Harris County Jail — headquarters for one of the largest contingents of law enforcement officers in the state of Texas.

Andrew Dell Coley traveled only about seven blocks during his more than 40 hours on the lam before an off-duty university police chief jogging near the Harris County Jail nabbed him.

Coley, a convicted car thief from Galveston County, apparently lacked a plan after escaping from the privately run South Texas Intermediate Sanction Facility in downtown Houston on Monday evening.

He was spotted there by Chief Rick Boyle of the University of Houston-Downtown Police Department, who jogs the trail three or four days a week, officials said.

Boyle recognized Coley's tattoo from information sent to law enforcement and ran back to the university to summon help.

Boyle then watched Coley until help could arrive. Coley noticed he was being watched and immediately continued his run of self-inflicted bad luck.

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Contract Bridge
By Steve Becker

A Matter of Self-Confidence

South dealer. East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A Q J 7
♥ Q 6
♦ 10 8 3
♣ 10 7 6 2

WEST
♠ 10 9 6 3
♥ 9 3
♦ K J 7 6 4 2
♣ 5

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

SOUTH
♠ K 5
♥ A K J 10 8 7 4 2
♦ —
♣ K Q 4

The bidding:
South West North East
2♠* Pass 2♥ Pass
3♥ Pass 4♥ Pass
6♥

* strong, artificial
Opening lead — five of clubs.

This deal occurred in a high-stakes, high-level rubber-bridge game. It graphically demonstrates why a player must have the courage of his convictions.

West led the club five against six hearts, East playing the ace and South the queen. Then, despite the temptation to try to cash the ace of diamonds at trick two — which

would have handed declarer the slam — East returned a club, and West ruffed to put the contract down one.

How come East was so smart, you may ask. The answer, when you get right down to it, is fairly simple. East realized that West might have led the club five from a holding of 5-4 doubleton, but he also realized that the five could be a singleton and that declarer's queen play at trick one might be a falsecard.

Beyond that, however, there was an even more persuasive reason to return a club instead of the ace of diamonds. East correctly judged that South could not have a diamond loser and bid the hand the way he did. (Remember, this was a high-level game.)

It would not have made sense for declarer to leap from four hearts to six with a hand such as ♠ Kxx ♥ AKJ10xxx ♦ K ♣ KQ.

With this hand, or another one like it, South surely would have used Blackwood to find out how many aces his partner had before bidding a slam.

It's true that East had to have a lot of faith in his own reasoning to refrain from playing the diamond ace at trick two, but that's what any good player has to have plenty of.

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Nonfiction

• **"The Pursuit of Happiness"** by Chris Gardner (323.620 GAR C), now a major motion picture starring Will Smith, chronicles Gardner's long, painful, ultimately rewarding journey from inner-city Milwaukee to the pinnacle of Wall Street, according to a

review from Booklist. Born in 1954, he grew up like too many young blacks: poor and fatherless, with a mother strong on children and church, yet soft on men. His violent, hateful stepfather refused to accept Gardner as a stepson and thwarted him at every turn.

By his own account, Gardner was a good kid who got into trouble occasionally, but stayed on a steady, upward track. After a stint in the navy, he set his sights on a medical career, but a foray into sales led him to the stock and bond market.

Gardner's own weakness was women, and when one of them left him with a son, it led to a period of homelessness on the San Francisco streets. Determination and resourcefulness brought father and son not merely to safety but to the top. Gardner is honest and thorough as he solidly depicts growing up black and male in late 20th-century urban America. His story isn't especially fresh, but his voice is likable, resulting in a quality African-American/business memoir.

• **"Mennonites in Texas:**

The Quiet in the Land" (289.776 CAM L). From the A&M University Press, comes a great book with a personal meaning for my husband's family. Jack and Sibyl McCright became close friends with a Mennonite family who also lived in Seminole, the Henry Dyck family.

Photographed and written by Laura L. Camden and Susan Gaetz Duarte, this is a fascinating look at two communities — in Gaines County and then in Lott, which is located in central Texas. The authors offer a deep insight into the religious beliefs and family relationships, role expectation and daily routines of two different Mennonite cultures. This is truly a fascinating book.

How To
• **"Wedding Cakes You Can Make"** by Dede Wilson (641.865 WIL D). Are you facing an upcoming wedding and are shocked for the prices of wedding cakes? Fear no more.

The Library has just received this excellent book. It has the essential vanilla wedding cake, decorated simply with fresh flowers. Or you may prefer the more elaborate Valentine's

Wedding Cake or the Italian Rum Cream and Fruit Cake. There should be one that you can make for your son's or daughter's special day.

• **"Smart Organizing: Simple Strategies for Bringing Order to Your Home"** (648.5 FEL S) by Sandra Felton. Are you faced with the overwhelming task of trying to organize your home environment? This book will be indispensable in bringing order out of chaos.

Photography/Religion
• **"Church Signs Across America"** (254.4 PAU S) can be found in the non-fiction section. A simple premise can make an important statement. Steve and Pam Wilson have

collected photos of church's and their signs. No text, just the succinct phrase to invite you to church. It is arranged in state order, with one or two photos per state. One of my favorites is from a church in Vermont which says: "God Truly Loves You. WOW!"

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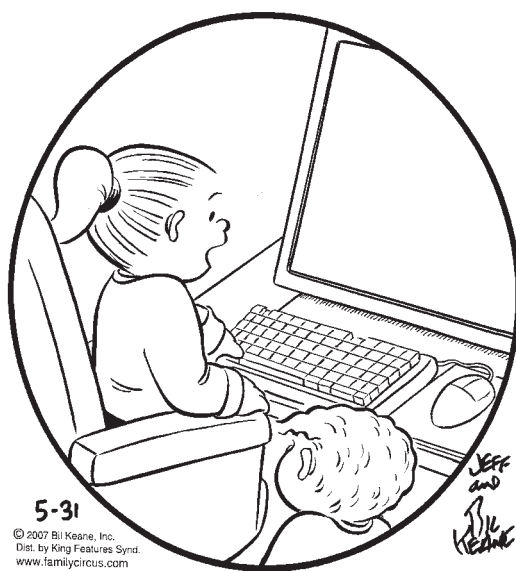
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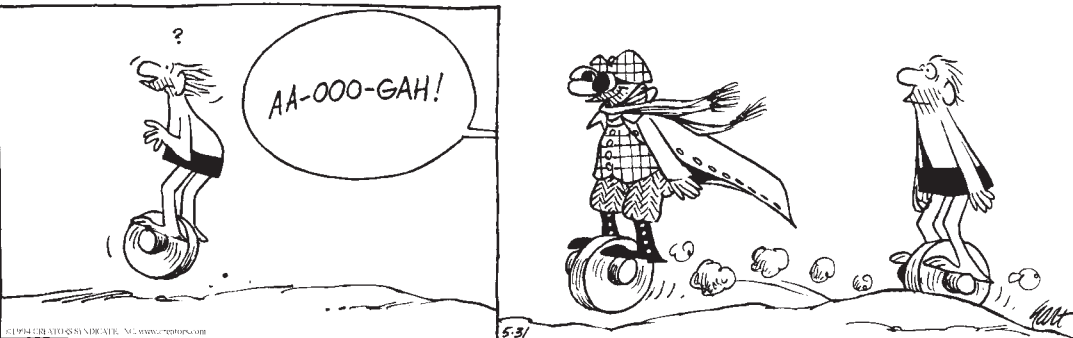
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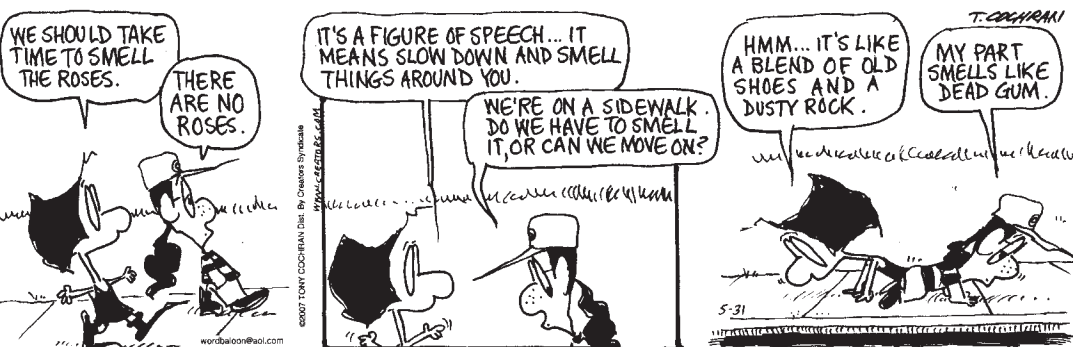
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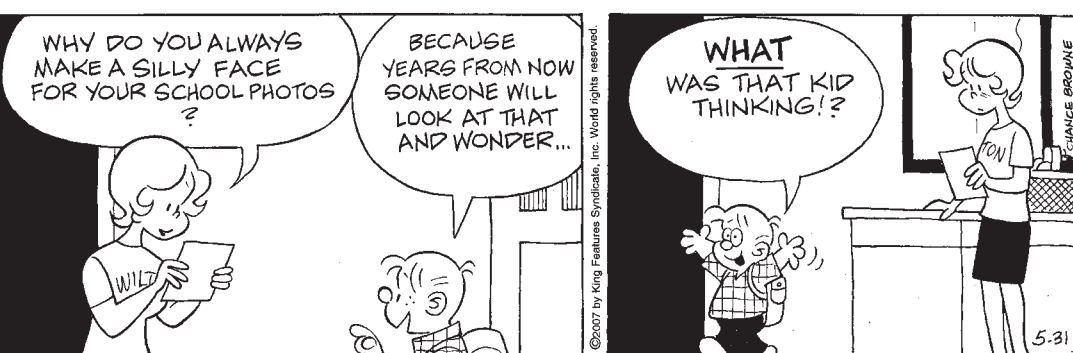
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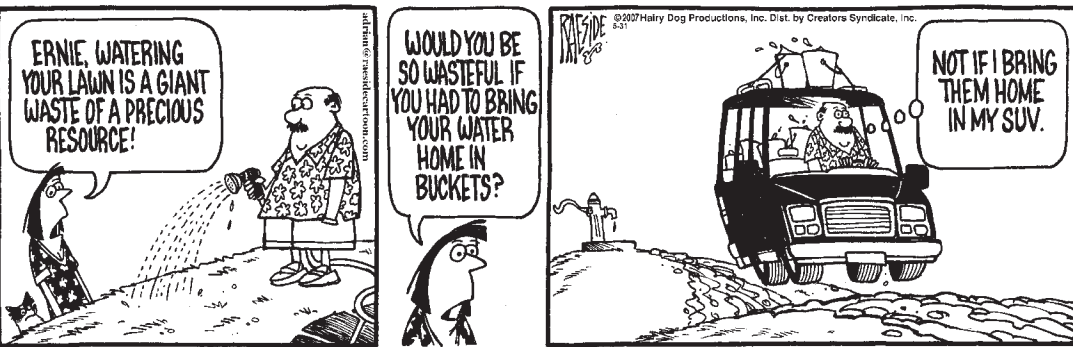
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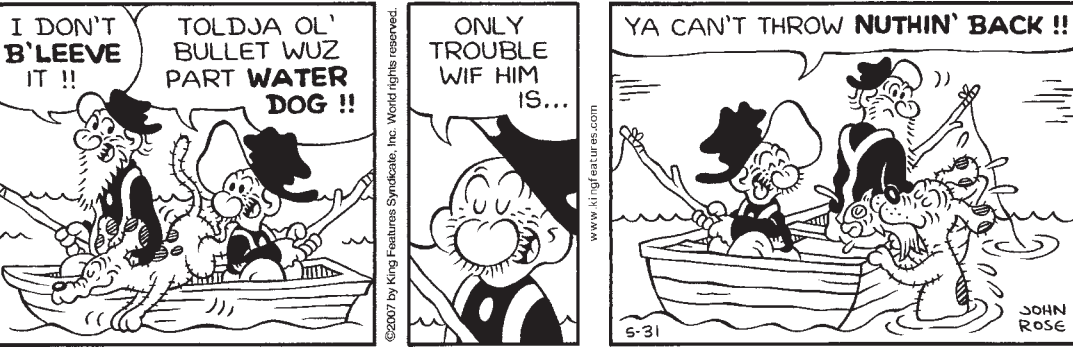
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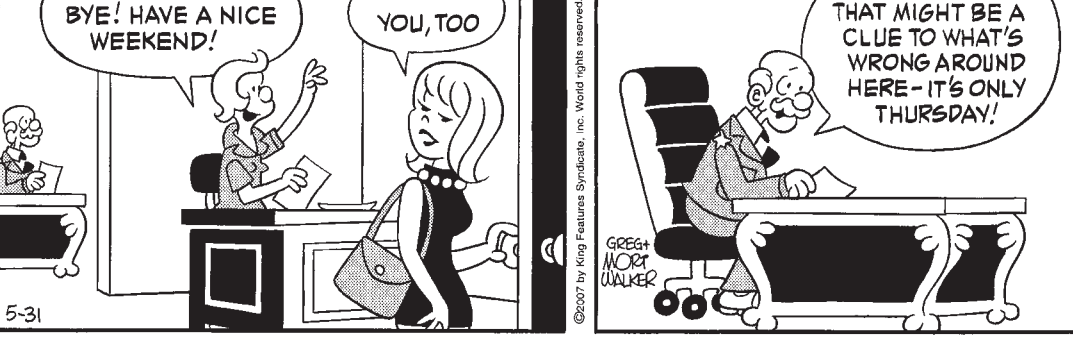
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, May 31, the 151st day of 2007. There are 214 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 31, 1889, more than 2,000 people perished when a dam break sent water rushing through Johnstown, Pa.

On this date: In 1809, composer Franz Joseph Haydn died in Vienna, Austria.

In 1819, poet Walt Whitman was born in West Hill, N.Y.

In 1910, the Union of South Africa was founded.

In 1916, during World War I, British and German fleets fought the naval Battle of Jutland off Denmark; there was no clear-cut victor, although the British suffered heavier losses.

In 1961, South Africa became an independent republic.

In 1962, World War II Gestapo official Adolf Eichmann was hanged in Israel for his role in the Nazi Holocaust.

In 1970, tens of thousands of people died in an earthquake in Peru.

In 1976, Martha Mitchell, the estranged wife of former Attorney General John N. Mitchell, died in New York.

In 1977, the trans-Alaska oil pipeline, three years in the making, was completed.

In 1994, the U.S. announced it was no longer aiming long-range nuclear missiles at targets in the former Soviet Union.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Elaine Stewart is 78. Actor-director Clint Eastwood is 77. Singer Peter Yarrow is 69. Former Anglican Church envoy Terry Waite is 68. Singer-musician Augie Meyers is 67. Actress Sharon Gless is 64. Football Hall-of-Famer Joe Namath is 64. Actor Tom Berenger is 57. Actor Gregory Harrison is 57. Actress Roma Maffia is 49. Comedian Chris Elliott is 47. Actor Kyle Secor is 47. Actress Lea Thompson is 46.

Singer Corey Hart is 45. Rapper DMC is 43. Rapper Kid Frost is 43. Actress Brooke Shields is 42. Country musician Ed Adkins (The Derailers) is 40. Actor Colin Farrell is 31. Rock musician Scott Klopfenstein (Reel Big Fish) is 30. Actor Eric Christian Olsen is 30. Rock musician Andy Hurley (Fall Out Boy) is 27. Actor Jonathan Tucker is 25. Actor Curtis Williams Jr. is 20.

Thought for Today: "The reputation of power IS power." — Thomas Hobbes, English political philosopher (1588-1679).

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Answer to previous puzzle

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| 6 Leather shade | 66 River feature | 9 Confined | 35 Family-tree entries |
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