



Lady Steers hosting All-Skills softball camp

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Few changes expected in BSISD budget

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Lights at ball fields, school buses and laptops among new items for district

By STEVE REAGAN

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Staff Writer

Nothing much will change in the Big Spring Independent School District's new budget, if preliminary figures hold true.

Expenditures and revenue are expected to be up slightly from last year's \$27.8 million figure, but little else will be changed, BSISD Business Manager Sandra Waggoner said.

One big difference from last year is that this year's package does not include a long list of special projects, unlike last year's \$2 million "wish list."

Three major capital expense items are included in the preliminary budget — \$300,000 to install lights at BSISD baseball and softball fields, \$343,000 to purchase school buses and other vehicles and \$423,000 for the high school laptop computer program.

Taxpayers may catch a bit of a break this year, as trustees will institute the second of two state-mandated cuts in the local property tax rate.

Waggoner expects next year's rate to be \$1.10 per \$100 valuation, a figure that includes debt service. That marks a sharp decrease from this year's rate of \$1.43 per \$100 valuation.

But an increase in property valuations will likely cut into residents' Waggoner warned.

"We're estimating a \$77 mil-

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Sands CISD to begin work on new facility

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

ACKERLY Sands Consolidated Independent School District officials are bracing for the first new construction there in more than 20 years.

District voters approved a \$3 million bond in May to finance construction of a combination gymnasium/auditorium for Sands School, as well as replace old flooring and carpeting on campus.

Blount estimated construction on the project will begin in late August or early September. The new building will be located across the street from the current school building, so classes will not be disrupted.

The San Angelo construction firm of DSA will manage the project, See SANDS, Page 3A

which is expected to take about 18 months.

"Hopefully, we'll be playing basketball (in the

new building) in time for the

2 0 0 8 - 2 0 0 9 school year," Blount said. The building will

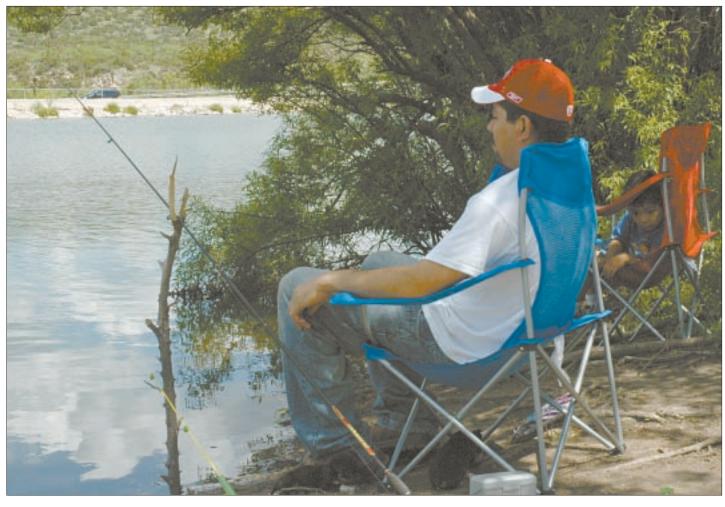
replace a gymnasium Blount approaching 50 vears of age

and an auditorium that was constructed early in Superintendent Wayne the 20th Century, Blount said.

The gymnasium and auditorium will be at opposite sides of the new building, with a common area — which will house concession stands and restroom facilities — in the middle.

"It should be very nice,"

NICE FISHIN' WEATHER



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Adrian Sandobal finds a shady spot along the shoreline of Comanche Trail Park Lake to do some fishing Monday afternoon. Several anglers took advantage of sunny, warm conditions to try their luck at the lake.

Jury trial begins today in 118th District Court

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

The first of two criminal trials scheduled for 118th District Court begins today, officials said.

Rosendo Franco, of Big Spring, stands accused of the second-degree felony charge of

aggravated assault causing serious bodily injury.

The state will allege that Franco and three others were riding in a car with victim Geraldine Rodriguez on the evening of Oct. 22, 2006.

Rodriguez received injuries to her jaw and scalp as well as "serious" bruises to several

Attorney Hardy L. Wilkerson

Aggravated assault is punishable by a term of between 2 and 20 years in prison and a fine not to exceed \$10,000.

Eladio Zubiate, 30, of Big Spring, is scheduled to stand trial on the charge of burglary

portions of their body, District of a habitation with intent to and with intent to commit sexcommit sexual assault, a first- ual assault. degree felony punishable by a or life in prison and a fine not to exceed \$10,000.

Wilkerson said the state will allege that Zubiate entered the home of a Big Spring woman late in 2006 without her consent reporter@bigspringherald.com.

Neither trial is expected to term of between 5 and 99 years last more than one day, Wilkerson said.

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COSBY URGES CALM

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Bill Cosby called on parents and community elders to communicate with their children to help stop a wave of violence that has plagued the city for more than a year.

Cosby spoke Monday to a crowd of several hundred people after joining an antiviolence group on an hour-long march through West Philadelphia.

"You've got to teach your children how to think," he said. "You watch one blow the other one's head off and how can you feel good about yourself?"

The event was the fourth of seven Cosby has pledged to take part in with Men United for a Better Philadelphia.

THURSDAY ACTIVITIES

The public is invited to an open house from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Solitaire Homes.

The manufactured housing plant, which also sells homes, is located at East FM

700 and the 11th Place extension. Tours will be possible and door prizes and refreshments will be available.

The open house is being sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

Hangar 25 Air Museum will host a reception for William A. Fishback, Veteran of the Month, at 7 p.m. Thursday in the briefing room. The public is invited.

RELAY WRAPUP TONIGHT

Local officials with the Howard-Glasscock Relay for Life are expected to put the finishing touches on another successful year when they hold their annual Relay Wrap-Up Celebration at 6 p.m. tonight in First United Methodist Church's Garrett Hall.

The annual American Cancer Society fundraiser, held adjacent to Blankenship Field on May 19, has raised \$183,000 to date, a figure just shy of the group's goal of \$185,000.

Chairperson Vickie Stewart said, however, that many underwriters have yet to be heard from and expressed confidence the goal would be eventually surpassed.



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IN BRIEF

Parker, Anderson seeking funds

Sidney Dewayne Parker Jr. and Monte' Anderson are seeking financial help so that they can attend a football combine showcase in Union, N.J. Sunday.

The two Steer athletes were among 200 high scool underclassmen in the nation chosen to participate in the combine.

Parker will be a junior and needs to raise between \$1,000 and \$1,500.

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

Parker received a generous \$200 donation the Juvenile from Probation Department, who feel that he is an outstanding individual.

If anyone is interested in helping, they are asked to contact Parker, his father or grandmother at 816-5610 or 816-3711.

Anderson played varsity football as a freshman running back for the Steers last season.

He was named the fastest man at the National Dallas Underclassman Combine.

He is hoping to raise between \$1,500 and \$2,000.

Anyone that can offer help should contact Anderson's mother, Sonya Hall, at 213-3394.

Former Steer coach headed to state

Former Big Spring Steers head baseball coach Bobby Doe has taken Mesquite Poteet's Pirates to the Class 4A state baseball tournament in Round Rock.

The Pirates (32-4) will meet Texas City's Stingarees in the semifinals of the state tournament. It is the first trip to state for baseball in school history.

Doe coached Steers to the state tournament in 1992 and 1994. He is joined at state this year by his son, Brett, who plays shortstop for Pirates.

CGA scholarship tournament set

The Big Spring Country Club will be holding the 17th Annual Chicano Golf Association Scholarship Tournament starting Saturday and running through Sunday.

The tournament will be played in a pickyour-partner 2-person scramble.

The entry fee is \$75 with free food for the players. Players can purchase mulligans for \$5 each. All proceeds will go towards two scholarships for graduating high school seniors

Bob Brock Ford will award a 2007 vehicle to any player that can hit a hole-in-one on course's third hole.

For more information, call 264-7116 or 263-7741.

Ragball tournament slated in Coahoma

The See What You Got Ragball Tournament has been scheduled for Saturday and Sunday at the Coahoma softball

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Aggies advance to CWS Super Regionals

The Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION — Kyle Thebeau struck out 13 and allowed only seven hits and two unearned runs in pitching a complete game as Texas A&M defeated Louisiana-Lafayette 5-2 on Monday to win the NCAA regional in College Station.

The Aggies (48-17) advanced to their first NCAA tournament super regional in three years with the victory. Texas A&M will play second-seeded Rice this weekend.

Texas A&M lost to Louisiana-Lafayette (47-17) on Saturday but rebounded to win the regional Lucroy. The Cajuns threatened

including two over the Ragin' Cajuns.

Craig Stinson hit a curve ball over the left field fence to start the second inning. Ben Feltner, Dane Carter and Kyle Colligan each got RBIs later in the inning to give the Aggies a 4-0 lead.

Cajuns starter Buddy Glass (7-5) left the game after giving up five hits, including the homer, a triple and two doubles, over the first two innings.

Louisiana-Lafayette got its two runs in the third on RBI singles by Nolan Gisclair and Jonathan

with three straight victories, in the bottom of the eighth when regional in Round Rock. Devon Bourque and Xavier Alexander led off with singles. But Gisclair grounded out to shortstop and Lucroy and Scott Hawkins struck out.

> Blake Stouffer had an RBI single in the seventh to score Colligan, who tripled to reach

> The 13 strikeouts by Thebeau (3-5) were a career high.

UC Irvine 9, Texas 6

UC Irvine used a three-run eighth inning to defeat Texas 9-6 on Monday and win the NCAA

The Anteaters (3-0) advance to the Super Regionals by knocking out Texas, the nation's No. 4 seed. UC Irvine will play the winner of the Wichita regional.

The game picked up from the bottom of the seventh inning after rain suspended play on Sunday with UC Irvine up 6-5.

The Anteaters expanded their lead in the eighth when pinch hitter Dillion Bell singled to right with Bryan Peterson on first. Right fielder Kyle Russell threw the ball over the third

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Lady Steers host All-Skills softball camp



Destiny Mata, 8, winds up to throw a tennis ball back to home plate after successfully fielding the ball Monday at The Lady Steers All-Skills Camp at the Big Spring ISD Softball Complex. Mata was one of around 25 girls who took part in the camp's first day of activities.

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

Success in sports comes from a lot of hard work and extra time spent in practice, refining a sport's particular skills.

That is one of the themes for the Lady Steers All-Skills Softball Camp that began Monday morning at the Big Spring ISD Softball Complex.

"We want to ensure that the campers understand the hard work it takes to develop the skills they need to succeed at softball," said Lady Steers' assistant softball coach John Sparks. "This is something they can carry over into other sports, as well. It doesn't matter the sport, hard work is key to success."

The camp will continue through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. each day with girls going into the first through ninth grades eligible to attend.

Sparks said that it's not too late to register and participate, even if a girl didn't attend the first two days of camp; and there will be a discounted fee for the lost days.

The campers are separated into three groups, according to their age — first through third grades, fourth through sixth grades and seventh through ninth grades. Around 25 girls attended Monday's activities.

"We had a nice turnout with a good number of girls in each group," said Sparks. "We had enough in each age group in order to spend some time work-

ing on specific skill work. As the camp goes on, we will individualize each camper more and be able to work on specific skills with them."

Drills conducted Monday included Sparks leading the first through sixth graders through basic fielding techniques. He hit tennis balls toward each girl, teaching them to get in front of the ball to at least knock it down in the infield. If a girl would stop the ball, but didn't field it cleanly, then they were encouraged to "stick with it" and chase the ball down to make the throw back to the plate.

Sparks is joined on the camp staff by Lady Steers head softball coach Jennifer Reyes and several of the varsity players from Big Spring's Class 4A area championship team, including sophomore pitcher Kelli Sage.

Regardless of what skills are taught, the camp's main theme camp for Sparks centers around working hard.

"We want the girls to have fun, but they should realize at a young age that it takes a lot of dedication to reach a high level of softball," he said. "We want to make sure the girls know that with hard work, you can succeed at anything you do. That goes for both athletics and non-athletic events. It takes extra work to be successful."

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Spurs not overlooking young, talented Cavs

By ELIZABETH WHITE

Associated Press Writer

SAN ANTONIO — LeBron James may be the star of the Cleveland Cavaliers, but the San Antonio Spurs know better than to ignore the other four players on the court.

"They wouldn't be in the finals without LeBron, we wouldn't be in the finals without Tim Duncan," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said Monday. "That goes without saying. But they still would not be in the finals, nor would we, if we didn't each have our supporting casts. Everybody else has to fit."

San Antonio was 0-2 against Cleveland during the regular season. The Spurs lost their home opener to the Cavs, plus their January matchup in Cleveland, where the NBA finals will arrive for the first time later this month.

The Spurs held James to 19 points in the second meeting, but the Cavs put three other players in double figures in their 82-78 victory. Two other players scored eight points.

"We lost to them twice this season. They've been playing great," Duncan said. "They're on a high right now, playing with a lot of confidence. And they're going to be a tough opponent. We're going to have to really come out and shake this rust off quick this first game and really try to jump on them."

After beating the Utah Jazz in five games for the Western Conference championship, the Spurs will have had a full week off by Thursday's start to the NBA finals in San Antonio.

Cleveland wrapped up the Eastern Conference championship on Saturday in Game 6 against the Detroit Pistons. James scored 20 points in that game, but it was rookie Daniel Gibson's 31-point performance that stole the show.

"Teams get to finals and teams win championships, and their team fits," Popovich said.

So do the Spurs. Their top three scorers, Duncan, Tony Parker and Manu Ginobili, have been together for the Spurs' last two championship runs, in 2003 and 2005. Duncan is healthy and said he's playing better basketball this year than in the last three. And the team turned midseason struggles around to take off on a 13-game winning streak and compile a 23-6 record after the All-Star break.

Still, the turnaround James has led in Cleveland over his four seasons there is what's grabbed the attention.

"I'm just hoping every once in a while they throw the Spurs in there, in between LeBron highlights, that'd be nice," Duncan said Sunday.

The experienced Spurs are going for their fourth championship in nine seasons. Duncan has been around for all three.

"I'm not sure how rare they think it is since they've been there quite often considering their young ages and time in the league," Popovich said. "But they know it's the finals and that would take care of any possible complacency I would think."

San Antonio held opponents to just over 90 points a game during

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Cleveland Cavaliers guard Daniel Gibson, left, battles San Antonio Spurs forward Matt Bonner (15) for a rebound during first-half action Jan. 2 at **Ouicken Loans Arena in Cleveland.**

Obituaries

Alma Louise Zant

Mrs. Alma Louise Zant, age 70, of Bay City, left family and friends June 2, 2007, to be with the Lord.

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Louise was born Aug. 18, 1936, in Seminole, Okla., to Glenn Miller Grady and Annie Harvey Grady. She was raised in the Rosenberg area and graduated from Lamar Consolidated High School. After obtaining her LVN license from Howard County Junior College, Louise worked at a Big Spring hospital for many

Louise married Nathan Zant on Aug. 2, 1984, in Big Spring.

She is survived by her husband and best friend, Nathan Lloyd Zant of Bay City, children, Steve Hamm, Charles Hamm Jr. and Karen (Hamm) Griffith, siblings, Nola Ann Payne, Glenda Sue Mayes, Betty Lou Nelson, Lena Biles and Hal Ben Grady, nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Also surviving are her best friends; Willa Holley, Sonya Young, Betty McClain and her many friends at the R.T., and last but not least her dog, Nathan.

Following cremation, private family services will be held at a later date.

Paid obituary

I.H. Davidson



I.H. "Buster" Davidson, 90, of Big Spring died Monday, June 4, 2007, in Lubbock. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 6, 2007, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Ken McIntosh, minister of First Christian Church, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He was born June 12, 1916, in Big Spring to Gussie and Burly Davidson and married Earline Rutledge Sept. 16, 1940, in Monahans.

He had worked at White's Auto ane then at Pollard Chevrolet until retirement. He then worked at 87 Auto Sales for several years.

He was a lifetime resident of Howard County and a member of the First Christian Church.

He is survived by his wife, Earline Davidson, of Big Spring; two daughters, Eddie Raye Raney and husband Billy, and Carla Hughes, all of Big Spring; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and one great-great-

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Cleo Sligh and Louella Prim.

The family suggests memorials to the First Christian Church, 911 Goliad, Big Spring 79720.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Nell Taylor Jones

A private service and burial for Nell Taylor Jones, a former resident of Big Spring, was held in Union. She died Wednesday, May 30, 2007.

She was born the daughter of Willie Martin Taylor and Esther Connor Taylor. She married Omar L. Jones April 5, 1941. He preceded her in death in 2002.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church. Survivors include her two sons, Larry Paul Jones and Jontaylor Jones.

Troy Nelson Jr.

Troy Nelson Jr., 65, of Midwest City, Okla., formerly of Sand Springs, died Friday, June 1, 2007, in Midwest City, Okla.. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, June 7, 2007, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Jim Binnix, pastor of Midway Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. unti 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

He was born Oct. 14, 1941, in Big Spring and married Barbara Schroeder on Aug. 14, 1971, in Minneapolis,

Troy was raised in the Sand Springs area. He served in the United States Navy. He worked as a pipe fitter most of his life and retired in 2000 from Local 494 in Long Beach, Calif.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara Nelson of Midwest City, Okla.; his mother, Viola Nelson of Millington, Tenn.; one son, Lloyd Nelson of Millington, Tenn.; two daughters, Tonya Kirkland of Washington, Pa., and Starr Cullum of Millington, Tenn.; seven grandchildren; and one expected great granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by his father, Troy Nelson Sr. and one sister, Jackie Nelson.

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 Cash 5 drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 5-14-27-29-35.

Number matching five of five: none.

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Texas Two Step draw-

ing Monday night: Winning numbers drawn: 6-22-33-34. Bonus Ball: 18.

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball:

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James Boettcher

James Boettcher, 59, of Big Spring died Friday, June 1, 2007, at his residence. Private family services will be held at a later date.

He was born Sept. 15, 1947, in Delmont, S.D. to Martha and John Boettcher. He was a Vietnam Veteran having served in the Navy. He had worked as a Quality Control Inspector for an Aircraft Maintenance Company. He had been a resident of Big Spring for several years.

He is survived by a daughter, Shelley D. Boettcher of Tow; two sisters, Gloria Fillah of Royalton, Minn., and Carol Alves of Freemont, Calif.; two brothers, Alan J. Boettcher of Clayton, Ind. and Kenneth Boettcher of Sioux Falls, S.D.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Police blotter

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

- ALISHA FAYE MCGEE, 28, homeless, was arrested on a charge of unauthorized use of a vehicle.
- MICHEAL E. MENDEZ, 31, of 1304 Runnels, was arrested on charges of driving while licenses suspended, failure to maintain financial responsibility and expired registration.
- MARK T. STANLEY, 45, of 400 N Gregg, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- HIPOLITO GARCIA, 26, of Olmito, was arrested on a hold from Cameron county.
- JESSE CAMPOS, 21, of Olmito, was arrested on a hold from Cameron county.
- ASSAULT BY THREAT was reported in the 1400 block of Runnels.
- BURGLARY OF HABITATION was reported in the 500 block of 13th.
- CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported:
- in the 200 block of F.M. 700.
- in the 2500 block of Gregg.
- DRIVING WHILE LICENSES SUSPENDED was reported in the 1000 block of 18th.
- THEFT was reported:
- in the 600 block of Ridgelea.
- in the 200 block of Marcy.

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity: Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 55 inmates at the time of this report.

- CHRISTOPHER DON HUDGINS, 19, was arrested by the HCSO on charges of possession of marijuana two ounces or less and drug paraphernalia.
- **DEWEY ALLAN LEE**, 47, was arrested by DPS on charges of theft and no liability on a capias warrant. • AUDREY ANN AGUERO, 25, was arrested by DPS on a charge of theft.
- MICHAEL RAY COVINGTON, 43, was arrested by the HCSO on a charge of violation of parole.
- AMANDA JEAN ALMAZAN, 30, was arrested by the HCSO on charges of credit/debit card abuse - two
- ELADIO ZUBIATE, 30, was arrested by the HCSO on a charge of burglary of a habitation with intent to commit assault.
- DAVID CANALES JR., 22, was arrested by DPS on charges of no drivers license, violation of promise to appear, issuance of a bad check and no insurance.
- DAVID CONKLIN, 26, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD on a charge of burglary of a • ISAAC RAY WILLBORN, 24, was arrested by the
- HCSO on a charge of driving while license invalid. • AMANDA CLEMENT, 21, was arrested by the HCSO on a charge of theft.

Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3200 block of
- Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC. • **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3200 block of
- Conally. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2800 block of William. One person was transported to the VAMC. MEDICAL was reported in the 2600 block of Gregg.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of
- Westover. One person was transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL was reported in th 2400 block of Main. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported on the corner of 16th and Nolan. Three people were transported to
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 2500 block of Gregg. Two people were transported to
- STRUCTURE FIRE was reported in the 600 block of Runnels.

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TODAY

- VFW Post 2013 meets at 7 p.m. in the VFW Hall, 500 Driver Road.
- Sheriff's Posse meets at 7 p.m. in the clubhouse on the Andrews Highway.
- Alzheimer's Association, the Greater West Texas
- Chapter meets at 2 p.m. in the Howard County Library conference room, 500 S. Main. Gospel Singing in the Kentwood Activity Center
- at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome. • Order of the Eastern Star No. 67 meets at 7:30 p.m.
- at 221 Main.

WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Senior Circle meets at 10:30 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.
- · Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
- League of Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Northside Community Center. For more information, contact John Ybarra at 264-1628. The public is invited.
- Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge at 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, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-
- Genealogy Society of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.
- Big Spring Masonic Lodge No. 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until about 3 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more informa-
- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant. • Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell
- Spring City Senior Citizens 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.

Weather

Tonight...Mostly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the evening. Lows in the lower 70s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Windy. Highs in the mid 90s. South winds 15 to 25 mph increasing to 25 to 30 mph with gusts to around 45 mph in the afternoon.

Wednesday night...Partly cloudy. Windy. Lows in the lower 70s. South winds 25 to 30 mph with gusts to around 45 mph decreasing to 15 to 25 mph after midnight. Thursday...Sunny. Highs in the upper 90s.

Southwest winds 15 to 20 mph. Thursday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the upper

Friday...Partly cloudy. Not as warm. Highs in the upper 80s.

Friday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s. Saturday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s. Saturday night...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the

lower 70s. Sunday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s. Sunday night...Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows around 70.



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baseman's head into the dugout, allowing Peterson to score. Later in the inning, Tyler Vaughn hit a two-run double to add to UC Irvine's lead.

Anteaters' ace Scott Gorgen, who beat the Longhorns (2-2)Saturday with a completegame five-hitter, threw a perfect eighth.

Texas threatened in the ninth, scoring a run on a bases-loaded walk. But UC Irvine pitcher Wes Etheridge induced Chais Fuller to ground into a bases loaded fielder's choice to end the game.

Michigan 4, Vanderbilt 3

Pinch-hitter Alan Oaks homered off Vanderbilt ace David Price in the top of the 10th inning and Michigan beat the overall No. 1 seed Commodores 4-3 on Monday night to advance to the NCAA

SPURS

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the regular season, leading the league. Cleveland was fifth, holding opponents to about 93 points.

"Cleveland's an excellent defensive team, they kind of snuck up on everybody. When you talk about defense people mention the Pistons and the Bulls this year, and Houston and San Antonio

tournament's super regionals.

Price (11-1), a left-hander starter projected as one of the top picks in this week's amateur baseball draft, pitched the ninth and 10th innings in relief.

"It's the best moment in my baseball career," Oaks said. "I don't even remember running the bases.

"I knew the fastball was his best pitch. I knew it was going to come," he said.

Adam Abraham (5-1) earned the win in relief, and Michael Powers got the save with a perfect 10th.

Vanderbilt (54-13) tied the game 3-3 in the eighth on a sacrifice fly by Ryan Flaherty and a run-scoring single by Matt Meingaser.

Nate Recknagel hit a two-run homer for second-seeded Michigan (42-17). Pedro Alvarez homered for the Commodores.

The Wolverines will play the winner of the and that kind of thing. Dallas became a good team under defensive Avery (Johnson)," Popovich said. "But Cleveland is right in that category with everybody else, it just hasn't been noticed yet.'

Popovich has reason to compliment the Cavs' defense. It's largely the same as San Antonio's.

Cleveland coach Mike Brown is one of several members of the Cavaliers

Charlottesville Regional in next weekend's super regionals. The Charlottesville title game

between Oregon State and Virginia was scheduled for Tuesday.

"Oaks made me look better than I really am," Michigan coach Rich Maloney said. "Alan has superior power. We've seen him hit some mammoth home runs in practice.

"It was all or nothing. The chances of him actually doing it were not a high percentage. Alan hit the sweet spot, and it was one of the most beautiful things I've ever seen."

The loss ended a record vear for Vanderbilt, which was ranked No. 1 for most of the season and won both Southeastern Conference's regular seaand tournament son titles.

"It's like you slam on the brakes after going 100 miles per hour," coach Tim Corbin said of the organization, including general manager Danny Ferry and assistant coach Hank Egan, who used to be with the Spurs. Brown worked under Popovich as an assistant for three years earlier this decade.

"This is going to pretty much a situation where everybody knows what everybody's going to do," Popovich said. "There aren't going to be any secrets here, that's for

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sudden end to the season.

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Rutgers 2

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Oregon St. 5, Virginia 3

The defending national champions advanced to the regional championship game with two elimination wins.

The Beavers (41-18) defeated Rutgers 5-2 in the first game, then beat undefeated Virginia 5-3 to force a title game between those teams on Tuesday.

Chris Hopkins' leadoff homer started a three-run eighth-inning rally for third-seeded Oregon State against top-seeded Virginia (45-15). Jason Ogata and John Wallace followed with RBI singles that gave Oregon State a 4-3 lead. Joe Paterson (9-6), the second of four Oregon State pitchers, relieved in the fifth and struck out five in 3 2-3 hitless innings.

Jorge Reyes allowed two runs over six innings for Oregon State in the win over Rutgers (42-21).

Chapel Hill Regional Josh Horton's two-run single with two outs in the ninth inning gave North Carolina its second straight come-frombehind victory and a berth in the super region-

The top-seeded Tar Heels (51-12) trailed 5-4 in the ninth when thirdseeded Western Carolina (42-20) pulled closer Greg Holland after he walked Horton two. greeted replacement Chris Masters with a single to the gap in right-center that scored Matt Cavasinni and Dustin Ackley.

North Carolina closer Andrew Carignan worked the ninth to earn his 14th save.

The Tar Heels will face South Carolina in the super regionals.

Louisville 16, Missouri 6

Chris Dominguez drove in seven runs with a grand slam a three-run shot and the third-seeded Cardinals (44-21)advanced to the super regionals with a seasonhigh 21 hits. Dominguez homered four times in the last three games. Topseeded Missouri (42-18) hosted a regional for the first time.

Clemson 15, **Coastal Carolina 3**

Andy D'Alessio went 3for-4 with two RBIs and Marquez Smith had a career-high four hits and drove in three runs to lead the second-seeded Tigers (41-21) into the super regionals against Mississippi State. finished with three homers among 20 hits.

top-seeded The Chanticleers (50-13) have

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never advanced past the regionals in seven NCAA appearances.

South Carolina 11, **Charlotte 6**

Phil Disher's grand slam in the fourth inning gave the Gamecocks the lead for good and they advanced to the super regionals for the seventh time in eight years.

Disher's grand slam gave South Carolina a 6-5 lead. It was Disher's 15th homer of the season and the 110th for South Carolina, which leads the nation in homers.

Charlotte (49-12) had 15 hits, but left 11 men on base in the game that was delayed nearly three homers by a thunderstorm in the third inning.

South Carolina (45-18) will be at North Carolina this weekend.

Wichita St. 3, Arizona 0

Travis Banwart allowed two hits over 7 2-3 innings and Tyler Weber homered in a three-run fifth inning to lead the Shockers (53-20) to the super regionals for the first time since 1996. Wichita State had lost in four straight regional championship games.

Banwart (10-5), relieved early in Friday's loss to New Orleans, struck out 12 to tie a career high.

The top-seeded Shockers beat second-seeded Arizona (42-17) on Sunday night to force the championship game.

be held August 6-10 in Cloudcroft, N.M.

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Teams finishing in first through third place will receive individual team shirts, while the top three finishers in the homerun derby will receive Tshirts.

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Coahoma Bulldogs baseball camp set

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

The camp 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.

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The Big Spring High School Tennis Boosters Club will hold its end of year meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday in the BSHS Athletic Training Center.

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Cloverleaf tourney slated for June 14

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Texas Tech schedules summer sports camps

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The Texas Tech Golf Camp for boys and girls ages 11-18 will begin Thursday and through Sunday. Call (806) 742-3355 for more information.

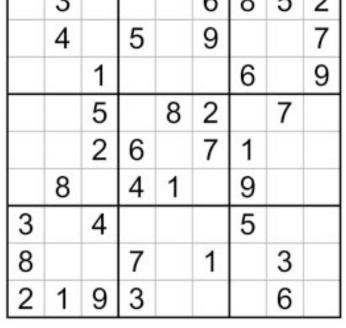
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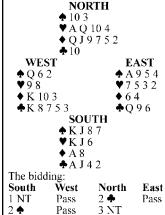
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By Steve Becker

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then plays the ace and eight of diamonds. You could win the trick with the king, but that would not be the wisest thing to do. Assuming East followed suit, you'd have to guess what to do next and might easily go Instead of deliberately putting

partner's queen of clubs with the ace,

your head in a noose, you should play the ten of diamonds and wait for declarer's next move. He is virtually sure to continue with a diamond at trick four, and on this trick East will have an opportunity to indicate what he'd like you to do.

As it happens, on the third diamond East signals with the nine of spades. It is then easy for you to lead a spade, even though South bid the suit earlier. After East takes the ace, he returns the nine of clubs through declarer's jack, and your side cashes four clubs tricks for down two.

Note that in this particular case you did not find the winning defense on your own, which can happen in some deals. Here you required some vital assistance from partner, and by refusing to take the king of diamonds at trick three, you gave him a chance to help you out.

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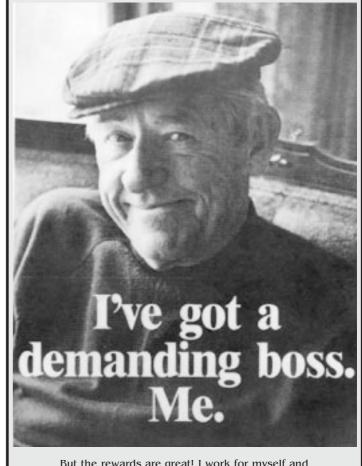
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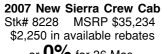
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GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It's your lucky day to ask for everything. Don't hold back. There are blessings to be had lining up faster than callers on your call log. Such unparalleled generosity makes your day one of the best of the year.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You discover hidden funding. In doing what comes naturally, your own special talent is the secret. Is it possible to money doing earn something you despise? Sure. But it won't make vou a millionaire.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Maybe it's not what you know, but who you know that makes you a smashing success and adorable, Nah. too. You're smart, you look smart and you know it. Nonetheless, you love your worshippers, and they love you, too.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're popular, and when given a standing ovation, you rise to the occasion, but come off as a reluctant celebrity. Your modesty captivating. Just don't let it steal your sunshine. Sunbathe in it. You deserve it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). When a matter of taste becomes a matter of principle, it's your way of authenticating your ideals. You want only the best, and it's what you expect from others.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're arm candy, being shown off for your budding tycoonery and talent. Your ideas make their business hum, so why shouldn't they praise you? Receive the compliments, and don't worry about reciprocating today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your flamboyance and flair attract the right person into your orbit. This one is like a moth dancing around your vibrant light. A Gemini or Leo person is the perfect counterpart to your plan.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A hidden, longlost talent reveals itself in the midst of a humdrum project. Don't dismiss this as an ordinary, everyday event. This revelation is lifechanging if you let it be.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Love is such a gamble for you, but one worth taking. There are many rounds and second chances. Call off all bets against love. These odds are supremely, gloriously stacked in your favor.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You make it your personal habit to care deeply for those in need. Change looks effortless on you that others consider your advice the way they do a physician's. You may feel like a servant, but your behavior is royal. ASTROLOGICAL

QUESTIONS: Venus enters Leo. What better way to celebrate Venus' entry into Leo than through the eyes of a fabulous Venus in Leo celebrity? In our (fictional) interview we ask our celebrity Venus in Leo, Madonna, a few questions. HM: Hello, Madonna. Now, some people have accused Venus in Leo of being hedonistic. What's your opinion? M: "Poor is the man whose pleasures depend on the permission of another." HM: How true. That brings us to the subject of money. Venus in Leo has a taste for the extravagant. How do you keep up your lifestyle? M: "A lot of people are afraid to say what they want. That's why they don't get what they want." HM: Yes. But don't you worry about what the other person wants, say your husband? M: "Listen, everyone is entitled to my opinion." HM: Right. OK ... um ... hmmm ... M: "To me, the whole process of being a SYNDICATE, INC.

brushstroke in someone else's painting is a little difficult." HM: Gotcha. Any parting words for people who need to embolden their love lives with the heady gusto you're notorious for? M: "Better to live one year as a tiger, than 100 as a sheep." HM: Great. Thank you, Madonna. **CELEBRITY**

PROFILES: Bad boy Marky Mark Wahlberg is all grown up. There's still a bad boy in him, he's just moved to the light side. Wahlberg's Mars is in rebellious Aquarius, so he does well playing edgy fringe characters fighting for justice. Time has transformed his moon in Scorpio's instinctual emotional responses into emotionally intelligent ones. This year brings another transformation for Wahlberg — love and marriage.

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Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I am 66 and have been married to a wonderful man for a little over a vear. I was a widow for 10 years, and "Bill" was divorced a long time ago. We have a great relationship with one exception: I am iealous of his widowed sister.

Before Bill and I met, he and "Jane" spent a lot of time together on golf outings and other trips. I don't have a problem with Bill being close to his sister, except for the ways in which it affects our relationship. I think Jane knows more about our personal plans than she needs to.

For example, Bill was very reluctant — almost afraid — to tell her about our engagement. He discussed proposal plans with her and showed her the ring. She made sharp comments about wedding location chose and was nosy about the details. Bill kept leaving me at a prewedding party and even at the wedding to check on her. The morning after our wedding, he commented that he ought

to call Jane. Last Christmas, Jane insisted on having a jacket just like one Bill gave me. She interfered with our plans to attend a family gathering to the extent that we ended up not going. He told her about his surprise for our anniversary, and she "innocently" let information slip in a conversation with me and didn't apologize. Bill had to change his plans.

feels I overreacting. I am trying to be less hurt and offended by these incidents, but they keep happening. Am I too sensitive, or is Bill too attached to Jane? Senior Bride with Young **Emotions**

Dear Senior Bride: Jane sounds a bit jealous of you — she interferes with your plans and doesn't like Bill to be romantic. Discussing proposals and wedding details is not unusual — it's what his mother might have done, and we suspect this is how Bill relates to Jane.



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A lot of this is minor (the jacket) and will resolve itself over time, but set boundaries when comes to giving Jane advance notice of your plans.

Dear Annie: In the past year, I have attended several bridal showers. I try to select a gift from the couple's registry and always bring something

nice. After one of these showers, the bride and groom neglected to invite my husband and me to reception. Mythe husband and I are both friends of the engaged couple. I assumed if one was invited to a bridal shower, it meant one should get an invitation to the wedding reception.

It is insulting to be told I am good enough to buy a gift, but not good enough to share in the special day. Am I stuck in the Dark Ages? —

Used for a Gift Dear Used: Unless the reception is family only, being on the invitation list for a shower means you should be on the list for the wedding, too, reception and all. Brides should not turn friends into personal banks by giving them the "honor" buying of presents without the accompanying privilege

of sharing in the occasion.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Worried Mom in Derby, Kan.,' and know exactly how she feels. My daughter, "Lizzie," is also 10 years old and thought she was a little heavy at 88 pounds.

Finally, Lizzie went to our family doctor for an exam. I took the nurse aside and asked her to make a positive comment about Lizzie's weight. Not only did she do this, but she alerted the doctor. He sternly, told Lizzie "You're still growing, so I'm not too worried, but at 4 feet 11 inches, you should weigh closer to 95 or 100 pounds. Be sure getting enough sleep and exercise."

Hearing this from a medical professional made a big difference. I sent the doctor a thankyou note and a loaf of homemade bread. Relieved in Eastern Ohio

Dear Relieved: You, the nurse and the doctor handled Lizzie beautifully and cleverly. Thanks for sharing.

Dear Annie: I rent one of my bedrooms to "Kirby." He pays his rent on time every week without fail. He drinks a little too much, but it doesn't seem to interfere with his job or his rent payments.

The problem is, Kirby brings his girlfriend over, and she has no job and no way to pay her way. I have no intention of letting her perch herself in my house and run up my utility bills. Plus, she has a drug problem crack cocaine. Kirby says he loves her and wants to help, but I refuse to have this woman on my Ι property. have threatened to call the police.

I've known Kirby for 20 years, and he has never stolen from me. I feel bad about his girlfriend, but I don't trust her. Am I within my legal rights to keep her off my property? What should I do? Confused in Pensacola, Fla.

Dear Confused: As the owner, you get to determine the rules of your house, and that includes who rents the space and who comes and goes. We suggest you tell Kirby that either the girlfriend stops visiting or he must move out. You should rent the space to someone whose companions do not require that you have police protection.

Dear Annie: I was a leader of a youth organization for five years, the last two serving city The chairperson. council's representative. "Bev," was on the awards committee and suggested we all nominate each other for "Outstanding you're eating right and Leader." Each woman needed two letters, and Bev said she would write the second letter if there was only one submitted. I wrote a letter for each of the other five leaders, and at least one person was supposed to write a letter on my behalf.

The awards ceremony came, and all the others stood up to get their pins while I was left alone at the table wondering why no one nominated me. I tried to put on a happy face and assumed it was an accidental oversight, but no one said anything. I excused myself to use the bathroom, had a little cry and went home.

I actually thought one of them might nominate me the next year to make up for it — after all, that's what I would have done. So I attended the awards ceremony the following year, but there was no pin for me. Not one of those women ever said a word about it. I quit the group after that.

It's been five years, and I still haven't gotten over the hurt. It certainly feels intentional. How do I stop letting this bother me? — Want Just Acknowledged

Dear Just Wanted: Whether or not it was intentional, one of those women should have spoken up and, at the very least, expressed sympathy. Hurts like this can last a long time because they are never addressed and resolved. If this incident enters your mind infrequently, consciously substitute more pleasant thoughts and move on. If you think of it obsessively, please consider counseling.

Annie's Mailbox written by Kathy Mitchell Marcy and Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column.

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State briefs

Dallas police believe man lured to his death

DALLAS (AP) — A 21-year-old Central Texas man was fatally shot when he drove to Dallas with cash to buy a used car in a meeting that police said could have

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Christian Marton was shot in the chest Sunday night when he arrived at an apartment complex to meet the car's seller, Dallas police said.

Marton had traveled from Axtell, about 15 miles northeast of Waco, after finding the car on the Internet and then negotiating the selling price through phone calls, police said.

"We believe it was a ruse, especially from what we're gathering ... that he was given specific streets to turn on and where to go," Dallas police Sgt. Larry Lewis said. "Then he ended up at this location."

State to study sale of Central Unit prison

SUGAR LAND (AP) — The state plans to study the possibility of closing a century-old prison farm near Sugar Land as a neighboring airport considers expansion and residential development draws near.

The study of the Central Unit is included in a bill passed this legislative session dealing with continued operations of the Texas Department of Criminal

The Central Unit, an all-male maximum security prison opened in 1909 on the Imperial Farm sugar plantation, has been whittled down over the years to 336 acres, including the fields tended by inmates.

The bill calls for a feasibility study of closing the Sugar Land prison and moving its operations "to a location that more appropriately addresses the needs of the correctional system."

Fugitive arrested 5 days

after fleeing in deputy's car

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — Police have arrested a man five days after he allegedly escaped his handcuffs during a traffic stop and then fled in a patrol car with an assault rifle on board.

Fidel Perez, 39, still had the handcuffs hanging from one of his wrists when Corpus Christi police arrested him at a trailer home on Monday, Nueces County Sheriff Jim Kaelin said.

A tip led police to the trailer home, where Perez was arrested without incident.

"He seemed tired, very tired," Kaelin said. Perez had been on the lam since Wednesday when he

Justice. The bill is awaiting Gov. Rick Perry's signa- was pulled over with another man on suspicion of copper theft.

Arrests made in death

of man found in Lake Texoma

DURANT, Okla. (AP) — Federal authorities have arrested three people in connection with the death of Texas man whose body was found floating in Lake Texoma following the Memorial Day holiday weekend. authorities said Monday.

Investigators believe Tristan York died about May 23 but his body wasn't found in the lake until May 27.

An autopsy revealed York, from Lubbock, Texas, was beaten, stabbed and shot with a small caliber pistol, said Jessica Brown, spokeswoman for the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation.

A probe by federal, state and local law enforcement pointed to three suspects in Texas, Brown said.

U.S. Marshals arrested Bobby Don Mullinix, Charles Shannon Bussey and Linda Gayle Haworth, 43, in Mineral Wells, Texas, on unrelated charges Saturday evening.

The three were booked into the Palo Pinto County jail and are expected to go before a judge for an extradition hearing to face charges in Oklahoma soon.

World/nation briefs

Presidential candidate Clinton says faith got her through husband's infidelities

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a rare public discussion of her husband's infidelity, Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton said Monday that she probably could not have gotten through her marital troubles without relying on her faith in God.

Clinton stood by her actions in the aftermath of former President Clinton's admission that he had an affair, including presumably her decision to stay in the marriage.

"I am very grateful that I had a grounding in faith that gave me the courage and the strength to do what I thought was right, regardless of what the world thought," Clinton said during a forum where the three leading Democratic presidential candidates talked about faith and values.

"I'm not sure I would have gotten through it without my faith," she said in response to a question about how she dealt with the infidelity.

The forum, sponsored by the liberal Sojourners/Call to Renewal evangelical organization, provided an uncommon glimpse into the most personal beliefs of Clinton and rivals John Edwards and Barack Obama. The three candidates were invited by Sojourners founder Jim Wallis; most of the other Democratic candidates appeared on CNN later Monday to discuss their faith.

Al-Qaida front group claims to have killed U.S. soldiers captured in Iraq ambush last month

BAGHDAD (AP) — Insurgents linked to al-Qaida issued a video Monday claiming they killed all three U.S. soldiers captured in an ambush last month. "They were alive and then dead," a voice said during a sequence of images that included the military IDs of two Americans still missing.

The nearly 11-minute video by an al-Qaida front group, the Islamic State of Iraq, offered no proof that the soldiers were killed and buried. The U.S. military insisted the massive manhunt south of Baghdad will

"We condemn the tactics used by these terrorists." and are using all means available to pursue those responsible," said Brig. Gen. Kevin Bergner, the chief military spokesman in Baghdad. "We continue to search and hope that our two missing soldiers will be found alive and in good health."

The video, posted on a militant Web site, included grainy black-and-white footage said to have been taken during the May 12 pre-dawn ambush. It also showed credit cards, money and other personal items the mil-

itants called "booty." A headline said: "Bush is the reason of the loss of your POWs."

The video was likely a show of strength by al-Qaidalinked militants, who find themselves increasingly engaged in violent battles against more moderate Sunni insurgents in Iraq.

Judges at Guantanamo throw out 2 cases, a reversal for Bush administration

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba (AP) — With one word — "unlawful" — the only two warcrimes trials against Guantanamo detainees fell apart in a single day, marking a stunning setback to Washington's attempts to try dozens of detainees in military court.

Two military judges dismissed charges Monday against a Guantanamo detainee accused of chauffeuring Osama bin Laden and another who allegedly killed a U.S. soldier in Afghanistan.

Salim Ahmed Hamdan of Yemen and Omar Khadr, a Canadian who was 15 when he was arrested on an Afghan battlefield, were the only two of the roughly 380 prisoners at Guantanamo charged with crimes under a reconstituted military trial system.

Monday's rulings stand to complicate efforts by the United States to try other suspected al-Qaida and Taliban figures in military courts.

Defense attorneys and legal experts blamed the rush by Congress and President Bush last year to restore the war-crimes trials after the U.S. Supreme Court threw out the previous system, declaring it unconstitutional.

Basque separatist group ETA calls off year-old cease-fire, says will be 'active on all fronts'

MADRID, Spain (AP) — The Basque separatist group ETA called off its cease-fire on Tuesday, saying the government was not committed to ending the nearly 40-year conflict.

Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero broke off contacts with the ETA after the group blew up an airport parking garage in December, killing two people. The group responded by saying it considered its March 2006 truce still valid and insisting the deaths were unintended.

On Tuesday, however, the group notified two Basque newspapers that the cease-fire will end at midnight and described itself as "active on all fronts to defend the Basque homeland."

ETA had declared the cease-fire unilaterally, saying it wanted to negotiate an end to the conflict, which has left more than 800 people dead.

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Blount said.

Because of a state-mandated cut in the property tax, Sands CISD property owners will likely pay less in taxes this year even while incurring debt service on the new building.

Taking debt service into account, Blount said the tax rate will still drop 10 cents when the new budget is adopted later this



summer.

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24th & Johnson 267-8288 James David Boettcher, 59, died Friday. Private family services will be held at a later date.

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OTHER VIEWS

Lessons need to be learned from failings

here's a certain air of second-guessing from people who, quite frankly, are not in a strong position to be able to say "I told you so" in the 229-page report released Friday by the Senate Intelligence Committee on pre-Iraq war intelligence assessments made in January 2003.

Only a few critics outside the political class and even fewer elected officials predicted that a U.S. invasion of Iraq could easily destabilize Iraq and lead to al-Qaida being strengthened rather than weakened.

Apparently, however, such views were expressed in assessments that were reportedly widely circulated inside the U.S. government. The National Intelligence Council issued two papers that purportedly represented a synthesis of views across the 16agency U.S. intelligence community.

These papers predicted that establishing democracy in Iraq would be "a long, difficult and probably turbulent challenge," noting that Iraqs political culture did "not foster liberalism or democracy." They also predicted that an invasion would "probably boost proponents of political Islam" and that "funds for terrorist groups probably would increase as a result of Muslim outrage over U.S. actions."

That sounds pessimistic, but it could be that the Intelligence Council reports were not pessimistic enough. They predicted that oil production would increase within a few months of the invasion and that oil revenue would ease reconstruction costs.

At the time, you may remember, public statements were predicting that U.S. troops would be greeted as liberators, and a working democracy would emerge fairly quickly. Military planners were figuring the number of U.S. troops could be reduced substantially by summer of 2003.

Release of these assessments follows publication of former CIA chief George Tenets book. "At the Center of the Storm," in which he writes of a January 2003 CIA assessment that predicts that "a post-Saddam authority would face a deeply divided society with a significant chance that domestic groups would engage in violent conflict with each other," and that "fear of U.S. domination and a widespread belief probably would attract many angry young recruits to extremists ranks."

Some of these releases are self-serving, and not all of these negative suggestions were front-and-center in the reports. The U.S. made plenty of mistakes (the most fundamental of which was the decision to invade in the first place), but the most important were a failure to consider that there could be negative consequences following a swift military victory, and to plan beyond the invasion.

Psychologically, it is easy to understand a tendency to dismiss negative thoughts once you have decided on a course of action, but especially in war it is prudent to hope for the best but prepare for the worst. Administration enthusiasts apparently believed their own rosy scenarios and planned (or failed to plan)

The point of the Monday morning quarterbacking should be not to point fingers, but to encourage leaders in any future conflict to go beyond cheerleading and be ready if and when rosy scenarios turn darker.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Our willingness to grasp Your word, Lord, will enhance our willingness to get along with others.

Amen

Keep a sharp eye on warming zealots

hether or not blind faith in man-made, catastrophic global warming has become a new religion, many of its adherents, ironically, embrace it with the same type of unquestioning zeal they sloppily attribute to and summarily condemn in Christians.

Case in point: House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, after leading a congressional delegation to Greenland, declared that she and her fellow travelers saw "firsthand evidence that climate change is a reality, there is just no denying it."

LIMBAUGH Pelosi is also sure the "global warming" is caused by human beings. She said, "It wasn't caused by the people of Greenland; it was caused by the behavior of the rest of the world."

Well, that settles it then. Speaker Pelosi sees Greenland's ice expansion, and the world is coming to an end. The debate is even more over; we now have a consensus about the already-declared consensus! Never mind substantial contrary evidence and opinion.

Pelosi, in keeping with her M.O. of lauding our foreign critics and enemies, praised the German government for its leadership on global warming. She made the trip consistent with her self-appointed role as shadow commander in chief and foreign policy czar — in anticipation of the upcoming Group of Eight summit. There, the leading industrialized nations will discuss possible successors to the Kyoto Protocol, the international treaty, set to expire in 2012, that places limits on carbon dioxide emissions.

In the Jimmy Carter spirit of bashing the president and the United States on foreign soil in front of foreign leaders who are emboldened by American self-flagellation, Pelosi subtly criticized President Bush for failing to endorse Kyoto. Once again, she sided with a foreign government over her own.

Pelosi said, "We hope that we can all assume our responsibilities with great respect and that our administration will be open to listening to why it is important to go forward perhaps in a different way than we have proceeded in the past." In other words, the president should get off his selfish, imperialistic, unilateralist duff and join European nations in their quest to bankrupt themselves in furtherance of a highly dubious (and debatable — yes, debatable) cause.

Before Pelosi condemns President Bush too fiercely on this subject, she should be reminded that Democrats, along with Republicans, passed a unanimous Senate resolution (95-0) in 1997 opposing the United States's participation in Kyoto absent certain conditions. First, it must apply to developing nations, and second, it must not result in serious harm to the U.S. economy. Moreover, President Clinton never sent it to the Senate for ratification.

What about the environmental track record of Germany and other European nations that signed the Kyoto treaty and, along with double agent Nancy Pelosi, are scolding the United States for destroying the world?

Again, the facts are not Speaker Pelosi's friends. According to Chris Horner's delicious "Politically Incorrect Guide to Global Warming and Environmentalism," Europe promised it would live up to Kyoto; it isn't. It promised its carbon dioxide emissions would be down, but they're up, it promised its emissions would be dropping, but they are rising. "Since 2000 they are increasing three times as fast as America's." No matter.

Europe still lambastes America because, like good liberals, it subscribes to the axiom that good intentions mean more than results.

Horner also exposes the lie that we have nothing to lose by signing on to draconian treaties like Kyoto, even if the global warming scare turns out to be a hoax. One of several damning Department of Energy studies estimates that our Gross Domestic Product would be reduced by at least \$77 billion and by as much as \$283 billion. Add to this the inconvenient truth that reductions in economic productivity are often accompanied by reductions in environmental friendliness.

Horner sets forth countless other refutations of warming dogma and reveals that "even Kyoto's proponents acknowledge that despite accepting, for the sake of argument, Kyoto's underlying assumptions, and even were it implemented fully, universally, and perfectly, it would have no detectable effect on temperature increase. Ö Kyoto might avert — delay, in fact, by just six short years — projected future warming of an undetectable few-hundredths-of-onedegree Celsius by 2050."

While I'm sure many are convinced of the benign intentions of the global alarmists and discount any conspiratorial design on their part to radically compromise our capitalism, liberties and sovereignty, it's hard to understand how they would proceed differently if they were active conspirators.

Those who are willing to give up so much in pursuit of so little can't possibly be accused of an affinity for the glorious uniqueness of America. We must keep a sharp eye on them.

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Bush, Blair fading into the gloom

ritish Prime Minister Tony Blair, fading like a sad smile, made his farewell appearance at George Bush's White House last week. Even as he and The Decider were having their final tête-à-tête (one head of state to another), Blair's Labor Party was choosing his successor.

The star-crossed couple, wallowing deep in the trough of public opinion, was full of praise for each other in a joint Rose Garden appearance. And, indeed, they made a lovely pair reminiscent of Damon and Pythias, Laurel and Hardy, Bonnie



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and Clyde. No, wait. They were more like "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid."

Remember the final scene of that movie, when Butch and Sundance (Paul Newman and Robert Redford) are pinned down in a building by a squad of federales?

They decide to shoot their way out, unaware that in the meantime a small army of soldiers has joined the squad. As the outlaws sprint out into the sunlight, guns blazing, the camera freezes.

That's the way the film ends, with Butch and Sundance in freeze-frame, dashing to certain doom.

Which is pretty much where George and Tony are. Dead men walking. Blair has been thrown out of office and branded by Brits as Bush's poodle. President Bush's approval ratings are lower than

Paris Hilton's. But the two leaders continue to be a comfort to each other. Bush told of sitting with Blair on the Truman balcony, talking over old times. Failing presidents love the Truman balcony, named after that patron saint of despised politicians, Harry Truman. It reminds them that one can leave office in disgrace, yet have one's reputation redeemed by history.

It's obvious that they expect just that. In response to a series of tough questions at the press conference, Blair said:

"We took a decision that we thought was very difficult. I thought then and I think now, it was the right decision. History will make a judgment at a particular time.

"But one thing I know is that what we represent coming here today, speaking in the Rose Garden, to you people and getting your questions and being under your pressure...that is a finer and better way of life than either a brutal, secular dictatorship or religious extremism."

Yeah, Tony, but isn't that setting the bar a little low? Maybe there's a Third Way.

The thing about this war that its dwindling band of supporters refuses to admit is that it was unnecessary to the war on terror.

We went into Afghanistan because al Qaida — the terrorist organization that gave us the bombers of the World Trade Towers and the Pentagon — was there. And before we got that job finished and knocked off Osama bin Laden, we diverted our attention to Iraq — where al Qaida was

Saddam Hussein, brute that he was, was keeping al Qaida out of his country because he was afraid it would subvert his despotic regime. When we got rid of Saddam, al Qaida moved in, much to our misfortune.

So what has our war done for us? It has opened Iraq to al Qaida, made our archenemy Iran stronger and weakened our strongest Arab ally, Saudi Arabia. We are virtual pariahs in the region.

If you're going to fight terror, you should at least do it in a way that reduces terror, not inspires it.

I know, we are trying to bring democracy to the Middle East. Great. Woodrow Wilson would be very proud.

But the secret that no one wants to talk about is that majority rule in the Middle East is the last thing we should be seeking.

The people there hate us; they want us out of their homelands. In addition, they lack a real concept of minority rights, and without minority rights democracy is just another form of tyranny. If you don't believe me, ask the Founding Fathers.

Still, I shall miss Blair. He had a

nice way with a phrase. Too bad he fell in with bad com-

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DISTRIBUTED BY MINUTEMANMEDIA.ORG. Bird Poop:

Purple martin survives brush with Mississippi kite, church



As the largest member of the swallow family, the purple martin actively defends its nesting site. Even hawks and vultures respect the tenacity of this winged wonder.

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n its endless search for insects, the glossy, sometimes iridescent bird swept across the college campus. Soaring, turning, its darting flight undulated over trees, buildings and cars. Seeming to stop and change direction in mid-air, the streamlined being neared the steep, shingled roof of a nearby church.

Having arrived in late February after his journey from South America, the slender bird had announced his presence and the beginning of spring. With a reputation of being one of the earliest of birds to migrate, the sleek guardian had awaited the return of the females. Having established his old nesting site, he had spent his days in anticipation.

After his intended joined him, he had participated in the building of their nest. Grass, leaves, twigs, feathers and mud were collected. Helping at times to incubate her eggs, he had also been active in protecting their home from sparrows and starlings. The hatching of new life meant he would join his mate in feeding and caring for the

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When his offspring had fledged, the sleek bird spent more time in flight. Diving toward the ground and skimming barely above the grassy expanse of the college campus, he owned the air. Crossing the road, the sleek avian wonder started elevating as he approached the church. His graceful flight was suddenly interrupted by the unexpected presence of a medium sized hawk. The bird of prey had been in mid-dive to scare cicadas out of the campus pine trees.

With his long, pointed wings enabling him to veer sharply, the bird eluded the Mississippi kite, but grazed the

side of the church and tumbled to the ground. Mowing at the far end of the church lawn, a yard man witnessed the near collision of the two birds. Hurrying to the fallen flyer, he carefully gathered it in his hands and rushed inside the church.

When she saw the dazed, but still breathing bird, the secretary wondered if the purple martin could survive such an ordeal. Putting it in a box lined with tissues, she assured the man every effort would be made to save the

During "baby season," our phone calls were numerous. For us to receive one regarding a purple martin was rare. Unless weather extremes caused starvation or the abandonment of nests, we seldom had one come our way.

The delicate creature, with its bluishblack plumage, was obviously a bird of the skies. Short legs and small, weak feet were more for roosting than walking. The tiny, wide gaping mouth was nature's design for capturing flying insects out of the air.

With a scraping noise inside the box, the purple martin struggled to stand. Wobbly, he informed us that he was still alive. After giving him time to become oriented to his new surroundings, we considered his condition. Too groggy to fly or even perch, he was gaining in alertness. Thawing some small insects, we decided to try gently tossing them his way in hopes that he might attempt to grab them out of the air. Nothing happened. His tiny whiskers, or facial bristles, would have to be gently pulled to open his mouth if force feeding were necessary.

After many tiny crickets had come his way, he finally decided to grab one. Swallowing it, he looked for more. A few hours later, he had managed to get on the lowest perch. His recovery had begun.

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Parents Corner: Building your house right

ave you ever noticed that there are many things in this life that are not as they appear?

A few years ago I visited a place in Salt Lake City that the locals called Gravity Hill. It was in a beautiful area of the city and the hills were numerous but this one hill defied its looks. My dad parked our car and asked me to get a ball



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right. I told him what I thought was uphill. He placed the ball on the pavement very carefully then released it. Much to my amazement the ball began to travel what appeared to be uphill and studying the situation as carefully as I could I still could not be assured which was up or down.

Many times life is like that hill and we seem to travel in circles trying to figure out our direction.

Such is the case with a story attributed to Annie

Dillard. An elderly carpenter was ready to retire. He told his employer-contractor of his plans to leave the house building business and live a more leisurely life with his wife, enjoying his extended family. He would miss the paycheck, but he needed to retire. They could get by.

The contractor was sorry to see his good

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WHAT WILL I DO

asked yourself question? What will I do? We all

This story is about that very same question and how we will probably answer it.

What will I do if it rains all day and I wanted to play outside? I will

find something to do inside. There are lots of things we can do inside. We can play with our toys. Maybe you have a toy that is like a bulldozer. I

do! I can take my bulldozer from the box where I keep it neatly stored and

if I use my imagination, I can build roads, or, I can push down old dead trees, clearing the way for my new highway I am building. Do you have a toy bulldozer? Do you keep it put away in a safe place when you are not using it?

With my bulldozer, I can build great big sand

these sand mountains until they are once again flat lands. I can do many things with my bulldozer.

I can dig big holes to bury something. I can then cover up the same big holes. I can push a car out of the mud. I can even push a big truck out of the

What will I do if I don't have a bulldozer? I will play with another toy I have in my room. Do you have a farm tractor in your toybox? I do! With my farm tractor, I

can make beautiful farms like we see almost everywhere. I can plow the fields with my farm tractor. I can plant my crops with this tractor. I can even harvest my crops with my tractor. What would you plant for your crop? I will plant potatoes. I like potatoes! Do you?

you ever mountains. I can push friend is angry with me? I will ask him why he is angry. If I said something or did something that made him mad, I will



tell him I am sorry and I tell him funny jokes. I will never do that again. I like my friends and want very much to keep them as friends. A good friend is a treasure. Do you have a good friend? I'll bet you do. Do you try to make new friends every day? I do!

What will I do if I don't What will I do if my best feel well? I will tell my

mother or father that I don't feel well and they will try to help me feel better. They always do. My mother and father are

> nice people. They are always trying to make happy. I am

> happy because I know they love me. And, I love them!

What will I do if my friend is not feeling well? I will try to make my friend feel good because I love him too, and I do not like it when he is not feeling well. I will

will make him laugh. When he laughs, I feel better, too. I will laugh too! Do you ever make your friend laugh? Does that make you feel good and want to laugh, too?

What will I do if my best friend moves away? I will write to him and tell him about all the things that are happening with my life. I will get letters from him, telling me about the things he is doing. I will never lose my good friends. We may be far apart, but we can stay close to each other by writing each other letters and calling each other on the telephone.

When we are older, we can meet again. We will be friends forever!

What will I do when my brother or sister grows up and moves away and has a family of their own? I will visit them and get to know their family and love them. I will never be far away from my brothers and sisters because they are in my mind all the time. I will think about them everyday. Do you have brothers and sisters? Do you think about them often?

What will I do if my mother and father tell me they love me? answer to this one is easy. They have always been here to help me when I am hurt.

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protected me from things that could hurt me. What would I do? I would tell them that I love them too, and I always will.

What will I do if they read a bedtime story to me just like this one, and then they tuck me in, after smiling at me once more, then telling me good night? I know what I will do! I will tell them, "Good Night!"



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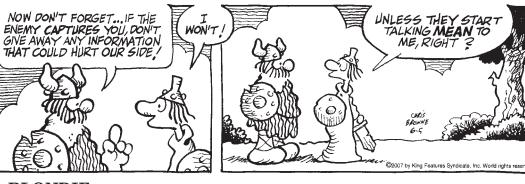
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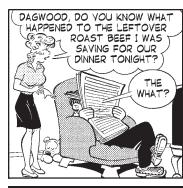


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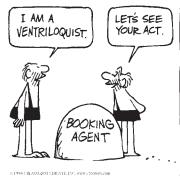






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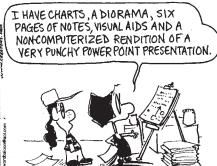






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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, June 5, the 156th day of 2007. There are 209 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On June 5, 1968, Sen. Robert F. Kennedy was assassinated in Los Angeles' Ambassador Hotel after claiming victory California's Democratic presidential primary. Gunman Sirhan Bishara Sirhan was immediately arrested.

On this date:

In 1884, Civil War hero Gen. William T. Sherman refused the Republican presidential nomination, saying, "I will not accept if nominated and will not serve if elected."

In 1917, about 10 million American men began registering for the draft in World War I.

In 1933, the United States went off the gold standard. In 1940, during the World

War II Battle of France, Germany attacked French forces along the Somme line.

In 1947, Secretary of State George C. Marshall gave a speech at Harvard University in which he outlined an aid program for Europe that came to be known as "The Marshall

Mideast as Israel raided military aircraft parked on the ground in Egypt; Syria, Jordan and Iraq entered the conflict. In 1976, 14 people were

In 1967, war erupted in the

killed when the Teton Dam in Idaho burst. In 1981, the Centers for

Disease Control and Prevention reported that five homosexuals in Los Angeles had come down with a rare kind of pneumonia; they were the first recognized cases of what later became known as AIDS.

In 1986, a federal jury in Baltimore convicted Ronald W. Pelton of selling secrets to the Soviet Union. (Pelton was sentenced to three life prison terms plus 10 years.)

In 2004, Ronald Wilson Reagan, the 40th president of the United States, died in Los Angeles at age 93 after a long struggle Alzheimer's disease.

Today's Birthdays: Actorsinger Bill Hayes is 82. Broadcast journalist Bill Moyers is 73. Rhythm-andblues singer Floyd Butler (Friends of Distinction) is 66. Country singer Don Reid (The Statler Brothers) is 62. Rock musician Fred Stone (Sly and the Family Stone) is 61. Rock singer Laurie Anderson is 60. Country singer Gail Davies is 59. Author Ken Follett is 58. Rock musician Nicko McBrain (Iron Maiden) is 55. Jazz musician Kenny G is 51.

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Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Cushy
- 10 Slightly open,
- 14 "Stop, horse!"
- **15** Constellation
- **16** Entice 17 Med.-school
- course
- 19 Is deceitful
- formation
- **24** Boat in
- Genesis
- 25 Remark of uncertainty
- 27 "Leatherneck" soldier
- **33** Go _ for
- tennis
- Abbr.
- **42** Raison d'
- 44 Dough-rising
- ingredient
- 47 Far-reaching
- 48 Tidbit of food
- 51 Catch some
- agcy. 53 Woman's
- formal wear
- 62 Turk's neighbor

64 Ceramic

65 Middling

66 Patsies

repair need

poker pair

67 Sports cable

68 Grind, as teeth

network

69 Courtroom

DOWN

statement

1 Make a trade

2 Cry of dread

3 Baby horse

ambitions

inventory

8 Gator relative

vigorously

6 Carry in

9 Attacked

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4 "So long!"

5 Have

- **5** Dog protection
- as a door
- components
- 18 Casual shirts
- 20 Arctic
- 23 Lion or leopard

- 31 Book of maps
- the ride 34 Nastase of
- 35 Naval leaders:
- 39 Not as much
- 43 Roll-call response
- 45 Bird sound
- views
- rays **52** Air-quality
- 60 Talk wildly
- 63 Opera solo

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10 Everyone **11** Morning

- beverage
- 12 Neighborhoods
- **13** Takes it easy
- 21 End-to-end measure
- 22 Tiger Woods'
- grp. 26 Common
- practices
- 27 Husband or wife
- 28 Frequently
- 29 Loud crowd sound
- 30 Small bays
- 31 On the ball 32 Bike wheel
- 34 Phrase of
- 7 Devoid of color understanding

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- **36** "Darn it!"
- 37 Butte's larger cousin
- **47** Disappear suddenly 48 Join forces 49 Milky gems

38 Adjusts, as

a clock

41 Examining

46 Very small

40 Placing into

a bookcase

- **51** Fork prongs 54 Ireland
- nickname 55 Grandma
- **56** Sound of fright

50 Accumulated,

as debts

- **57** Nonwritten exam
- **58** Help with the dishes
- **59** Space Shuttle org.
- **61** Midmorning

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FEATURES

Taking care of the rule breakers during family get-togethers

ost of my family and my husband's family live many, many miles away from us. Everyone, that is, except my brother and his immediate family. Therefore, we spent many weekends with them and we all have a really great time together, too.

Because of our closeness, both families feel that it is per-



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fectly acceptable to give each other uncomplimentary nick-names based on their gaffe of the moment.

For example, many of our gettogethers include a cookout with all the trimmings. Chips and dip are

a staple of any cookout worth going to, of course. The germophobes in our families were the first to coin an uncomplimentary name for the perpetrators of the most heinous act: dipping the chips into the dip after vou've already taken a bite. This, as most people know, is called double-dipping. We have a few of these villains in our midst, but they've been

trying to curb their unhealthy impulses since we named them "The Double-Dippers."

Swimming is also a staple of our get-togethers in the summertime. Unfortunately, swimming and chips and dip don't go well together. So, although there are chips available for swimmers and non-swimmers alike, everyone knows better than to reach their dripping

wet hand into the chips lest they be labeled,"A Chip-Dripper.'

We've solved this dilemma with the following protocol: When a swimmer (from here on called a "dripper") wants some chips, he/she must ask the person sitting closest to the chip bowl to scoop some chips

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MARTIN

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With the porch lights on that evening, I was able to swat some moths for several meals. The next morning the martin made his first attempt to fly across the cage. When he discovered he could do it, his confidence increased. By afternoon, he seemed at ease with

So it is with many of

us. We build our lives, a

putting less than our best

into the building. Then

with a shock we realize

we have to live in the

day at a time, often

so differently.

distance and timing. Since there were

numerous dragon flies and mosquitoes in our neighborhood, in addition to a thriving colony of martins a few blocks away, we decided on the fourth day that his return to the sky was imminent. Taking him outside, I opened my hand and wished him well. After a few seconds, he flew upward and over the house as if he had

mine the outcomes and

But I guess another discovery is finding that life is not simple.

ever wonder why men's clothes have buttons on the right while women's clothes have buttons on

Circling our lot, he gained altitude with ease. His twittering chatter soon attracted another martin in flight. Together, the birds fed while flapping their

never had a problem.

the left?

It seems when buttons primarily by the rich. Because wealthy women were dressed by maids, Since most people are right-handed, it is easier

wings and sailing over houses. Riding the wind, the twosome joined others in graceful harmony.

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

RYAN

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worker go and asked if he could build just one more house as a personal favor. The carpenter said yes, but in time it was easy to see that his heart was not in his work. He resorted to shoddy workmanship and used inferior materials. It was an unfortunate way to end a dedicated career.

When the carpenter finished his work, his employer came to inspect the house. He handed the front-door key to the carpenter.

"This is your house," he said, "my gift to you." The carpenter was shocked!

What a shame! If he had only known he was building his own house, he would have done it all house we have built. If we could do it over, we'd do it much differently. But we cannot go back.

carpenter. Each day you hammer a nail, place a board, or erect a wall. "Life is a do-it-yourself project," someone once

said. Your attitudes and

In this life, you are the

the choices you make today build the "house" you live in tomorrow. How we spend our days is, of course, how we spend our lives.

So as we go through this life either trying to figure out which way is uphill or building our personal life, we have choices to make which we must live with.

Davy Crockett once said, "Be sure you are right then go ahead!"

However, to be sure we are right, we must consider the choices, deterweigh the costs before a decision can be made.

Oh, by the way, did you

were invented they were very expensive and worn dressmakers put the buttons on the maid's right.

to push buttons on the right through holes on the left. And that's where women's buttons have remained since.

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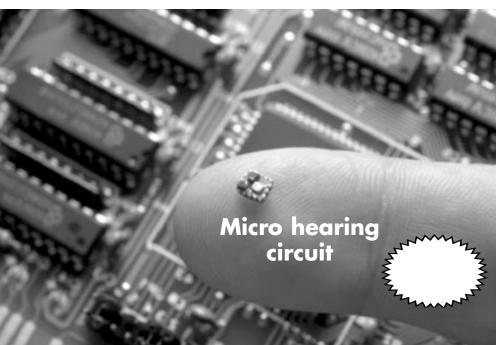
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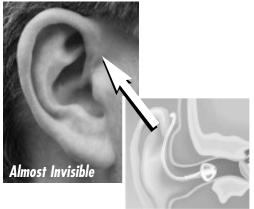
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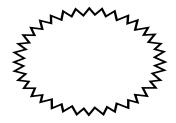
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House chairman pushes for tough win power regulation

By MARY CLARE JALONICK

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Birds and bats have a powerful advocate in the new Congress, and he is making the wind energy industrv nervous.

Rep. Nick Rahall, chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee, is pushing legislation that would more strictly regulate wind energy to protect birds, bats and other wildlife killed when they fly into the giant turbines.

Wind energy advocates say the bill could significantly cripple the burgeoning industry and they brand the measure as "anti-wind."

A release from the American Wind Energy Association last month said Rahall's plan could "essentially outlaw" the generation of electricity from new wind power plants in the United States.

Texas' wind-power capacity stood at 2,749 megawatts at the end of March, enough to power

"I suspect that wind projects are on a regular basis in violation of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and the Endangered Species Act, yet no enforcement action is being taken"

more than 600,000 average-sized homes a year, according to the Energy American Wind Association. Next up was with 2,376 California megawatts, the association said.

Political debate over wind projects has intensified as the industry has seen major growth in recent years. According to the association, wind power is growing 25 percent to 30 percent annually.

Congress has encouraged this renewable energy as oil prices have skyrocketed, creating incentives for the industry and promoting its benefits. But some lawmakers are concerned about the effects on wildlife.

Rahall's proposal, included in a larger energy bill, would direct the Fish and Wildlife Service to publish standards for siting, construction and monitoring of wind projects so that they do not harm wildlife. Violators could go to prison.

After opposition from some members of his committee, Rahall has said he will revisit the legislation. The wind provisions are "not locked in stone," he said.

Still, Rahall, D-W.Va., believes more regulation would be a good idea.

"I suspect that wind projects are on a regular basis in violation of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and the Endangered Species Act, yet no enforcement action is being taken," he said at a recent hearing on the issue.

Frank Maisano, a spokesman for wind developers in the Mid-Atlantic region, says the industry has frequent discussions with government regulators and environmental groups.

Rahall "is throwing out the

a needle in there somewhere," making us develop in a smart way."

Some in coal-rich West Virginia disagree.

John Stroud, the co-chairman of Mountain Communities for Responsible Energy, is fighting a wind power project in Rahall's district, saying it will spoil scenic views and endanger bats.

"Something like this is greatly necessary because these concerns are generally ignored," Stroud says. "Most states don't have much regulation.'

John Kostyack, senior counsel for the National Wildlife Federation, says his group is working with Rahall to finetune the legislation.

"We think that any energy company, even in an industry we strongly support, needs to grow responsibly," he said,

Last month, a National Research Council panel said the

entire haystack because there's risk to birds and bats is not yet completely understood. That he said. "There are plenty of report also noted that wind checks on the system that are farms could generate up to 7 percent of U.S. electricity in 15

It is unclear if Rahall's position could pass muster in the

Senate. A spokesman for Sen. Jeff Bingaman, D-N.M., who is chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, said the senator is supportive of the industry and will remain so.

GOP Sen. John Thune, who has introduced legislation that would give the industry more incentives, was more blunt.

"This proposal is badly misguided and is a step in the wrong direction," said Thune of South Dakota, one of the windier states. "Congress should not be blocking the development of one of the nation's cleanest energy resources ... I will fight any efforts to stymie its development because of unfounded concerns for bats and birds."

LAURA

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out with their dry hand and place them into the wet hand of the "dripper", thereby saving the entire bowl of chips from the dripping disease which causes soggy chips.

Okay, so we've covered the "Double-Dipper" and the "Chip-Dripper." What other transgression could possibly be cause for name-calling? Well, I'm glad you asked.

Our get-togethers almost always include a board game. Not one of those "great fun for two to four players" kind of games. I'm talking about the kind of games where you have a whole herd of people and you split them into two teams. Usually it's either their family against ours, or guys against the girls.

The girls almost always win, but we all know that it's not the guys' fault that they are so lame. So my brother's family against ours creates less tension between the genders when it's time for the visitors to go home.

These games are the highlight of our visits and are very competitive. No Double-Dippers or Chip Drippers are allowed to play as no one can monitor the chip bowl except between rounds.

The name-calling comes into play when the box of cards with the questions and answers is mishandled. The security and sanctity of the box of cards is breached when someone tries to pick a card from the middle instead of from the correct end of the box.

These culprits are caught almost instantly because most of us know which cards have already been read. The name for these malefactors is called "A Middle-Picker."

Middle-picking is con-

sidered a very serious offense and the evil-doer is severely remonstrated and told that, if caught doing it again, they will get 50 lashes with a wet noodle.

Yes, our time together is great fun. Even though we've never really succeeded in preventing the "Double-dippers," "Chip-Drippers" and "Middle-

Pickers" from breaking

the rules, they somehow add to the pleasure of our families' visits anyway.

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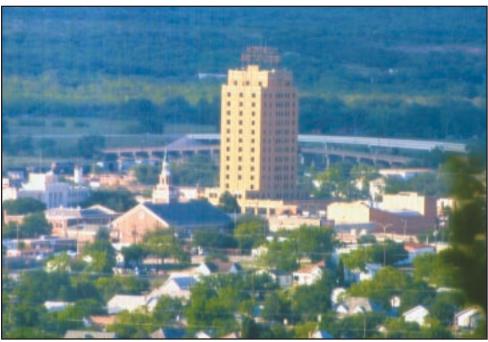


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