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Worthy to be named 'Boss of the Plains'

Will receive honor Saturday at National Ranching Heritage Center

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Managing Editor
LUBBOCK — Big Spring businessman Jerry N. Worthy has been selected for the 2007 Boss

of the Plains Award from the Ranching Heritage Association. He will receive the honor Saturday at the National Ranching Heritage Center,



Worthy

located at 3121 Fourth Street in Lubbock. Saturday's event will begin with a reception at 6:30 p.m., which will be followed by a dinner and the award presentation at 7:30 p.m.

The ninth person to receive the annual award, Worthy is being recognized for both his service and generosity to the museum and historical park. The Boss of the Plains was created in 1999 as an annual award to honor individuals who are highly regarded in the ranching industry and who have provid-

ed noteworthy support of the National Ranching Heritage Center. Worthy's business career has included interests in the oil business and as owner and operator of Worthy Construction Co. He helped See **WORTHY**, Page 3A

Festival

Sacred Heart fundraiser begins Friday

By DUSTIN WILSON
Staff Writer

There's always something about church festivals that bring in the summer months. And Sacred Heart Catholic Church parishioners are no stranger to that, spending the last 60 years unveiling the season with their annual festival Friday and Saturday.



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"We want to have fun for the family and keep it a Christian-oriented environment," said Jennifer Patton, the church's public relations coordinator. "The turnout for our event is usually really good. We want to invite the community of Big Spring to attend, because this festival is for anyone of any denomination, not just for us."

Highlighting the festival will be games, contests and live music. "There's such a wide variety of games this year, including dart contests, coke tosses, cake walks and we'll have a big washer tournament," added Patton. "We are going to have a lot for the kids this year. We'll have both baseball

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Longtime Relay for Life volunteer Diane Wood, right, receives an award from Texas RFL officer Steve Zamzow in recognition of her many years of work at the local, state and national level during the Howard-Glasscock Relay for Life Wrap Up Tuesday in Garrett Hall.

Relay For Life wrapup: \$185,000 and counting

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Make that \$185,000 — and counting. Money raised during the 2007 Howard-Glasscock Relay For Life inched past its goal, officials announced, and more money is expected in the near future. Officials made that announcement during the annual Relay Wrap Up, held Tuesday at First United Methodist Church's Garrett Hall. To date, the cancer research fundraising event has raised \$185,923 in total receipts, RFL volunteer Diane Wood said. Net proceeds to

date are \$176,386. This marks the second straight year that the event has surpassed its goal and it gave outgoing chairman Vickie Stewart a positive sendoff. Jenny Sayles, this year's co-chair, will succeed Stewart as chairperson for next year's Relay, while Angela Kennedy will be the 2008 co-chair. Barbie Jones, community manager for the Midland American Cancer Society office, said Stewart will be missed. See **RELAY**, Page 3A

Legends & Legacies

Wine & cheese tasting preview event Thursday

By BILL MCCLELLAN
News Editor

A touch of history, some cheese, a little wine, good conversation. What more could you ask for? Heritage Museum will be the "place to be" Thursday evening as the facility gets ready for its annual Legend and Legacies fundraiser. From 5 p.m. until 7 p.m., the public is invited to come view the five paintings which will be auctioned June 19, enjoy some wine and cheese, and meet some



Schrecengost

of the artists. "These are very talented works of art and we really appreciate all the effort, time and devotion these artists put into them," said Tammy Schrecengost, curator. "These are their renditions of older black and white photographs and they have made them come alive." The works are by five local artists — Sue Bagwell, Carole Berry, Estelle Howard, Kay Smith and Leada Wood. They illustrate historical buildings and homes — and a livestock pen in one case, home to a longhorn and buffalo. Thursday is also an opportunity to view some other items that will be auctioned June 19, including a Howard County historical knife and a "Totally Texas Basket," which is actually a horse trough filled with Texas-related gifts. They include a rodeo night on the town, complete with jeans, boots, rodeo tickets and a hotel stay; a floral painting by Kay Smith; candy and treats from Susie's South Forty; a Yahoo Cake and Jeanie's Fancy Pralines; a trip to Fredericksburg with a meal and wildflowers to plant; a trip to Austin See **LEGENDS**, Page 3A

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THURSDAY ACTIVITIES

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. Everyone is invited.

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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.

EXIT LEVEL TAKS

Big Spring High School will be offering the Exit Level TAKS Retest, July 10-13, 2007.

Please report to the Big Spring High School library at 8:30 a.m. Please bring a picture I.D. Schedule:

Tuesday, July 10, English Language Arts
Wednesday, July 11, Math
Thursday, July 12, Science
Friday, July 13, Social Studies.

RODEO PARADE CHANGE

The board of the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion & Rodeo has moved the starting location of the parade.

The rodeo parade will begin at the corner of Main and 11th streets. Starting time remains at 5:30 p.m. on June 21. Entries should line up south of the Main and 11th starting point. Side streets may be used to enter the flow of the parade.

The rodeo itself gets under way at 8 p.m. June 21 and continues nightly through Saturday, June 23. Advance sale prices are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children and can be purchased at the chamber and other locations in town.

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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 school 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 from the Juvenile 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 Dallas National 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.

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 pick-your-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 the 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 fields. Registration begins at 9 a.m.

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

For more information, call Jason Starr at 816-6005 or Andrew Martinez at 466-3901.

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

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Big Spring youth softball team takes fourth in Andrews

Herald Staff Report

ANDREWS — Big Spring's Elite played in the Schools out for Summer Softball Bash in Andrews during the weekend, placing fourth out of 11 West Texas and New Mexico teams.

The 8-and-under team, sponsored by Karns Machine Shop, was an all-star squad put together by coaches and managers of different teams in the Big Spring Girls Softball Association. The head coaches involved with the Elite were Mike Mata and Carlos Mata from the Diamond Batz. They were assisted by Jim Deel from the Wildcats and J.D. Gonzales from N-V-US. The Elite were managed by Jolene Deel and Teri Vela.

"Every one of the players

played their best," said Jolene Deel. "The coaches and managers could not be prouder of all the girls."

The Big Spring stars played a total of eight games during the three-day tournament, winning six.

After winning two games Friday night, Saturday's action saw the Elite involved in four total games, winning three of the four and advancing to the quarterfinal round Sunday.

After winning their first game Sunday, the Elite dropped a semifinal game by one run, eliminating them from the tournament.

Deel notes that this team

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Courtesy photo
Big Spring's Elite took fourth place in the eight-and-under division at the School's out for Summer Softball Bash in Andrews.



HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull
Big Spring Steers football coach Nick Roberson, far right, and other coaches led several first through eighth graders through the Big Spring Football Skills Camp Tuesday. The camp started Monday and will continue until Thursday at Big Spring High School's Athletic Training Center.

Big Spring youth get head start on football skills

By JONATHAN HULL
Sports Editor

Not enough can be said about the importance of initiating a player's knowledge of a sport at the earliest age possible. The earlier a player can get started in understanding an athletic program's system and a sport's required skills, the better he or she will understand what is expected.

This is a point emphasized at Big Spring High School's Football Skills Camp.

"The goal is to get these guys out here and get them involved in the program," said Big Spring football coach Nick Roberson. "We want to get these guys believing

that they're Steers."

The camp started Monday and continues through Thursday lasting from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. each day at Big Spring High School's Athletic Training Center. It is for students going into the first through eighth grades.

Roberson is joined on the camp staff by Mitchell Woodard and Chris Joslin. The coaching staff believes that it is important for the future of Big Spring football to have youth learning the system at an early age.

"One day these guys are in junior high, and the next thing you know, these little guys out here today are playing on the varsity team," said

Roberson, who is in his fourth year as a Big Spring High School coach. "Any time you can develop a player's skills at a young age, the better off you are. Not only are we developing skills for football with this camp, but we're developing skills that could help these kids with any sport."

The camp puts an emphasis on punting, passing, kicking and catching, with more time spent on passing and catching. Some of the drills that the campers participated in Tuesday included several route running drills good for wide receivers and backs. The coaching staff had the students pair up and took them through

one-on-one and two-on-one exercises.

Roberson feels that anything the youngsters learn during the week will help them in the future.

"If you've caught a ball 1,000 times by the time you're a freshman, then you're going to catch the ball more efficiently than a guy that has only caught it 100 times," he said. "It's about repetition. The more repetitions a child can get at an early age, the more it will benefit him later on."

Contact Sports Editor Jonathan Hull by calling him at 263-7331, ext. 237, or by e-mailing him at sports@bigspringherald.com.

Spurs' Bowen prepared to guard LeBron

By ELIZABETH WHITE

Associated Press Writer

SAN ANTONIO — In his more than 10 years in the league, San Antonio's Bruce Bowen has seen plenty of impressive players and breakout performances — most of them just a few inches from his face.

So when his matchup with LeBron James of the Cleveland Cavaliers is billed as the top confrontation to watch in the upcoming NBA finals, Bowen is neither fazed nor impressed.

"The No. 1 assignment in the league?" Bowen repeated back when asked about guarding James. "That's your opinion, that's your opinion. ... There's a lot of other scorers in this league, too."

The Spurs' Bowen, who turns 36 on June 14, has been voted to the NBA All-Defensive team the last seven years and was selected for the first team the last four. He's been runner-up for Defensive Player of the Year the last three seasons.

The 6-foot-7, 200-pound Bowen will likely get much of the time against the 6-8, 240-pound James, who scored a career playoff high 48 points in Game 5 of the Eastern Conference finals against Detroit.

Since then, James's offensive prowess has dominated most talk about the finals. But Bowen isn't necessarily buying into it, especially not when the finals start Thursday in San Antonio.

"I think Michael Jordan's 60-something points in Boston was

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Rangers score six in first, hold off Tigers

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON — These days, winning is tough for the Texas Rangers even after building a big lead.

Victor Diaz hit a grand slam in the six-run first inning and Detroit starter Nate Robertson didn't retire a batter, yet the Rangers had to hold on for a 7-4 victory Tuesday night.

Rangers replacement starter John Rheinecker got some outs, but he wasn't much better than Robertson, allowing 12 base runners (seven hits, four walks and a hit batter) and four runs in three-plus innings.

"The outing stunk," said Rheinecker, activated from the disabled list after Vicente Padilla was scratched because of an irritated right triceps. "The fastball command was definitely not

there."

Instead of an easy victory at home for Texas, Rheinecker gave up three runs on four straight hits to start the second. He was done after the first three Detroit batters reached in the fourth, including Brandon Inge's leadoff homer that cut the deficit to 6-4.

"They kept him in trouble," manager Ron Washington said. "It got a point we had to see what we could do to keep the game where it was."

Willie Eyre (2-2) got out of the two-on jam by retiring Gary Sheffield, Magglio Ordonez and Carlos Guillen in order, then pitched another shutout inning. Eric Gagne pitched the ninth for his fifth save in five chances.

The slam by Diaz came right after an RBI single by Sammy Sosa, who has gone two weeks

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MCT photo/Ralph Lauer
Texas Rangers second baseman Ian Kinsler completes a double play after tagging out Detroit Tigers' Marcus Thames (33) in the third inning Tuesday in Arlington.

Obituaries

Ruth Ann Box



Ruth Ann Box, 74, a dedicated daughter, loving mother and grandmother, died Monday, June 4, 2007, at a medical center in Abilene.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Thursday at the Hillcrest Church of Christ in Abilene with Terry Brown and Gary Varner officiating. The graveside service will follow at 4:30 p.m. at The Garden of Memories Cemetery in Paducah, directed by Elliott-Hamil

Funeral Home, 542 Hickory in Abilene. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

The daughter of Monte Belle (Hawk) and Herman Fox, she was born Nov. 14, 1932, in Crowell. She graduated from Paducah High School in 1950, earned her bachelor's degree from Tarleton State University and her master's degree from Sul Ross State University. She had a passion for teaching children and was a dedicated educator. She married Don E. Box on Aug. 10, 1952, and became widowed Aug. 26, 1976. She never remarried. In 1989, Mrs. Box moved from Big Spring to Abilene, where she was an active member of Hillcrest Church of Christ. She loved her pets and traveling.

Her husband, Don E. Box; father, Herman Fox; and brother, Roy Don Fox, preceded her in death.

Survivors include her mother, Monte Belle Chewning of Paducah; two sons, Ray Don Box and wife Cathy of Tahoka, and John T. Box of Abilene; brothers, Herman Fox of Sterling City and Dudley Chewning of Paducah; and three grandchildren, Sarah Ann Descamps and husband Matt of Abilene, and Kristin Box and Nikki Box of Tahoka.

Pallbearers will be Gary Varner, David Varner, Charles Hudson, Jim Swann, A.E. "Butch" Nelson and Jeff Fox. Doyle Richey, Michael Buchanan, Kelly Brooks, Matt Descamps and L.G. Solomon will be honorary pallbearers.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Taylor-Jones Humane Society, 3811 North 1st Street, Abilene 79603, or Camp Blue Haven, HC 81, Box 304, Las Vegas, N.M. 87701.

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Linda Q. Linebaugh

Linda Q. Linebaugh, 57, of Sweetwater died Tuesday, June 5, 2007, at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene following a courageous battle with lung disease. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, June 7, 2007, at McCoy Chapel of Memories under the direction of the Rev. Ward Hayes. Entombment will follow in the Garden of Memories.

The family will receive friends for visitation from 9 a.m. until 10 a.m. Thursday, June 7, 2007, at McCoy Funeral Home in Sweetwater.

Linda was born Oct. 10, 1949, in Sweetwater. She was a Baptist and had lived in Sweetwater most of her life. She worked as an inspector for Walls Industries.

Survivors include her father, Alvin Parrish of Sweetwater; a brother, Allen Parrish and wife Pat of Big Spring; a sister, Melissa Lewis and husband Brian of Ranger; two sons, Richard Linebaugh and wife Lisa and Ronny Linebaugh and wife Portia, all of Sweetwater; two daughters, Tyna Knowlton and husband Gaylon of Big Spring and Shelley Linebaugh of Tye; and seven grandchildren, Porscha and Paige Knowlton, Blake and Daniel Linebaugh, Whitney and Drake Gomez and Ryan Linebaugh.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Edna Parrish on Nov. 29, 2005, and by a brother, Harold Parrish, on March 17, 2006.

Pallbearers will be Drake Gomez, Blake Linebaugh, Ryan Linebaugh, Daniel Linebaugh, Colby Nix and Joe Daniel.

Memorials may be made to Hendrick Hospice Care, 1682 Hickory, Abilene 79601.

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Take Note

• **ORDERS FOR ANGELFOOD MINISTRIES FOOD BOXES** will be taken June 8-9 and June 15 at North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church, 2702 N. Birdwell, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

• **ST. MARY'S AND FRIENDS OF ST. MARY'S ARE HOLDING A LAP BLANKET DRIVE** to place approximately 400 lap blankets in the hands of every nursing home patient in Big Spring. Blankets can be taken to the church office, 1001 Goliad, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Friday or call Connie Fowler at 267-2713.

A beginning crochet class is being held at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the church's Parish Hall.

• **BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL WILL BE OFFERING THE EXIT LEVEL TAKS RETEST**, July 10-13. Please report to the High School Library at 8:30 a.m. Please bring a picture I.D. Schedule: Tuesday, July 10, English Language Arts. Wednesday, July 11, Math. Thursday, July 12, Science. Friday, July 13, Social Studies.

• **CHRIST COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP IS COLLECTING INFANT CAR SEATS AND CARRIERS.** These are given to new mothers who cannot afford them. To donate your old or new car seats and carriers, call Karen Allen at 263-3517 or leave a message at Christ Community Fellowship, 263-love. All donations are appreciated.

Mary Bowen



Mary Bowen, 81, of Big Spring died Tuesday, June 5, 2007, at Midland Memorial Hospital in Midland. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. David Harp, First Baptist Church in Stanton, officiating. The family will receive friends from 5 until 7 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Moore Memorial

Gardens in Arlington. She was born Aug. 13, 1925, in Fort Worth to Jenny and Francis Collins. She came to Big Spring in 1950. She was a homemaker and later worked a number of years at the Tom Boy Shop. She was a Baptist.

She is survived by two sons, James Bowen and his wife Alma of Big Spring, and Jackie Bowen and his wife Linda of Oklahoma City, Okla.; two brothers, Claude Collins of Fort Worth and Weldon Collins of Parker; four grandchildren; one great grandchild; and her special friend, Jerry Roach of Big Spring.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Jack N. Bowen on Oct. 31, 1984.

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

Jeroma Dean Long

Jeroma Dean Long, 78, of Stamford, formerly of Big Spring died Thursday, May 31, 2007, at a Stamford hospital. Memorial services will be held at 3 p.m., Sunday, June 10, 2007, at Faith Country Church in Midland. Arrangements are under the direction of Kinney-Underwood Funeral Home.

Jeroma was born Oct. 4, 1928, in Oklahoma City, Okla., to William and Virginia Stewart Sanders. She married James Oscar Sanderson Sr. in 1946 in Oklahoma City, Okla. She later married Eddie Long in 1967 in Big Spring. He died in 1993. She moved to Stamford in 2002 from Big Spring.

She was preceded in death by her husband and parents.

Surviving Mrs. Long are a daughter, Marva Dean Willis of Midland; three sons, Billy Edward Sanderson of Sweetwater, James Oscar Sanderson Jr. of Lockhart and Johnny Bruce Sanderson of Montgomery; a sister, Marva Leada Parnell of Ponca City, Okla.; 15 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchild; and a great-great-grandchild.

For directions to Faith Country Church, call Marva Willis at (432) 352-1600.

Mary Lou Walker

Mary Lou Walker of Nocona died May 31, 2007, in Arlington. Funeral services were held Saturday, June 2, 2007, in the Nocona Bethel Baptist Church with Dr. Jerry Smith officiating, assisted by the Rev. Dale Berry.

She was born Dec. 2, 1932, in Montague County, to Fred E. Boydston and Willie Begley.

Survivors include three sons, Joe Tettleton and Mike Tettleton, both of Arlington, and Doug Tettleton of Fort Worth; a daughter, Marcy Weir of Big Spring; and a sister, Wanda Johnson of Burleson.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, William J. Walker.

Services were under the direction of Scott-Morris Funeral Home of Nacona.

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Windy. Lows in the lower 70s. South winds 20 to 30 mph.

Thursday...Sunny. Highs in the lower 90s. Southwest winds 15 to 20 mph.

Thursday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s. South winds 10 to 20 mph.

Friday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s.

Saturday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s.

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

Lottery

ATLANTA (AP) — The jackpot in the multistate Mega Millions lottery drawing grew to \$25 million Wednesday.

None of the tickets sold for Tuesday's \$16 million drawing matched all five lotto numbers and the Mega Ball. The next drawing will be Friday.

The winning numbers from Tuesday's drawing were: 27, 35, 38, 49 and 56. The Mega Ball number was 15.

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

Winning numbers drawn: 10-12-29-31-37

Number matching five of five: 1

Prize: \$28,780

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AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-0-3.

Police blotter

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

- **TONY SANCHEZ**, 18, of 609 Holbert was arrested on a local written warrant.
- **JERMAINE M. EVANS**, 34, of 1313 Kindle, was arrested on a charge of theft.
- **JULIE ANN MINCE**, 34, of 504 E. Sixth, was arrested on charges of theft and criminal trespass.
- **KENNETH LEE MURPHY**, 47, of 601 E. 16th, was arrested on a local written warrant.
- **EDWIN JAMES DEAN**, 41, of 1205 Lancaster, was arrested on charges of burglary of habitation with intent to commit other felony and interference with an emergency phone call.
- **KENNETH WAYNE BANKS**, 37, of 504 E. 16th, was arrested on four local warrants.
- **ASSAULT BY CONTACT** was reported in the 2900 block of Highway 80.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 1800 block of Young.
- **BURGLARY OF HABITATION WITH INTENT TO COMMIT OTHER FELONY** was reported in the 600 block of 16th.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported:
 - in the 400 block of Fourth.
 - in the 100 block of Circle.
- **INTERFERENCE WITH AN EMERGENCY PHONE CALL** was reported in the 600 block of 16th.
- **RESISTING ARREST/SEARCH OR TRANSPORTATION** was reported in the 100 block of Circle.
- **THEFT** was reported:
 - in the 1700 block of F.M. 700.
 - in the 200 block of F.M. 700.
 - in the 3400 block of 11th.

Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 57 inmates at the time of this report.

- **STACY M. RICHARDSON**, 24, was arrested by the HCSO on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **JIM COKER**, 35, was arrested by the HCSO on a charge of speeding.
- **MICHAEL EUGENE MENDEZ**, 31, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended.
- **JERMAINE MAURICE EVANS**, 34, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD on a charge of theft.
- **TONY SANCHEZ**, 18, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD on a charge of harassment.
- **JASON M. THREATS**, 29, was arrested by the HCSO on charges of aggravated robbery and credit/debit card abuse.
- **TIMOTHY JOE FLORES**, 32, was arrested by DPS on charges of failure to maintain financial responsibility and driving while license invalid.

Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 500 block of Westover. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 200 block of E. Third. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported on the corner of Third and Runnels. Service was refused.

Bulletin Board

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

TODAY

- 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 267-6479.

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Williams booed in French Open quarterfinal loss to Henin

By HOWARD FENDRICH
AP Tennis Writer

PARIS — Befuddled all match, Serena Williams reacted to one flubbed backhand by spiking her racket to the court, drawing full-throated boos from spectators.

It was as spirited as Williams — or the crowd — got during her lopsided French Open quarterfinal loss to No. 1 Justine Henin, the one moment Tuesday when the last U.S. singles player in the tournament truly appeared to want to turn things around.

Too many mistakes and too little fight followed from Williams, though, and Henin beat her 6-4, 6-3 to close in on a third straight title at Roland Garros. This meeting bore no resemblance to their infamous 2003 French Open semifinal, a three-set tussle that featured far more drama,

acrimony and, well, competitive tennis.

"All she had to do was show up," said Williams, who won the Australian Open in January for her eighth major championship. "I thought that she did well, but I've played against her when she's played even better."

Told of those comments, Henin took the high road.

"Well, it's her opinion," the Belgian said. "I thought I did a good job. I see it from my point of view, and I did everything I could to control the match."

She certainly did, and in the process extended her record streak to 31 consecutive sets won at the French Open.

A set was lost by — gasp! — Roger Federer against No. 9 Tommy Robredo of Spain.

But Federer quickly righted himself to win 7-5, 1-6, 6-1, 6-2 and reach the

semifinals at a record 12th major tournament in a row. The first set Tuesday was the 36th in a row won by Federer in Grand Slam action, eclipsing the Open era mark John McEnroe set in 1984.

"If I can break some records, that's fantastic," said Federer, trying to become the first man since Rod Laver in 1969 to win four straight Slam titles. "But I would say that I want to stay focused on each match, each set, each point, each game."

His opponent Friday will be No. 4 Nikolay Davydenko of Russia, who reached the semifinals by beating No. 19 Guillermo Canas of Argentina 7-5, 6-4, 6-4 despite making 64 unforced errors to Canas' 15.

In the women's semifinals Thursday, Henin will face No. 4 Jelena

Jankovic of Serbia, who defeated No. 6 Nicole Pietrangeli of the Czech Republic 6-3, 7-5. The other women's semifinal pits No. 2 Maria Sharapova against No. 7 Ana Ivanovic of Serbia.

Henin is trying to win her sixth Grand Slam and fourth French Open title; the other women never have been to the final four at the clay-court major.

"I didn't come off the court and go, 'Wow, I'm in the semifinals.' That wasn't really the feeling that I had," said Sharapova, who needed rest and a cortisone shot for her injured right shoulder before coming to Paris. "In any tournament that I play — whether it's on clay or mud or whatever it is — I know what I'm capable of."

She beat No. 9 Anna Chakvetadze of Russia 6-

3, 6-4, while Ivanovic got past No. 3 Svetlana Kuznetsova, last year's runner-up, 6-0, 3-6, 6-1.

Ivanovic dumped a backhand into the net on the very first point, then won 25 of the next 32 points, prompting this postmatch analysis: "I would say I was pretty good."

Kuznetsova, who won the 2004 U.S. Open, made things more interesting until aggravating an abdominal muscle injury while serving in the second set's final game. Ivanovic took 15 of the last 16 points.

"Everything was happening really fast," Ivanovic said, "and I didn't have time to think much."

Williams didn't seem to think Henin's play had much to do with the way things went in their match, played on the same court four years to

the day after their last French Open showdown. Back in 2003, Williams was No. 1 and owner of a 33-match Grand Slam winning streak.

Nowadays, it's Henin who tops the rankings and owns Roland Garros.

That other match featured a flap over whether Henin tried to call time, and Williams also fired up the crowd by arguing line calls.

Williams lost, was jeered off the court, then teared up while talking about the rough experience.

Once again, there was more support in the stands for the French-speaking Henin, and several black-yellow-and-red Belgian flags flapped in the wind.

But the only time the fans really gave Williams a hard time was when she treated her racket like a football.

SPURS

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incredible. Now do I think it got this much media coverage? No. Did it deserve it? You could say it did," Bowen said. "Magic Johnson, his rookie year in the NBA, the show he put on in Philly. That is huge. But it goes to show you that if you're not playing anymore, it's, 'OK, well, we're looking for the next best thing.'"

"I think it was impressive what he did and going through my mind, it's nothing, because I'm not there, I'm not a Detroit Piston, I'm just watching the game as an avid fan," Bowen added.

But don't get Bowen wrong. It's not as if he hasn't taken notice of James' skills.

"It's a matter of him

being their foundation, their go-to guy, and he's going to do that night-in and night-out and it's important for us to come with our hard hats and be ready to play," Bowen said.

Bowen is used to the position he'll be in for the next couple weeks. As a defender who doesn't always put up the big numbers of Spurs teammates Tim Duncan, Tony Parker and Manu Ginobili, Bowen is often seen as the antagonist to favorites like Steve Nash and Allen Iverson.

Or James. "Everyone has an opinion. And I can't allow other's opinions to affect who I am or what I do," Bowen said.

Some of those opinions have been unfavorable. During this season's play-offs, Phoenix's Amare Stoudemire said Bowen purposely kicked him on

the court during Game 2. Bowen said he "did clip him, but to kick him, that wasn't the intention at all."

Bowen was part of another mini-controversy in the same series after he kneed Nash in the groin area during Game 3. Nash said Bowen told him the move was unintentional, but the foul originally called on the play was later upgraded to a "flagrant foul 1."

"Bruce is a nice guy, a good guy. Despite what everyone says, Bruce is a great individual," Michael Finley said. "He's not ... a dirty player, none of those things. He's a competitor."

Bowen doesn't balk at the criticism he gets, nor at the task of guarding James.

"I never play defense saying, 'Hey, I've got Tim behind me,'" Bowen said. "I think that's the error

some people may make when it comes to having a big man or taking the challenge upon yourself."

Still, Bowen's teammates and coach want him to know he's not out there by himself against James.

"Bruce's challenge is huge, but he can't make LeBron work by himself, it's got to be our team effort," said Spurs coach Gregg Popovich. "Nobody stops LeBron. He's an unstoppable player. He's one of those guys in the league that a team has to just work to make him work for what he gets. And it starts with whoever's going to guard him ... but our team has got to do a good job against him."

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Texas Baptists step up fight against clergy sex abuse

DALLAS (AP) — The Baptist General Convention of Texas has begun posting on its Web site the names of convicted sex offenders who've worked as ministers in affiliated churches as part of new efforts to stop clergy sexual misconduct.

The convention posted the names of eight convicted sex offenders last week.

"The BGCT is concerned about the problem of clergy sexual misconduct, and we care deeply about its victims," said Emily Prevost, a staff member of the Dallas-based convention.

While some of the listed offenders are in prison, the convention doesn't have information on those who are free and it can't guarantee they're not working at a church, Prevost said.

The convention also plans to cross-check a database of registered

Texas sex offenders against staff lists from affiliated churches and add the names of any pastors with a background of sex offenses.

Prevost said the point is to give the churches a tool when they're considering new hires.

About 2.5 million Texans belong to 5,600 congregations affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of Texas, the largest statewide Baptist convention in the nation. Its affiliated congregations are autonomous and free from convention control. The churches hire their own pastors.

Austin resident Christa Brown, who has worked on Baptist issues with the Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests, said Baptists haven't come to terms with the extent of the clergy abuse problem. The new steps are more than other conventions have taken but

still aren't enough, she said.

"These are very small and inadequate steps," she said.

The Rev. Benjamin Cole, pastor of Parkview Baptist Church in Arlington, has urged Baptists to do more to protect children in its churches.

"I commend the Baptist General Convention of Texas for their proactive determination, and I pray that Baptists all across the country will follow suit," he said.

The Texas convention also said it will make it easier for churches to report sexual misconduct by a pastor.

The convention keeps a list of pastors accused of sexual misconduct, such as adultery. Names are added to the list either through convictions, a confession or a report from a church.

The list is kept confi-

dential, although churches can request confirmation of whether a particular job candidate is on the list. The nature of the offense is not released.

In the past, churches that reported names for the list were required to have "substantial evidence," reviewed by a lawyer. The convention has decided to waive that requirement and add pastors' names if church officials are convinced of the misconduct.

Prevost said the change could result in more names being added to the list, which currently has fewer than 100 names.

Joe Trull, a Baptist ethicist, called the new moves a "giant step." He urged the convention to start a hotline for people to report sexual misconduct allegations directly to the convention.

Prevost said the hotline idea is under consideration.

Doctors take 1st step toward separation of conjoined twins

CLEVELAND (AP) — Doctors who have been preparing for a high-risk series of surgeries to separate 3-year-old twins joined at the head plan to complete an early operation in the months-long procedure Wednesday.

Doctors hope to separate Tatiana and Anastasia Dogaru, born in Rome, through several surgeries over about six months. Without separation, the twins run the risk of dying in early childhood.

In the daylong procedure Wednesday, surgeons have said they will begin at the girls' scalps and slowly make a wedge where the twins share their skulls. A piece of bone to be removed will be temporarily reinserted.

The procedure will give neurosurgeons their first real glimpse of the girls' brains. The medical team

had been practicing on a model designed from images.

How much separation is accomplished depends on the complexity of blood vessels, tissue and bone connections. A hospital spokeswoman said it may be Friday before doctors will be able to provide a medical update.

The girls' parents, the Rev. Alin Dogaru, a Byzantine Catholic priest, and Claudia Dogaru, both 31 and from Romania, have said they view the medical procedures as the best hope for the two girls.

Twins born joined at the head — referred to as craniopagus twins — are rare, occurring in about one in 2.5 million births. The top of Tatiana's head is attached to the back of Anastasia's, and they have never been able to look directly at each other.

RELAY

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"Vickie's been phenomenal," Jones said. "She was always open to sug-

gestions ... and she taught me how Big Spring did things. She always represented Big Spring well."

Also honored Tuesday was Wood, who received an award from Texas ACS

representative Steve Zamzow in recognition for her volunteer work at the local, state, regional and national level.

Team awards from this year's Relay included:

- Most creative campsite — Carrie's Crusaders.
- Most Laps — Yellow Dog Daredevils (440).
- Most money raised, small group division — Yellow Dog Daredevils

- (\$6,386).
- Most money raised, large group division — TexStone Rockers (\$18,160).
- Spirit Award — West Texas Centers for MHMR

Warriors for Hope. Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331, ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com.

WORTHY

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with the NRHC's acquisition of the oil drilling spudder and donated funds to help with its restoration in 2006.

A member of the Ranching Heritage Association since the late 1970s, Worthy first held board service in 1983, moving up to president of the executive committee in 1986. He also served as

chairman of the RHA board of overseers in 1988 and 1989. He helped to host the National Western Artists Show and Sale, and in 1987 dedicated "The Rancher - An American Heritage," a life-size statue at the front of the DeVitt-Mallet Museum Building.

"I have enjoyed my affiliation with the National Ranching Heritage Center," Worthy said. "It is a significant and important historical park and one of the state's best

and most unique museums.

"The activities of the executive committee during those years when I was on the board were mostly searching for, planning for and aiming for the place we are at now," he added. "Our many meetings on long-range planning, I believe, are paying off. It was all so fulfilling because the history we are preserving can help us relive the excitement of those early builders and owners

whose dreams of the future are ours today."

A longtime member of the Ranching Heritage Association's Endowment Board, Worthy has given financial support for several of the Heritage Campaign projects, including funding toward the Christine DeVitt Wing and the Rich Anderson meeting room. In 2005, he received a Founders' Award recognizing distinguished and sustained service to the RHA.

The Boss of the Plains comes from the Stetson Hat Co., whose founder, John B. Stetson, created the first true hat of the American West. The hat and its name were the first registered by Stetson in its long and colorful history. Stetson, recognizing the significance of the Boss of the Plains Award, authorized the use of their hat and its name to honor those who lead the way in supporting the National Ranching Heritage Center.

Tickets for the Boss of the Plains Award reception and dinner are \$40 each, or reserved tables for six are \$300. Reservations must be made no later than today. Contact Whitney Barron at (806) 742-2498 or e-mail her at whitney.barron@ttu.edu.

FESTIVAL

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and football ball tosses, a fish pond, a dunk booth and plinko — things that families can walk around and participate in," said Irene Galan, a church volunteer. "Not only all the

games but we'll have a country store that will be selling a lot of different items, and we'll have fresh tamale and enchilada plates for sell as well."

There will also be food booths provided by different groups in the community with homemade hamburgers, roasted corn, burritos and Indian

bread.

"We usually close the streets off at either side of the church and it's packed full of people coming to participate. It's a lot of fun for us," added Galan.

This year's live entertainment will be provided by Grupo Viento and Proximo Sonido perform-

ing on Friday and Xtremo taking the stage on Saturday.

All the money collected during the fair is returned to the church for upkeep of the church.

Church members will begin selling food at 11 a.m. Friday. The festival begins at 6:30 p.m. and lasts until midnight

Friday and Saturday.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church is located 508 N. Aylesford Street. For more information on the festival, contact Patton at 213-6904.

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Mary Bowen, 81, died. Funeral Services will be at 2:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. The family will receive friends from 5:00 until 7:00 PM Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be at 1:00 PM Saturday at Moore Memorial Gardens in Arlington.

LEGENDS

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with a tour of the Capitol and to the LBJ Museum; and various Texas books, cookbooks and wooden signs.

Plus, there will be an opportunity to enjoy a stay at Lajitas for a family retreat.

Thursday's wine and cheese tasting is, naturally, a preview for the mid-June Legends and Legacies event, which begins at 6 p.m. with a reception, fish fry and auction. Tickets are \$25 each and available at the

museum.

"We hope everyone who can will join us Thursday evening. It should be a lot of fun," said Schreengost. "Of course we want people to preview what we will be having June 19, but it's more than that. Maybe someone will come in and through these paintings develop an interest in history and in the museum. That's what is really important to us."

For those who cannot attend Thursday's event, the paintings will remain on display through Legends and Legacies on the 19th.

"Come any time. They are in our downstairs exhibit gallery and there is no charge to come in and look at them," added Schreengost.

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RANGERS

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without a homer to remain stuck at 598 for his career. Marlon Byrd followed with a triple into the right-centerfield gap and Robertson (4-6) was done after six batters, 30 pitches and no outs.

"He wasn't very good," Tigers manager Jim Leyland said. "I can't explain it. I'm going to talk to him and look into it some more. The ball isn't com-

ing out of his hand right. At some point you've got to make an adjustment. I don't know what to do with Nate right now."

Robertson has lost four of his five starts.

"I felt pretty strong going in tonight," he said. "There's nothing hindering me physically."

It was the first time in 10 years that an opposing starter failed to retire a Rangers batter, since Minnesota's Roy P. Smith gave up four runs and five hits without an out May 26, 1987.

Robertson was also the last Tigers starter who didn't record an out, but that was a different circumstance. The left-hander had a 4-0 lead at Tampa Bay when he was ejected July 8, 2005, after his only pitch was behind Carl Crawford, apparently in retaliation for teammate Placido Polanco getting hit by the first pitch of the game.

Michael Young went 4-for-4 for Texas (21-37), which lost five straight home games before its just-completed 2-5 road trip.

The Rangers hadn't scored in

the first inning since May 23 against Minnesota, a night after Sosa hit his last homer. Texas had been outscored 44-11 in the first inning this season and hadn't scored more than twice in an initial inning before their six-run outburst.

Leyland visited the mound after Robertson allowed a hit and two walks against the first three batters. Sosa then hit a ground-ball single through the left side of the infield and Diaz hit his second career grand slam, both this season.

Ian Kinsler, the first batter

faced by reliever Jason Grilli, hit a sacrifice fly to drive home Byrd and make it 6-0. Grilli pitched four scoreless innings with five strikeouts before Zach Miner struck out two in his two innings.

Inge, who missed Detroit's last five games because of a small chip fracture in his left big toe, was 2-for-4. Before his ninth homer, he hit his run-scoring hit in the second was the third of four straight singles to start that inning before Sheffield's bases-loaded walk and Ordonez's sac fly.

ELITE

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wouldn't have found the quick success it did had it not been for the support of the players' parents.

"The parents of these

girls did a great job of getting them to practice on time and many of them also showed up for the tournament itself," she said. "They were the team's cheerleaders. The parents really kept the girls' spirits up."

Deel also said Big Spring High School assistant softball coach John Sparks and the Big Spring ISD were a big help by allowing the team to use BSHS's Athletic Training Center to practice in during bad weather.

BRIEFS

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from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each day. It will be administered by the Coahoma baseball coaching staff.

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

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

Child Fishin' Tournament is set for June 23 at Comanche Trail Lake.

Registration starts at 7 a.m. and participants will be fishing until noon.

Prizes will be given away for smallest and largest fish, most and least stringer, and youngest and oldest fisherman. For more details, contact Nancy Newell at 263-7641.

campus.com. **Texas Tech schedules summer camps**

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

The second Tim Siegel Tennis Camp is set for June 17-21. The overnight camp is for players 8 to 17 of all abilities. For more information, contact Tim Siegel at (806) 742-3355, ext. 277.

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

Wes Kittley will hold his Champions of Track & Field camp June 17-20 for boys and girls ages 10-18. Contact Joe Walker at (806) 742-3355, ext. 249, or e-mail him at joe.walker@ttu.edu. for more details.

Tech's High Altitude Cross Country Camp will be held August 6-10 in Cloudercroft, N.M.

For more information, call Jon Murray at (806)742-3355 or e-mail him at jonathan.murray@ttu.edu

Big Spring baseball skills camp

The Big Spring Steers Baseball Skills Camp will take place June 18-21 at Steer Baseball Field.

The camp is for students going into first through eighth grades and takes place from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. each day.

Cost for the camp is \$20 with an optional \$10 T-shirt fee.

Contact the Big Spring ISD athletic office at 264-3662 for more information.

Magers-Powell camp scheduled

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

The camp is scheduled for July 30-Aug. 1 with sessions for middle school players from 9 a.m. to noon and the high school players' session from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

The fee will be \$125 per player.

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

Lady Hawk hoops camps scheduled

Howard College women's basketball coach Earl Diddle will host the last of his three girls' summer basketball camps June 18-21.

The Shooting and Position Camp is for girls entering grades 7-12 and costs \$60. It runs from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. each day.

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

Tennis boosters set last meeting

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.

All parents of BSHS tennis players and fans are encouraged to attend.

Cloverleaf tourney slated for June 14

The Big Spring Country Club's Women's Golf Association will host the Cloverleaf Golf Tournament June 14.

The two-woman scramble will be flighted by formula.

Entry fees are \$110 per team with cart fees and mulligans included.

Gross and net prizes will be awarded, as well as closest to the pin prizes and door prizes will be given away.

Breakfast will be at 9 a.m. with a shotgun start set for 9 a.m. Lunch and awards will take place following play.

For more information, call Joan Daniel at 432-394-4433 or BSCC professional Larry Bryan at 267-5354.

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OUR VIEWS

Remembering a debt we can never fully pay

Today is D-Day ... or in actual military terms, D-Day plus 63 years. That is perhaps not true for younger generations, but for those who lived through World War II and even their "Baby Boomer" children, this day on the calendar will always bring to mind D-Day, June 6, 1944 — the day Allied forces landed on the beaches in Normandy and began the methodical march across western Europe and the demise of Hitler's Third Reich.

Sixty-three years ago today, Allied forces stormed five beaches named Omaha, Utah, Juno, Sword and Gold.

They'd crossed a storm-tossed English Channel in the greatest naval armada ever gathered and mounted an amphibious assault the likes of which had never been seen, nor likely ever will be.

Thousands of young men's lives ended on those beaches, while the lives of those who survived would never be the same.

Today we generally accept the designation of the men and women who fought World War II as America's "Greatest Generation." And it was just that.

Today, only a few of those who took part in that monumental struggle are still with us. Almost all are more than 80 years old. There are fewer and fewer of them every day.

It may seem strange to some that we take time to observe the 63rd anniversary of anything.

But today we do need to remember.

We should remember every June 6.

Because, thanks to all of them, the living and the dead, we live in a much different world.

Our children and grandchildren don't know the horrors the world saw at the hands of Nazi Germany, Fascist Italy and Imperial Japan in the late 1930s and early 1940s.

That "Greatest Generation" did not provide us with a perfect world, to be sure.

But they most assuredly provided us with a much better world and a better nation.

Again today we are reminded that perhaps the best description of just what D-Day means came from Rene Garrec, who was president of the Regional Council of Lower Normandy at the time of the invasion's 50th anniversary observance in 1994.

In trying to explain the event's significance to his then 7-year-old grandson, Garrec wrote that to explain the significance of the Normandy invasion, he might take the boy "to see the film 'The Longest Day' because it is a wonderful movie which inspired generations of little boys: It is full of heroes. I think I would take you also to visit the American cemetery at Omaha Beach because it is the most moving place on earth: It is full of fallen heroes. Then you might understand that D-Day should remind us of two things: The gratitude that we owe to courage and the respect that liberty, paid for at such a terrible price, commands."

It is a debt of gratitude we can never fully pay.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Our happiness will result from the warmth of Your word, Lord.

Amen

Venezuela unplugs opposition TV

When the people freely give away their freedom, as they have in Venezuela, can you really feel sorry for them?

In Venezuela, President Hugo Chavez gives the people every indication that he intends to gradually take away their liberties, and yet they keep voting for him — in free elections. It doesn't make sense!

Are they masochistic? Or are they so fed up with the failures of Latin American democracies that they are willingly going back to authoritarian rule? Have they become so anti-American that they are willing to turn Venezuela into another Cuba, in spite of all the failures of the Fidel Castro regime?

The latest sign that Chavez is on his way to becoming a Cuba-style communist dictator is his refusal to renew the broadcasting license of Venezuela's oldest and most popular TV network, forcing the station off the air on May 27.

Why? Because Radio Caracas Television has been critical of the Chavez regime, and dictators don't tolerate freedom of expression.

The move has triggered massive protests in Venezuela and world-

wide condemnation from those who defend the principles of a free press.

But that won't be enough to dissuade Chavez, who is determined to rule Venezuela with Castro's iron fist.

In order to turn Venezuela into another Cuba, Chavez needs to pull the plug on a few of the remaining vestiges of democracy in his oil-rich nation — and shutting down RCTV was the start of his final effort to consolidate his authoritarian regime.

Citing RCTV coverage of a failed 2002 coup against him, Chavez has accused the station of "coup-mongering." He claims the station is controlled by "oligarchs" who are opposed to his so-called Bolivarian revolution.

But he is already threatening to censor or shut down other major media outlets that fail to report the news with a pro-government slant. His objective is obviously to emulate Cuba's government-controlled media.

The only independent journalists in Cuba are dissidents who, while banned from publishing or broadcasting in the country, continue to work through media outlets abroad.

And the same thing is already happening to RCTV journalists, who have continued airing their newscasts on Colombia's Caracol cable TV signal and on

youtube.com.

Amazingly, the censorship of RCTV came only one week before Sunday's annual General Assembly of the Organization of American States, which is meeting in Panama City and will be pressured to respond to Chavez' latest antics.

After all, the 34-nation OAS is expected to promote the democratic principles that Chavez is clearly violating.

Yet, although some delegates are expected to comment on the RCTV censorship in their speeches, OAS insiders are already warning that it is not likely that Venezuela will be formally reprimanded.

That's because, while the Bush administration continues to ignore Latin America, Chavez has been using Venezuela's oil wealth to buy the loyalty of many Latin American leaders who are not likely to condemn the censorship publicly — even if privately they find it abhorring.

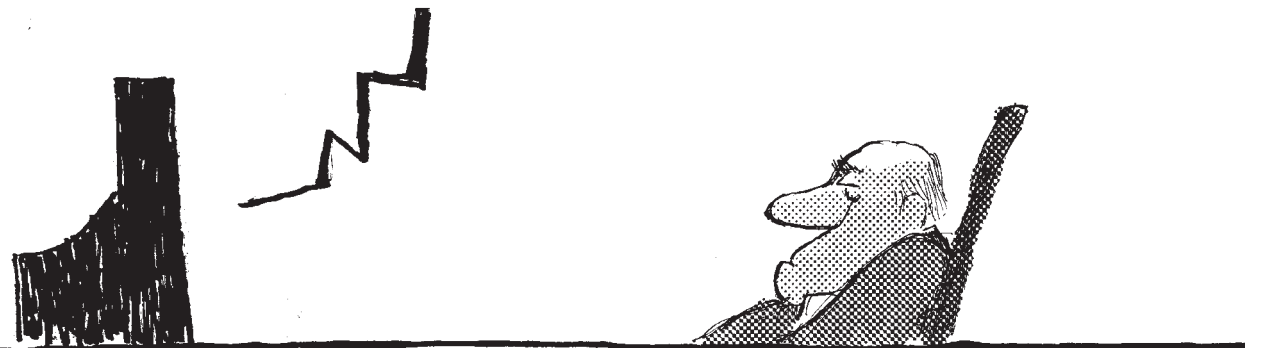
It's all about having the fortitude to stand by the democratic principles you are expected to espouse. If the OAS fails to act on something so basic to its core mission, if it fails to formally condemn the Chavez regime, then the time has come to question the need for its existence.

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MIGUEL PEREZ

NAFTA IS DESTROYING JOBS IN AMERICA...



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JOBS THAT WOULD NORMALLY BE DONE BY RED BLOODED, ILLEGAL, MEXICAN IMMIGRANTS.



McAfees are extreme hobbyists

A friend told me I should visit with Jane and Delmer McAfee in Odessa. "They have a bunch of railroad stuff and some old cars," said the friend.

What an understatement.

A sign on their entrance wall reads "Texon Santa Fe Depot Museum." I noticed two cabooses sitting on railroad tracks next to a train depot. Jane found the original Texon depot building at Sheffield where it had been used as a feed store. She bought it and had it shipped to Odessa.

The first thing Jane showed me in the depot was a talking mannequin dressed up like a ticket agent. Jane flipped a switch and the mannequin came to life, telling me about Santa Rita Number One, the discovery well of the Permian Basin, drilled in 1923 near Texon.



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

She spent a year restoring it. The building also has three sets of elaborate Lionel trains.

We stepped outside and climbed aboard a railroad gang car. It has a handle that you pump by hand to make the little car travel along 100 yards of track. Jane says when kids come, this is their favorite thing about the museum. The railroads replaced the gang cars with pickups.

We then toured the cabooses. One is completely restored; the other is in the process of getting back to the way it was in the late '40s.

Jane likes Santa Fe because she grew up in Temple and Santa Fe trains ran through the town. Her daddy loved model trains.

Her museum is open by appointment only.

Jane's husband, Delmer, has three or four steel buildings on the place to keep his cars. He has 90. The real premium vehicles are kept in an impressive underground garage that has an elevator to get the cars in and out. He

spent a year building that garage. On the floor above he has a '50s soda fountain complete with two jukeboxes pumping out 50-year-old hits.

Delmer loved drag racing as a boy. Back then he would see cars he liked, but couldn't afford. He bought them later when he could. He still has the '59 Chevy he had in high school. He has dozens of other Chevys from the '50s and '60s. He has other types of vehicles besides Chevrolets, like a 1941 Willys.

"That was the year I was born," says Delmer. "When we used to go to the drag strip, we loved to watch Willys run. They were the fastest things there. I finally managed to get me one and I worked on it a little. It's got a 500-cubic-inch Chevrolet motor in it with a blower on it — 826 horsepower."

He has a split-window 1963 Corvette that was built just one year. He has had that car more than 20 years. Sometimes he drives one of his vehicles to work at his oil field business.

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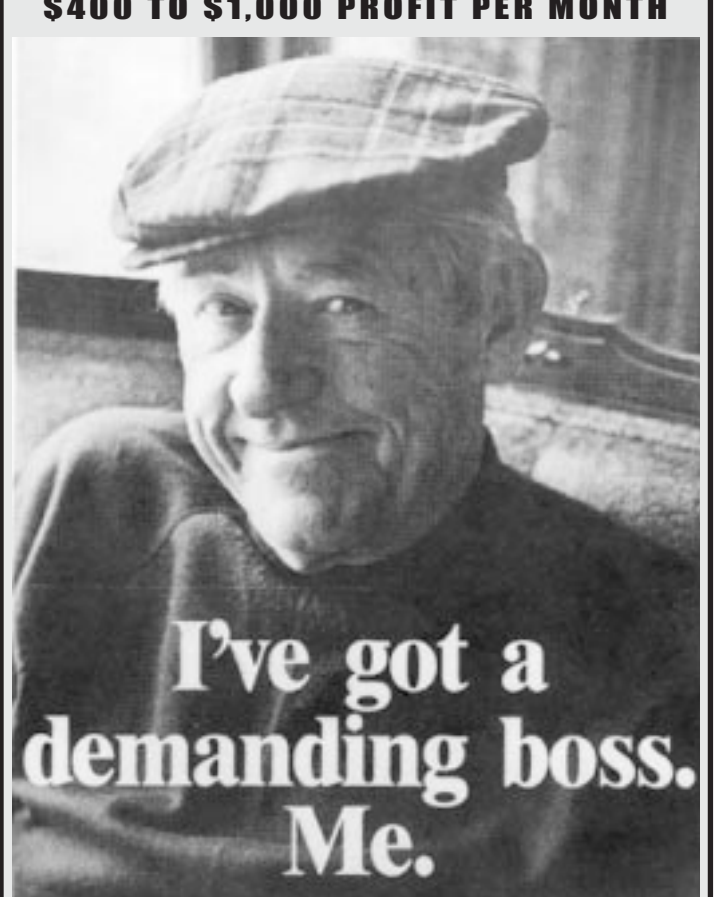
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BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

Today's Aquarian moon energy calls on our inner geek. Tinker with projects. Socialize. Tool around on the computer. The sun in Gemini is airy, like the Aquarian moon, and the experimental, lofty and even scientific have appeal. What's more satisfying than getting your freaky geek on? That's for you to decide. Air signs are up for it.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You see the world as a stage. Trust the stage master's ability to give you the right cue. Don't let your uncertainty about tomorrow cloud your ability to give your best performance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You care about what your friends think, but you don't need to change your direction because of their whim. Opinions, even facts, change like the wind. Set your compass to something that won't shift.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Whatever's new, your mind can absorb it better than anyone else's can. Use your advantage. Read from the best-seller list or learn new software. Keep your status as the hippest kid on the block.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). If you still aren't doing what you love for money, the risk to your well-being is becoming much too important to

ignore. Singles: Gemini intrigues you, but Aries will ask you out first.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). A relationship reveals surprising new angles, giving you more reasons to primp and preen in front of the mirror. A makeover or new hairstyle during the next month would go over smashingly for you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). In every partner dance team, there's a leader and a follower. The lead gives signals so subtle the untrained eye doesn't see them. Your cues may be so unconscious you don't even notice them. But someone's following your lead.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You find a way to make taking out the trash fun, always bringing the best of yourself to the job, be it big or small. In the greater scheme of things your personal happiness relies on this willingness to show up wherever you're called.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Doubt is poison to your plan. Faith is magic growing sauce — you can't overdo it. If friends think you're living in a fantasy world, that's a sign that you're on the right track. Believe.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You want to be loved. And others want to love you. So it's a perfect match of energies. However, due to insecurity on both of your parts, others will be looking to you to set the precedent on how to proceed.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You decide what

you give value to in your world by noticing it. Take a walk and notice how much has changed since yesterday — a new restaurant opened, a seasonal flower is now in bloom. There's so much to learn.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You conjured up someone to play with! How brilliant! Did you have any idea how powerful your imagination was? Even a brick wall of reality can collapse under the weight of your wishing.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The universe magnifies your efforts. So go on, make one small step in the direction of an achievement of a lifetime. Five minutes well spent will outdo five hours of procrastination.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "My birthday is April 29, 1970 (Taurus/Aquarius), and my boyfriend's is March 7, 1969 (Pisces/Libra). I'm very outgoing, and he's quiet and reserved. Our problem is that we argue constantly about money and his flightiness. He takes off and never comes home on time, if at all that night, but recently I did the same thing to him, and he packed up and moved out. Will things ever be calm for us, or are we destined to constantly be at each other's throats? Also, I'd like to go back to school for psychology. Is that a good idea for me?"

The stars reflect your constant arguing, and it takes strong love to manage such volatility. You prefer passionate relationships, fine, but

the love needs to be stronger than the fight. Your Mars in Gemini henpecks his freewheeling Mars in Sagittarius. His Mars also joins his Neptune, so his reaction is passive-aggressive — he'll avoid the topic (and the commitment of full intimacy) indefinitely. Psychology asks the question "why?" — so no wonder you're interested in the field. Why are you putting up with his unloving behavior? Explore that. Your innate curiosity about human behavior is lifelong.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Angelina Jolie is a mother to the world. This Gemini has her Venus in mothering Cancer — she expresses love and beauty through nurturing others. She's a controversial mom, too. That's because so many planets, including her moon (mothering again), populate the publicity part of her chart. There's no hiding for Jolie. How many more kids will she adopt? The sky's the limit.

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Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: My mother-in-law is an extremely controlling person, especially when it comes to my easygoing husband, her only child. She will cry and throw fits when she doesn't see him or he doesn't call her for a few days. She dominates every conversation, and I dread any time I have to spend with her.

I have been with my husband over 10 years, and just when I think her behavior is getting better, it gets worse. For example, she called my husband to help her carry a turkey into her house after grocery shopping. How did the turkey get into her shopping cart and car trunk to begin with?

She also relies on him to help care for her elderly mother. She thinks the burden should be split between the two of them. (She has no siblings.) When he doesn't accommodate her, she cries and yells. I have remained calm through this, but I feel as if I am



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going to explode.

My entire family sees how she behaves and agrees with me. Tell me, Annie, is she going to get worse as she gets older? How will she act when we have children? I'm not going to be able to hide my true feelings much longer. I am beginning to despise this woman. Any advice? — Florida Wife

Dear Florida: Some of your complaints are more justified than others. Mom should not be yelling and crying because Sonny Boy

doesn't call often enough. However, asking for help with Grandma is perfectly reasonable, and grocery store personnel often help lift heavy items into shopping carts and car trunks.

The problem is, you dislike her so much, you aren't inclined to cut her any slack. Try to find one thing about this woman to admire, and focus on it. Yes, it may get worse when you have kids, but as long as your husband is supportive and puts you first, we hope you can find a way to cope with her.

Dear Annie: My 8-year-old granddaughter was just diagnosed with "fructose intolerance," and it's a nightmare trying to figure out what she can eat. A majority of foods have fructose, sucrose or sorbitol, and she can't tolerate any of them. She can have some vegetables, white milk and meat. We did find a French bread she can eat, but she can't have a cookie, pancake or piece of fruit. Even ketchup and some yogurts are full of fructose.

Recipes and sources for specialty foods are nonexistent. She's a very tiny child and extremely thin. I was hoping maybe one of your readers would know of a support group. — Michigan Grandmother

Dear Michigan: You might find useful ideas in cookbooks for diabetics, and here are two online resources for recipes and support: Boston University Biology Department at www.bu.edu/aldolase and The Food Intolerant Consumer at www.foodintol.com. If our readers have other suggestions, we'll print

them. Dear Annie: My husband is a physician who works very late and often does not arrive home until after midnight. He is praised by patients for the time he spends with them. When he isn't working, he plays golf. If I suggest a movie, he will often fall asleep in the theater.

I resent that he is not more attentive to me or our nearly grown children. If I comment that other doctors manage to have a family life as well as give good care to their patients, our daughter becomes irritated and rigorously defends her father. He also becomes angry if I find fault. I know he will not change, and I wonder if he might have a narcissistic personality disorder. — Lauren in Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Lauren: This is a common complaint from people whose spouses keep long hours. We think your husband is a workaholic who defines himself by his job. He understands how to be a good doctor, and it gives him a satisfaction that he isn't sure how to get from his family. Don't criticize him in front of your children. Accept him as he is, and find other worthwhile activities to occupy your time.

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World/nation at a glance

U.S., other G-8 countries far apart on climate change pact

ROSTOCK, Germany (AP) — Both President Bush and German Chancellor Angela Merkel have been making optimistic comments about the prospects for agreement on climate change. But the United States and other industrialized democracies gathering near here remain farther apart on the difficult issue than their leaders like to acknowledge. Bush and Merkel are due to hash out some of those differences over lunch Wednesday ahead of the evening's official opening of the three-day Group of Eight summit of industrialized nations.

On Bush's way to his meeting with Merkel in Heiligendamm, a band of about 20 demonstrators dressed as clowns were seen scampering in the woods, but it was unclear whether their protest was about global warming or other issues being discussed at the summit.

The U.S. has now acknowledged that global warming is a serious problem that must be addressed, and that doing so requires a global goal. Europe and others have come around to Washington's view that no solution is viable without the participation of developing energy guzzlers such as China, India and Brazil, and that economic growth can't be sacrificed for progress on climate.

Still, a chasm exists on how to meet these principles.

Oman evacuates tens of thousands, closes port as weakening Gonu lashes coast

MUSCAT, Oman (AP) — Oman evacuated tens of thousands Wednesday and closed the major port of Sohar as a weakening Cyclone Gonu roared toward the Strait of Hormuz — the world's major transport artery for Persian Gulf oil.

As heavy rains lashed coastal areas, authorities closed all operations at the port of Sohar and evacuated the 11,000 workers, port spokesman Dirk Jan De Vink said. Sohar's oil refinery and petrochemical plant remained running at very low levels, with authorities considering a total shutdown, he said.

De Vink said he and the other beach front residents of the city of 60,000 were leaving their homes, all threatened by rising tides and large waves pushed by the approaching storm.

"These people know the force of the sea and they're doing the right thing," he said. "Most of them are leaving or have already left."

2 simultaneous bombs kill 7 at Shiite district intersections

BAGHDAD (AP) — Two simultaneous car-bomb explosions Wednesday rocked the neighborhood of the capital's holiest Shiite Muslim shrine, killing at least seven people and wounding 27 others, police reported.

One blast, from a parked car, struck al-Zahraa Square, an intersection a half-mile from the large Kazimiyah shrine, said a police officer who spoke on condition of anonymity because of security concerns.

The second explosion, also from an unoccupied vehicle, occurred at the

Aden intersection, at the western entrance to the Kazimiyah neighborhood.

The long-running series of bombings aimed at Iraq's majority Shiite population has been blamed on Sunni extremists seeking to inflame animosities between the two sects.

In southern Iraq late Tuesday, three gunmen in a speeding automobile fatally shot a junior aide to the country's pre-eminent Shiite Muslim cleric, Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, police and a source in the ayatollah's office reported Wednesday.

GOP presidential hopefuls fault Bush on Iraq, diplomatic style and immigration during debate

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — President Bush drew sporadic, startling criticism Tuesday night from Republican White House hopefuls unhappy with his handling of the Iraq war, his diplomatic style and his approach to immigration.

"I would certainly not send him to the United Nations" to represent the United States, said Tommy Thompson, the former Wisconsin governor and one-time member of Bush's Cabinet, midway through a spirited campaign debate.

Arizona Sen. John McCain criticized the administration for its handling of the Iraq War, and former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney said, "I think we were underprepared and underplanned for what came after we knocked down Saddam Hussein."

Rep. Duncan Hunter of California said the current administration "has the slows" when it comes to building a security fence along the border with Mexico.

Rep. Tom Tancredo of Colorado recalled that White House aide Karl Rove had once told him "never darken the door of the White House." The congressman said he'd tell George W. Bush the same thing.

House approves ethics investigation that could oust Rep. Jefferson

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House ordered a speedy internal investigation that could oust indicted Rep. William J. Jefferson from Congress before his bribery trial.

Mindful of anti-corruption sentiment among voters last November, the House passed two resolutions Tuesday that require the ethics committee to investigate

charges more quickly than in the past.

Jefferson, meanwhile, resigned his seat on the Small Business Committee in response to his indictment on federal charges of taking more than \$500,000 in bribes. Democrats already had moved to take that seat from him. Jefferson admitted no wrongdoing.

The nine-term congressman had few allies among leaders of his own party.

The charges against Jefferson, "if proven true, should lead to the expulsion of the member in question," said House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, D-Md. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, who earlier ousted Jefferson from the Ways and Means Committee, issued a similar statement Monday.

Libby attorneys rush to delay 2 1/2-year prison sentence in CIA leak case

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorneys for I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby are preparing a last-ditch effort to delay the former White House aide's 2 1/2-year prison sentence.

Libby, the former chief of staff to Vice President Dick Cheney, was sentenced Tuesday for lying and obstructing the CIA leak investigation. He became the highest-ranking White House official sentenced to prison since the Iran-Contra affair.

He requested leniency but a federal judge said he would not reward someone who hindered the investigation into the

exposure of a CIA operative, Valerie Plame. Her husband had accused the administration of twisting intelligence to justify the Iraq war.

"Mr. Libby failed to meet the bar. For whatever reason, he got off course," said U.S. District Judge Reggie B. Walton, adding that the evidence of Libby's guilt was overwhelming.

Libby's attorneys immediately sought to put the prison term on hold until his appeals have run out. Walton said he saw no reason to do so but reluctantly gave Libby's attorneys until Thursday to submit legal papers on the issue.

Border patrol makes changes after tuberculosis-infected man gets past guards

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. border officials are changing their procedures after an embarrassing incident allowed a patient with a dangerous form of tuberculosis into the country.

The new rules limiting an officer's discretion may not be good enough for Congress.

The House Homeland Security Committee was to question federal authorities Wednesday on why they had such a hard time catching up to a man armed only with a passport, a smile and a now-rare, deadly disease.

Even before the hearing, a homeland security official said the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol henceforth would require officers to get approval from

a supervisor before they override warnings like the one issued to stop 31-year-old Andrew Speaker. The official spoke on condition of anonymity ahead of the congressional testimony.

Speaker, an Atlanta lawyer, prompted an international health scare when he flew to Europe last month for his wedding and honeymoon. Once there, he disregarded instructions by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to turn himself in to local health officials in Italy.

Man tries to jump into popemobile, wrestled to the ground by security

VATICAN CITY (AP) — A German man tried to jump into Pope Benedict XVI's uncovered popemobile as the pontiff began his general audience Wednesday and held onto it for a few seconds before being wrestled to the ground by security officers.

The pope was not hurt and didn't even appear to notice that the man — who was between 20 and 30 years old — had jumped over the protective barrier in the square and had grabbed onto the white popemobile as it drove by. The pontiff kept waving to the crowd and didn't even look back.

At least eight security officers who were trailing

the vehicle as it moved slowly through the square grabbed the man and wrestled him to the ground.

The man was a 27-year-old German who showed signs of "mental imbalance," said the Rev. Federico Lombardi, the Vatican spokesman.

"His aim was not an attempt on the pope's life but to attract attention to himself," Lombardi told reporters.

The man, whom Lombardi declined to identify, was interrogated by Vatican police and then taken to a hospital for psychiatric treatment, he said.

The man wore a pink T-shirt and dark shorts, a beige baseball cap and sunglasses. He vaulted up and over the barricade from the second or third row back. He got as far as the back of the jeep, holding onto it for a few seconds, before being wrestled to the ground.

The jeep kept moving, and the German-born Benedict kept waving, then proceeded with the audience as if nothing had happened.

Since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, the Vatican has tightened security in St. Peter's Square when the pope is present. All visitors must pass by police to get into the square, with some walking through metal detectors or being searched with metal-detecting wands.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Paging Sherlock Holmes

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Both sides vulnerable.

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♥ 10 8
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WEST
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EAST
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The bidding:
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1♠ Pass 2♠ 3♠
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6♣

Opening lead — four of clubs.

"Holmes," said Dr. Watson as he showed the famous detective the accompanying hand, "here is a further example of the ill fortune that has recently plagued me. I contracted for six spades, and West led a club. I ruffed, drew trumps, played the A-K-Q of hearts, discarding a diamond from dummy, then led a diamond to the ace and a diamond back.

"Alas, East showed out, and West took two diamond tricks to put me

down one. I had expected East to have the king of diamonds, in view of his vulnerable three-club bid, but to my dismay, defeat suddenly became my portion."

"My dear Watson," Holmes replied as he refilled his pipe, "things are not always what they seem. Just as many enthusiasts who love the game dearly, but who fail to make full use of their deductive powers, you neglected to utilize clues you could have exploited.

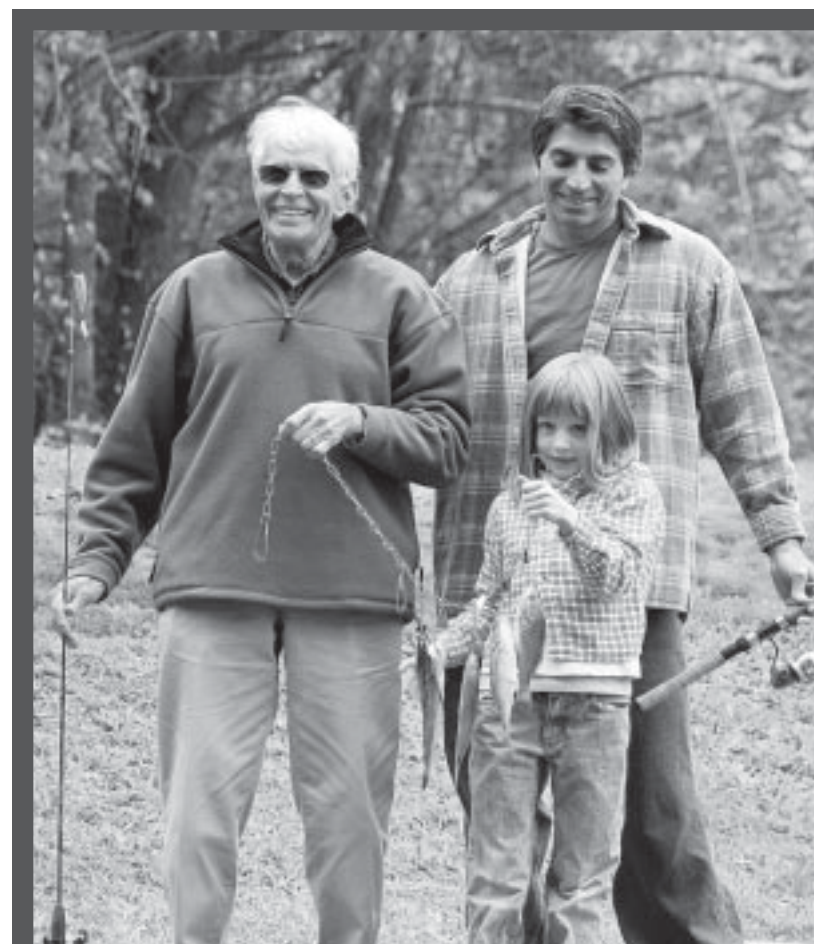
"It was eminently correct to ruff the club, draw trumps and cash three hearts, but you should then have ruffed the six of hearts in dummy and the jack of clubs in your hand. In so doing, you would have learned that East had started with precisely two spades and four hearts. East's vulnerable three-club overall would have suggested that he had at least six clubs; hence, he could not have been dealt more than one diamond.

"Accordingly, you would next have played a low diamond from your hand and a low diamond from dummy! You could then sit back and reap the rewards of your astute analysis. Whoever took the trick would be forced to yield the slam."

"A marvelous diagnosis, by Jove," said Watson admiringly.

"Purely elementary," the great detective replied.

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Rain has cotton growers facing tough economic choices

By **BETSY BLANEY**

AP Agriculture Writer

West Texas producer Don Langston got all his cotton planted late last month, in plenty of time to meet a crop insurance deadline.

"Everything's been downhill since then," the South Plains grower said Monday, two days after hail wiped out several hundred acres of the crop. Several inches of rain in the last few days have left fields so sodden Langston and other producers in the region can't get back in to replant them before a June 10 insurance cutoff.

An unusually wet spring has some growers in the nation's top cotton-producing state facing difficult economic choices.

If hail has damaged planted fields and wet land precludes some producers from replanting before their county's deadline, they can still put in cotton for seven days past the cutoff but would get a 1 percent reduction per day on insurance coverage.

Or they can plant another crop, as Langston plans to do with the milo he was out purchasing Monday.

Another option is to replant after the cutoff date in late June to give fields a chance to dry out. Stacy Smith, who lost about 3,600 acres in Lynn County to pummeling hail over Memorial Day weekend, said he can still get complete coverage. But there is a downside to this choice, he said.

"A late cotton crop can be an economic risk," the 34-year-old producer said. "It just shortens our growing season to where it can significantly reduce yield. A bale to the acre doesn't quite cut it."

A bale of cotton weighs 480 pounds; last year Texas averaged 679 pounds per acre.

Not all of the cotton in the South Plains is planted, said Roger Haldenby, spokesman for the Plains Cotton Growers, which serves a 41-county region. Texas has 72 percent of its cotton planted, according to U.S. Department of Agriculture statistics released Monday.

"What is not planted is going in quickly," he said.

The insurance deadline



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Howard County producers need more warm, dry weather to get their cotton crop off to a good start.

for Lubbock County was Tuesday.

For Howard County, the deadline is still pending, but drawing near.

"I was getting concerned because they shortened the (extension) period to seven days. Our planting date is June 10 and we have a seven-day planting period. So if the cotton is not planted by June 17, they would not have any coverage," said Sherry Wegner, owner of the Sherry Wegner Agency, which specializes in crop insurance. "The last several days people have been planting all they can and I think we're going to



Wegner

be OK."

Wegner said she was recently in Lubbock and the picture was not promising there for many farmers.

"They were very, very wet up there. Their plant date was June 5. Some had planted and some were in the process but I think overall they were under more stress than we were at the time," she said.

She also said hail has been a problem, though not for Howard County.

"I did hear about 800 acres in Glasscock County that were lost to hail. And we've been pretty busy selling hail insurance — not for Howard, but for other counties," Wegner said.

Insurance coverage for West Texas cotton pro-

ducers typically compensates them for damage from hail or lack of rain. But this year some of the claims might arise from too much rain.

For this year through Monday, Lubbock has had 15.74 inches of rain. That's 9.87 inches above its normal of 5.87 inches.

According to the USDA Research Center off Interstate 20, Big Spring has received 14.51 inches — more than double the average of 7.18 inches by June 6. The Big Spring area averages 18.84 inches a year, according to the research center.

"It is very rare in West Texas that you cannot get a crop started because of too much rainfall," Smith said. "I would rather have this scenario rather than one that you can't get one started because it's too dry."

Last year, drought conditions resulted in the loss of 2.2 million acres of dryland cotton that never grew. Even with the dearth of rain last year, the state produced its fourth-largest crop, thanks to new seed varieties.

The state record, 8.5 million bales, came in 2005.

Then in 2006, a lack of rainfall gripped the whole state and caused the worst-ever single year loss in agriculture. Crop and livestock losses totaled \$4.1 billion.

In Howard County, the forecast for the most part

is positive.

"If it will just stay clear for a while, I think we'll be in good shape. We've had a few good days of warm, dry weather. We

need some more," said Wegner.

Big Spring Herald News Editor Bill McClellan contributed to this article.

In Sunday's Big Spring Herald



The life of his generation

Jimmy Gentry has led a unique American life. At 81, he has lived through many of the more noteworthy times in American history and now he is on a mission to share the story of his generation. Plus, the Quakertown Band and picnic fare.

American Profile

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Check this out ... at the library

The Summer Reading Program is off and running! Due to high demand, we were forced to limit the number of participants, especially in our Pre-K to first grade sessions. Both Amy and I were amazed at the response.



HOLLIS MCCRIGHT

At the time I am writing this column, I do not know how the older group has panned out. Whatever the case, reading is going on at the library!

"The Horse That God Built: Untold Story of Secretariat" (798.400 SCA L) by Lawrence Scanlan is now available for checkout. Secretariat is the only 2-year-old colt to ever win the Triple Crown, be named Horse of the Year and featured on the cover of Time, Newsweek and Sports Illustrated. Did you know he was the only horse listed on ESPN's top 50 athletes of the century? One person who was lost in Secretariat's shadow was Eddie "Shorty" Sweat — groom, keeper and protector of Secretariat. This is his story, along with Secretariat.

From Sandra Dallas, author of "The Persian Pickle Club," comes a new (to us at least) mystery titled "Tallgrass." In

a small Colorado town, a Japanese internment camp is opened. When a young girl is murdered, eyes turn to the camp as the instigator of the death. Fourteen-year-old Rennie Stroud has not seen her town in such a miasma of hate and suspicion to outsiders. Life should be fair to all; alas it is not. Part thriller and part historical novel, "Tallgrass" is the story of the darkness of a person's heart.

In a review from Booklist, "Scorpion Down" (359.937 OFF E) is the story of a fast attack sub. On May 22, 1968, the submarine Scorpion exploded and sank 400 miles southeast of the Azores, killing all 99 men aboard. It had been torpedoed by a Soviet submarine in retaliation for its suspected involvement in the disappearance 11 weeks earlier of the Soviet submarine K-129. Author Ed Offley believes that admirals in the U.S and Soviet navies — fearing what could become World War III — agreed to hide the truth of the two sinkings. Only 91 seconds after the torpedo struck, the Scorpion

plunged 1,300 feet below the surface. By May 31, a search force had increased to 55 surface ships and submarines and three dozen land-based patrol aircraft. On June 5, the U.S. declared that it was lost at sea, and on Oct. 30, the navy announced the discovery of the vessel. Based on 25 years of research, which included investigating declassified navy documents, Offley reveals details of the events that led to the vessel's sinking and the cover-up that followed. He has written a searing account of this tragedy at sea.

Two girls disappeared years ago on a trip to the mall. Their bodies were never found. In Laura Lippman's newest mystery, "What the Dead Know," the youngest sister comes back to life. In a story that skips back and forth over the decades, there is one person who doubts her account and is determined to reveal the truth.

Two more popular writers have new books out: "Obsession," an Alex Delaware novel by Jonathan Kellerman and

"Laced" (a Regan Reilly mystery) by Carol Higgins Clark, are available to check out. A favorite author of mine, Margaret Frazer, has written "The Squires Tale." Starring Dame Frevisse, this is a medieval mystery. This book takes place in 1444.

I think this is the newest James Patterson/Maxine Paetro book: "The 6th Target." It pulls together the Women's Murder Club when one of the members is seriously injured by a serial killer. Some of the reviews are disappointed in Patterson's latest, citing several confusing story lines that never come together. However, Patterson's fans are legion, so get on the reserve list (we already have six signed up).

We have another new book from the popular writer, Mary Higgins Clark. "I Heard That Song Before" is her latest book. When it comes to neo-Gothic romantic sus-

pense, she never disappoints. Her new novel is particularly enjoyable. Let's see — we have the heroine, Kay, the daughter of the landscaper for a great estate house in New Jersey. We have the house itself, complete with lush gardens and hidden chapel. And we have the brooding master of the house, with whom Kay falls in love against her own better judgment. Clark is one of the few writers who can take these classic ingredients and mix them together into a story that always seems fresh and new. It is a remarkable talent. If you enjoy her stories, you'll want to read this one.

A housekeeping note: If you use our Web site (www.howard-county.lib.tx.us) to check on availability of books, movies and etc., please be aware that it may be offline periodically. We have a particularly stubborn virus that seemingly disappears and re-

appears magically. Our tech guy is on a well-deserved vacation and while we try our best to keep it going, sometimes it just doesn't happen. Please feel free to call during library hours if you wish to check on an item's availability.

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Former teacher gets life for molesting boy

BRYAN (AP) — A former Bryan school teacher was sentenced to two consecutive life terms in prison on Tuesday for sex abuse including drugging a 10-year-old boy's orange juice and raping him in his sleep.

David Allen Vandyne, 43, pleaded guilty Monday to one count of aggravated sexual assault of a child and no contest to a second identical charge stemming from the 2002 crime against the boy from Austin.

Vandyne formerly taught at Jane Long Middle School and Brazos Christian School, both located in Bryan, the Bryan-College Station Eagle reported in its Wednesday editions.

Vandyne told Bryan police in 2003 that he had molested about 20 boys and was feeling urges to do so again, police said. The confession led to his imprisonment in 2003 for four molestations that took place in Junction, a town about 100 miles northwest of San Antonio where Vandyne also worked as a teacher.

Bryan police Officer Leslie Malinak said Vandyne mentioned the Austin boy in his confession, but the boy initially refused to come forward with an allegation.

Fort Bliss soldiers killed in Iraq

FORT BLISS (AP) — Two soldiers from Fort Bliss were killed in Iraq when their vehicle struck a roadside bomb, the U.S. Department of Defense said.

Army Spc. Jeremiah D. Costello, 22, of Carlinville, Ill., and Spc. Keith V. Nepsa, 21, of New Philadelphia, Ohio,

died Saturday near Qayyarah.

Costello joined the Army on July 15, 2005. He previously was stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. Nepsa joined the Army on Sept. 4, 2003 and previously had been stationed at Fort Polk, La., and Fort Sill, Okla. The two were posthumously awarded the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

Both were motor transport operators assigned to the 5th Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment, 4th Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Bliss.

Harris County Hospital District to pay \$15M to settle lawsuit

HOUSTON (AP) — Harris County's publicly owned hospital district has agreed to repay \$15 million to the federal government and the state to settle a 3-year-old lawsuit stemming from false Medicare and Medicaid claims the district made from 2000 to 2005.

The Harris County Hospital District agreed to pay \$15,449,126 to settle the suit, which was originally brought by Robert E. McCaslin Jr., a hospital district employee, in October 2003. McCaslin's suit accused the district of making false reimbursement claims to the U.S. and state governments.

Under "qui tam" provi-

sions of the False Claims Act, the federal government took over McCaslin's suit, acting as his attorney and awarding him a portion of the hospital district's repayment.

Harris County attorney Mike Stafford said the district agreed to pay the claims after acknowledging errors in its billing program.

Federal prosecutors appeal dismissal of Cuban militant case

EL PASO (AP) — Federal prosecutors have appealed a judge's decision to dismiss an immigration fraud case against anti-Castro militant Luis Posada Carriles.

U.S. District Judge Kathleen Cardone dismissed the case last month after ruling that the government had manipulated a naturalization interview with Posada and used it as a pretext to develop a criminal case against him.

Lawyers for the government filed the appeal notice with the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans Tuesday afternoon. The two-page document does not provide any details about the government's grounds for the appeal.

One of Posada's Florida lawyers, Rhonda A. Anderson, said she had not seen the appeal and could not comment on it.

Posada, a 79-year former

CIA operative and U.S. Army soldier, has been free and living in Miami since the case was dismissed.

Natural foods grocers say FTC to try to block acquisition

DENVER (AP) — The Federal Trade Commission will file a lawsuit to try to prevent natural foods grocer Whole Foods Market Inc. from acquiring competing Wild Oats Markets Inc., the companies said Tuesday.

The lawsuit, expected to be filed in federal court in the District of Columbia, will argue the marketplace is defined by natural and organic food stores and not the broader supermarket industry, said John Mackey, chairman and chief executive officer of Whole Foods.

The FTC confirmed late Tuesday that it will seek to block the deal in court. If the transaction is allowed to proceed, Whole Foods is likely to raise prices and reduce quality

and services, the FTC said.

The planned purchase comes as the natural food retailers face increasing competition from traditional supermarkets and even big box retailers that are stepping up natural and organic food offerings.

Ex-deputy set to die for Houston slaying

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Michael Griffith is about to pay with his life for violating the law he once swore to enforce.

The former Harris County sheriff's deputy was set for execution Wednesday evening for the rape, robbery and

stabbing death of a Houston woman more than 12 years ago.

Griffith, one of the few former lawmen ever on death row, is the first of five convicted killers scheduled for lethal injection this month in Texas.

The slaying of Deborah McCormick, 44, came nearly two years after Griffith, who rose to the rank of sergeant over his 10-year career, was fired for violating the sheriff's department policy on domestic abuse.

McCormick was alone in her family's flower shop and wedding chapel in October 1994 when she let in Griffith. He asked for six long-stem roses and then pulled out a gun.

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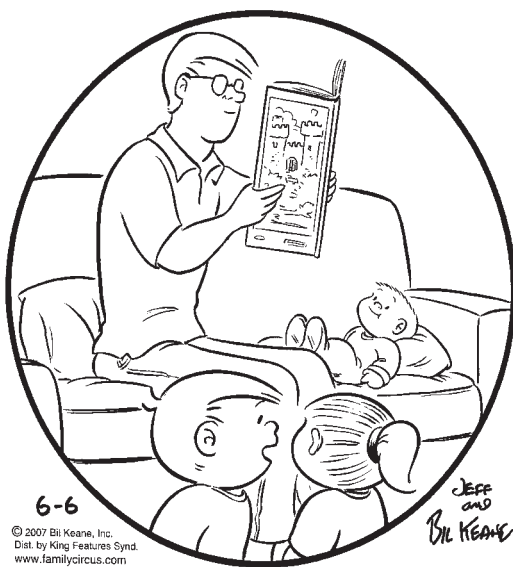
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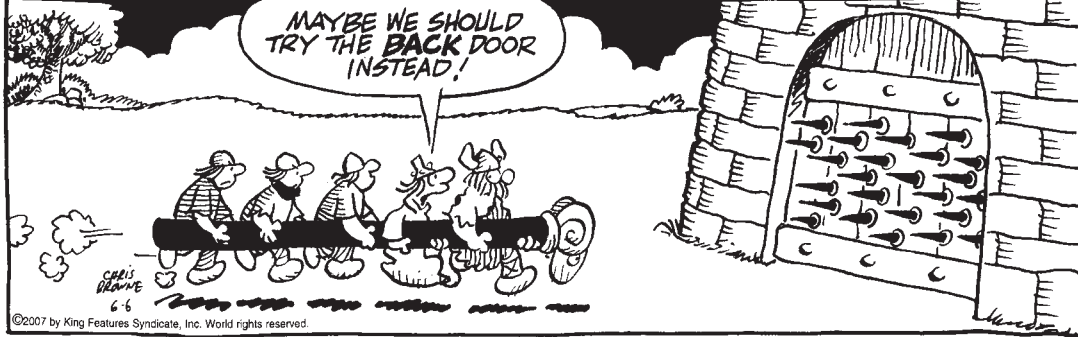
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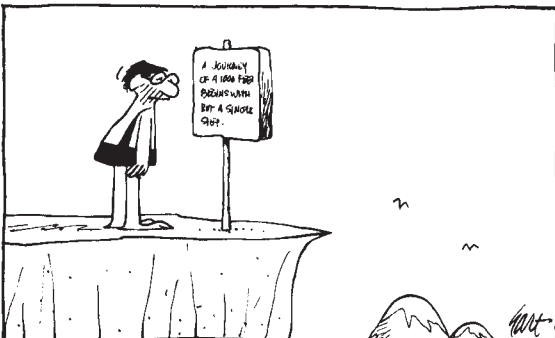
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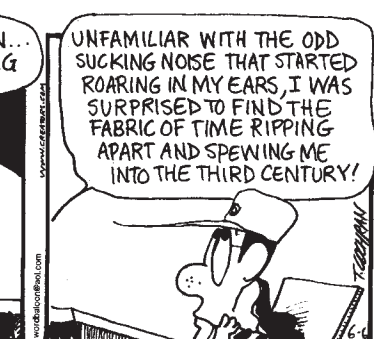
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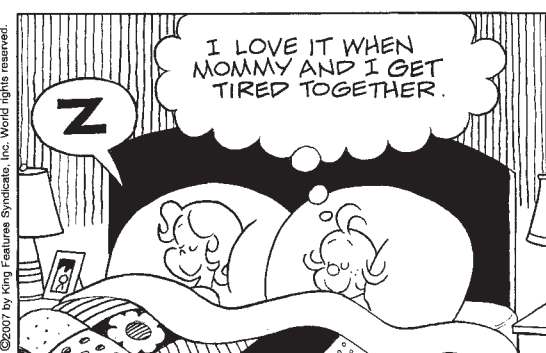
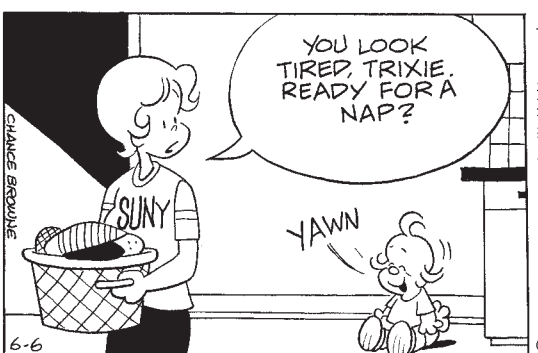
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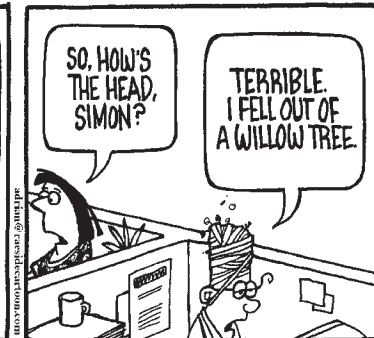
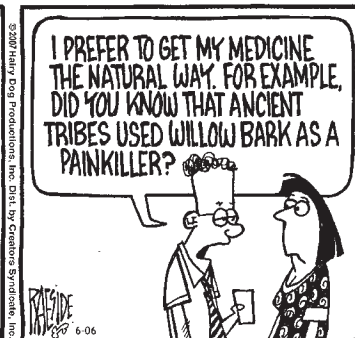
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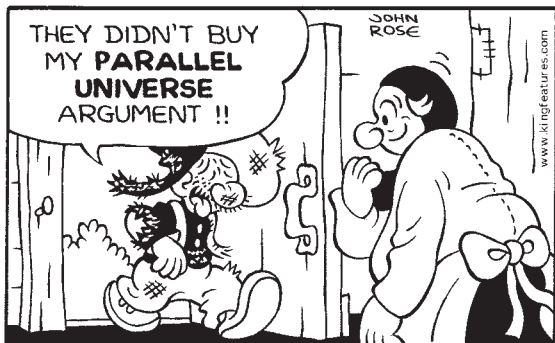
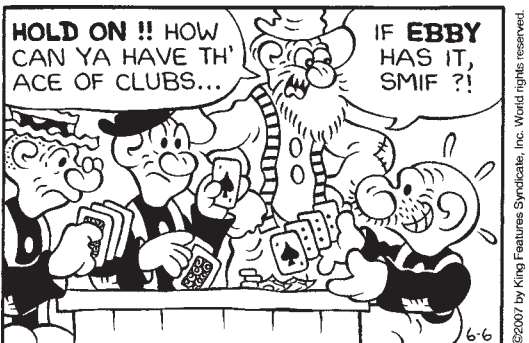
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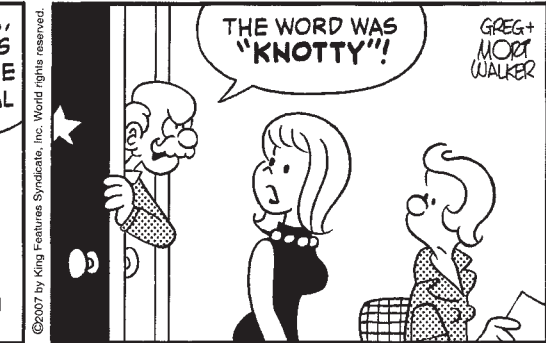
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, June 6, the 157th day of 2007. There are 208 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 6, 1944, the "D-Day" invasion of Europe took place during World War II as Allied forces stormed the beaches of Normandy, France.

On this date: In 1918, the World War I Battle of Belleau Wood, which resulted in a U.S. victory over the Germans, began in France.

In 1925, Walter Percy Chrysler founded the Chrysler Corp.

In 1934, the Securities and Exchange Commission was established.

In 1942, Japanese forces retreated in the World War II Battle of Midway.

In 1966, black activist James Meredith was shot and wounded as he walked

along a Mississippi highway to encourage black voter registration.

In 1968, Sen. Robert F. Kennedy died at Good Samaritan Hospital in Los Angeles, a day after he was shot by Sirhan Bishara Sirhan.

In 1978, California voters overwhelmingly approved Proposition 13, a primary ballot initiative calling for major cuts in property taxes.

In 1982, Israeli forces invaded Lebanon to drive Palestine Liberation Organization fighters out of the country. (The Israelis withdrew in June 1985.)

Today's Birthdays: Actress Billie Whitelaw is 75. Civil rights activist Roy Innis is 73. Singer Levi Stubbs (The Four Tops) is 71. Singer-songwriter Gary "U.S." Bonds is 68. Country singer Joe Stampley is 64. Actor Robert Englund is 58. Folk singer Holly Near is 58. Singer Dwight Twilley is 56. Playwright-actor Harvey Fierstein is 53. Comedian Sandra Bernhard is 52. Tennis player Bjorn Borg is 51. Actress Amanda Pays is

48. Comedian Colin Quinn is 48. Record producer Jimmy Jam is 48. Rock musician Steve Vai is 47. Rock singer-musician Tom Araya (Slayer) is 46. Actor Jason Isaacs is 44. Rock musician Sean Yseult (White Zombie) is 41. Actor Max Casella is 40. Rock musician Bardi Martin is 38. Rock musician James "Munky" Shaffer (Korn) is 37. TV correspondent Natalie Morales is 35. Country singer Lisa Brokop is 34. Rapper-rocker Uncle Kracker is 33. Actress Staci Keanan is 32.

Thought for Today: "You never find yourself until you face the truth." Pearl Bailey, American singer and actress (1918-1990).

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