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Stargazing set for Saturday

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Paris Hilton may be grabbing all the headlines these days, but officials with the Big Spring State Park will be looking for a different kind of star Saturday during the annual Stargazing event.

Slated for 8 p.m. until 11:30 p.m. near the park office at the top of Scenic Mountain, the program will offer something for everyone in the family, according to Ron Alton, manager of the park.

"It's one of the bigger events of the year for us," said Alton.



ALTON

"It's a fun and educational way to spend a Saturday night outdoors with your family. You can take a tour of the night sky with area amateur astronomy clubs.

"It's a great chance for families to spend some quality time together, as well. It doesn't matter how old you are, seeing the stars and the different heavenly bodies through a telescope is just amazing."

Alton said the West Texas

Amateur Astronomy Club from Midland will provide several high-powered telescopes for those attending to get a better look at the heavens.

"They've been really great in helping us put the Stargazing event on each year," said Alton. "They really love doing this. Most people who are into astronomy love to teach others about it, so there will be plenty of knowledgeable people to answer questions during the presentation."

And while mother nature may or may not cooperate with the stargazing event, Alton said he

and the rest of the staff at the park have a back-up plan.

"If the weather doesn't cooperate with us — we have too many clouds or it rains — we'll reschedule the Stargazing for July 21," said Alton.

Admission to the park is \$2 for those age 13 and over. There is no charge for children 12 and under.

"We invite everyone to come out," said Alton. "These events keep the state park finances going, especially in these times when budgets are being even more closely examined than in previous times."

Alton invites everyone to come early, perhaps even picnic at the park.

"It's a great place to watch the sunset, so plan to come early and enjoy the view before the presentations begin," he said.

The state park is located at No. 1 Scenic Drive, just off FM 700 near Wasson Road.

For more information about the stargazing event, contact Alton at 263-4931.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

Vandalism

Graffiti 'artists' create costly eyesore at park

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

For area students the summer vacation means fun in the sun, but for the city of Big Spring, it means trying to keep up with the rash of vandalism and graffiti finding its way into public parks and streets.

According to Todd Darden, director of public works for the city of Big Spring, the city has already suffered thousands of dollars in damage at the hands of vandals since schools dismissed for the summer.

"We've been hit twice at the Roy Anderson Ballpark, twice at Kids Zone and once at the spring in Comanche Trail Park," said Darden. "That's all since school was dismissed. We're not saying it's kids that are doing this, but the damage has certainly picked up since school let out."

Darden said the city has also seen vandalism at several vacant buildings in downtown Big Spring during the past few weeks, and what it all amounts to is a huge bill for repairs.

"We've tried sand blasting some of it off — basically everything in the book — and there's just no cheap answer," said Darden. "We're looking at thousands of dollars in damage already, and the summer has just begun. And the worst part is this is all being paid for by taxpayer dollars, so everyone's having to pay for it. They're just tearing up their own stuff, in a sense."

The most recent attack came against the historic spring in Comanche Trail Park where vandals used graffiti to mark numerous displays.

"They marked on the stonework looking out over the spring," said Darden. "They also did a lot of damage to the stone fence around the spring, as well as the stone seats and ledges."

Darden said the city is working to catch the vandals, and is also looking into preventative measures that may have wayward artists giving their trade a second thought.

"We're working with

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Graffiti similar to this was recently found at the historic spring in Comanche Trail Park and is expected to cost thousands of dollars to repair, according to city officials. The city of Big Spring is currently looking at surveillance equipment to protect the local landmark from future attacks by vandals.

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Sales tax rebates above 2006 levels

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**
News Editor

It's not up to speed with last month's 37 percent increase in sales tax revenues, but 11 percent for June is a healthy increase compared to a year ago.

According to the State Comptroller's Office, Big Spring received \$402,148.62 in sales tax revenue this month. Compared to June 2006 revenues of \$361,950.08, that's an increase of 11.1 percent. For the year now, Big Spring has received \$2,724,382.82, an increase of

9.56 percent.

In May, revenues were up 37.33 percent — largely attributed to audit collections. City officials explained that audit collections normally range from \$200 to \$300 up to \$4,000 or \$5,000, but were \$95,000 in May. Obviously, audit collections for June weren't nearly that amount, but overall 11.1 percent represents a healthy upswing. It's a solid trend for the city, which witnessed a drop in revenues — compared to the previous year — in February and March.

Coahoma continued to experience

higher than normal revenues. Following an increase of 61 percent last month, the city received a whopping 104.77 percent hike for June. Revenues amounted to \$14,453.89 this month compared to \$7,058.52 taken in for June 2006. For the year, Coahoma has received \$57,842.13, up a hefty 50.7 percent.

Forsan took in \$6,670.21 this month compared to \$6,097.18 for June 2006. For the year, Forsan has brought in \$41,573.90 and is -0.24 percent below last year's total through the sixth month.

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IN BRIEF

City of Big Spring tennis camps slated

Two more City of Big Spring Tennis Camps led by Ted Olesen and Nelson Payne are slated to take place within the next week.

The first camp starts Tuesday at Comanche Trail's Figure 7 Tennis Center and concludes Thursday lasting from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day.

Cost of the camp is \$100 and is available for all ages and ability levels with a daily lunch served.

The last camp will be held from June 23-26.

The camps are designed to teach the beginner player the basics, as well as teach the advanced player how to reach their full potential. Participants do not have to take the full week of camp.

For more information, visit the Web site www.bigspringtennis.com.

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 tournament set at park

The Optimist Take a Child Fishin' Tournament is set for Saturday 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.

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 camps

Tech's High Altitude Cross Country Camp will be held August 6-10 in Cloudcroft, N.M. For more information, call Jon Murray at (806)742-3355 or e-mail him at jonathan.murray@ttu.edu.

Visit TexasTech.com for more information.

Millwood fans 10 as Rangers pound Reds

By **JOE KAY**

AP Sports Writer

CINCINNATI — Two months had passed since Kevin Millwood won a game. More than a year had gone by since Marlon Byrd hit a big league home run.

The last time the Texas Rangers won a series on the road? Felt like forever.

Millwood and Byrd had their personal breakthroughs on Sunday, leading the Texas Rangers to an 11-4 victory over the Cincinnati Reds that decided a series between the worst teams from each league.

"I just was glad we took the series," Byrd said. "That's the big thing."

At this point, both teams will take whatever they can get. For the Rangers, it was a blowout on a hot afternoon that was void of history.

Sammy Sosa pinch-hit and grounded into a forceout, leaving him one homer away from becoming the fifth to reach 600. Byrd took his place in right field and had a breakout game, helping the Rangers take two of three in the matchup of bottom dwellers.

"It wasn't Sammy, but I tried to

do what I could," Byrd said.

The Rangers (26-43) won a road series for only the second time this season — the other came in Houston from May 18-20. The Reds (27-43) lost another at home — they're 14-23 overall at Great American Ball Park — despite hitting nine homers in the series.

The Rangers pulled away with four runs in the ninth off one of the NL's worst bullpens. The Reds had one of their three errors in the inning.

No wonder they are where they are.

"You don't want to be looking

up at everybody else," Ken Griffey Jr. said. "Everybody's trying to get better. We've done some good things here. We've done some bad things here."

Adam Dunn provided the few good moments with two homers off Millwood (3-6), who struck out a season-high 10 batters to get his first victory since April 13. Millwood was sidelined by a pulled hamstring last month, and had gone 0-5 in his last seven starts.

"I think that's the kind of outing he needs to get going,"

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Cabrera holds off Woods for U.S. Open title

By **ALAN ROBINSON**

AP Sports Writer

OAKMONT, Pa. — Possessing greatness is a necessity to win at Oakmont, so went the talk all week at the U.S. Open. The kind of over-the-top talent Ben Hogan, Bobby Jones and Jack Nicklaus displayed in winning championships there, that Johnny Miller owned for a day while shooting his record 63 in 1973.

So, with Tiger Woods ready to win the 13th major championship that would edge him closer to Nicklaus' record 18 majors, how could Angel Cabrera emerge from a tense final round Sunday as champion?

All together now: Who?

Cabrera is 12th in European Tour career earnings, but his visibility in America probably couldn't have been much lower. Despite six previous top 10 finishes in majors, he is almost never mentioned among the top contenders in big tournaments.

Now that he's stared down world-ranked No. 1 Woods and No. 3 Jim Furyk to bring a U.S. Open title home to Argentina for the first time — smoking like a steel mill, much like Arnold Palmer once did — that will change.

"The good thing is that I beat everybody here, not only Tiger Woods," Cabrera said Sunday, moments after putting both arms around the championship trophy and tucking it close.

Cabrera, 36, doesn't come from a country club background, growing up so poor he didn't finish elementary school. He began golfing only because his caddie's job allowed him to venture onto home-course Cordoba Golf Club. Back home, he is nicknamed El Pato — the duck — for the way he walks down the fairway.

"I had to work as a caddie to put food on the table," said Cabrera, whose best previous victory came in the 2005 BMW Championship, one of Europe's top events. "That's why, probably, these moments are enjoyed

even more."

He smokes to deal with stress. "Well, there are some players that have psychologists, sportologists," he said. "I smoke."

Curiously, Oakmont Country Club, home to the rich, wealthy and famous, put away most of the field with its toughness, enabling the once dirt-poor Cabrera to take care of the rest as he finished at 5-over 285 for the tournament. Big and burly, Cabrera fit in well in Pittsburgh, where star athletes such as the now-retired Jerome Bettis aren't always perfect physical specimens.

Still, if one would have said his last name before the U.S. Open, many local fans would have confused him with Francisco Cabrera, the Braves bench player whose ninth-inning pinch hit beat the Pirates in Game 7 of the 1992 NLCS.

No doubt it was a coincidence, but Angel Cabrera was the only contender who came out Sunday wearing yellow and black, his bright shirt almost exactly the shade of Steelers gold. Furyk spent part of his youth in western Pennsylvania and some fans chanted his name, yet it was Cabrera who dressed the role as the hometown favorite.

"He (Cabrera) had some great golf shots, and that's what you have to do," Woods said. "He went out there and put all the pressure on Jim and I, and we fell one short."

Woods was the runner-up in a major for the second time this year; he also was at the Masters. Furyk tied for second in the U.S. Open for the second year in a row, the first to do that since Palmer in 1966-67.

Cabrera, the only player with two below-par rounds at Oakmont, owned the second-round lead following a 1-under 69 on Thursday and a 71 on Friday. But his 6-over 76 Saturday left him four off the pace. That meant he went off four groups

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MCT photo/Elise Amendola

Angel Cabrera of Argentina chips onto the 17th green during the second round of the 107th U.S. Open Golf Championship Friday at the Oakmont Country Club in Oakmont, Pa. Cabrera held onto win the tournament with a collective 5-over par showing.

Edwards claims first victory in 52 races

By **JENNA FRYER**

AP Auto Racing Writer

BROOKLYN, Mich. — When Carl Edwards was collecting four wins during his first Nextel Cup season, he challenged one of his team members not to shave between victories.

What was the worst that could happen? Tom Giacchi might have to go a couple of weeks without a razor?

Try 19 months. Edwards snapped his 52-race winless streak Sunday at Michigan International Speedway, then promptly took a pair of scissors to Giacchi's long ZZ Top-style beard.

The beard had gotten so unruly, Giacchi found a tick in it after returning from a camping trip two weeks ago.

"I just hated to see him like that for so long," Edwards said. "It's changed his life a little bit. People grab their chil-

dren in Wal-Mart and pull them aside, lock their doors when he walks by on the street. He used to go on dates. Women loved him.

"He's been staring at the Gillette Phantom razor with longing eyes. It's going to be a new day for you, Tom."

The beard had become a running joke in the Nextel Cup garage, where Giacchi was a constant reminder that Edwards had last won a race on Nov. 6, 2005. Wins came often that year — he scored four of them, and finished third in the season standings.

But he struggled through all of 2006, when car owner Jack Roush moved crew chief Bob Osborne off Edwards' team. The two are back together this season, and Edwards has a win to show for it while Giacchi was looking for some shaving cream.

"When they made that

silly wager, I had no idea it would be this long," car owner Jack Roush said. "Carl and Bob won four races the first year. I was even surprised it took this long to get it going this year."

Edwards had to overcome an early speeding penalty and held off Martin Truex Jr. to seal the win. Truex, who has not finished lower than third the past three races, brushed the wall in the closing laps and lost his momentum.

"It was very difficult to stay composed, especially when Martin was closing in," Edwards said. "To me, second place would have felt the same as chopping off my arm. I wanted to win. That's it."

The victory gave Roush his second win of the season — first since Matt Kenseth won Feb. 25 at California — and temporarily sidetracked



MCT photo/Kirthmon F. Dozier

Carl Edwards celebrates after winning the NASCAR Nextel Cup series Citizens Bank 400 Sunday in Michigan.

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Obituaries

Mary Ann Toerck



Mary Ann Toerck, 91, of Big Spring died on Saturday, June 16, 2007, at the Marcy House. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 19, 2007, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Dr. Shane Brue, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born on Jan. 30, 1916, in Arlington and married William "Bill" Toerck on Dec. 21, 1983, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on July 31, 2006.

Mary Ann was raised in the Vealmoor Community and had been a longtime resident of Big Spring. She worked as a waitress for many Big Spring restaurants including Herman's and Coker's. She loved quilting, crafts and gardening. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother and will be greatly missed. She was a Methodist.

Survivors include one son, Warren Moore and wife, Pauline, of Surprise, Ariz.; three daughters, Henrietta Chapman of Big Spring, Sue Coldiron and husband, Kenny Eason, of Kingsland, and Retta Caldwell and husband, Don, of Big Spring; one sister, Minnie Clanton of the Houston area; 14 grandchildren, Warren Ed Moore II and wife, Teri, Cheryl Black and husband, Steve, Michael Bailey and wife, Denise, Cynthia Lockard and husband, Roger, Bobby Baily and wife, Shelly, Rea Walton and her fiance, Russell Raymond, Ricky Harrington, Jacki Blair and husband, Ken, Penny Brown, Jody Jolly and partner, Dale Kent, Tabitha Williams and husband, John, Stacy Sivinski and husband, Scott, Kresha Sivinski and husband, John, and Kim Tourangeau; 33 great-grandchildren; and 18 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by six sisters, two brothers and a granddaughter, Tammy Dianne Moore.

The family suggests memorials be made to Home Hospice, 111 E. 7th St., Suite A, Big Spring 79720.

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

Paid obituary

Nadine Maxwell Pittman

Nadine Maxwell Pittman, 75, of DeLeon, formerly of Big Spring, died Sunday, June 7, 2007, in an Abilene hospital at 11:50 p.m. Services are pending with Nowlin Funeral Home in DeLeon.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 5-11-17-23-33-38.
Number matching six of six: 0.
Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$11 million.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 1-10-14-25-37.
Number matching five of five: 0.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night, in order: 6-2-1

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday afternoon, in order: 2-7-7

Take Note

• **JURY SELECTION** for 118th District Court in Big Spring, scheduled for Monday, has been cancelled. For more information, contact the District Clerk's office at 264-2223.

• **AN OPEN HOUSE CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF SERVICE** will be held all day Monday at the offices of Dr. D.H. McGonagill Inc., 109 E. Third St. It is a come-and-go reception. Everyone is invited.

• **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.

• **THE BIG SPRING ART ASSOCIATION WILL MEET AT 7 P.M. TUESDAY** at the caboose area at First and Main streets. To celebrate summer, those attending, including visitors, will meet at our usual time to draw, paint or take photos. Members should bring the materials they need in addition to items for still life set ups. During the rest of this summer, watch for announcements of different plans to replace regular meetings of the BSAA.

• **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.

Police blotter

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

- **KENNEY KRUEGER**, 29, of 1441 Parkway, was arrested on Friday on a charge of disobeying barriers.
- **RICHARD SHAWN MAY**, 29, of 2623 Langley, was arrested Saturday on charges of public intoxication, disorderly conduct and hindering of the discharge of an officer's duties.
- **DANIEL RODRIGUEZ MENDOZA**, 38, of 3912 Hamilton, was arrested Sunday on a charge of assault Class C/family violence.
- **SHEILA MARIE EISENBACH**, 27, transient, was arrested Sunday on charges of illegal dumping and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **LORENZO ONTIVEROS**, 47, of 2603 Ann, was arrested Sunday on three local warrants.
- **AGGRAVATED ROBBERY** was reported in the 1700 block of W. Interstate Highway 20.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported:
 - in the 1300 block of Sycamore.
 - in the 1400 block of Sixth Street.
 - in the 400 block of Bell.
 - in the 600 block of Dallas.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported:
 - in the 500 block of Edwards.
 - in the 1400 block of Hillside.
 - in the 600 block of Highland.
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported in the 2600 block of Carlton.
- **DRIVING WHILE LICENSE INVALID** was reported in 600 block of FM 700.
- **POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA** was reported in the 400 block of Gregg.
- **THEFT** was reported:
 - in the 200 block of Marcy.
 - in the 300 block of Gregg.

Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 61 inmates at the time of this report.

- **MARGERET CLANTON DAGESTAD**, 33, was arrested by the HCSO Friday on a charge of theft.
- **MEOSHA MICHELLE SMITH**, 30, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD Friday on a charge of assault causing bodily harm.
- **JIMMY HUDSON**, 35, was arrested by the HCSO Friday on a charge of burglary of a habitation.
- **ROBERT CARLOS GONZALES**, 42, was arrested by the HCSO Friday on charges of parole violation and delivery of a controlled substance.
- **GRACIELA SOLIZ LONGORIA**, 37, was arrested by DPS Friday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **RAUL GARCIA SIMENTAL**, 42, was arrested by the HCSO Friday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **THALMUS RASUUL HEATH**, 31, was arrested by DPS Saturday on charges of driving while license invalid, violation of drivers license restriction and miscellaneous class C.
- **MICHAEL EARNEST MCCORMICK**, 34, was arrested by DPS Saturday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **ANN MARIE GODINA**, 23, was arrested by the HCSO Saturday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **ALYSSA RIVAS**, 25, was arrested by the HCSO Saturday on a charge of theft.
- **YCIDRO VILLAREAL III**, 39, was arrested by DPS Saturday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **HEFFRON HEREDIA YANEZ**, 37, was arrested by the HCSO Saturday on a charge of unauthorized use of a vehicle and a parole warrant.
- **KENNEY JANA KRUEGER**, 29, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD Saturday on a charge of failure to obey warning signs/barricades.
- **CALLANDARA EVE GOREE**, 21, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD Saturday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **TRACY GLYN DEAN**, 38, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD Saturday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **MICHAEL MENDOZA**, 38, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD Saturday on charges of possession of a controlled substance and driving while license invalid.
- **JOE RUDY MENDOZA**, 30, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD Saturday on charges of driving while intoxicated and evading arrest/detention using a vehicle.
- **LEAH YVONNE DAVIDSON**, 52, was arrested by the HCSO Saturday on a charge of harassment.
- **MATTHEW SCOTT ALEXANDER**, 24, was arrested by DPS Sunday on a charge of theft.
- **THOMAS BREWER**, 53, was arrested by DPS Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **TIMOTHY RAY SPIVEY**, 51, was arrested by DPS Sunday on a charge driving while intoxicated.
- **BRYAN HEATH PEARSON**, 21, was arrested by the HCSO Sunday on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- **KEVIN LEE DUNLAP**, 30, was arrested by HCSO Sunday on charges of unlawfully carrying of a weapon, driving while license invalid and possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- **STACY LYNN PENDLETON**, 31, was arrested by HCSO Sunday on a charge of failure to identify.

Bulletin Board

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

TODAY

- 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.
- 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.
- Evening Lions Club meets at 6:45 p.m. at Dragon China Buffett.
- DAV and Auxiliary Chapter 47 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 610 Abrams St.

Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to the VAMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 4000 block of W. Highway 87. Service was refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 300 block of Rannels. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1300 block of Robin. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 600 block of Caylor. Service was refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 300 block of Aylesford. One person transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 2900 block of W. Highway 80. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRASH FIRE** was reported in the 2900 block of W. Highway 80.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2000 block of Alabama. On person was transported to the VAMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 400 block of N. Moss Creek Lake Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 400 block of Edwards. Service was refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 600 block of Dallas. Service was refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 800 block of W. Eighth street. On person was transported to SMMC.

Weather

Today — Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s. South winds 15 to 20 mph.

Tonight — Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tuesday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s. Southeast winds 10 to 20 mph.

Tuesday night — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows around 70. Southeast winds 10 to 20 mph.

Wednesday — Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

Wednesday night — Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows around 70.

Thursday — Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs around 90. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

Thursday night — Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s.

Friday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s.

Friday night — Partly cloudy. Lows around 70.

Saturday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s.

Saturday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s.

Sunday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s.

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"Remember...you deserve the best!"

Owls in control of CWS destiny, beat Tarheels 14-5

By OSKAR GARCIA

Associated Press Writer

OMAHA, Neb. — There will be a familiarity between UC Irvine and Cal State-Fullerton when they faceoff in an elimination game.

“One of the two of us is going home and I haven’t mapped it out yet,” said Fullerton coach George Horton, who will face Irvine coach Dave Serrano, Horton’s pitching coach in Fullerton for eight seasons. “One of us has to fly the Big West flag but whoever gets it done will represent us well.”

Oregon State (45-18) and Arizona State (49-13) will face off for the fourth time this season on Monday, marking the first time since 1998 two Pac-10 teams met in Omaha. The winner will need to win one of its next two games to go on to the championship round. The loser will face the Irvine-Fullerton winner.

The Big West matchup between the Titans (38-24) and Anteaters (45-16-1) is a first for the conference on college baseball’s national stage, as 24-year friends Horton and Serrano will try to send each other home.

Louisville and Rice continued scoring ad nauseam Sunday, as

Louisville eliminated Mississippi State with a 12-4 win and Rice took firm control of Bracket 1 by beating North Carolina, 14-4.

The teams became just the fifth and sixth in CWS history to score ten runs in each of their first two games in Omaha.

Louisville (46-23) will face North Carolina (54-14) on Tuesday and the winner will play Rice (56-12) Wednesday for a berth in the championship round. The loser will be eliminated.

“We’ve always said you have to swing your way to Omaha,” Louisville coach Dan McDonnell said. “Obviously, you have to pitch and defend. Everything counts. But you have to score runs.”

Louisville’s sluggers overshadowed a strong effort from freshman Justin Marks (9-2), who held Mississippi State (38-22) to two singles before he took a sharp hit to his left leg in the sixth.

The Cardinals have seven home runs, 33 hits and 22 runs in their first two CWS games.

“It’s not that our kids didn’t try,” said Mississippi State coach Ron Polk. “We closed the ball game down a little bit. Every time we did, it seemed

like they got a two- or three-run home run. That third baseman is a hoss, boy.”

That was Chris Dominguez, who hit two of his team’s four home runs Sunday, and has eight homers in the last eight games after hitting seven in his first 56.

The Cards broke to an 8-0 lead and never folded. After the Bulldogs scored three runs in the bottom of the sixth, Louisville came back with three in the seventh, highlighted by Dominguez’s two-run shot to left.

“It was one of those games where you just couldn’t stop them,” Polk said.

Louisville recorded the first win for a CWS newcomer since Tulane in 2001, and Mississippi State went winless in Omaha for the first time in seven appearances since 1971.

North Carolina used a CWS-record eight pitchers in trying to slow down Rice. The Owls jumped ahead with six runs in the second and never looked back, scoring in six of nine innings.

“These are kids that are not robots and they’re trying as hard as they can,” said North Carolina coach Mike Fox. “What can you say? We just

have to run guys out there and they have to make good pitches and if they don’t, we have to make good plays behind them.”

Freshman starter Alex White (6-6) had his second straight poor start in the NCAA tournament, lasting just 1 1-3 innings and allowing six runs on five hits.

Each of Rice’s starters had at least one hit, RBI and run, with Diego Seastrunk going 3-for-5 and Aaron Luna hitting a two-run homer in the ninth.

Two-way player Joe Savery (11-1) threw six solid innings for Rice to make the lead stick. Cole St. Clair threw three innings for his ninth save.

The Owls have had a flood of runs since breaking their 25 2-3-inning CWS scoring drought, with 29 runs in their last two games.

Rice has positioned itself just as it did as last year — needing one win to go to the championship series — but is hoping for a different ending this time around.

“You can never say never, but I think we’re ready to play,” Savery said. “The teams are here for a reason and you can’t take that for granted.”

Rice beat Georgia and Miami in the first two games last year

before losing twice to Oregon State, the team that went on to win the national championship.

The Beavers were swept at home by Arizona State earlier this year, and outscored 15-4 in those three games.

But Oregon State is playing well again after squeaking into the NCAA tournament, overcoming a loss in the regional and waiting until the last out in the first game of the super regional to get its first hit.

The team that ASU coach Pat Murphy has called the greatest story in modern-day college baseball has allowed three runs or fewer in seven wins in this tournament, and has won seven of its last eight CWS games.

But the Sun Devils have lost just once in 16 games since May 11, and have what OSU coach Pat Casey calls the best lineup he’s ever seen, with no starter hitting under .300 and just one under .333.

Irvine took two of three from Fullerton on the road in early April. But the Titans emerged with an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament and an unblemished road to Omaha.

AP Sports Writer Eric Olson contributed to this report.

NASCAR

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Hendrick Motorsports’ season-long domination. Hendrick cars have won 10 of the 15 races this season.

Roush, who has company headquarters in nearby Livonia, makes winning at Michigan a priority for all his drivers and he celebrated twice this weekend — Travis Kvapil also won the Truck Series race Saturday.

Edwards’ victory was only the second of the year for Ford, and it snapped a 13-race winning streak for Chevrolet. No other manufacturer has won a race this season.

“Ford has given us every technical support, all the money that we’ve asked for to help us put in equipment and be competitive with the other manufacturers, with the other teams,” Roush said. “They deserve more, and I’m just embarrassed that it took us this long to really celebrate it with

Carl and the guys.”

Truex, who had his first victory two weeks ago at Dover, finished second after overcoming a spin on the backstretch 100 laps into the race. Truex, who led 54 laps before the early spin and has climbed to 10th in the series standings, heaped praise on his Dale Earnhardt Inc. team.

“It was a great day for us,” he said. “The team did another awesome job. I think it was the best pit stops we’ve ever had on pit road. Awesome race car, and probably the best engine I’ve ever had. Guys are doing great, man, and I’m loving life right now.”

Two-time series champion Tony Stewart, winless this season, was third. Stewart had a strong car in practice Saturday, but an accident with David Gilliland caused heavy damage and he wasn’t sure how good his car would be during the race.

He was supposed to start 41st, but deliberately hung back at the green flag to fall into 43rd place

at the start.

“With what happened (in practice) and where we qualified, it was two strikes against us,” Stewart said. “I made sure I went across the start-finish line in 43rd, so wherever we ended up I could say we went from dead last. From 43rd to third is a pretty good day.”

Casey Mears, on a roll since his first career win on May 27, was fourth and the highest finishing Hendrick driver.

Dale Earnhardt Jr. was fifth to give DEI two cars in the top five, and the showing moved him into Chase for the championship contention. He’s 12th in the standings — where he was before a 100-point penalty last month knocked him down to 14th — and is trying to end his time at DEI on top.

Earnhardt, who agreed to a five-year deal this week to drive for Hendrick Motorsports starting next season, congratulated Truex, his teammate.

He homered in the series opener for No. 599, and will get his next swing at 600 on Tuesday in Chicago against his former Cubs.

Griffey singled, walked, struck out twice and flied out, leaving him at 581 career homers.

Michael Young had a pair of run-scoring singles for the Rangers,

extending his hitting streak to a season-high 10 games.

The shortstop has a .348 career average in inter-league play, the highest of any player with 300 plate appearances.

Both starters had big problems in a 29-minute first inning that featured 16 batters, 57 pitches and four runs in all.

RANGERS

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Rangers manager Ron Washington said. “It’s nice that the roll he was on finally got turned around going the other way.”

Millwood made a few small changes in his delivery — keeping his back straighter, for instance — and got better as the game went along. He struck out the side in the sixth.

“I made some changes, some minor changes,” Millwood said. “I felt the longer the game went on, I got more comfortable with it. That was not exactly what I wanted, but it’s something I can build off.”

Byrd hit a solo homer — his first since last July 4 — and doubled off the center-field fence for two more runs off Bronson Arroyo (2-8), who matched his career high by losing his sixth straight decision.

Arroyo hasn’t won since May 6, going 0-6 in his last eight starts with a 7.83 ERA.

“I don’t feel strong, but I feel good,” Arroyo said. “Nothing’s bothering me. I don’t feel like I have as much zip on my fastball, and that can pose a problem.”

The 38-year-old Sosa was out of the starting lineup after a night game.

OPEN

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ahead of Woods and third-round leader Aaron Baddeley, who took a triple-bogey 7 on the first hole and never contended.

At one point, five were tied for the lead after Cabrera gave back a shot with a bogey at the ninth following birdies on the fourth and fifth. But he birdied the 10th to regain the lead and once led by three shots after another birdie on the 15th.

However, Cabrera gave Furyk and Woods a chance with consecutive bogeys at the 16th and 17th, each time missing par putts of around 10 feet.

“Yes, bogey on those holes made me nervous,” he said. “But, well, I knew I had to hit a good drive to make par on the 18th and sit and wait.”

He did that on what proved to be Oakmont’s toughest hole Sunday, getting the par he needed to finish the way he started Thursday with a 1-under

69. Then, he went to the clubhouse and watched nervously as Furyk charged back into contention with three consecutive birdies starting on No. 13 and Woods played out his final four holes.

Furyk’s failed gamble on the 17th may have cost him a Monday playoff. With the tee moved up to make the hole play at 306 yards, he took out his driver but couldn’t reach the green, landing in the left front rough. His bogey 5 was the only glaring mistake of his second even-par 70 in as many days.

“Getting that close and not being able to win the golf tournament, yeah, it stings a little,” said Furyk, who lost at Winged Foot last year by missing a short par putt on the 18th. “But I went down swinging.”

Woods hung around all day but never gained control, finishing with only one birdie in his final 32 holes. What ultimately cost him was a double bogey 6 caused by two poor chip shots on No. 3.

“Finishing second is never fun,” Woods said.

“You play so hard and it’s just disappointing.”

Woods took it to the final hole, where his long birdie putt to tie it never had a chance.

Cabrera’s victory is Argentina’s greatest golfing moment since Roberto de Vicenzo won the British Open in 1967. It also partly made up for the country’s greatest such disappointment a year later.

In the 1968 Masters, de Vicenzo incorrectly signed a wrong score-board and was denied a chance to play Bob Galbry in a playoff. De Vicenzo’s playing partner, Tommy Aaron, accidentally gave him a par on a hole rather than a birdie, and de Vicenzo didn’t catch the mistake before signing his card.

Cabrera knows the story, but draws his motivation from proving he could win a big one. Despite his long success on the European Tour, he had only three wins there and was considered something of an underachiever.

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Push for increase in biofuels causes oil industry to scale back

By **H. JOSEF HEBERT**

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — A push from Congress and the White House for huge increases in biofuels, such as ethanol, is prompting the oil industry to scale back its plans for refinery expansions. That could keep gasoline prices high, possibly for years to come.

With President Bush calling for a 20 percent drop in gasoline use and the Senate now debating legislation for huge increases in ethanol production, oil companies see growing uncertainty about future gasoline demand and little need to expand refineries or build new ones.

Oil industry executives no longer believe there will be the demand for gasoline over the next decade to warrant the billions of dollars in refinery

expansions — as much as 10 percent increase in new refining capacity — they anticipated as recently as a year ago.

Biofuels such as ethanol and efforts to get automakers to build more fuel-efficient cars and SUVs have been portrayed as key to countering high gasoline prices, but they are likely to do little to curb costs at the pump today, or in the years ahead as refiners reduce gasoline production.

A shortage of refineries frequently has been blamed by politicians for the sharp price spikes in gasoline, as was the case last week by Sen. James Inhofe, R-Okla., during debate on an energy bill.

"The fact is that Americans are paying more at the pump because we do not have the domestic capacity to refine the

fuels consumers demand," Inhofe complained as he tried unsuccessfully to get into the bill a proposal to ease permitting and environmental rules for refineries.

This spring, refiners, hampered by outages, could not keep up with demand and imports were down because of greater fuel demand in Europe and elsewhere. Despite stable oil prices, gasoline prices soared to record levels and remain well above \$3 a gallon.

Consumer advocates maintain the oil industry likes it that way.

"By creating a situation of extremely tight supply, the oil companies gain control over price at the wholesale level," said Mark Cooper of the Consumer Federation of America. He argued that a wave of mergers in recent years created a

refining industry that "has no interest in creating spare capacity."

Only last year, the Energy Department was told that refiners, reaping big profits and anticipating growing demand, were looking at boosting their refining capacity by more than 1.6 million barrels a day, a roughly 10 percent increase. That would be enough to produce an additional 37 million gallons of gasoline daily.

But oil companies already have scaled those expansion plans back by nearly 40 percent. More cancelations are expected if Congress passes legislation now before the Senate calling for 15 billion gallons of ethanol use annually by 2015 and more than double that by 2022, say industry and government officials.

"These (expansion) deci-

sions are being revisited in boardrooms across the refining sector," said Charlie Drevna, executive vice president of the National Petrochemical and Refiners Association.

With the anticipated growth in biofuels, "you're getting down to needing little or no additional gasoline production" above what is being made today, said Joanne Shore, an analyst for the government's Energy Information Administration.

In 2006, motorists used 143 billion gallons of gasoline, of which 136 billion was produced by U.S. refineries, and the rest imported.

Drevna, the industry lobbyist, said annual demand had been expected to grow to about 161 billion gallons by 2017. But Bush's call to cut gasoline demand by 20

percent — through a combination of fuel efficiency improvements and ethanol — would reduce that demand below what U.S. refineries make today, he said.

"We will end up exporting gasoline," said Drevna.

Asked recently whether Chevron Corp. might build a new refinery, vice chairman Peter Robertson replied, "Why would I invest in a refinery when you're trying to make 20 percent of the gasoline supply ethanol?"

Valero Corp., the nation's largest refiner producing 3.3 million barrels a day of petroleum product, recently boosted production capacity at its Port Arthur refinery by 325,000 barrels a day. But company spokesman Bill Day said some additional expansions have been postponed.

REBATES

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Abilene pulled in \$2,408,382.14 this month. Compared to the \$2,361,561.99 check received in June 2006, the Key City posted a hike of 1.98 percent. Abilene has brought in \$16,809,836.18 for the year, up 6.498 percent.

Brownfield witnessed a 1.69 percent decrease when comparing the \$70,747.51 received to the \$71,967.54 received in June 2006. For the year, Brownfield has received \$509,215.01, and is a scant 0.38 percent below 2006 totals to date.

Colorado City received a substantial hike of 21 percent, comparing the \$38,592.05 the Mitchell County seat rang up this month to the \$31,891.66 it tucked away in June of 2006. For the first six months of 2007, Colorado City has received \$269,553.63, up 12.37 percent.

Fort Stockton took in

\$153,537.85 this month, a substantial 16.7 percent increase when compared to the \$132,161.47 received in June 2006. For the year, the home of Paisano Pete has brought in \$996,130.26, up 16.8 percent.

Dawson County's largest community, Lamesa, pulled in \$78,687.46 this month, up 14.89 percent compared to the \$68,486.77 it received in June 2006. So far for 2007, Lamesa has received \$563,740.22, up 11.31 percent.

Lubbock, home of the late great Buddy Holly, received \$3,294,777.78, up just 0.31 percent when compared to the \$3,284,420.10 taken in during June 2006. For the year, Lubbock has pulled in \$23,387,460.87, up 3.93 percent.

Midlanders witnessed an increase of 4.75 per-

cent, comparing the \$2,384,288.42 received this month to the \$2,276,078.05 taken in for June 2006. For the year, the Tall City has pulled in \$16,457,846.19, up 10.87 percent.

Monahans posted a 21.97 percent increase in June. The Ward County seat received \$107,213.17 this month compared to \$87,896.44 a year ago. For 2007, Monahans has taken in \$686,608.17, up 13.59 percent.

Odessa received \$1,569,632.66 this month, a 5.69 percent increase compared to the \$1,485,041.14 taken in a year earlier. For 2007, Odessa has received \$10,840,835.89, up a healthy 13.64 percent.

Pecos, home of the West of the Pecos Museum, archived a chunk-sized 78.97 percent increase in revenue this month, comparing receipts of

\$131,166.23 to \$73,287.22 a year ago. For the expanse of 2007, the Reeves County seat has posted \$631,246.80, up 30.2 percent.

Chalking a 7.57 percent increase comparing last June to the present was San Angelo. The city received \$1,373,378.41 this month and \$1,276,646.82 in June 2006. For the year, the home of Angelo State University and a Howard College campus has received \$9,274,672.07, up 7.05 percent.

Snyder, of white buffalo fame, witnessed an 18.21 percent increase when comparing this June's revenue of \$175,735.94 to last June's revenue of \$148,655.52. For the year, the Scurry County seat popped the million mark

with \$1,084,209.05, an increase of 11.52 percent.

Stanton has had deficit checks each month except for one in 2007, and this wasn't that positive month. The home of a few old soreheads took in \$18,620.51 this month compared to \$19,447.39 in June 2006, a deficit of 4.25 percent. For the year, Stanton has received \$124,333.51, and revenue are down for the Martin County seat by 20.38 per-

cent.

Finally, Sweetwater received \$188,183.15, down 5.51 percent compared to the \$199,175.54 the city took in during June 2006. For the year, Sweetwater has received \$1,297,387.04, up 2.55 percent.

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VANDALS

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Big Spring Crimestoppers now to try to get some of the people that know who did this to come forward," said Darden. "We're also looking at some new surveillance equipment, including night vision cameras for these areas. The city takes this very seriously."

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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 just a couple of weeks away, members of the Big Spring Fourth of July Foundation are still short of their fund-raising goal.

As of the committee's last meeting Thursday, considerably more of the money needed to stage the show had been received, but the fund-raising effort is still short of the approximately \$40,000 needed.

The community has responded well to the committee's requests for support, but the job's still not quite done and it's important for all of those who can to make a donation and make sure "Pops in the Park" continues to be a mainstay of our community's July 4 holiday celebration.

Donations making the concert and fireworks show possible come from local businesses and individuals, as well as corporate sponsorships. And, as we've noted before, those contributions 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 return performance by the local band "Los Greengos."

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 those "larger donations" 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.

Once again, 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

May we work with You, Lord, for our own well-being.
Amen

Really missing those good ol' days

We take ourselves and our places in this world entirely too seriously. I find myself saying this more and more these days.

Sometimes it seems like the simple days of yester-year are far in the distance, smiling and waving at the back of my parent's lemon yellow station wagon as it pulls through the different stations of life, collecting T-shirts and snow-globes to be neatly set upon a shelf somewhere.

I recently returned to my hometown of Sumter, S.C., while on vacation, and I stopped by my old high school just to see how it had changed. It was a disheartening experience to say the least.

First, it didn't look like a school anymore. Between the barbed-wire topped fences and windowless walls, it very much resembled a prison or a jail. And, as if that weren't bad enough, it's not even a high school anymore. It's been retrofitted into a middle school, so for the rest of my life I'll have to explain how I managed to graduate from a middle school.

That will look good on a resume. And, as the memories came pouring back, I couldn't help but think about how much schools, children and everything else has changed since the first day I walked on to a campus around 1979 (yeah, I'm giving away my age).

We've reached a level of seriousness about basically everything in life, well ... it's frightening. And then, to top everything off, a friend of mine — thanks Michelle — sends me a little scenario-driven comparison that puts it all in perspective.

I would be remiss if I didn't share it with our readers.

• Scenario — Jack pulls into school parking lot with rifle in gun rack.

1979: Vice principal comes over,

takes a look at Jack's rifle, goes to his car and gets his own to show Jack.

2007: School goes into total lockdown, the FBI is called and Jack is hauled off to jail and never sees his truck or gun again. Counselors are called in for traumatized students and teachers.

• Scenario — Johnny and Mark get into a fist fight after school.

1979: A crowd gathers. Mark wins. Johnny and Mark shake hands and end up best friends. Nobody goes to jail, nobody is arrested and nobody is expelled.

2007: The police are called, SWAT team arrives and arrests Johnny and Mark. Law enforcement officers charge them both with assault and both are expelled, even though Johnny started it.

• Scenario — Jeffrey won't be still in class, disrupts other students.

1979: Jeffrey is sent to the office and given a good paddling by the principal. Needless to say, he sits still in class.

2007: Jeffrey is given huge doses of Ritalin and becomes a zombie. The school gets extra money from the state because Jeffrey has a disability.

• Scenario — Billy breaks a window in his father's car, and his dad gives him a spanking.

1979: Billy is more careful next time and grows up normal. Eventually, he goes to college and becomes a successful businessman.

2007: Billy's dad is arrested for child abuse and Billy is removed to foster care and joins a gang.

Billy's sister is told by a state psychologist that she remembers being abused herself, and their dad goes to prison. Billy's mom has an affair with the psychologist.

• Scenario — Mark gets a headache and takes some headache medicine (Tylenol, aspirin, etc.) to school.

1979: Mark shares his headache medicine with the principal out on the smoking dock.

2007: The police are called and Mark is expelled from school for drug violations. His car is

searched for drugs and weapons, and eventually returned to him in the form of a mechanical jigsaw puzzle.

• Scenario — Pedro fails high school English.

1979: Pedro goes to summer school, passes English and goes to college.

2007: Pedro's cause is taken up by ACLU. Newspaper articles appear nationally explaining that teaching English as a requirement for graduation is racist. The ACLU files a class action lawsuit against the state school system and Pedro's English teacher. English is then banned from the school's core curriculum and Pedro is given a diploma anyway, but ends up working a series of menial jobs because he can't speak English.

• Scenario — Johnny takes apart leftover firecrackers from the Fourth of July, puts them in a model airplane paint bottle and, blows up an ant bed.

1979: The ants die.

2007: The ATF, Homeland Security and the FBI are called and Johnny is charged with domestic terrorism. The FBI investigates him and his parents, and his siblings are removed from the home, computers are confiscated and Johnny's dad goes on a terror watch list and is never allowed to fly again.

• Scenario — Johnny falls while running during recess and scrapes his knee. He is found crying by his teacher, Mary, who hugs him to comfort the child.

1979: In a short time Johnny feels better and goes on playing.

2007: Mary is accused of being a sexual predator and loses her job. She faces three years in a state prison.

Maybe its time to throttle back on the caffeine and energy drinks, put things in perspective and try to reclaim just a little of our youths. Otherwise, we may find out what those that came before us knew: No one gets out of life alive.

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Some wars aren't meant to be won

By now it has dawned on many Americans that the "War on Terror" is permanent. Perhaps we know this because the president told us so, though his credibility is a little shaky just now. An endless war against "Islamofascists" allows us to swipe their oil, water, power, finances, seeds, and land whenever we choose. It also allows us to continually enrich certain favored American corporations. Why stop?

Less well-understood is our similarly permanent "War on Drugs." Launched by Richard Nixon, this "War" has no clear goal beyond politics. Like terror, it is built upon fear. Not the fear of planes being blown up, but the fear of kids being torn down. That's powerful stuff. Druggies, except of course for our own family, should get the book thrown at them.

And so they do, as long as they're not white. The inventive minds of lawyers and legislators have dreamed up punitive laws beyond counting. All to protect our children.

These laws are enforced by federal prosecutors with the zeal of Shiite clerics. Local cops follow suit.

Never mind that none of this works. It's not meant to work. It's

meant to promote heroic political figures, to protect wasteful prison jobs and contractors, and to keep poor people away from the dreaded voting booth. Performance toward these goals has been triumphant. In no small measure it governed the outcome of the last two presidential elections.

In terms of protecting society from the scourge of drugs, however, the "War" has been about as successful as prohibition. And if whites instead of blacks and Latinos were the chief casualties, it would have long since suffered the same conclusive fate. But instead street drugs are now cheaper and purer than ever, and America's murder and incarceration rates (2 million inmates) are the world's highest. Most important, however, no one can accuse our pols of being soft on drugs.

But twelve individual states now, bless their hearts, seem intent on at least allowing marijuana to be used by the medically needy. And most others feature various visionary groups and individuals working to soften their pointlessly draconian statutes. Many state lawmakers agree with change, but no one wants to be the first to bell the cat.

Further, you'll be astonished to learn that other nations do the job better. They treat addicts like drunks, which is to say, put them into treatment rather than jail. They also wink at marijuana. Naturally this is galling to drug dealers. If folks can buy pot legal-

ly, who needs pushers? In Europe crime syndicate futures are selling short. And in Europe also, even hopeless heroin addicts are now getting their stuff direct from the government. This has sent drug capos flocking into retraining programs.

But not in the good old U.S. of A. We're underwriting foreign drug cartels with an abandon that would make the World Bank blush. And militarily we're busily destroying farmers in Afghanistan and Colombia, thus adding recruits to the Taliban and the FARC. Our emphasis on disrupting supply abroad is intended to mask our failure to reduce demand here at home.

And now a new dilemma has arisen. Methamphetamine and Oxycontin. These are bad actors and are made chemically right here in our country. Worse, they're mostly used by whites. We wouldn't want to jail THEM. They need treatment, not the slammer. But we haven't got enough treatment available. It's a mess.

Don't expect any reform, either. The "Drug War," like the "Terror War," has value in its own right. We can't simply end it. Jobs and votes are at stake. For many, winning the "war" would be a true calamity.

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NUTRITION WISE

Q: I have diabetes and my doctor keeps telling me that my blood sugar is still too high. I feel fine, so does it really matter?

A: Yes! Many people with diabetes have blood sugar that doesn't get to the extremely high levels that can result in coma and even death. For them, the real health danger of diabetes is that their high blood sugar can damage blood vessels and possibly lead to other health problems.



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Studies have confirmed that controlling blood sugar levels is vital to delay development of kidney disease, nerve damage and eye damage that leads to blindness; all of these are long-term complications of poorly controlled diabetes. Even modestly high blood sugar over the years dramatically increases risk of heart attack. And studies suggest that high blood sugar may increase risk of at least some kinds of cancer. The combination of a balanced diet, appropriate portions, weight control, regular exercise and proper medical therapy can make a big difference in the long-term health of anyone with diabetes.

Q: Is all bulgur a whole grain? Does it have other uses besides in tabbouleh?

A: Bulgur is whole grain wheat that is boiled, dried, cracked and sifted by size. Bulgur is considered a whole grain since no more than five percent of the bran is removed in processing. You can find bulgur in the grocery store near the pasta or rice, or in a specialty food aisle. Sometimes it is sold as a pilaf or tabbouleh mix. Bulgur is one of those rare "convenience foods" that loses nothing nutritionally for convenience. It is pre-cooked and in some recipes requires only hot water or broth for preparation. Compared to brown rice, another whole grain, bulgur contains fewer calories and more than twice as much fiber. Different size grinds may be used interchangeably based on personal preference and the dish. Fine grind bulgur makes a nutritious breakfast cereal (similar to but more nutritious than cream of rice or wheat). Fine or medium grinds can go in tabbouleh, a dish containing bulgur, parsley, olive oil, spices and tomatoes. Both fine and medium grinds can also be served as a hot grain side dish like rice or can substitute for rice in recipes. Medium grind is an all-purpose size also used in stews, soups, meatless burgers and chili. Coarse grind is great for casseroles and can be used in pilafs, soups, salads and added to bread ingredients. Whole kernel bulgur is used in hearty soups and breads.

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Papaya is simple, perfect for summer

As summer arrives, this is the perfect time to enjoy papaya. If you are already acquainted with it, perhaps one pleasant result of visiting a tropical locale, let me inspire you to serve it more often, including in savory dishes, like this chicken salad. Happily, whether papaya is a new experience or you already like it, eating it is easy since it is often one of the cut-up fruits most supermarkets now sell.

For me, the flesh of a papaya looks like that of a melon or mango lit with the intense glow of a sunset. (Although sometimes actually called papaya melon, they are not related.) Far softer than any melon, most of the papayas we get taste just mildly sweet. At first, I found this strange, since my first papaya experiences were the sugary drink sold at sidewalk stands in New York City. Now, though, I prefer eating the actual fruit.

Even when you buy papayas whole, they do not taste like the tree-ripened ones you might have had in the tropics. Still, they have a unique

melt-in-your-mouth quality and musky, lightly sweet flavor that goes particularly well with chicken or shrimp in main-course dishes. Papaya is good with tomatoes in salsa and with other tropical fruits or melons, too. The flesh of a papaya can be yellow, pinkish orange, salmon red or deep rose and its skin may be green, yellow, orange or rose, depending on the type of papaya and how ripe it is. Whatever the color, and no matter if it comes looking like a large avocado the size of a football, the flesh of commercially-grown papayas tastes fairly similar and slices or dices easily.

Someone once had me taste the shiny, caviar-like black seeds of a papaya. If you like their uniquely peppery flavor as much as I do, sprinkle a few of them over this succulent salad as an intriguing garnish.

You can chop everything but the papaya ahead, then assemble this salad that can conveniently use up any roasted or grilled chicken leftover from a previous meal.

Papaya, Red Pepper and Pecan Salad with Chicken

- (adapted from the New American Plate Cookbook)
8 cups torn romaine lettuce leaves
2 medium, ripe papaya, peeled, halved, seeded and cubed
1 large red bell pepper, halved, seeded and sliced into 1/4-inch pieces
2 scallions, white part only
1/4 cup freshly squeezed lime juice
2 Tbsp. fat-free, reduced-sodium chicken broth
1 Tbsp. honey
2 garlic cloves, minced
1 tsp. Dijon mustard
2 Tbsp. extra virgin olive oil
Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
3/4 lb. cooked boneless chicken, diced
1/4 cup chopped pecans, toasted*



cup or small bowl, whisk together the lime juice, broth, honey, garlic and mustard. Slowly add the olive oil in a thin stream and whisk the dressing until it is well blended. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Pour the dressing over the salad, add the chicken and toss until well combined. Top with the pecans and serve.

To toast the pecans, put them in a small skillet over medium-high heat and stir frequently for 2 to 3 minutes, until lightly browned. Immediately transfer the

nuts to a small dish and cool.

Makes 4 servings.

Per serving: 362 calories, 15 g. total fat (2 g. saturated fat), 29 g. carbohydrate, 30 g. protein, 7 g. dietary fiber, 115 mg. sodium.

Something Different is written by Dana Jacobi, author of 12 Best Foods Cookbook and contributor to "AICR's New American Plate Cookbook: Recipes for a Healthy Weight and a Healthy Life."

Contract Bridge

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 4
♥ K J 7 4
♦ K J 9 8 4
♣ A 8 2

WEST
♠ A 9 7 3 2
♥ 9 8 6 2
♦ 7 2
♣ 7 4

EAST
♠ K J 8
♥ A 10 3
♦ 6 5 3
♣ K 9 6 5

SOUTH
♠ Q 10 6 5
♥ Q 5
♦ A Q 10
♣ Q J 10 3

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ Pass
1 NT Pass 3 ♦ Pass
3 NT

Opening lead — three of spades.
A defender has an obligation to do everything he possibly can to prevent his partner from making a mistake. Many defensive errors can be traced to the failure of one defender to clarify a situation for his partner, presenting him instead with an opportunity to go wrong.

Consider this deal from the match between Uruguay and the United States at the 1984 World Team Olympiad. Playing against Bob Hamman and Bobby Wolff, East-West for the U.S., the Uruguayan declarer got to three notrump as shown.

Wolff led the three of spades, and it would have been entirely normal for Hamman to win with the king and return the jack. In fact, it might even be called standard operating procedure. In that case, after South covered the jack with the queen, Wolff most likely would have won with the ace and returned a spade, hoping his partner had started with K-J-10-x. These plays would effectively have scuttled the defense, since declarer's only losers would have been two spades, a heart and a club.

But Hamman realized from Wolff's fourth-best lead of the three that his partner had at most five spades, which meant declarer had to have four spades — something Wolff couldn't possibly know (South had failed to bid one spade over one heart).

Hamman also knew that declarer could not possibly make three notrump without first losing a trick to either the ace of hearts or king of clubs. Accordingly, at trick one, Hamman played the jack of spades instead of the king! He deliberately played the "wrong" card because, from his vantage point, it was the right card to play.

And, as usual, Hamman, one of the world's best players, was right. Declarer won the jack with the queen and immediately tried a club finesse. Hamman won with the king, played the king and another spade, and the defense quickly gathered six tricks to put the contract down two.

Tomorrow: Hidden asset.
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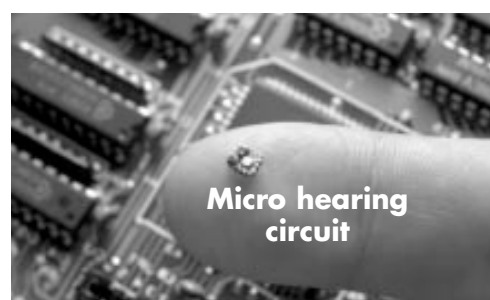
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Flash flood rips two Fort Worth-area mobile home parks, one person missing

HALTOM CITY (AP) — Terror struck in the dark Monday as heavy rains unleashed rapidly rising flood waters on a pair of suburban Fort Worth mobile home parks.

A 4-year-old girl was missing after flood waters surged through the parks along a flood-prone creek in Haltom City, forcing many families to their rooftops.

The floodwaters unleashed by an overnight storm flooded about 100 mobile homes, washing many from their foundations in Haltom City, emergency officials said.

Authorities were searching for the missing girl. At least one mobile home burned, and gas leaks were reported, said Haltom City Deputy Fire Chief Fred Napp.

The pre-dawn flood left confusion as neighbors gathered in children from other families fleeing the flood, making it hard to account for all, he said.

As daylight broke over the area, the search intensified for Alexandria Collins, 4.

Her mother, Natasha Collins, said her family was climbing into a boat to escape the rising flood.

"We were in the boat when the boat capsized," she said tearfully. "The current swept her from my arms."

Emergency officials waited for daylight to make a more comprehensive search and accounting of residents of the Skyline and White Creek Ranch mobile home parks. In the meantime, a police helicopter swept the area with a powerful searchlight in the hours just before dawn.

Ray Fletcher, emergency management coordinator for Cooke County, said water covered the service roads along Interstate 35 south of Valley View, but the interstate remained open. Low-water crossings in the area were also flooded.

Galveston envisions East End lagoon preserve and education center

GALVESTON (AP) — Mayor Lyda Ann Thomas and the Galveston Island Nature Tourism Council are embarking on a project to turn the island's East End lagoon into an environmental education center.

The beach-front grassland, which was targeted for development in the past, is home to numerous bird species and was once a popular weekend attraction for local families to swim and canoe.

The U.S. Coast Guard deeded the property to the city as a permanent preserve in 2004, requiring that it remain in its natural condition.

The tourism council has invited a group of charitable foundations, mostly from the Houston area, to a Wednesday event in hopes of spurring interest in the site.

Thomas said she didn't have a cost estimate for the project, but said she expects a master plan to cost at least \$350,000. Her goal is to have the nature center and a network of trails with bird-watching stations built by 2010.

"It's an extraordinary spot of public land, of which we don't have a great deal on the island," said Ted Eubanks, owner of a nature tourism company and a

member of the tourism council.

"What's most important is to begin to elevate people's vision and ideas of what is possible on the East End," he said.

The western half of the lagoon belongs to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The eastern half and 686 acres stretching to the easternmost tip of the island belong to the city.

Thomas said the nature center building would be located on the site of a former U.S. Army Corps of Engineers station, which already has a paved road and parking area.

Xeriscaping at Fort Bliss National Cemetery draws criticism from families of buried vets

EL PASO (AP) — A plan to xeriscape 50 acres of the oldest sections of Fort Bliss National Cemetery that was designed to reduce water usage and maintenance costs is drawing criticism from the families of veterans buried in the once-grassy area.

The National Cemetery Administration and the Department of Veterans Affairs initiated the project to xeriscape the cemetery in 2002, after the Veterans Millennium Health Care Act instructed the Department of Veterans Affairs to study the future needs of national cemeteries.

The remaining 30 acres of the more than 80-acre cemetery are part of the newer sections, which were xeriscaped in separate projects or have yet to be developed, officials said. They said local veteran service organizations were contacted during the planning stages.

But some families say replacing the grass with rocks, dirt and shrubs is disrespectful to their loved ones.

"If we bury our fallen in the same dirt that they died, how can we say we are honoring them?" said Sandra Robinson, an Albuquerque, N.M., resident who was visiting her daughter's grave last week.

The cemetery uses about 54 million gallons of water a year, which costs more than \$75,000, officials said. Officials estimate 140 million gallons of water is needed annually to sustain the cemetery.

The grass will be replaced by small red rocks, 499 new trees, more than 2,500 new shrubs and more than 1,300 other new plants. In addition, 76,000 square feet of grass will also be planted, although none will be on the graves.

Fort Bliss, the first national cemetery to convert from grass to xeriscaping, is also the only cemetery in El Paso that uses red rocks on grave sites. The National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona in Phoenix is the only other national cemetery xeriscaped with red rocks.

The \$3.7 million project, which began in June 2006, was expected to be finished by the end of this month, but completion has been delayed until October, officials said.

San Antonio grandmother facing charges of heroin distribution

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A 56-year-old grandmother who cares for her ailing father and grandchildren has been arrested on suspicion that she is a high-level intermediary between the Mexican Mafia and local distributors of black tar heroin, authorities said.

Rose Cruz was taken into federal custody Friday and

faces a charge of possession with intent to distribute heroin, said Bexar County sheriff's Sgt. Ron Tooke.

Authorities have seized about 16 ounces of heroin worth about \$315,000, Tooke said.

Republicans court evangelicals, some pastors decry partisanship

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Folded into the Rev. Frank Page's wallet is a yellow scrap of paper with the date and time he is to speak with yet another Republican candidate for the White House.

He already has visited one GOP front-runner over breakfast at a country club and met another at the headquarters of a car dealership in his home state.

The South Carolina pastor seems taken aback by the attention, but he shouldn't be: He leads a large congregation in a state with an early primary and is president of the 16.3 million-strong Southern Baptist Convention.

Page, in an interview at his denomination's annual meeting here last week, said he offers his thoughts about salvation to candidates but never an endorsement. And he talks to Democrats, too. He sees the political courtship as a duty: The nation's leaders need to hear a Christian viewpoint, he believes.

But some Southern Baptists would rather stay out of politics altogether. A small but vocal number of pastors believe the denomination is too cozy with Republicans and too political in general. By flirting with the line separating good citizenship and a grab for power, they say, a denomination already experiencing flat membership risks alienating more people.

Others contend such talk might inspire Southern Baptists to retreat from the public square and cede ground on urgent social issues such as abortion.

If anything, the debate is likely to become even more magnified in coming months because no one Republican candidate has captured the conservative evangelical imagination.



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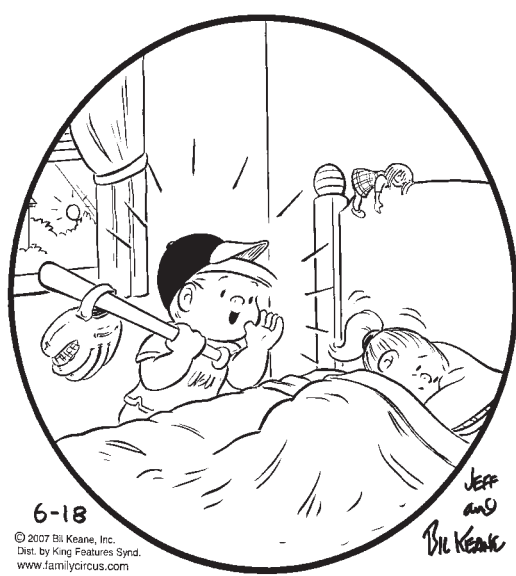
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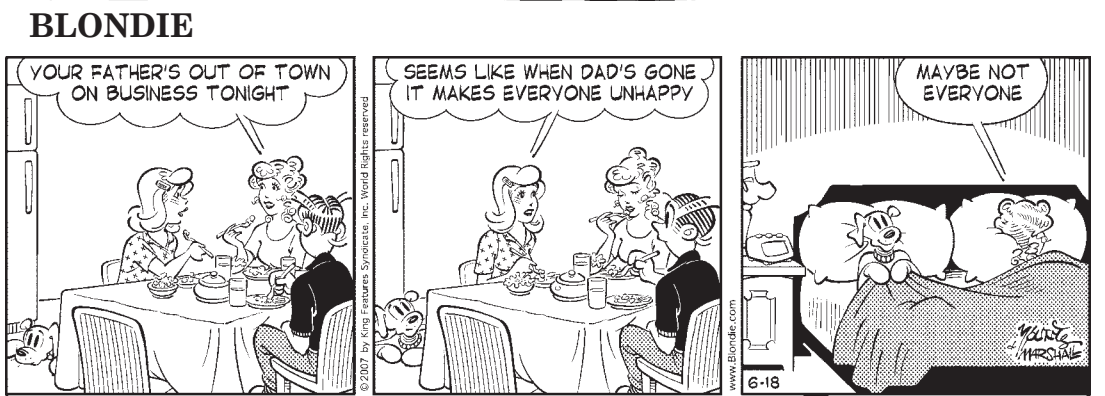
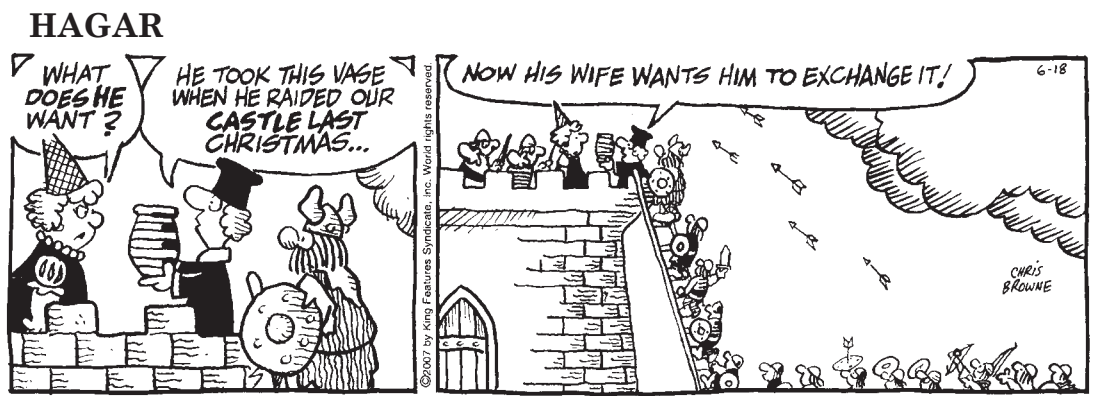
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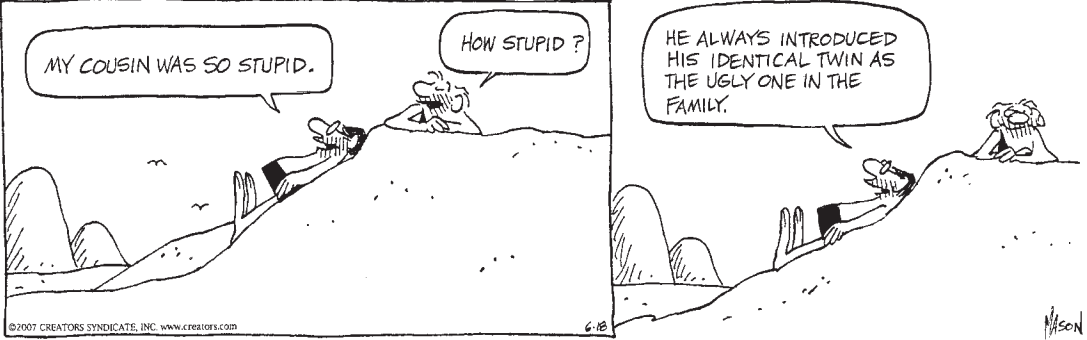
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In 1812, the United States declared war against Britain. In 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte met his Waterloo as British and Prussian troops defeated the French in Belgium. In 1857, Henry Clay Folger, the founder of the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington, D.C., was born in New York City. In 1928, Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly across the Atlantic Ocean as she completed a journey with pilots Wilmer Stultz and Louis Gordon from Newfoundland to Wales in about 21 hours. In 1948, the United Nations Commission on Human Rights finished drafting an International Declaration of Human Rights. In 1979, President Carter and Soviet President Leonid I. Brezhnev signed the SALT II strategic arms limitation treaty in Vienna.

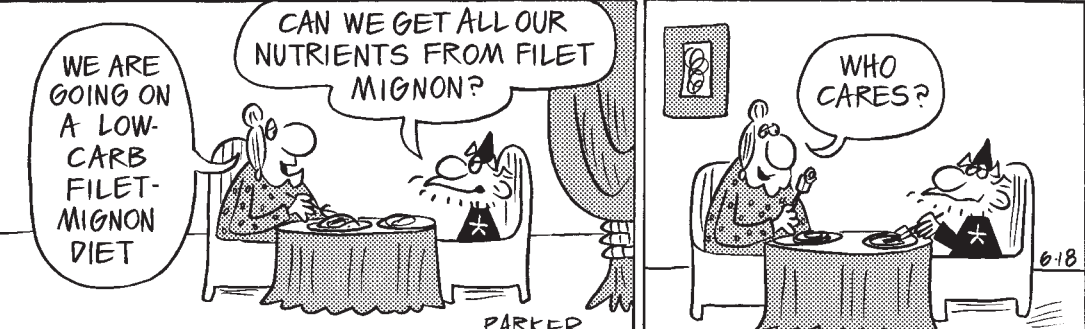
In 1983, astronaut Sally K. Ride became America's first woman in space as she and four colleagues blasted off aboard the space shuttle Challenger. In 1986, 25 people were killed when a twin-engine plane and helicopter carrying sightseers collided over the Grand Canyon. Today's Birthdays: Actor Ian Carmichael is 87. © 2007 The Associated Press.

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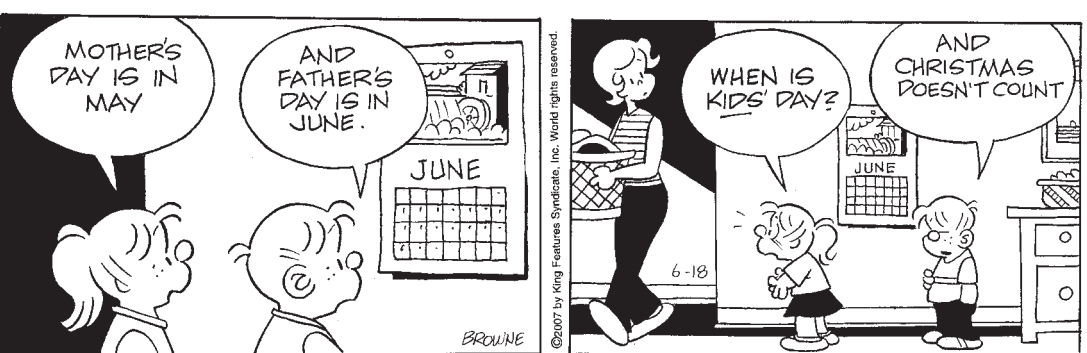
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Crossword puzzle grid with clues. ACROSS: 1 Curvy letters, 6 Not guilty, for one, 10 Identical, 14 Bracelet attachment, 15 "Shall we?" reply, 16 Old-time oath, 17 Use one's intuition, 19 Words of denial, 20 Be in debt, 21 Mediocre, 22 Elevation of a mountain, 24 Slangy refusal, 25 Jules Verne captain, 26 Pavement fixer, 29 British-beverage serving piece, 32 Spills the beans, 33 Home for hens, 34 Vending-machine opening, 36 Alan of M*A*S*H, 37 Raggedy doll, 38 Miner's bonanza, 39 Drought ender, 40 Drags along, 41 Sahara mounds, 42 Party organizer, 44 Sahara animals, 45 Prepare to be photographed, 46 Angelic instrument, 47 Isn't selfish, 50 Apple center, 51 New bride's title, often, 54 Radiant quality, 55 Small porch at an entry door. DOWN: 9 Fireplace pile, 10 Upcoming grad's lack of motivation, 11 Highly excited, 12 High-school subject, 13 Prepare for publication, 18 Frequent TV episode length, 23 CPR specialist, 24 City's widespread development, 25 Sign gases, 26 Skier's lift, 27 Islam's Almighty, 28 Dashboard accessory, 29 Salad-bar implements, 30 By oneself, 31 Alpine song, 33 Bring about, 35 Thomas Hardy heroine, 40 Healthy food phrase, 41 Has the nerve, 43 Part of a sock, 44 Golf-course rental, 46 Hive product, 47 Wise person, 48 Injured, 49 General region, 50 Chilly, 51 Pops' partners, 52 Catch, as calves, 53 Petty quarrel, 56 Baseball stat, 57 Sunbather's goal.