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Dedication to be recognized

Northside Community Center to lead groups honoring Hayes Stripling Jr.

Herald Staff Report

The Northside Community Center staff and board of directors have announced that Hayes Stripling Jr. will be honored at noon Tuesday, June 19, during the Big Spring Rotary Club's meeting in the Howard College Cactus Room.

Stripling, a four-year member and past president of the community center's board, was instrumental in the construc-



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tion of the center's new building and worked tirelessly to see it to completion. As board pres-

ident, he gave many hours of service to all areas of the center's needs.

"Something that impressed me about Hayes was that he began each board meeting with a prayer and scripture reading," said Northside Center Director Max Webb. "We could all learn from this."

Webb said Stripling had been on call for any task the staff requested, with nothing too small to be completed.

"I considered Hayes a close

friend that I could depend on," added Webb.

The board also recognizes that Stripling has volunteered his time in many other community projects and is an extremely valuable asset to Big Spring.

"This event is planned to honor him for his commitment to not just the Northside Center, but the whole city," Webb continued, noting that other organizations will honor this remarkable man during the meeting.

In addition, Mayor Russ McEwen is expected to issue a proclamation in Stripling's honor.

Other organizations he has been involved with include: The Boy Scouts of America, Isaiah 58, the Big Spring Rotary Club, Howard County Bible Class, First United Methodist Church and the Howard County A&M Club.

Meals are available for purchase. Please RSVP to 263-2673, 9 a.m. to noon by Tuesday.

A new library for Martin County

New facility could open by Christmas

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

STANTON — As thousands of visitors were enjoying another Old Sorehead Trade Days weekend, proponents of a new Martin County Library were doing a different kind of celebrating.

After more than three years of fundraising and hard work, library proponents can now watch as their dream becomes a reality.

On June 25, library board members will open bids for contractors to renovate the old Bill's Hardware building into the new site for the Martin County Library. If all goes well, the work will be done in time for patrons to enjoy their new library at Christmas time.

"We're beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel," said Carolyn Stone, president of the library board.

Top-end estimates for the project are in the \$325,000 range. Stone said \$200,000 for the renovation will come from Martin County and the



Martin County Library committee members, from left, Carolyn Stone, Marsha Todd and Gracie Hanson are shown at the new home for the library — the old Bill's Hardware building — Saturday morning.

remainder from grants and private sources.

The primary reason for the move is space. The new site has 6,000 square feet of space, or approximately six times that of the current library.

Stone said at least 50 people have actively

worked on the project in its 3 1/2-year existence, but that doesn't begin to include others who lent a helping hand here or there.

"A lot of people have donated books for book sales or donated money or done other things to

help us," she said. "You really can't say it's 50 people — it's really been a community effort."

Stone even thanked Stanton's neighbors to the east.

"Big Spring has been very supportive," she said. "They've come to

every book sale, and every Trade Day ... I've sold I don't know how many books to people from Big Spring."

And, as a way to say, "Thank you" to the community, the library

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Council to hear car club request

Herald Staff Report

Fast cars and low bids will greet Big Spring City Council members when they convene Tuesday.

The West Texas Region of the Porsche Club of America is interested in renting a paved portion of land at the McMahan-Wrinkle Airport and Industrial Park to hold autocross events. Typically at an autocross, cars are timed over a set course, marked by cones or other pylon-type boundaries.

The club is interested in holding events primarily on weekends and no more often than once a month. If approved, the club would pay the city \$100 per event day.

Awarding of bids for seal coat material — asphalt and aggregate rock — are on the agenda, as are bids on tub grinder services for the compost facility. Together, the recommended bids total more than \$163,000.

Also on Tuesday's agenda is a request to place

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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.

REHEARSALS CONTINUING

Dr. Keith Graumann, conductor of the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra & Chorus, is currently holding rehearsals for the Symphony Chorus in preparation for Pops in the Park 2007.

Rehearsals are each Tuesday from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church choral rehearsal room. Enter from the west side.

"The chorus always plays a huge part in the program, particularly the patriotic ceremony. New members are very welcome to participate. We have only three more rehearsals, so we get things together in a hurry. But, we have a lot of fun as well," said Graumann.

VETERAN OF MONTH

William Fishback never wanted to be an officer, but the Army had other ideas.

Fishback, who served 15 months in Europe during the climatic stages of World War II, was honored Thursday by Hangar 25 Air Museum as its Veteran of the Month for June.



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IN BRIEF

Coahoma Bulldogs baseball camp set

The Coahoma Bulldogs Baseball Camp has been slated to start Tuesday and finish June 21 at Coahoma High School's baseball field.

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

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

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

Big Spring baseball skills camp

The Big Spring Steers Baseball Skills Camp will begin Tuesday and conclude June 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.

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.

Cloverleaf tourney slated for Thursday

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

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 and a shotgun start are 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.

Coahoma Annual Ragball Tourney set

Coahoma's 15th Annual Ragball Tournament has been set for June 29-31 at Coahoma's Softball Park.

Sign-ups begin at 5 p.m. June 29.

For more information about the tournament, call Shele Gilbert at 270-8963 or Randy Clanton at 268-3699.

To reserve a booth for the event call Sara McMahon at 268-3728.

Optimist fishing tourney set at park

The Optimist Take a Child Fishin' Tournament is set for

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Gordon beats field, rain at Pocono

By DAN GELSTON

AP Sports Writer

LONG POND — With dark clouds looming at Pocono Raceway, so was a crucial decision for Jeff Gordon's crew chief, Steve Letarte.

Gordon's No. 24 was running out in front when Letarte called the car into the pits for an early service call. Gordon relinquished the lead on the stop, but Letarte figured his driver would cycle back to the front after everyone else made their scheduled stops.

The gamble worked and

Gordon was soon back in a soggy Victory Lane.

"I guess it was incredibly stupid," Letarte said. "Sometimes stupid works."

Gordon held off a charging Ryan Newman in the rain to win the abbreviated Pocono 500 on Sunday night and give the points leader his fourth win this season.

"Steve made that great call," Gordon said. "Everybody had that same opportunity to make that same call. We were lucky, fortunate, whatever you want to call it, the rain came when it did."

Letarte assumed it would start raining while Gordon was leading. It was a gamble, because an earlier pit stop had put Gordon off sequence with the rest of the field. If it didn't rain quickly, he'd have to pit much earlier than everyone else and would fall deep into the field after the stop.

But if it did rain in that short window, they'd be out front and inherit the win when the race was called.

"Once we got in front, I think we showed what we had," Gordon said.

The race was red flagged after 106 laps of the scheduled 200-lap, 500-mile race with darkness and rain falling.

The cars went back to pit road and waited about 35 minutes for NASCAR to call the event, handing point-leader Gordon his fourth win at Pocono and first since 1998.

It all played out perfectly, as the sky opened seconds before Newman closed in on Gordon and NASCAR stopped the race.

"Steve made a gutsy, great call

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Spurs shoot down Cavs, 103-92

By TOM WITHERS

AP Sports Writer

SAN ANTONIO — Once Cleveland's stirring comeback ended and the Cavaliers had finally succumbed for the second time in these NBA finals, giddy Spurs fans began dreaming of another finish.

"Sweep, Sweep!" they sang in the hallways of AT&T Center.

Coach Gregg Popovich didn't join them.

"We don't think about sweeps or anything like that," he said. "We always plan for a long, drawn-out, seven-game series. We plan for seven all the time."

Might be time to change those plans, Pop.

Tony Parker scored 30 points, Manu Ginobili 25 and Tim Duncan added 23 as the Spurs moved halfway to a fourth championship by dominating Cleveland for 3 1/2 quarters and beating the Cavaliers 103-92 on Sunday night to take a 2-0 lead in the series.

Except for a fourth-quarter let-down when they allowed the Cavs to cut a 27-point lead to eight, the Spurs were in control. They took advantage of early foul trouble against LeBron James and easily pushed around the Eastern Conference champions, who have to hope the 1,500-mile trip home can fix their problems.

Right now, they've got a bunch of them.

"We have to make some adjustments," said Cavs center Zydrunas Ilgauskas. "They're outthrusting us. They're playing harder than us. That's all there is to it."

The Spurs, clicking on offense and digging their sneakers in on defense, were up by 11 after one, 25 at half and 27 after three, thoroughly embarrassing the Cavaliers, whose first visit to the finals couldn't be going worse.

In the first half, the Spurs' Big 3 of Duncan, Parker and Ginobili combined for 43 points — 10 more than the Cavs — and as both teams walked off the floor,

the arena's p.a. announcer, Stan Kelly, summed up the first 24 minutes with a comment that would have been funny if it wasn't so painfully true for Cleveland.

"Spurs by a bunch," he said.

And at the same time, a fan held up a sign saying, "Bring Out LeBroom."

James, limited to 14 points in his finals debut, scored 25 Sunday on 9-of-21 shooting to lead Cleveland. But the Cavaliers' superstar played less than three minutes in the first quarter because of foul trouble, sitting when the Spurs ran away to their huge lead.

"It doesn't matter if we lose by 1 or if we lose by 30, a loss is a loss," James said. "We've been down 2-0 before. We have to find a way to bring the intensity to Game 3."

The Cavaliers, who also came out flat in Game 1, used a 22-4 spurt to pull within 95-87 on a three-point play by James with 4:53 left, a stunning turnaround for a team that looked done minutes earlier.

However, the Spurs, who got sloppy and perhaps disinterested, responded as they almost always do.

Ginobili stopped Cleveland's rally by hitting a 3-pointer and was fouled by rookie Daniel Gibson. The four-point play made it 101-89 with 2:24 remaining.

"That was a heck of a play and a heck of a shot by Manu," Cavs coach Mike Brown said. "He tricked our young fella and leaned right into him."

Gibson's 3-pointer got the Cavs within nine, but Duncan grabbed a rebound and scored inside to bail out the Spurs, who were outscored 30-14 in the fourth quarter.

"We knew it was coming," Parker said of the Cavs' comeback. "They are an NBA team and have LeBron James. They played very good in the fourth quarter. They made a big run,

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MCT photo/Ed Suba Jr. Cleveland Cavaliers forward LeBron James drives to the hoop during first-half action in Game 2 of the NBA Finals Sunday against the San Antonio Spurs at the AT&T Center in San Antonio. The Spurs to a 2-0 series lead with a 103-92 victory.

Brewers avoid sweep, beat Rangers 9-6 in 12 innings



MCT photo/Jeffery Washington The Texas Rangers' Ian Kinsler fields and throws to Brad Wilkerson to force out Johnny Estrada of the Milwaukee Brewers in the third inning Sunday at the Rangers Ballpark in Arlington. The Rangers fell 9-6 to the Brewers in 12 innings.

The Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Everyone except Geoff Jenkins was getting hits — until the end.

Jenkins hit a three-run homer in the 12th inning and the Milwaukee Brewers stopped a three-game losing streak, beating the Texas Rangers 9-6 Sunday night.

Jenkins was hitless in his first five at-bats before connecting against Willie Eyre for his 11th home run of the season.

"It was nice to pitch in," Jenkins said. "We had 22 hits and to that point, I didn't have any of them. Eyre throws hard, 94, 95. You look for a fastball and hope you can square it up."

Eyre had been the Rangers' most dependable reliever, pitching 16 2-3 innings without allowing an earned run. But Jenkins did not let him get away with a slider that was up and over the

plate. "He made a mistake and Jenkins will make you pay," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "Jenkins did what good hitters do."

Prince Fielder connected for his NL-leading 23rd home run and Johnny Estrada and Tony Graffanino each had four hits.

Texas sent the game into extra innings on Marlon Byrd's tying single with two outs in the ninth.

With the game 6-all, Ryan Braun led off the Milwaukee 12th by reaching on second baseman Ian Kinsler's fielding error. One out later, Corey Hart singled off the right leg of Eyre (2-3), setting up Jenkins.

Carlos Villanueva (5-0) pitched two hitless innings and Claudio Vargas got three outs for

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Obituaries

John A. Buchanan



John A. Buchanan, 89, of Odessa, died Thursday, June 7, 2007, at Buena Vida Nursing Home. Funeral services will be 11:30 a.m., Monday, June 11, 2007, at Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home Chapel and burial will be 1 p.m., Monday at Mount Olive Cemetery in Big Spring.

He was born Jan. 28, 1918, in Fluvanna to John Thomas and Leila Kennedy Buchanan.

Mr. Buchanan was a foreman in concrete construction. He was a member of the Baptist Church. He was in the Army and the Air Force and served during WWII. He married Doris Smith in 1951. She passed away in 1968.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, and a brother, Phil Buchanan.

He was survived by his sons, Cliff Buchanan of Odessa, James Henry Buchanan of San Antonio and John Robert Buchanan of Clovis, N.M.; two sisters, Oma Houston of Snyder and Oleta Shellman of Temple City, Calif.; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, send your donation to: National Kidney Foundation, 30 East 33rd Street, New York, N.Y. 10016 Phone 800/622-9010.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home.

Santiago Ramirez



Santiago "Chaga" Ramirez, 74, of Big Spring died Friday in Midland. Vigil Services were at 7 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Memorial Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Thomas Catholic Church with Deacon Johnny Arguello officiating.

She was born May 1, 1933 in Coahoma to Leonora and Antonio Hernandez and grew up there. She lived in California for 36 years, and worked as a licensed vocational nurse mostly in nursing homes. She married Jorge M. Ramirez on Dec. 18, 1971 in Long Beach, Calif. They lived in Weatherford from 1989 until 2005, and then returned to Big Spring. She was a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church.

She is survived by her husband, Jorge M. Ramirez of Big Spring; three sons, Arnulfo Hernandez and his wife Emma of Coahoma, Ricardo Hernandez and his wife Grace of Weatherford, and Gerald Hernandez and his wife Cynthia of Long Beach, Calif.; three daughters, Teresa Macadory and her husband James and Barbara Jean Canady and her husband Robert, all of Escondido, Calif.; and Loretta Hernandez of Fort Worth; four brothers, Arturo Hernandez, Apolonio Hernandez, and Ignacio Hernandez, all of Big Spring, and Jose Hernandez of Coahoma; one sister, Juana Torres of Coahoma; 21 grandchildren, and 31 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Danny Hernandez; and a daughter, Katherine Louise Hernandez.

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

Paid obituary

Jerry Metcalf



Jerry Metcalf, 89, of Big Spring, died Friday, June 8, 2007, at his residence. Graveside funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 12, 2007, at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel with the Rev. Craig Felty, pastor of Cornerstone Church, officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Monday.

He was born March 7, 1918 in Shelbyville, and married Leta Mae Warren. She preceded him in death May 3, 1995. Jerry then married Lula Mae Boyd. She preceded him in death in March 2002.

Jerry lived in the community for more than 70 years. He had owned and operated a RV sales and service dealership. He was a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Rene Beth Lee of Wichita Falls, and Rhonda Mulholland and husband David, of Portland, Ore.; two sisters, LaPearl Pappas of Tulsa, Okla., and Lillian Parker of Longview; nine grandchildren, Brian Lee, Rebecca Lee, Jason Metcalf, April Robertson, Brookie Lyn Martin, Bradie Leusechner, Shane McCarthy, Chelsea McCarthy and Nichole Mulholland; and five great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Spring City Senior Citizens Center, 1901 Simler, Big Spring 79720, or to Home Hospice, 111 E. Seventh, Suite A, Big Spring 79720.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory of Big Spring. Pay your respects online at www.npwelch.com

Paid obituary

Walter Moran

Walter Moran, 73, of Big Spring died Saturday, June 9, 2007, in Midland. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Jerry Wilson

Jerry Wayne Wilson, 33, of Big Spring, died Sunday, June 10, 2007 in Big Spring. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory of Big Spring.

Take Note

• **BOX SEATS FOR THIS YEAR'S BIG SPRING COWBOY REUNION AND RODEO** are on sale now. The price is \$200 and includes a ringside box with your name on it and six rodeo tickets per night during the three-night run of the rodeo, June 21-23. Contact Dr. Rip Patterson at 267-2435 or 263-8723. Deadline for buying box seat tickets is Thursday, June 14.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 9 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today:

- **MICHAEL KELLY**, 57, transient, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **CARL RAY MCGEE SR.**, 51, of 1103 E. Sixth, was arrested on charges of driving while license invalid, unlawful carrying of a weapon, and expired inspection.
- **CHESLEY GARRETT**, 27, of 601 Colgate, was arrested on charges of three local warrants.
- **JESSIE FIERRO**, 37, of 1802 State, was arrested unlawful carrying of a weapon, possession of drug paraphernalia and burglary of a vehicle.
- **WILLIAM RYAN LOCKE**, 32, of 103 Culp, was arrested on charges of six local warrants.
- **FRANK LEE JACKSON**, 48, transient, was arrested on a charge of criminal trespass.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 700 block of 18th.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1600 block of Canary.
- * **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported:
 - in the 200 block of Marcy.
 - in the 300 block of Owens.
- **DRIVING WHILE LICENSE INVALID** was reported in the 400 block of Birdwell.
- **FORGERY** was reported in the 200 block of Marcy.
- **POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA** was reported in the 700 block of 18th.
- **THEFT** was reported:
 - in the 1100 block of Lamesa.
 - in the 400 block of Fourth.
- **UNLAWFUL CARRYING OF A WEAPON** was reported:
 - in the 400 block of Birdwell.
 - in the 700 block of 18th.

Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 60 inmates at the time of this report.

- **KATHRENE ANN CHAVARRIA**, 36, was arrested by the HCSO on charges of possession of dangerous drugs, bail jumping and failure to appear.
- **MONICA MARQUEZ**, 25, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD on a charge of theft.
- **JASON LEE DIAZ**, 27, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.
- **CLINT BRANDON BOLLIER**, 17, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- **RICKEY JAY WHITE**, 19, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- **RONNIE TREVINO MARTINEZ**, 33, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD on charges of nonpayment of child support and a local warrant.
- **CALEB LEE ROBERTSON**, 30, was arrested by the HCSO on possession of a controlled substance.
- **KRISTEN RENE HAWKINS**, 24, was arrested by DPS on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **KRISTIE CUELLAR**, 23, was arrested by the HCSO on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **JEFFREY ALAN MARTIN**, 23, was arrested by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated and transferred to Midland court residential treatment center.
- **LISA YANEZ**, 24, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid - enhanced.
- **KRISTIN TASMAY LEWIS**, 22, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- **CHRISTOPHER RYAN CASTANUELA**, 23, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD on charges of evading arrest or detention, using a vehicle with a previous conviction, driving while intoxicated and driving while license suspended/invalid.
- **OSCAR MIER**, 33, was arrested by the HCSO on charges of evading arrest or detention and interference with an emergency call.
- **ATCHLEY MARAE MASSINGILL**, 20, was arrested on charges of a Nolan county warrant and theft.
- **ASHLEY ANN CHRISTOPHER**, 23, was arrested by DPS on charges of driving while intoxicated and driving while license invalid.
- **WILLIAM RYAN LOCKE**, 32, was arrested by the HCSO on a charge of unlawfully carrying a weapon.
- **STEPHEN KYLE GAY**, 23, was arrested by the HCSO on charges of driving while license invalid, driving without lights when required, bail jumping - two counts and failure to appear - two counts.
- **ANDRE LANIER THOMPSON**, 28, was arrested by the HCSO on a charges of possession of a controlled substance and failure to identify.
- **MONTE DAMON BLACKMON**, 37, was arrested by DPS on a charge of public intoxication.
- **FRED JUAREZ**, 21, was arrested by DPS on a charge of public intoxication.
- **ANTONIO JOE FLORES**, 26, was arrested by DPS on charges of driving while intoxicated and prohibiting a weapon.
- **ALLISON REDDING**, 35, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD on a charge of theft.
- **ABEL JAVIER PADILLA**, 42, was arrested by the HCSO on charge of unauthorized use of a vehicle and forgery.

Weather

Tonight...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tuesday...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tuesday night...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs around 90.

Bulletin Board

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

MONDAY

- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.
- Big Spring Band Boosters meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Spring High School band hall.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets in the First Christian Church of Big Spring, 911 Goliad. A different program is offered every week. Enter through the south side door off 10th Street. Call 213-1342 for more information. Weigh-in starts at 5 p.m.; meetings begin at 5:30 p.m.
- Coahoma Lions Club meets at 6 p.m. in the Coahoma Community Center at 306 North Ave.
- The Christian Motorcyclists Association meets at 7 p.m. at TravelCenters of America truck stop.
- Archeology Society for Howard and Borden counties meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library Community Room in the basement. Call 270-2615 for more information.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.
- Big Spring Society of the Order of Beacieants meets at 6:30 p.m. for a meal with meeting that begins at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.
- Big Spring Commandry meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

TUESDAY

- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- The Powwow Committee of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church annex, 809 Scurry, or the fellowship hall at 810 Scurry. Call Robert Downing at 263-3255 for information.

WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Senior Circle meets at 10:30 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.
- Senior Circle meets at 11 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.
- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

Fire/EMS

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

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported on the corner of F.M. 700 and Virginia. Service was refused.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported on the corner of F.M. 700 and Virginia. One person was transferred to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 400 block of Gregg. One person was transferred to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1100 block of E. 14th. Service was refused.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 1000 block of Second. Two people were transferred to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1900 block of Gregg. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 200 block of Washington. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1200 block of Runnels. Service was refused.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 400 block of N. Birdwell. Service was refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1600 block of

Lottery

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning numbers drawn in the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night: 9-14-42-45-49-53

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

Winning numbers drawn: 1-2-14-31-34.

Number matching five of five: one.

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RANGERS

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his first career save.

Craig Counsell, who homered, Fielder and Braun each had three hits as the NL Central leaders ended their seven-game road losing streak.

"Through this little stretch right here, they've all kept their heads up," Milwaukee manager Ned Yost said. "They keep after it every day. Nobody's panicked, nobody's quit or hung their head. We hit a lot of balls

hard tonight. A lot of things happened. But we couldn't get over that little hump."

Michael Young had three hits and drove in three runs for Texas.

The Brewers had a chance for the go-ahead run in the 11th. Pinch-runner Tony Gwynn Jr. tried to score from second on a single by Graffanino, but was thrown out by center fielder Kenny Lofton.

Brewers closer Francisco Cordero had a blown save for the second straight night against his former team, giving

up Byrd's single. Cordero had converted his first 22 save opportunities until Texas' come-from-behind 4-3 victory Saturday night.

"This doesn't help us in the standings, but we came back and hopefully we can take something from this," Young said.

The Rangers took a 2-0 lead in the first against starter Dave Bush on Young's run-scoring single and Frank Catalanotto's RBI groundout.

Texas made it 3-0 in the third when Milwaukee third base-

man Braun threw into the stands on Byrd's grounder for a two-base error, and Young singled.

The Brewers had eight baserunners in the first four innings but Rangers starter Vicente Padilla was able to pitch out of trouble each time.

Milwaukee broke through in the fifth when Braun hit a lead-off single and Fielder followed with his home run.

Padilla, who missed his previous start due to an irritated right triceps, gave up 11 hits in 4 2-3 innings.

Young's third RBI single of the game in the fifth made it 4-2 and chased Bush.

The Brewers loaded the bases in the sixth and reliever C.J. Wilson hit Jenkins with a pitch to force in Milwaukee's third run. Estrada followed with a two-run single to give the Brewers a 5-4 lead.

Counsell hit his first homer of the season in the seventh off Frank Francisco to stretch Milwaukee's lead to 6-4.

Byrd's RBI single off Chris Spurling in the seventh pulled Texas within 6-5.

GORDON

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based on looking at the radar," Gordon said.

Hendrick Motorsports recorded its 10th win in the last 12 Nextel Cup races.

"A lot of what people see is luck," Letarte said. "Today with the weather, it was a lot of luck."

Newman's late charge put him second, extending his miserable run of having no wins to show for all his poles. The race pole sitter seemed poised to catch Gordon right before the caution came out and instead stretched

his winless drought to 59 races.

Newman has eight poles — including four this year — since his last win in September 2005. He finished second last week at Dover.

"I'm not mad by any means," Newman said. "I won my first race because it rained out and got too dark. I guess it's only right I lose one that way at some point."

After last week's race at Dover was pushed back a day because of rain, drivers had this one delayed three hours.

The Pocono 500 became a race to the 101st lap to make it official, leading to

some hard and frantic racing early on a track more known for some leisurely stretches in the first half.

Martin Truex Jr. was third and Casey Mears fourth in the first Nextel Cup race since former NASCAR chairman Bill France Jr. died on Monday. A moment of silence was held before the green flag dropped and a prayer was said at the end of the driver's meeting to "remember the France family and continue to comfort them."

"Bill and his entire family did so much for the sport," Gordon said. "You know, we wouldn't be

here with these sponsors all over the cars and the fans in the stands and be this excited about pit strategy wins if this sport wasn't as popular as it is. And that would never be possible without Bill France Jr., without Bill France Sr. and the France family."

Joe Gibbs Racing teammates Tony Stewart and Denny Hamlin took fifth and sixth. Hamlin swept both races on the 2.5-mile triangle track last season and failed in his bid to become only the third driver to win three straight here.

Kurt Busch, docked 100 points for his pit road

run-in with Stewart at Dover, was 16th.

Jimmie Johnson, who swept Pocono in 2004, blew his left front tire 91 laps into the race causing his No. 48 Chevrolet to spark and smoke into pit road. Johnson took his car to the garage and finished 42nd, dropping from second to fourth in the

points standings.

Gordon won for the fourth time in the last seven races to go along with Victory Lane celebrations at Phoenix, Talladega and Darlington.

"The 24 snookered all of us pretty bad," Truex said. "I think five or 10 more laps and we had a shot at the win."

NBA

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but in the end we made a couple of stops and got the win."

With two more victories, small-market San Antonio, often overlooked in the conversation of great teams, can join the Boston Celtics (16 titles), Los Angeles Lakers (14) and Chicago Bulls (6) as franchises with at least four championships.

"Four for Four" has become the popular catchphrase among San Antonio fans in these finals, and the Spurs are making it stick.

"We took what was ours," Ginobili said. "We

just maintained home-court advantage."

Game 3 is Tuesday night at Quicken Loans Arena, which has never hosted a finals game and may only end up holding two unless the Cavaliers, who were down 0-2 to Detroit in the conference finals, can put together four solid quarters.

"They came out the way we were supposed to come out," Ilgauskas said. "They got all the loose balls again. Before we know it we were down 20 points. We got that feeling like the whole game we were running uphill with a hundred-pound bag around our backs."

Parker, the Spurs' petite Frenchman, was magnificent.

He went 13-for-20 from the field, spun his way through defenders at will and made the Cavaliers look like shorts-wearing statues.

Parker kept pushing the action in the third quarter, scoring 10 points to the delight of fiance Eva Longoria and Spurs fans, who aren't ready to plan any parades just yet.

In the 2005 finals, the Spurs won the first two games against Detroit but had to go seven to win the title.

"I remember," Ginobili said. "It was really embarrassing. Hopefully the guys that were in that finals learned from that."

The Cavaliers can also look to last year's finals for comfort.

Miami lost Games 1 and 2 in Dallas before going home to Florida and winning three straight and then beating the Mavericks on their home floor for their first championship.

"We're definitely still confident," James said. "We've been down 2-0 before and we have to find a way to get back the intensity we had in the fourth quarter and carry it into Game 3."

Notes: Spurs F Robert Horry, seeking a seventh NBA title, had five blocks. ... Duncan, who had eight assists and nine rebounds, is second in career blocks in finals history with 63 behind only Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, who had 116.

BRIEFS

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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.

UTPB holding baseball tryouts

The University of Texas of the Permian Basin will hold a baseball tryout camp for all 2007 high school graduates and junior college players with remaining eligibility.

The camp is scheduled for Friday at Roden Field on the UTPB Campus.

Registration is at 9 a.m. with the tryouts beginning at 10 a.m. Cost of the camp is \$25.

Contact Brian Reinke at (432) 552-4677 or e-mail him at reinke_b@utpb.edu with any questions.

Magers-Powell camp scheduled

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

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

The fee will be \$125 per player.

Players can register

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

Texas Tech schedules summer sports camps

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

The 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.

Wes Kittley will hold his Champions of Track & Field Camp starting Sunday and lasting through June 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.

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♥ 8 5 3
♦ Q 10 8 7 6 2
♣ 9 7 5

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♣ A K Q 10 8 4 2

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West North East South
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Pass 6 NT Pass Pass
7 ♠ Pass Pass 7 NT

Dble
Opening lead — king of spades.
My brother, Mike, is the source of this deal, which he played in a pair championship some years ago. He held the North hand and overcalled one spade with two hearts.
South now had a wide choice of bids. He realized his side had a game, but he had no way of knowing where. One possibility was to cuebid

spades to try to find the best landing place. Another possibility was to raise two hearts directly to four.
But South decided the best score at match points might lie in notrump. Accordingly, he jumped to three notrump, running the risk that the diamond suit might be run against him.
West, not vulnerable, bid four spades, and Mike bid four notrump. This was not Blackwood, but merely a raise in notrump. West then bid five spades, which Mike passed. The pass was meant to encourage his partner to go on — otherwise, he would have doubled. South accepted the invitation, revealing his club suit for the first time.
West then bid six spades, doubled by South, but Mike, unwilling to accept a small penalty in lieu of a slam, converted the double to six notrump. After East and South passed, West reasoned that the slam would surely be made, so he pushed out to seven spades.
Once more Mike made an invitational pass, which South again accepted, bidding seven notrump. West doubled, but declarer had three more tricks than he needed. The stop-and-go manner in which the laydown grand slam was reached is surely one of the strangest this department has ever heard of.

Tomorrow: Setting the stage.
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This youngster was just one of hundreds who took advantage of the tube slide at the Big Spring city pool Saturday during its annual Splash In. The city and Radio Station KBST joined forces to celebrate the pool's opening.

TEXAS NEWS BRIEFS

Search intensifies for missing soldier

FORT HOOD (AP) — Fort Hood officials have expanded their search for a soldier who went missing at the Central Texas Army post during a training exercise, a spokeswoman said.

Local and state agencies joined 600 soldiers Sunday in the third day of a search for Sgt. Lawrence G. Sprader, Col. Diane Battaglia said.

The 24-year-old was last heard from Friday evening, just one hour before he was supposed to have completed a six-hour solo navigational mission. He was on foot.

"We think he got disoriented on the course and got misdirected," Battaglia said.

Military Black Hawks and a Texas Department of Public Safety helicopter scoured the area Sunday, and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice provided bloodhounds to assist in the search, Battaglia said.

Astronauts plan first spacewalk of mission

HOUSTON (AP) — Astronauts James Reilly and Danny Olivas were planning to keep their eyes on their gloves Monday during the first spacewalk of Atlantis' visit to the international space station.

A new spacewalking procedure requires astronauts to examine their gloves after every task to make sure there are no cuts in them. NASA put the procedure into place after astronaut Robert Curbeam last December apparently cut an outer layer of his glove during a spacewalk.

Curbeam was never in any danger — in fact the cut was found during an examination on the ground several months later — but NASA wants to make sure there is no chance a leak could develop while an astronaut is in space.

Reilly and Olivas plan to connect a new, 35,000-pound segment to the space station and remove bolts and restraints that hold in place a solar array, also a part of the segment, to be unfolded later in the mission.

Colson warns of militant Islam, atheism

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Watergate figure Chuck Colson warned a gathering of Southern Baptist pastors Sunday night against what he described as two dire threats: the deadly marriage of Islam and fascism and a new, militant atheism growing in popularity in the West.

Colson, a former Nixon "hatchet man" who became a born-again Christian and founded an evangelical ministry to prisoners, called on Christians to do a better job of explaining their religion's worldview.

Colson, 75, spoke at a conference that precedes the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Pricey tickets selling faster in poor areas

AUSTIN (AP) — Retailers in the state's poorest areas sold about 50 percent more of the priciest Texas Lottery tickets than retailers in the state's wealthiest areas over the past year, according to a newspaper analysis.

Retailers in the state's 10 poorest ZIP codes sold \$2.4 million more in \$10, \$20, \$25, \$30 and \$50 games than their counterparts in the 10 richest ZIP codes, the San Antonio Express-News reported.

Taken alone, the \$50 tickets — which went on sale May 7 — have sold faster in more affluent ZIP codes. But overall, per capita spending on the high-dollar tickets was \$25 in the 10 poorest ZIP codes versus \$18 in the 10 wealthiest.

4 dead, 1 injured in San Antonio wreck

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Four people died and a fifth was seriously injured when a car crashed through a guardrail on Interstate 35 in San Antonio.

Authorities on Sunday identified the victims of Saturday morning's accident as Loretta Lucille Davis, 39, of San Antonio; Anthony Randal McClinton, 39, of San Antonio, and Donald Nolan, 44, of Montgomery, Ala. The identity of the fourth person, who was also from out-of-state, was withheld pending notification of relatives.

Albaro Maldonado, the driver of the sport utility vehicle hit by Davis' car, was in serious condition at Brooke Army Medical Center.

Document in El Paso case details bribe seeking

EL PASO (AP) — Federal charges against the former chief of staff for the El Paso County judge implicate unnamed co-conspirators believed to be elected officials and detail bribe seeking and court-case rigging, a court document shows.

Prosecutors say John Travis Ketner, 32, played a role in a conspiracy to defraud the county by fraudulently securing vendor contracts. He pleaded guilty Friday to two counts of conspiracy to commit mail fraud, one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud and one count of conspiracy to commit bribery.

Control of pesky insects are on the agenda. Council members are expected to approved an amendment of \$14,500 to the budget to allow for the purchase of a mosquito fogger.

A look at the annual

donated book in the building was simply given away.

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

Development Board, Traffic Commission, Moore Development For Big Spring, the Planning and Zoning Commission and Howard County Appraisal District Board are also on the agenda.

Council members will convene at 5:30 p.m. in council chambers, 307 E. Fourth St.

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Texas struggles to shut failing charter schools

By LIZ PETERSON

Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN — State officials say they have plenty of reasons to shut down the American Academy of Excellence charter school, from four consecutive years of low accountability ratings to financial mismanagement.

But two years after the Texas Education Agency announced plans to close it, the downtown Houston school is still issuing diplomas and enrolling students as it appeals the state's decision to an administrative law judge. The process could drag on if school officials take their case to district court.

Closing a charter school is not getting easier any time soon. Two bills that would have closed about two dozen struggling charter schools died in the Texas House of Representatives last month, joining three other proposals that failed in 2005.

Opponents of the bills say they would have punished campuses that are reaching out to dropouts, teen parents and other students who couldn't make it in traditional public schools. But supporters of the crackdown say schools that can't boost students' test scores and get them to graduate aren't doing young people any favors.

"We have accountability standards and we can't

just say to these schools, 'It's OK not to graduate any students.' What's the point?" said Sen. Florence Shapiro, a Republican from Plano who sponsored the charter school reform bills.

Charter schools receive taxpayer money but operate independently from local school districts and are free from many state regulations. The first Texas charter schools opened in 1996.

Roughly 70,000, or 1.6 percent, of the state's 4.5 million public school students, attend one of 438 state-approved charter schools, most of them in big cities.

Most charter schools meet or exceed state accountability standards. But about three or four dozen consistently lag behind the rest academically and financially, and a handful have faced serious problems in recent years.

The state has revoked, rescinded or declined to renew 12 charters since 1998. Another 46 have returned their charters, allowed them to expire or merged with another charter district.

The state currently is trying to revoke two charters and has declined to renew three others, including the American Academy of Excellence, TEA spokeswoman DeEtta Culbertson said.

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OUR VIEWS

Pops in the Park still needing our financial support

With the annual "Pops in the Park" concert and fireworks display at Comanche Trail Park a little more than three weeks away, members of the Big Spring Fourth of July Foundation say they're still short of their fund-raising goal.

As of the committee's last meeting Thursday, a little more than half of the money needed to stage the show had been received.

That means the community has responded well to the committee's requests for support, but the job's still only half done and it's time for all of us to show our true colors and make sure "Pops in the Park" continues to be a mainstay of our community's July 4 holiday celebration.

Crowds exceeding 10,000 pack the park and amphitheater each year to be a part of the affair that Foundation members spend much of the year making plans for and gathering the almost \$40,000 needed annually to stage the event.

Donations making the concert and fireworks show possible come from local businesses and individuals, as well as corporate sponsorships. What's more, they make it possible for the organizing committee to open the gates free of charge. Committee members are putting the final touches for this year's July 3 show that will feature the Big Spring Symphony and Chorus, a choreographed fireworks show and a performance by the local band "Los Greengos."

The committee still needs to raise almost \$20,000 to make sure "Pops in the Park" continues to thrive.

Regardless of whether you or your business has been contacted or not concerning a donation, we hope you'll pitch in and help make sure this year's concert and show is a success.

The committee doesn't just need donations of \$500 or \$1,000 from businesses. Anything individuals in the community can do to help would be appreciated, even just a few dollars.

Anyone wishing to make a donation can contact Debbye ValVerde at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce office or mail them to the chamber office at P.O. Box 1391, Big Spring 79721.

As we've often said before, let's make this our community's best and most patriotic Fourth of July holiday celebration ever.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

When things don't work anymore, Lord, we can change with You.

Amen

Bring back summer programs

With the end of the school year, the prospects of putting America's youth to work to keep them off the streets this summer are meager. This is especially true for those living in urban areas, given the lack of federal support and competition for these jobs from other sectors of society.

In 1974, near the end of his administration, President Richard M. Nixon injected nearly \$400 million into Uncle Sam's so-called Summer Jobs Program, which has been around in some form or another since the 1960s. In 1999, the program was funded at \$871 million and served 500,000 at-risk youth. Since then, the federal government has pretty much taken itself out of the summer youth employment business. In 1998, Congress took steps to replace the Job Training Partnership Act, which had funded the Summer Jobs Program in the past, with the Workforce Investment Act (WIA). WIA went into full effect in 2000, and essentially ended the program as it was known for decades.

It went from standalone status — with its own budget — to one of 10 youth services under WIA. In order to work during the summer, disadvantaged youth now must be involved throughout the year, a requirement that has increased the cost considerably and severely limited the number of participants. Also, the act made the program optional for municipalities.

That was back in 2000 when the economy was still going strong, the housing market hadn't collapsed and crime was at an all-time low. Since then, the nation has gone to war, the economy has

lost some steam and unemployment among youth — especially blacks — is high. According to the National Urban League's 2007 Equality Index, unemployment among blacks 16 to 19 years old is 29 percent, compared to 13.2 percent for whites.

What happens when too many youths have nothing to do all summer long? They get into trouble. They join gangs, they take drugs and they get pregnant. Even if they manage to stay out of trouble, they miss opportunities to gain desperately needed skills that will lift them out of the projects through college and into a promising future.

Why does the federal government need to play a role in putting low-income disadvantaged youth into summer jobs? Because the likelihood of them securing employment without outside help is slim. In 2006, only 17 percent of young blacks from families with household incomes under \$20,000 managed to find summer jobs, according to a 2006 report by Northeastern University's Center for Labor Market Studies.

The higher the income the better their prospects: 38 percent of blacks from families with incomes over \$75,000 a year were employed. But even blacks from the most-affluent households were less likely to get jobs than whites from the least-affluent households: 45 percent of whites from families with incomes under \$20,000 landed summer jobs for 2006. Affluent whites outperformed their black counterparts by 17 percentage points. So, it's not only economic standing but also race that dictates to some extent the success of black summer job seekers.

That said, it has still been difficult for teenagers of all races and income backgrounds to find summer jobs. From 2000 to 2006, the seasonally adjusted employment rate of youths 16 to 19 years old

fell from 45 percent to 37 percent, despite strong national wage and salary job growth, which usually boosts teen worker demand. This overall reduction, the report surmises, is a result of increased competition from newer immigrants, older workers, college students home for the summer and young college graduates unable to obtain jobs in their chosen field. This trend is likely to limit opportunities available for youths, especially those from disadvantaged economic backgrounds.

"For teens, work experience begets more work experience, and cumulative work experience has a high payoff in determining the wages and annual earnings of young adults in their early to mid-20s," the Northeastern University report noted.

In 2000, the U.S. Conference of Mayors urged lawmakers to reconsider the government's bad decision to phase out the old Summer Jobs Program. "Investing in these populations returns many times over in reduced welfare dependence, fewer crimes, lower incarceration expenses, and greater workforce productivity," the letter stated. That is why I'm calling on our Congress to reinstate the Summer Jobs Program of old. If our nation ever hopes to close the gap between minorities and mainstream America, it must start with our youth. If we don't invest in them now, the disparities they now face will be reinforced in the years to come.

Marc H. Morial is president and CEO of The National Urban League. He served two distinguished four-year terms as mayor of New Orleans from 1994-2002. During that time, he also served as president of the United States Conference of Mayors in 2001 and 2002.

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The risky life of a patient

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Except, that is, for health care. In the United States, there is a mystique, a secrecy, a lack of legislation that leaves us terribly vulnerable to mistakes, chicanery, and a profit motive thinly veiled by white coats. Doctors shamelessly protect one another in the event of accident or negligence. Drug companies spend more on marketing than on research. Hospitals and clinics advertise like car dealers. Insurance companies compete vigorously to cover the healthy and jettison the sick. Excessive tests are ordered just to deflect liability.

It is a system, in short, where no one is in charge. Bad outcomes due to poor treatment face very little record keeping or review, prices are whatever the market will bear, physicians are buttered up by fashion-plate drug salespeople bearing gifts, and, of course,

there is no national health insurance. In one instructive issue of "Connecticut Magazine," there were 29 separate ads by health care providers, all aimed at the upscale market.

Meanwhile in one state, a bitter battle rages between the flagship university and the area hospitals over a proposed dramatic upgrade to the university's medical center. The locals see it as a ploy to attract prosperous suburban patients, thus leaving the city facilities with just the hardship cases. In such times of chaos, one's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of Congress. But then one remembers the lobbyists, and suddenly all visions of legislative relief fade. The medical association, the pharmaceutical association, the hospital association, the insurance association, and the other entrenched powerhouses outweigh any collection of mere abused patients. Robber barons talking like Mother Teresa still dominate Washington.

And so with Congress as a non-player in the health care game, reformers have turned to the states. Naturally, the trade associations hate this. It opens 50 new battlefronts. Their typical response, sometimes successful, is to try to persuade Congress simply to prohibit states from legislating at all in this critical arena. Now though, they have to deal with Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, who is less likely than her predecessors to sit still for such shenanigans.

As it turns out, malpractice is one of those rare crises where the states are likely to maintain control, always. Thus, 50 battles rage. The docs neither want to be sued in state court for their mistakes nor tracked by the states in any convenient public record as to which of them screwed up. Citizens, state by state, thus need to be vigilant to keep the doctors from further strengthening their already commanding legal position over malpractice.

You can't blame docs though, for the overall financial meltdown of the medical system. More and more of them support a universal insurance plan. They suffer as much as the rest of us from our jerrybuilt HMO-Medicare-Medicaid arrangement.

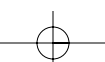
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In the overall scheme of things then, the chief medical villains remain the drug companies and the HMOs, but there's enough self-serving behavior by all the players to make life miserable for countless patients.

This bizarre system will remain in effect until Congress finally provides Medicare for everyone.

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

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Guess what, the time to schedule those appointments is now! On behalf of dentists everywhere, let me say "don't put it off." Every year, parents call in August to try to get their children's dental needs addressed before school, and



DR. DAVID WARD

home anyway. They can get used to their new braces or recover from having their wis-

dom teeth out before school gets going again.

Time passes quickly. Camps are attended. Family vacations are taken. Believe it or not, dentists go on vacation, too. Band and athletic activities start well before school begins. The weeks where your kids are available and your dentist is available may not correlate well. In fact, you may have to wait several weeks to even get an appointment.

I encourage you parents or grandparents to make it a point to call this week to get the ball rolling. By the way,

the same advice applies to teachers who don't want to lose class time. Now, I don't want to put too much pressure on you. Be aware that dental visits are excused absences from school. If you don't get everything done during the summer, it's not the end of the world. One other note of concern. During the summer when kids have easy access to snacks and sweet drinks, watch out. The surest way to have a whole new crop of cavities come fall, is for your kids to spend all day all summer snacking on

sweets and drinking soft drinks. The easiest way to prevent this situation is to not have your kitchen stocked with these items. Children are not known for self discipline.

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Double duty at grilling time: Tropical dip & marinade

Fresh mint, lime juice and sugar — that sounds like the makings of a tropical drink. But it also forms the base for a tangy marinade and dipping sauce that evoke the flavors of Mexico, the Caribbean or the South Pacific.



Mint is a wonderfully fresh flavor that goes particularly well with summer fare. Over 30 species grow wild throughout the world, so it is easy to grow in your own garden. Fresh mint is now available in grocery stores and farmers' markets. The most popular types of mint in this country are spearmint and peppermint. While Americans have tended to use it in desserts and candies, other parts of the world use mint in salads, marinades, sauces and savory dishes.

Herbs, including mint, as well as spices and garlic, contain health-protective phytochemicals, so using them as flavoring agents makes them a double-duty ally at mealtime.

In many sauces with strong or spicy flavors like mint, garlic and red pepper, a creamy liquid — coconut milk in parts of Asia, for example — is

often used to bind together and smooth out the flavors. In this recipe, fat-free yogurt fills that function without adding unnecessary fat. Used in a marinade, yogurt helps tenderize meat, especially if it has time to work its magic — a half-hour for cut-up pieces, an hour or more for large pieces such as chicken breasts. Meats that are marinated before cooking have a richer, more complex flavor than meats served simply with a dipping sauce.

Health experts caution that raw meats — red meat, chicken and fish — often have unhealthy substances that will be neutralized in the cooking process. But when the meats have been marinated, some of those contaminants will remain in the marinade, which thus should be discarded rather than used for a finishing sauce. To be safe, make a double quantity of marinade/sauce mixture,

using half for a marinade and half for the dipping sauce. Many marinades, such as those made with oil and vinegar, don't work well as sauces, but this version can be used for both marinade and sauce.

Commercial marinades and sauces often contain preservatives, excess sweeteners and even dyes on occasion. Why bother buying them when this recipe is easy to prepare and healthier than anything you could buy in a jar?

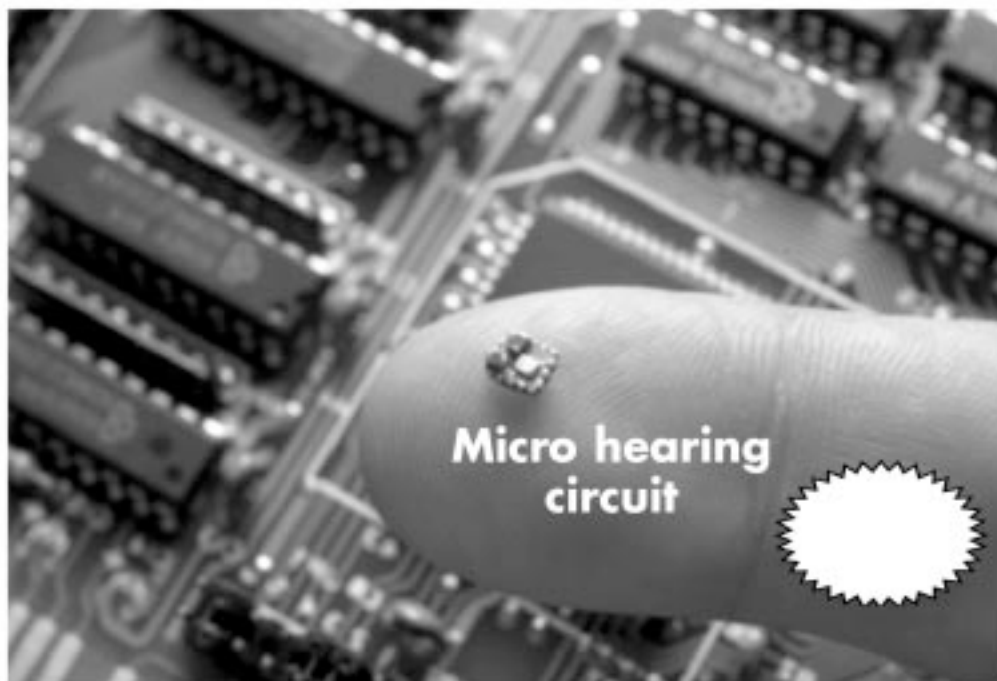
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stand at least 1 hour at room temperature before using for flavors to develop and meld.

Makes about 2/3 cup. Per serving (about 2 Tbsp.): 48 calories, 3 g. total fat (<1 g. saturated fat), 6 g. carbohydrate, <1 g. protein, 0 g. dietary fiber, 2 mg. sodium.

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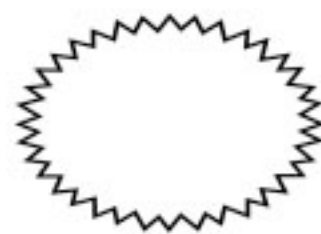


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Parents may love the attention to fitness that stems from their children playing sports, but they are often uncertain about the best way to provide fuel and fluid for their young athletes. Special care is probably not needed to fuel pre-schoolers for sports events; in pre-school "sports" events. Pre-schoolers typically run around as much as they would in their unorganized play. After a few years, however, youths may need more attention. Too much food in the stomach during sports activity is uncomfortable. Some food is needed, however, to fuel muscles for peak performance and to prevent fatigue and light-headedness from low blood sugar. Meeting fluid needs, especially during hot weather, is a concern for athletes of all ages.



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Sports nutrition experts

recommend eating from two to three hours before competition. For Saturday morning sports that means getting up early enough to eat two hours ahead of the activity. For events in the early to mid-afternoon, breakfast and lunch are important; for late-afternoon sports add a light afternoon snack as well. Fuel for evening sports means all of these meals plus an early light supper.

Choose foods that can be easily digested, such as complex carbohydrates. (Oily, greasy foods can take more than two to three hours to digest.) Good choices include bread, pasta, cereal, bagels, pancakes and pasta. You might also include juice or a fruit like applesauce or a banana. Provide a moderate amount of low-fat protein in pre-game meals, too. Good choices include fat free or low-fat milk or yogurt, one egg or chicken (plain or in a sandwich with little mayonnaise or added fat, as opposed to high-fat chicken nuggets).

An equally important part of before-sports nutrition is drinking

enough fluid. Dehydration is uncomfortable, hurts performance and at extremes, can be dangerous. Pre-game meals should include one or two cups of water. From 20 to 30 minutes before the activity, youths should drink one to two cups of a cool drink to arrive fully hydrated. Outside of sports time, the preferred beverage to relieve and prevent thirst is water. Avoid soda, juice and fruit drinks right before the event; their sugar content can cause stomach cramps and nausea during strenuous exercise.

During sports time, recommended beverages for adults and children may differ. Research suggests that part of the increased problem with overweight in adults and children is our consumption of calorie-containing drinks. During sports for adults, water is usually the recommended beverage, except for events lasting longer than an hour or intense "start and stop" sports such as hockey or basketball. However, some sports nutritionists

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Gravity isn't working against us today, thanks to the helpful gravitational push of Mars and Saturn. When we're working within our own limits, there's no failure and no reason to bend ourselves into pretzels. Keep your efforts slow and steady. Have faith that in time you'll produce a stunning work.



ARIES (March 21-April 19). Accept the recognition you're receiving from an authority, with authority. You've earned it. Through your own discipline, self-reliance and self-control, you're your own best authority.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your sense of right and wrong is your personal weather vane, and it's a handy barometer. But today you

take it a layer deeper and ponder a deeper, richer and far more personal truth.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Simultaneously, you feel the satisfaction of a job well done and find yourself in the enviable position of receiving applause. Give yourself a hand! You raised the bar, and you now rise to a new level of leadership.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). A paycheck isn't just a paycheck. It's money well earned. Consider it an investment in you. You're building more than net worth — you're amassing capital, and other people's interests, in your own talents.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). If an effort seems disproportionately Herculean, you find it easy to get the help you need when you need it. You've got an amazing social network to tap into. Consider everyone you know as a co-conspirator for your success.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Share a heart-to-heart

lesson from the wise perch you've inhabited lately. Your accumulated experiences are building a beautiful story. Retell it and you learn more. The beauty is in having someone to give it away to.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Focus on building a future. Share a dream, and make it elaborate. Yes, who and where you've been in the past fuels the now — but the future can be molded and shaped by the power of two.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). In case you were wondering whether anyone's wondering where you are — they are. Stick your head outside the cubicle to say hello. Talk about the headway you've made. Give your fabulous supporting cast a pep talk.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You've been assigned the amazing task of grounding a heart's desire. Michelangelo turned mundane clay into magnificence. You're taking a similar approach. Keep looking for the invisible. And keep it real.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're reaching deep down to forge something incredible with another human being. When you see the fear blocks that previously held your trust at bay and bust right through them, it's fortifying.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A conversation gets real when someone breaks it down for you. The speedy revelations are helpful, and the options many. All empower you to more thoroughly consider the view from another vantage point.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). With the right attitude, there's no limit to what you can accomplish. You'll give substance and energy to your goals by staying on course. Keep your resolve high. Give your best to attract your best.

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Annie's Mailbox ®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I've been married over 30 years to "Ted." He makes a very good salary, we own our house, and there is money in the bank. I've never been unfaithful, but I'm not sure I can say the same for my better half.

Five years ago, I was doing some major cleaning. When I moved boxes in the closet, I found some women's items that were not mine. And not just one or two items — at least a dozen, and I don't mean shoes.

I didn't say a word for two weeks, and then I lost it. Ted travels a great deal and told me he found those items alongside the road. He didn't see anything wrong with collecting them but promised not to do it again.

Well, I found similar items yesterday. Do I confront him? — Losing Sleep

Dear Losing Sleep: It's possible Ted is telling the truth, or he may be cheating and keeps women's attire as souvenirs. But we think Ted could be entirely faithful and those items belong to him. Your husband may be a crossdresser.

It's time for a heart-to-heart talk. If he's cheating, please seek marriage counseling. If he's wearing women's lingerie, contact Tri-Ess, The Society for the Second Self Inc. (tri-ess.org), P.O. Box 980638, Houston, Texas 77098-0638.

Dear Annie: My husband and I opened a restaurant seven years ago. We love what we do. We have put every penny we earn back into the business, plus money from my wonderful in-laws. We have great friends who help when minor problems arise, but I'm tired of not making ends meet and worrying about the next bill or the next catastrophe. I'm tired of wearing worn-out clothes and going two years between haircuts so we have money for emergencies.

I don't want to give up the business. My customers are like family. I take pride in knowing we have made it this far. But if the business goes under, we'll be out on the streets. I know I am extremely depressed right now, but there's no money for counseling, either. I'm just so afraid we aren't going to make it. I don't expect you to have the cure. I guess I just want someone to say it's OK to be scared. — Sayre, Pa.

Dear Sayre: Of course it's OK. The restaurant



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business is notoriously difficult, but if you love what you do and can manage to keep your head above water, you're actually ahead of the game. And you CAN afford counseling. Your clergyperson is a good person to talk to, or check the local hospitals and university psychology graduate departments. Groups like Recovery Inc. (recovery-inc.org) also provide free programs for helping to deal with stress. Good luck.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Know Better," who said if "Isadora" has been married for 33 years, she is not a bombshell and looks like a deranged old lady in leotards. You said Isadora could be only 53. I bet she's a knockout! I'm 73, have been married 32 years and am at the gym three times a week. I'm still a size 10 petite with no sagging skin, and 40-year-old men turn their heads when I walk by. It's amazing what Botox and laser treatments will do for a woman's self-esteem. — Florida Babe

Dear Florida: Here's a couple more clobbers for "Know Better":

From North Carolina: I am a 5-foot-10, size 4, green-eyed, willowy blonde. Since I've been married for 28 years and am 48, I'm going to really live it up being a bombshell for the next five, before I become old and deranged.

California: I am 51 years old, 100 pounds and a size 2 petite, and have men ages 35 to 75 falling at my feet. I have never looked better than I do now, and yes, I absolutely take advantage of it. Maybe "Know Better" should get off the couch, nix the chips, and join a dance class.

Dear Annie: I have been married for 12 years and have always gotten along with my mother-in-law until last week, when I changed phone companies.

There were some crossed wires, and I overheard my mother-in-law saying nasty things about me to my sister-in-law. I was heartbroken.

I know my mother-in-law repeats everyone's personal business. My husband told me on many occasions not to trust her, saying she was certainly doing the same to us. I was sure Mom would be different toward me because we were friends. She had told me many times that I am like a daughter to her, and she loves me and is thankful that I am a good mother to her grandchildren and a good wife to her son.

When I told my husband what I heard, he was very upset and told his mother he no longer wanted her to be part of his life.

Annie, I know my husband loves his mother, but she really hurt me. I am usually the family peacekeeper, but I just can't get past this. Mom did apologize, but I'm sure it's only because she misses her son and grandchildren. I doubt she gives a hoot about me. I am tired of biting my tongue to get along with people I don't like, but I don't want my husband to resent me. What should I do? — Grief-Stricken and Angry

Dear Grief-Stricken: It's likely your mother-in-law plays one child against the other as a means of getting attention, and she doesn't believe any of the nasty things she says. This doesn't make them hurt less, but it makes it possible for you to forgive. The fact that your husband took your side so readily and completely means you won this battle. She has apologized, whatever her motivation, and you need to let this pass. You don't have to trust her and you don't have to see her as often as you once did, but family gatherings require that you stay on polite terms.

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(Boiling) Blood Is Thicker Than Water

Dear Margo: First of all, I love my husband with all my heart. I have a sister who has not been close with the family for about 20 years, and then it was only with our dad and me. Our mom and dad are divorced.

Well, my sister and I got close again in 2004. I was very happy to have her back in my life again. She was in the process of filing for a divorce. I was there for her in every way.



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Last year, she called to tell me that she and my husband were having an affair. She said it had been going on for a few months. I found out, however, it was since 2004. She started it by asking my husband to bring her lunch at work because they didn't work far from each other.

(This is not the first husband she's done this with. She had one affair go on for eight years with the husband of her best friend.)

My question is: How do I get the ugly images out of my head? My husband is remorseful for what happened, but at the same time, he said he fell in love with her. I told them both that I truly do forgive them, and I meant it, even though my sister has deeply scarred my heart.

So, please, some advice about how to get rid of the ugly images so I can trust my husband again and be happy. — Trying Hard

Dear Try: What an unfortunate habit your sister has. I hope you have returned her to the persona non grata category from whence she came.

The images with which you torture yourself are not unlike flashbacks from a traumatic experience, except for the fact that you weren't present. The imagery, however, is easily imagined. The mind-pictures will fade with time, but you can help them recede by consciously thinking that they have nothing to do with the present. Whenever you feel your mind going there, consciously make yourself think of something pleasant, in effect telling your mind, "Stop it!"

I guess the bottom line is a situation like yours is to live in the here-and-now. — Margo, restoratively

My Advice: Grin and Bear It

Dear Margo: Please help. My fiance and I are planning a beautiful summer wedding on Lake Michigan. My question is: When is enough enough?

My maid-of-honor (who is my sister) is having some sort of princess issues. Her first request was that I reserve a room for her, her husband and her dog. (We are having a destination wedding.)

She told my mother she could not be bothered looking for a hall for my shower, which my mother did from Florida, God bless her, even though I did not need a shower because I am 40!

I filled out my own shower invitations and asked her to come over to help stamp and seal the 20-plus invitations. She told me that she refuses to put her "DNA" on an envelope.

I am afraid of how she will behave at my shower, then the wedding, because I don't like the way she is behaving now. I want her out. So, at what point is enough enough? — Blue Bride-To-Be

Dear Blue: Enough is enough when you've had . . . well, enough. But beware of disinventing your loony sister to be maid-of-honor. She would surely take it as a huge insult. (The DNA on the envelope is totally nuts, unless she is on the FBI's list of the 10 Most Wanted Fugitives in the country.)

The things she has asked you and your mother to do are princessy, to be sure, but they are not out of this world. I doubt that she will be strange at either the shower or the wedding. That would be too overt, whereas delegating you to get a room for her, her husband and the hound is kind of a private needle to just you.

Chill out about this, and perhaps assign your mother the job of keeping an eye on her. — Margo, managerially

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VETERAN OF THE MONTH

William Fishback recalls his service with the Army during World War II

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Staff Writer

William Fishback never wanted to be an officer, but the Army had other ideas.

Fishback, who served 15 months in Europe during the climatic stages of World War II, was honored Thursday by Hangar 25 Air Museum as its Veteran of the Month for June.

The war was in its early stages when Fishback enlisted in 1942. During basic training in Fort Sill, Okla., he said he received highly practical instruction from his drill sergeant.

"He told me, 'I'm only going to teach you two things — how to kill, and how to keep from getting killed,'" Fishback said.

Fishback was eventually assigned to Charlie Battery of the 307th Field Artillery Battalion, part of the 78th Infantry

Division.

He was a staff sergeant with the unit when it shipped overseas to England and repeatedly turned down promotion to officer rank. The Army persisted, however, and Fishback soon found himself sporting captain's bars.

He assumed command of Charlie Battery and its four 105-millimeter howitzers.

Talking about how the average firing rate of a howitzer was four rounds a minute, Fishback couldn't help bragging about "the boys" in his battery.

"Those suckers in my platoon could squeeze off six rounds a minute," he said. "They were some good boys."

Fishback's unit shipped out of England late in 1944, stopping off in Belgium before pushing toward Germany.

"This guy handed me a map and pointed to a spot



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Hangar 25 Air Museum Director Heather Wallace and Clarence Hartfield Jr. present a cake to the museum's Veteran of the Month for June, William Fishback. Fishback served 15 months in Europe during World War II.

with his finger and said, 'We're sending you to the front.' I said, 'Fine, but what are we going to do when we get there?' He said, 'Don't worry, there'll be someone at the other end who will tell you,'" he said.

Fishback's unit set up shop in the Ardennes Forest — "It was a pretty

place, if you used your imagination," he said — then crossed the Ruhr River as part of the Allied push toward Germany.

Charlie Battery participated in three battles, but Fishback did not lose a man to enemy fire. He did, however, choke up as he talked about three of his "boys" who were

killed by Allied "friendly fire."

Early in 1945, German resistance began crumbling, and Fishback's battery soon found itself crossing the Rhine River into Germany. Soon after that, the Germans surrendered.

Fishback was discharged in January 1946,

returned home to earn his college degree and embarked on a career in education, which included 23 years as principal of Coahoma High School.

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point to studies showing that children drink more when given flavored, lightly sweetened "sports drinks" than when given water. Because of concerns that youths can

develop dehydration and high body temperature more quickly than adults, the nutritionists suggest youths drink sports drinks during and just before sports. These drinks contain about 6 percent sugar (about 14 grams) in eight ounces; soft drinks and juices

contain more than 10 percent sugar (about 25 grams) per eight ounces. Avoid "energy drinks," which are loaded with sugar and caffeine (a diuretic).

Some parents find it helpful to mark lines on kids' drink bottles as a guide to help them drink

enough throughout the game or practice. About five to nine ounces (depending on age and size) every 15 to 20 minutes is recommended. Studies show that our bodies are not good at sensing how much fluid we need and we can easily "voluntarily dehy-

drate" by not drinking enough even when more fluid is available. Some professionals recommend you could try weighing your child before and after a sports event. Weight lost in such a short time is fluid loss, and your child can rehydrate by drinking one

cup of fluid for every half-pound lost. Weighing also helps to learn how much fluid is needed for your youth to stay hydrated.

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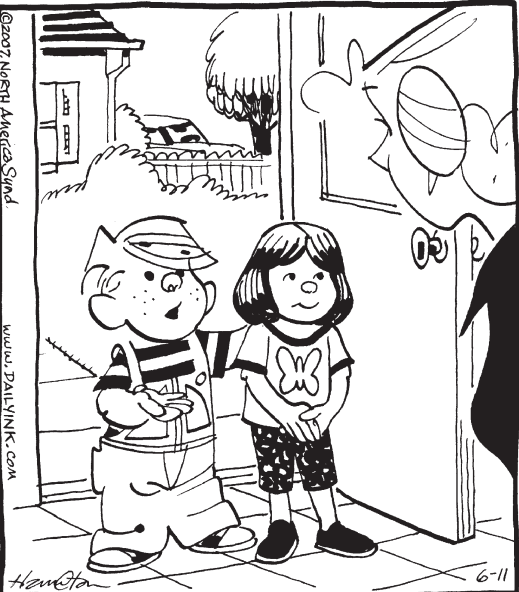
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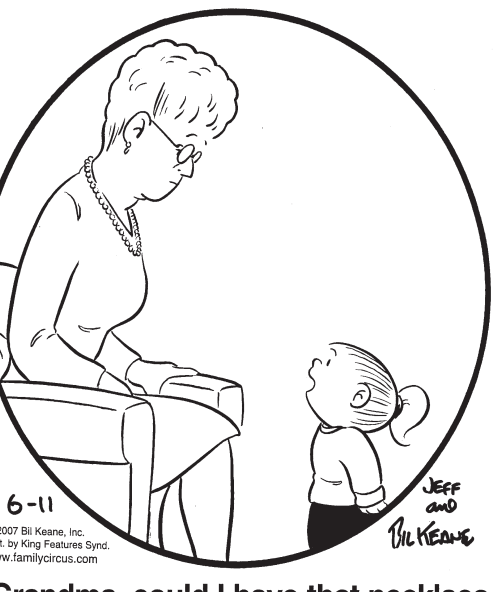
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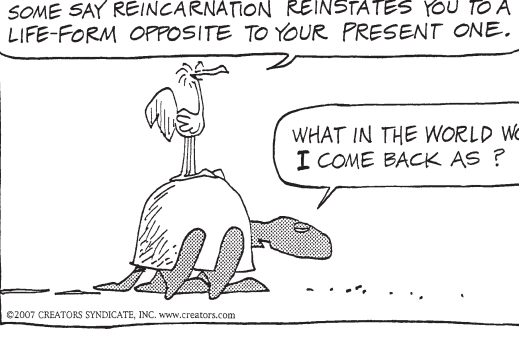
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Grandma, could I have that necklace when it gets too small for you?"

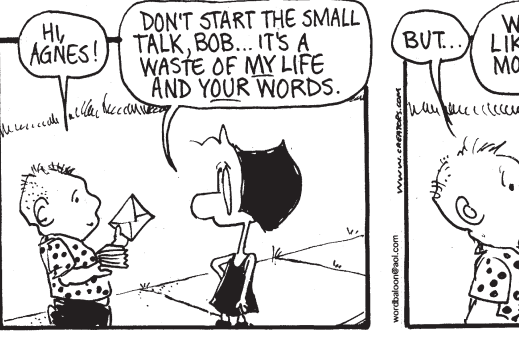
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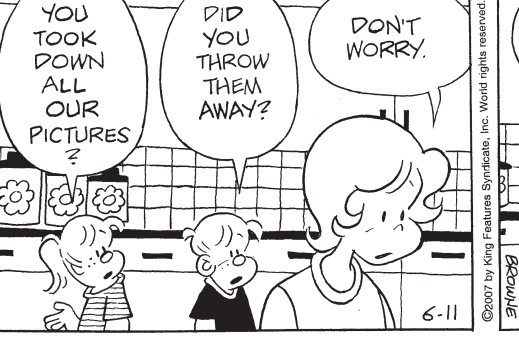
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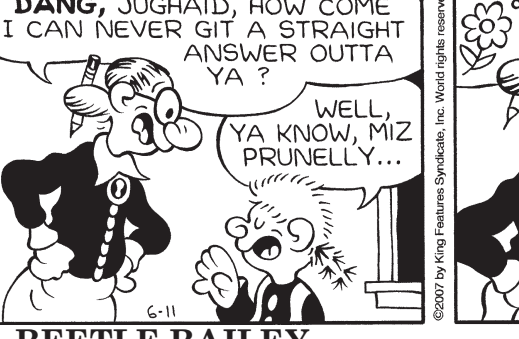
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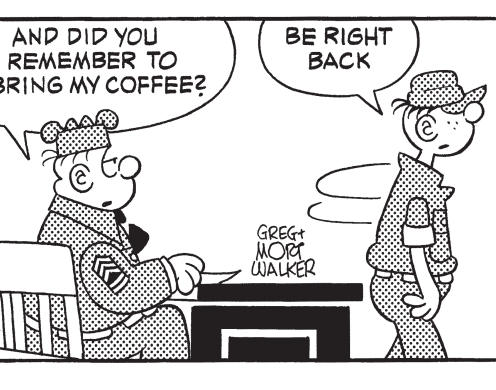
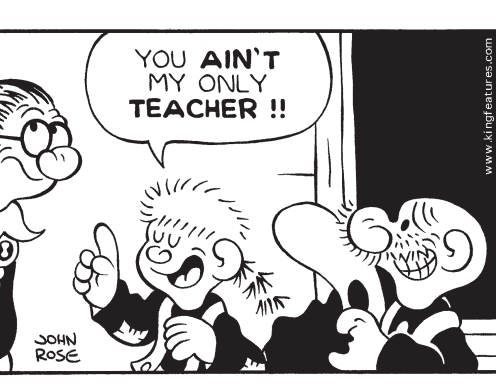
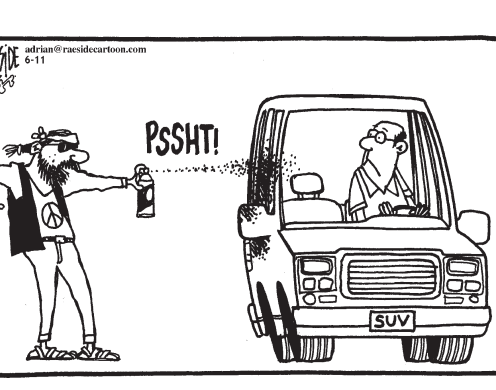
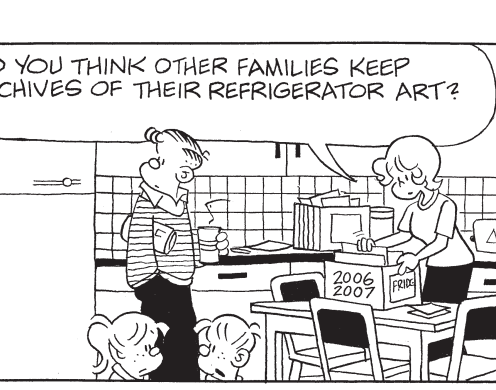
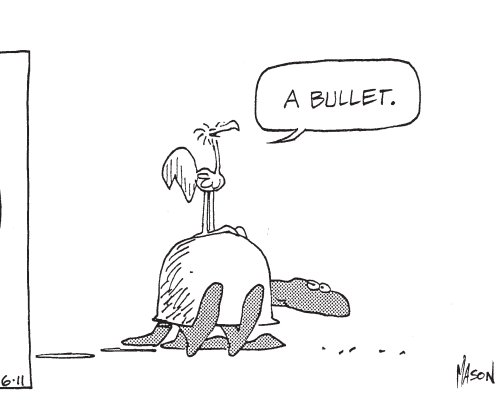
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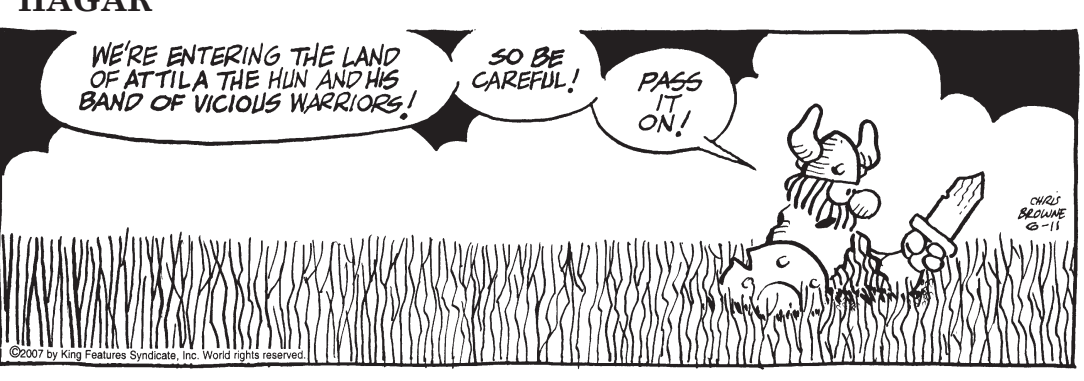
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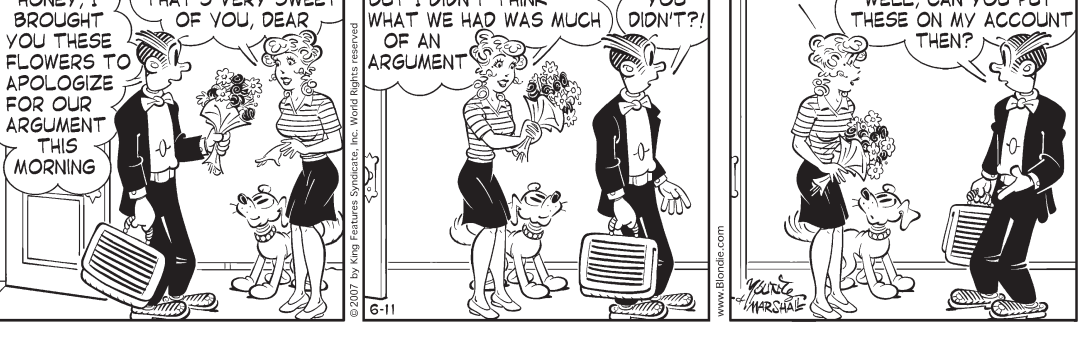
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This Date In History

Today is Monday, June 11, the 162nd day of 2007. There are 203 days left in the year.
Today's Highlights in History:
On June 11, 1776, the Continental Congress formed a committee to draft a Declaration of Independence calling for freedom from Britain.
On this date:
In 1509, England's King Henry VIII married Catherine of Aragon.
In 1770, Capt. James Cook, commander of the British ship Endeavour, discovered the Great Barrier Reef off Australia by running onto it.
In 1919, Sir Barton won the Belmont Stakes, becoming horse racing's first Triple Crown winner.
In 1947, the government announced the end of household and institutional sugar rationing, to take effect the next day.
In 1963, Buddhist monk Thich Quang Duc set himself afire on a Saigon street to protest the government of South Vietnamese President Ngo Dinh Diem.
In 1970, the United States presence in Libya came to an end as the last detachment left Wheelus Air Base.
In 1977, a 20-day hostage drama in the Netherlands ended as Dutch marines stormed a train and a school held by South Moluccan extremists. Six gunmen and two hostages on the train were killed.
In 1977, Seattle Slew won the Belmont Stakes, capturing the Triple Crown.
In 1985, Karen Ann Quinlan, the comatose

patient whose case prompted a historic right-to-die court decision, died in Morris Plains, N.J., at age 31.
In 2001, Timothy McVeigh was executed by injection at the federal prison in Terre Haute, Ind., for the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing that killed 168 people.
Today's Birthdays: Opera singer Rise Stevens is 94. Actor-producer Richard Todd is 88.

Answer to previous puzzle
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- ACROSS
1 Scotch and ___ (bar order)
5 Native of England, for short
9 Ready for use
14 Mouse-catching device
15 Mystical glow
16 Cello's smaller cousin
17 Freeway exit
18 Word of regret
19 Sign up
20 Now
22 Takes out a lease
23 Mexican coins
24 Mexican nap
26 "___ was saying..."
28 Speak unclearly
32 Milwaukee's loc.
35 Comparatively angry
39 Use oars
40 Now
43 Gun owners' org.
44 Ship's steering device
45 Sandwich breads
46 One receiving a loan
48 Pronounce
50 Short, as a play
54 Gotten up
58 Largest mammal
61 Now
63 Made sharper
- DOWN
7 Tehran resident
8 Sample of food
9 Capsize
10 Work-shift start, often
11 Ripped
12 Very often
13 Buddies
21 Double-curve letter
25 Mascara mishaps
27 Confident comment
29 Donkey sound
30 Theater level
31 Rams' mates
32 Gust or gale
33 Concerning
34 Wild guess
36 Find a sum
- 37 Papa
38 Change the color of
41 Attached, as some patches
42 Evaporating
47 Ohio city
49 Exist
51 Squirrel food
52 Collector's item
53 Current style
55 Carved in ___ (unchangeable)
56 Gladden
57 Hosiery fabric
58 Horse-stopping shout
59 Appointment-book line
60 Picnic spoilers
62 Window-curtain holders

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