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## FUN IN THE SUN



Twila Garza gets in some playtime with her son, Andrew, Sunday afternoon at the City Pool. Plenty of people decided the pool was the ideal way to beat Sunday's high temperatures.

HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

## Plea brings 10-year term

### Woman guilty of trying to murder her daughter

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

A Howard County woman accused of trying to kill herself and her 12-year-old daughter pleaded guilty to attempted murder Monday in 118th District Court.

Callie Jo Nickle, 51, of 1811 S. Nolan, pleaded guilty to a single charge of attempted murder, accepting a 10-year plea bargain that will be served in a state correctional facility.

Nickle was indicted in mid-February after police officials said she tried to kill herself and her 12-year-old daughter by means of an overdose of medication in the 1800 block of Nolan on June 7, 2006.

reports, the two were discovered by Nickle's 24-year-old daughter and were subsequently transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Nickle allegedly forced her daughter to take a number of unidentified pills, according to witness statements made later at the hospital.

Nickle quickly recovered from the incident, but her daughter had to be transported to a Lubbock hospital, where she remained for some time before recovering.

Nickle faced a possible prison term of between two and 20 years, making the 10-year plea agreement amicable to all parties involved in the incident, according to Howard County District Attorney Hardy



Nickle

According to police See **PLEA**, Page 3A

## Official advises: Use insect repellent

### Threat of West Nile virus is serious, Schuermann comments

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

With the drastic increase in rain this summer, many area residents are finding themselves in a never-ending battle with a new foe — mosquitoes.

According to Jim Schuermann, a spokesperson with the Zoonosis Control Group at the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), the answer is only a spray away.

"Use a good insect repellent. Use it every time you are out-

doors. That's the No. 1 thing people can do to protect themselves from mosquito-borne illnesses," said Schuermann. "It's tough to tell people to wear long sleeves and long pants in the Texas heat."

And while the buzzing bug-gers may be a major annoy-

ance, they also represent a serious health threat throughout the Lone Star State. According to Schuermann, West Nile virus — an illness spread through mosquito bites — can cause serious ill-

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## Forsan ISD begins bid process for concession stand

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

FORSAN — School trustees here approved the advertising of bids for a new athletic complex concession stand during their regular monthly meeting

Monday evening in the administration building board room.

The new building will provide restrooms and concession services to fans at the football, baseball and softball fields adjacent to the secondary building,

Superintendent Randy Johnson said.

"The basic structure will sit just to the west of the current concession stand, but will serve all three fields," Johnson said.

Earlier this year, trustees

estimated construction of a new concession stand would cost about \$100,000, but Johnson said he is hopeful the actual price will come in below that figure.

Bids will considered at the

July trustee meeting.

Also Monday, trustees approved a slight increase in lunch prices at Forsan cafeterias for the coming school year.

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**FREEDOM FESTIVAL**

COAHOMA — Organizers of the Coahoma Freedom Festival are putting out the call for veterans and active-duty personnel to participate in the event's annual parade, scheduled for June 30.

The parade and festival traditionally kick off July 4 celebrations throughout Howard County.

Aside from the parade, the festival — set for the community park — will feature live music, food and crafts vendors and games.

Veterans and active-duty soldiers are urged to call Charlie at 270-4156 or Lori at First Bank of West Texas, 394-4256 for more information.

**MANAGING HOME PESTS**

Want to know more about mosquitoes and Africanized bees? Maybe how to avoid or get rid of them?

Dr. Mark Muegee, entomology specialist from Fort Stockton, will speak on Managing Home Pests at 6 p.m. today in the Howard College Fireplace Room.

There will be two integrated pest management continuing education credits for participants who qualify.

For more information, contact Tommy Yeater, Howard County cooperative extension agent for agriculture, at 264-2236.

Today's meeting is open to the public. There is no charge to attend.

**CHAMBER SETS EVENTS**

Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce has scheduled three ribbon cuttings.

The first will be at 2:30 p.m. Friday at A Party Palace, 1200 E. Fourth St.

The second is at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 10, to recognize the Workforce Network's new location, which is in the Big Spring Post Office at 501 S. Main St.

The third will be at 1 p.m. Friday, July 13, at The Life Clinic, at 2601 Wasson Road. There will be an open house with refreshments from noon to 2 p.m.

An open house celebrating 50 years of service will be held all day Monday, July 16, at the offices of Dr. D.H. McGonagill Inc., 109 E. Third St.

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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 today 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](http://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](http://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 informations, call Jon Murray at (806)742-3355 or e-mail him at [jonathan.murray@ttu.edu](mailto:jonathan.murray@ttu.edu).

Visit [TexasTech.com](http://TexasTech.com) for more information.

## Figgins delivers Angels victory over Astros, 10-9

The Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Chone Figgins had the game of his life, three weeks after struggling through the worst slump of his career.

Figgins got six hits, including a game-winning RBI triple in the ninth inning that gave the Los Angeles Angels a 10-9 victory over the Houston Astros on Monday night.

The diminutive third baseman finished 6-for-6 with a double and four singles to go with his 40th career triple and first this season. He drove in three runs and matched Garret Anderson's 1996

franchise record for hits in a game, helping the Angels rally from a 9-4 deficit and maintain their six-game lead in the AL West.

Figgins, whose 186 hits last season broke Johnny Ray's 1988 club record for switch-hitters, started slowly at the plate this year. But he is 36-for-79 (.456) over his last 17 games, raising his batting average to .284.

"This is one of those special games," Figgins said. "You can't explain it. You just stay within yourself. The thing about it was that the game was close, so it made you concentrate even more to get a hit. I don't think I ever

did that in a video game, much less in a professional game."

Dave Borkowski (1-1) retired his first two batters in the ninth before giving up a single to Reggie Willits. Trever Miller came on and Figgins lined the left-hander's 1-1 pitch the other way to right field as Willits scampered home without a throw.

"I was trying to catch Reggie. That way, at least I'd know he would score," Figgins said with a laugh.

Figgins became the first major league player to get six hits since Seattle's Raul Ibanez on Sept. 22, 2004, at Anaheim, according to

the Elias Sports Bureau. Ibanez was 6-for-6 as well.

Francisco Rodriguez (1-2) earned the victory, escaping a bases-loaded jam in the ninth by striking out Craig Biggio with a nasty breaking ball. Biggio was 1-for-6, leaving him 10 hits shy of 3,000.

"He's got good stuff and he's one of the elite closers in the game," Biggio said. "He threw me a couple of fastballs, I fell behind 2-0, then he made a quality pitch on another fastball that I fouled off. Then he threw me that breaking ball and I just

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Big Spring's Aaron Hanes, 13, swings at a pitch thrown by Big Spring Steers head baseball coach Lee Morrison during a batting and fielding drill at the Big Spring Steers Baseball Skills Camp Monday at Steer Baseball Field. Hanes was among 25 campers to take part in the first day of camp activities.

HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull

## Steer baseball camp focusing on future talent

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

Big Spring Steers head baseball coach Lee Morrison held the first day of the Steers Baseball Skills Camp Monday morning at Steer Baseball Field.

This is the second consecutive year that Morrison has overseen the camp and he was excited about the increase in numbers from last year's event.

"We had about 25 kids for the first day," he said. "That's a nice increase as compared to the six kids we had attend last year's camp. It's nice to have this many kids out here and lets me establish a good relationship with young players."

The camp is for boys going into the first through eighth grades and continues through Thursday, lasting from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Morrison gladly welcomes any more campers that would like to join the camp for the last two days.

"The more the merrier," he said. "We've got plenty of room for more boys to join us."

It is important to Morrison to build a bridge over the gap between Big Spring Little and Pony Leagues to Big Spring Steer baseball.

"I want to revive base-

ball at the high school level in this town," he said. "It's hard to compete with the top tier teams in our district and state unless there's a relationship between the coach and young, upcoming athletes. It only makes my job easier."

Contact Sports Editor Jonathan Hull by calling him at 263-7331, ext. 237, or by e-mailing him at [sports@bigspringherald.com](mailto:sports@bigspringherald.com).

## Tiger has a cub, unsure of status for British Open

By DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

OAKMONT, Pa. — Jack Nicklaus figures at least one of his major championship records is safe.

Tiger Woods left Oakmont having squandered another chance to win a major while playing in the last group, unable to make but one birdie in the final round of the U.S. Open despite having a short iron for his approach to the green on a half-dozen occasions.

The next opportunity — maybe — will be at Carnoustie for the British Open, where he is the two-time defending champion. If he does show up, it will be his first major as a father. His wife, Elin, gave birth Monday to a daughter, Sam Alexis Woods.

"Both Elin and Sam are doing well and resting peacefully," Woods wrote on his Web site — <http://www.tigerwoods.com>.

Nicklaus had his first child when he was an amateur, so he won all 18 majors with children.

"I think that (record) is probably in pretty good shape,"

Nicklaus said earlier this year.

The magic number has always been 18 for Woods, who effectively launched his assault on the Nicklaus benchmark when he won four straight majors ending with the 2001 Masters, giving him six at age 25, and he hasn't hit too many dry spells since then.

This is not one of them.

Sunday at Oakmont was his fourth straight major in the final group, an incredible statistic that gets forgotten because the U.S. Open was his second straight major as a runner-up.

Almost as impressive as the 18 majors for Nicklaus are the 19 times he finished second.

Is it possible Woods can reach that record before the other?

It seems preposterous now, because Woods has 12 trophies and only four consolation prizes. What the last year has shown, however, is that winning starts with putting yourself in position, and no one has done that better, not even close.

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MCT photo/John D. Simmons

Tiger Woods hits his approach shot from the 18th fairway during the final round of the 2007 Wachovia Championship May 6 at the Quail Hollow Club in Charlotte, N.C. Tiger became a father Monday as his wife, Elin, gave birth to a daughter, Sam Alexis.

Obituaries

Police blotter

James Mac Armstead



James Mac Armstead, 64, of Big Spring died Monday, June 18, 2007, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Mike Couch officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

James was born April 4, 1943, in Pampa to Mickey and James Armstead. He grew up in Monahans and graduated from Monahans High School. James was a lineman for Dewitt Electric Co-op in Cuero for 18 years and as an electrician for Power Resources in Big Spring from 1989 until 2007, retiring May 12, 2007, due to ill health. He was a member of First Baptist Church. His hobbies were woodworking and horses. James was a farrier. He was active in the Howard County Sheriff's Posse and the Pony Express. James married Rose Beeler, July 11, 1990, in Big Spring.

He is survived by his wife, Rose Armstead of Big Spring; one son, James Earl Armstead and his wife Celeste of Magnolia; three daughters, Shannon Beeler and Jammie Armstead, both of Big Spring, and Rena Bishop and her husband James of Snyder; one sister, Randi Kay Tuman and her husband Gregg of Kennedale; one brother, Kim Armstead and his wife Mary of Big Spring; six grandchildren, Chase Armstead, Kayla Armstead, Hayley Jenkins, Skyler Armstead Bishop, Zander Armstead Bishop and Jasen Armstead Bishop; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Rocky Armstead in 1969 and Darrell Armstead in 1999.

Pallbearers will be Mark Chandler, David Chandler, Mike Timmons and Larry Richardson.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

*Paid obituary*

Mary Alice Hart

COLORADO CITY — Mary Alice Bassham Hart, 97, formerly of Colorado City, died Saturday, June 16, 2007, in a Fredericksburg care center after a lengthy illness. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, June 21, 2007, in the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. James Edwards officiating. Burial will follow in the Colorado City Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

She was born Jan. 15, 1910 in Durant, Okla., to Henry and Fannie Ida Pettit Bassham. She moved to Mitchell County with her family in 1923 and married Homer Claburn Hart Dec. 3, 1932, in Colorado City. She remained a loving wife, faithful companion and life partner for him until his death June 25, 1983.

During their 50 years together, Mary and Homer lived in various small communities around West Texas, but spent much of their life in Mitchell County. After Homer's death, Mary remained in Colorado City until 2001, when she moved to Fredericksburg where she continued to live until her death.

Mary Hart led a life where each day provided those around her lessons about life: Good will, humility, honesty, courage, hard work and love for mankind. She was a caretaker of her extended family, proving support, help, encouragement and motivation for numerous family members. Most importantly, she provided a safe and love-filled home for her husband and four children.

She will be greatly missed, but her legacy will continue to live on through her children, grandchildren and their families.

As a mother, Mary was very involved in the lives of her four children — for she perceived them to be her greatest accomplishments: Dannie Mac Sparks and her husband, Alton, of Tifton, Ga., Lowell Lee (Bud) Hart and his wife Beth of Big Spring, Gayle Hart Hamby and husband Ron of Fredericksburg, and Joe Michel (Mike) Hart and wife Jennifer of Sweetwater.

Mary had a great impact on the lives of her nine grandchildren and each carry special memories of her in their hearts forever: Tanya Sparks Murphy, Beverly Sparks Tibbets, Alton Neal Sparks Jr. (Stormy), Neta Sparks, Tamara Hart Sneed, Debra Hart Lewis, John Randall Hart, Hartley Newell Acero and Mary Devlin Shelton; 16 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; as well as numerous nieces and nephews, and by a sister-in-law, Dimple Sue Hart McCarley.

She is also preceded in death by her parents, three brothers and three sisters.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Heifer International, Hill Country Memorial Hospice or your favorite charity.

*Paid obituary*

LaVerne Chrane

LaVerne Chrane, 77, of Big Spring died Tuesday, June 19, 2007, at Parkview Nursing and Rehab Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Weather

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

Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s. Southeast winds around 10 mph.

Wednesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows around 70.

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Joe Ross Earhart



Joe Ross Earhart, 62, of Tow died June 13, 2007. He was born to Glen Ross and Dorothy (Echols) Earhart on March 26, 1945 in Big Spring.

Mr. Earhart loved to fish, garden and travel. He married Donna Heffington on Jan. 1, 1978, in Big Spring. Mr. Earhart loved his family and was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. He was a master electrician.

He is survived by his wife of 29 years, Donna Earhart, of Tow; children, Michael Kinman and wife Sandy, and Donna Cantwell and husband James, all of Kingsland, Steve Kinman and wife, Pam, of Tow, and Kelley Mauldin of Kingsland; grandchildren, Nichole Chaney, Hali Rae Kinman, Regina Dawn Kinman, Frances Smith, David Cantwell, Thomas Cantwell; mother, Dorothy Echols Earhart of Big Spring; brothers, Gary Earhart of Stanton, Max Earl of Big Spring, Dick Earhart of Big Spring, Fred Earhart of Big Spring; sisters, Jan Havens of Kalgary, Dee Thomi of Dallas; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Glenn Earhart, and brother, Mark Earhart.

A visitation was held from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 16, 2007. A graveside service was held 1 p.m. Monday, June 18, 2007, at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring.

Arrangements are by Putnam funeral Home & Crematory in Kingsland.

*Paid obituary*

Frances Pittman

Frances Nadine Pittman, 75, of De Leon, died Sunday, June 17, 2007. Graveside funeral services are set for 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 20, 2007 at De Leon Cemetery. There will be a memorial service at 4 p.m. Wednesday at Berea Baptist Church in Big Spring.

She was born Sept. 27, 1931, in Stephenville and married Dearl Pittman Dec. 15, 1953, in De Leon. She was a bookkeeper for Higginbotham's and several CPA offices in Big Spring. She was a Baptist and a member of Berea Baptist Church in Big Spring. She had lived in De Leon for 15 years, having moved there from Big Spring.

Survivors include her husband, Dearl, of De Leon; three sons, Randy Pittman and his wife, Cindy W. of Midland, Dale Pittman and wife Kay of Big Spring, and Gale Pittman and wife Maurine of Big Spring; a sister-in-law, Leta Fern Maxwell of Stephenville; six grandchildren, Brandi, Brooke, Brock, Jessica Marie, Jennifer and Desi; three great-grandchildren, Cody, Iris and Eric, and one due in October; and several great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by five brothers, Clington, Calvin, Richard, Raymond and Jack Maxwell.

*Paid obituary*

William J. Martin

LITTLEFIELD — Willie J. Martin, 69, of Littlefield died Sunday, June 17, 2007, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 20, 2007, at Hammons Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring, officiating and Nathan Crawford, of Crescent Park church of Christ, assisting. Burial will follow in Little Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of Hammons Funeral Home.

He was born Aug. 19, 1937, in Erick, Okla., to J.W. and Vera Griffin. He married Richard "Dick" Martin on April 5, 1967, in Amarillo. She was a member of the Crescent Park Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband "Dick", Aug. 2, 2004, and a step-son, Timothy Clay Martin in 1985.

Survivors include three sons, Danny Martin of Coahoma and Jay Burchfield and Mickey Burchfield of Spade; a step-son, Bob Martin of Yukon, Okla.; a sister, Pat Stevens of Dallas; nine grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

The family will be receiving friends Tuesday, June 19, 2007, from 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. at Hammons Funeral Home.

Paul Barron

LORAIN — Paul M. Barron, 89, died Friday, June 15, 2007, in Big Spring. Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Monday at Kiker-Seale Funeral Home. Interment followed at Loraine Cemetery with the Rev. Joe Marshall and the Rev. Kerry Cain officiating.

He was born Feb. 11, 1919 in Gorman and served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a member of the Church of Christ of Loraine.

He is survived by his son, Wayne Barron and wife Donna, of Big Spring; step-sons Lanny Hall and wife Lynda of Maryneal and Kim Hall and wife Kathy of Snyder; a brother, James Barron and wife Carolyn of Abilene; sister-in-laws June Barron of Loraine and Evelyn Stanley of Sweetwater; five grandchildren and three-great-grandchildren.

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

- **DAVID WILKINSON**, 28, of 1425 E. Sixth street, was arrested Monday on a charge of criminal trespass.
- **JESSE LOPEZ**, 20, of 114 Hoosier, was arrested Monday on a charge of minor in consumption.
- **STEVEN ADAMS**, 42, of 604 Dallas, was arrested Monday on charges of assault Class C/family violence - two counts and failure to identify.
- **BENTIO GONZALES**, 33, of 1425 E. Sixth street, was arrested Monday on charges of assault Class C/family violence.
- **WHITNEY MARQUEZ**, 19, of 1905 Alabama, was arrested Monday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in:
  - 1400 block of Sixth street.
  - 2900 block of Highway 80.
  - 2000 block of Highway 80.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE CAUSING BODILY INJURY** was reported in the 800 block of Johnson.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in 1900 block of Highway 87.
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported in the 400 block of Fourth street.
- **FORGERY** was reported was reported in the 400 block of Fourth street.
- **THEFT** was reported:
  - in the 1000 block of Birdwell.
  - in the 400 block of Fourth street.

Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 66 inmates at the time of this report.

- **MARK ANTHONY MOLINA**, 42, was arrested by the HCSO Monday on a charge of theft.
- **REYES RAMIREZ III**, 20, was arrested by the HCSO Monday on charges of speeding, no liability insurance, violation of a promise to appear, rider not secured by belt and no drivers license.
- **WHITNEY DIANE MARQUEZ**, 19, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD Monday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **CALLIE JO NICKLE**, 51, was arrested by the HCSO Monday on a charge of attempted murder.
- **APRIL DAWN ALLAIN**, 26, was arrested by the HCSO Monday on charges of bail jumping and failure to appear.
- **CARLOS BANUELOS GUSTABO**, 49, was arrested by the HCSO Monday on a charge of failure to appear.
- **DAVID BRIAN WILKINSON**, 28, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD Monday on a charge of criminal trespass.
- **ROBBY CARROLL ATKINSON**, 35, was arrested by the HCSO Monday on charges of bondsman off bond, bail jumping, failure to appear and driving while license invalid.
- **NATHAN COLE MANNUM**, 23, was arrested by the HCSO Monday on charges of bondsman off bond and theft.
- **MICAH LEVI PEARSON**, 21, was arrested by the HCSO Monday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **TIMOTHY UNDERWOOD**, 30, was arrested by DPS Monday on a charge of driving while license invalid.

Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1100 block of E. Fourth street. One person transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1400 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1600 block of S. Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 600 block of E. 16th street. Service was refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1900 block of Simler. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1000 block of Birdwell. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 300 block of E. Third street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1100 block of Pickens. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1900 block of Martin Luther King. One person was transported to SMMC.

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# Oregon St. in driver's seat to defend CWS title

By OSKAR GARCIA

Associated Press Writer

OMAHA, Neb. — Even after winning the longest game in College World Series history, UC Irvine coach Dave Serrano was a bit sad.

Serrano beat his longtime friend and mentor George Horton and his Cal State Fullerton team, 5-4 on Monday. Serrano pitched for Horton at Cerritos College and later served under him there as pitching coach. Serrano coached under Horton again at Fullerton before taking the UC Irvine head coaching job in 2004.

"The bad news is I had to say goodbye to my mentor, coach, friend, my second father, a guy I love a lot," Serrano said. "That's the toughest part about it, seeing his team eliminated. I wish our win hadn't been at their expense, but we went into this knowing one of us would be happy and one of us would be sad."

The time of the game beat the old CWS mark for longest game — set in 1981 by Oklahoma State and Arizona State — by 40 minutes.

Next up for the Anteaters (46-16-1) is a game against Arizona State (49-14). It will be their second meeting in four days.

The winner will try to wrestle control of Bracket 2 from defending champion Oregon

State (46-18), a team forging a different path toward the title round this year. The Beavers are in control with two wins after beating Arizona State 12-6 Monday night, rather than starting at elimination as they were at this time last year.

The Sun Devils already beat the Anteaters once, 5-4 on Saturday, on Ike Davis' eighth homer of the year.

Monday's victory over Fullerton saw eight hit batsmen, 32 runners left stranded on base and two relievers dueling into the late innings until Irvine finally came out ahead.

"I know the baseball purists were watching that game on the edge of their seats," said Horton, who was ejected in the bottom of the 13th inning for arguing over a hit batsman call.

Bryan Petersen's run-scoring single to center field ended the game four batters later, sending the Titans (38-25) home after two games for the first time in nine CWS appearances since 1990.

Fullerton left fielder Josh Fellhauer threw out Taylor Holiday at home plate the previous play.

"In defeat, this will be a day that I remember for a long time," Horton said.

Arizona State fell to Oregon State 12-6. Mike Stutes and three relievers held one of the nation's top hitting and scoring teams to seven hits, and Oregon

State revved up its offense to beat ASU.

The Beavers, who had seven hits in a 3-2 win over Fullerton Saturday, scored every inning until the seventh and finished with 18 hits. Mike Lissman went 3-for-4 with a three-run homer and four RBIs. Chris Hopkins, Joey Wong and Jason Ogata also had three hits apiece, and Jordan Lennerton homered.

"That punch in the mouth was coming — this team hasn't had it all year" said ASU coach Pat Murphy. "Unfortunately it happened today."

Murphy complained that his team did not have enough time to prepare for the game because of the extra time needed for the earlier Fullerton-Irvine game. The Pacific-10 rivals began 90 minutes after their scheduled start time amid fans filing in after waiting outside for hours.

"We're tired and we've been here all day," said Oregon State coach Pat Casey.

Stutes (11-4) made his third career CWS start and won for the second time. He was solid for a second straight start in the NCAA tournament, after allowing two runs in eight innings of the Beavers' super regional clincher against Michigan.

Monday's win gives the Beavers a day off as they await the winner of the ASU-Irvine rematch on Thursday — this



MCT photo/Michael Goulding

Cal State-Fullerton catcher John Curtis makes the tag on UC Irvine's Taylor Holiday at the plate in the 13th inning during a College World Series baseball elimination game Monday in Omaha, Neb. UC Irvine defeated Cal State-Fullerton 5-4.

time needing only one win to go to the championship round.

Last year, Oregon State fought off elimination six times in Omaha before beating Carolina for the title.

But even in the driver's seat,

Casey said his team will not change its approach.

"We're going to keep this throttle down," he said.

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AP Sports Writer Eric Olson contributed to this report.

## DRAFT

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opportunity in front of him and we wish him the best," Washington coach Lorenzo Romar said.

Fellow Pac-10 center DeVon Hardin withdrew his name and will return to California, where he played in only 11 games this past season before a stress fracture in his left foot ended his season.

Underclassmen had to declare for the draft by 11:59 p.m. EDT on April 29. They could attend workouts and pull out without penalties as long as they hadn't hired an agent.

Singletary took advantage of the opportunity,

attending pre-draft camp and working out for several NBA teams. He averaged 19 points for the Cavaliers last season, but apparently realized he needed to improve more at the college level.

"The process I went through the last two months was extremely valuable and provided me with a significant amount of information," he said in a statement released by the school. "Ultimately I determined it was best for me to return to Virginia."

Kemp averaged 18.5 points for the Wolf Pack, helping them to a fourth straight regular-season conference title.

"Marcelus has used the NBA early entry process exactly as I feel one should," Nevada coach

Mark Fox said. "He has learned how he can get better in the eyes of the NBA and he will.

"He is excited about the things he can still accomplish at Nevada, and we are looking forward to helping him."

The NBA hopes to release the early entry list on Tuesday. The draft is June 28.

Georgia Tech forward Thaddeus Young will be in it, joining point guard Javaris Crittenton in leaving the Yellow Jackets after one season. Oklahoma State guard JamesOn Curry also said he is staying in the draft, while

George Washington's Maureece Rice and Illinois' Shaun Pruitt are returning to school.

## TIGER

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"My last four majors," Woods said, ticking off his record, "1, 1, 2, 2. Not terrible, but it could have been a little better."

In an age of instant gratification, it can be difficult to see the big picture.

What made Nicklaus such a dominant force in the majors was that he was usually around the top of the leaderboard on the final round.

During a quarter-century of contending in majors, he has experienced just about everything.

And maybe that's what awaits Woods.

The shocker was not that he missed the cut at Winged Foot last year for the first time in a major, but that it took 10 years for it to happen. Woods is 12-0 in the majors with at least a share of the 54-hole lead; one of these times, he won't win. It happened to Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer, even Ben Hogan.

There have been 29 majors when Woods trailed going into the final round, and he still hasn't won from behind.

"I haven't gotten it done," he said. "Put myself there, and haven't gotten it done."

That will change, too.

What separates Woods from everyone else in the game is the number of times he gives himself a chance, and those are starting to pile up in alarming fashion. In the last 10 majors, Woods has been atop the leaderboard

or within two shots seven times.

He has lost the last two majors to guys who hardly fit the profile of Tiger slayers. One was Zach Johnson at the Masters, who made all the birdie putts that Woods didn't. The other was Angel Cabrera at Oakmont, who hit all the iron shots that turned out badly for Woods.

Cabrera, playing four groups ahead of Woods, was in the fairway on the par-4 11th and stuffed his shot into 2 feet for birdie. Woods was in the bunker and fanned a shot that found the bunker, leading to his only bogey on the back nine.

From the first cut of rough on the 15th, Cabrera cut a shot toward the flag that stopped 3 feet behind the flag for a birdie that ultimately was the difference. Woods had

a similar lie and put it over the flag, into a shaggy collar around the green, and he had to make an 8-foot par putt just to stay in the game.

Even without trophies, Woods hasn't lost his mystique.

He had to hole a shot from the 18th fairway at Augusta National to force a playoff with Johnson, and the normal guy from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, started having abnormal thoughts watching from the locker room.

"Before he hit it, I'm like, 'He's done stranger things,'" Johnson said. "The guy is a phenom."

Woods only needed a single birdie over his final three holes at Oakmont to force a playoff, and as Cabrera watched from the clubhouse, he was making plans for one more round of Oakmont in a playoff.

## ASTROS

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couldn't stay back on it long enough to put it in play."

Mike Lamb and Luke Scott homered for the Astros against John Lackey, and Mark Loretta was 4-for-5 with three RBIs.

Houston right-hander Chris Sampson gave up hits to 11 of his first 21 batters and 14 hits overall through six-plus innings, including singles by Vladimir Guerrero and Gary Matthews Jr. to open the Angels' five-run seventh.

"It feels good that the manager has that much confidence in me to let me stay out there," Sampson said. "It was just one of those nights where the balls were finding holes. I didn't have my slider until about the fifth inning, and I could-

n't find the command for my curveball. So basically, all I had was a sinker."

Shea Hillenbrand had a two-run single in the seventh against Chad Qualls, Erick Aybar added an

RBI single and Willits followed with a sacrifice fly. Figgins then hit a high chopper toward first base and won a race to the bag after Qualls took Lamb's short toss.



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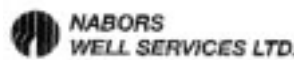
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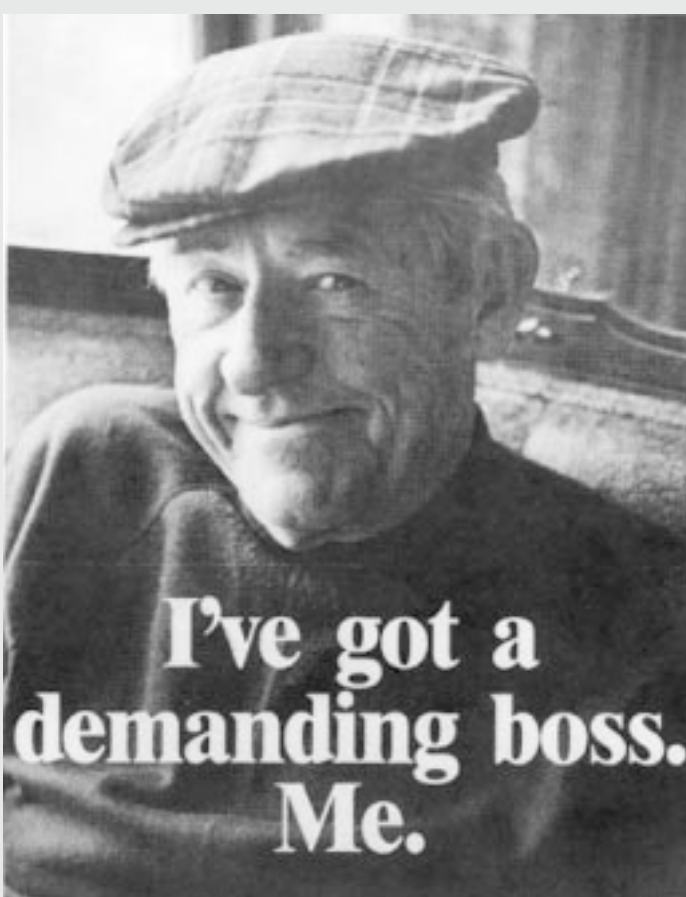
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**BY HOLIDAY MATHIS**

Venus in Leo offers a dare to Big Daddy Jupiter. This couple reminds us



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that a life without risk — for what and whom we love — is a life un-lived. A fabulous way to stoke the embers of a more love-filled life: Spoil yourself (or another) rotten with an over-the-top treat. Be daringly extravagant with your affections. It's the only way to love!

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). The learning curve flattens out. You've got things under control now, and you may even have time to do more than your share. Go easy. Enjoy the leisurely feeling of hitting your stride.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You don't have to fit everyone into your plan. The right people will show up. And if they don't show up, they weren't supposed to be there. No stress, no disappointment — you're taking things as they come.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Your intuition is strong, particularly with regard to figuring out what makes people tick. With your natural gift for gab, you'll probably be able to talk anyone into anything. Close a deal over lunch.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You'll meet those who

**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

have a rather tenuous relationship with the truth. You're wise to believe half of what they tell you. The problem is in discerning which half.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Usually you're more or less right about how to handle a situation. But sometimes you're wrong. Why not love your mistakes? Others do. Without them you'd be very difficult for the rest of the humans to relate to.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your self-worth and your net worth aren't interchangeable values. Sometimes they don't even relate to each other in the least! One dips and the other soars — go figure.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The world may be in disarray, but it's not the world's fault. It's our way of mentally ordering information that makes it confusing. Get clarity by removing yourself from the muddle to look at things from another point of view.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Aristotle said excellence is not an act, but a habit. You become excellent because of habits you establish in the next few weeks, starting now. One of them is the habit of loving yourself.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Cheerfulness is a virtue. As you continue to make optimism your chosen manner of dealing with the world, you cultivate even greater powers of charm than you already possess.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-

Jan. 19). You learn from everyone, even those you don't agree with, and become wise. Your heart sings in harmony with Aries and Aquarius individuals tonight.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The rules are cramping your style. Some traditions are in desperate need of a makeover, and you're just the one to do this. A bonus: Your ingenuity will be accepted.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll be sharing, giving presents or making generous deals. Keep in mind that presentation is key. It's not the face value of what you're giving, but the spirit in which it's given that counts.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "I'm a Virgo, born Sept. 14, 1972, with Sag rising. For 20 years, a male Aquarian, born Jan. 25, 1970 (Virgo rising), and I have had an off-and-on love relationship. We are "on" again since December, but he's a service man who has just left for his one-year deployment to Iraq. We've decided to, once again, place "us" on hold. Will we ever be in the same place at the same time long enough to pursue our dream of having a family and being together?"

Think of your love like a house — 20 years old, built on a series of past choices that you've both made together. In that time you've found it incredibly difficult to lay a foundation. Why? You're "on hold" again because you've always

been on hold. He has definite ideas about how things should be before you two can commit to each other, but you're a real living person with a lot of love, but blocked from giving it. With loving commitment to the "us" space, military couples can have rewarding relationships. But this on-and-off pattern extends beyond deployment — it characterizes your relationship. That said, it's never too late to change things if you're willing to start from scratch again.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Prince William may be destined to be king of Britain, and he'll be a fair, tolerant and just ruler. He has a lot of air in his chart, so he'll have plenty of advisers. William was born during a new moon (in Gemini) — his life reflects the end of an old era and the beginning of a new one. But, ladies, please don't expect him to settle on a princess this year. He's got a few more royal oats to sow!

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**Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need**

Dear Annie: Five years ago, I became friends with one of the teachers at my daughter's school. "Sara" and I hit it off instantly, and my husband and I often met her and her husband for dinner. At the time, Sara was in the middle of purchasing a home and complained that money was tight, so I usually picked up the dinner tab. After they purchased the house, she still complained about money, so when I could, I did the driving or paid the dinner bill.

Last year, Sara was up for a prestigious teaching award, and the ceremony was in another town. She'd recently had a baby and said she couldn't attend unless someone could come along and baby-sit, so I promised her that my husband and I would stay overnight at a hotel and watch the baby so she could go.

In the meantime, my husband unexpectedly lost his job. When I told Sara, she asked if she could take me out to dinner to cheer me up. When the waitress came with the bill, Sara pushed it in my direction. I was shocked but paid it. Later, I told Sara my husband and I couldn't afford an overnight hotel stay to watch her baby, but she became so agitated that we ended up spending a fortune to do her this favor. As it turned out, the school district picked up all the expenses for Sara and her husband. She didn't even offer to buy us a cup of coffee.

My husband says I'm being a sucker. Sara and her husband probably make twice as much as we do. I assured my husband that Sara's a good friend and I could ask her for anything, but when I called her yesterday to see if she would pick up my mail this weekend, she said gas was too expensive and she'd rather not. I



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truly like Sara, but I'm wondering if she's using me. — Can't Figure It Out

Dear Can't Figure: Sara finds your friendship very convenient and financially endearing. Beyond that, however, there doesn't seem to be much. Your husband is right. It's time to ditch this one-sided relationship before you start kicking yourself.

Dear Annie: My dad's cousin, "Peter," is coming to this country to visit. Peter is about the same age as my dad and speaks no English. I met him when I traveled with my father, so he and I are not total strangers, but we have difficulty communicating.

The problem is, Dad wants Cousin Peter to stay at my house. I think it would be more comfortable for him to stay with Dad, since they speak the same language, but Dad says he doesn't have space. I offered to move his junk from the spare room, clean it, paint it and give him my extra bed, but Dad won't hear of it.

So, now what? If Dad won't put forth the effort to accommodate his cousin, why is it my job? — Stuck in the Middle

Dear Stuck: We think Cousin Peter should stay with Dad, but if Dad refuses, we hope you will step up to the plate. Perhaps you and Dad could split the visit, or maybe Cousin Peter could sleep at your place

and Dad could take him during the day. Or, if you have space, you could invite Dad and Peter both to stay with you. A first-time visit is special. Please try to work something out.

Dear Annie: I saw your response to "Addict's Wife," and was disappointed that you didn't tell her that the choice of drug isn't as important as the fact that drug usage prevents a person from dealing with relationships and responsibilities and reality.

Please let future friends and families know that Nar-Anon Family Groups ([www.nar-anon.org](http://www.nar-anon.org)) are here for their support and we have an online chat forum, too. People don't have to keep riding their roller coasters. They can get off whenever they choose. — Connie in Santa Cruz

Dear Connie: We have recommended Nar-Anon in the past and are pleased to do so again. Thanks for writing.

Dear Annie: I recently went out of town, and my husband of 36 years stayed home to work. When I returned, I found that most of the house had been cleaned and the entire contents of the top of my dresser had been dumped into a cardboard box.

He claimed he wanted the house to be clean for guests. However, our bedroom is upstairs, and no one sees it. I found out later that someone from his office was brought in to perform this service.

Annie, I feel disrespected and betrayed. It's like I've been declared dead or something. There is not a comb, pin or book of mine on display in that room. I am so angry. If he didn't like the mess, he should have given me a time frame in which to straighten it up on my own. It's not like I sit around eating bonbons. When I'm not working, I

volunteer three days a week for a nonprofit organization that provides therapy services for handicapped children.

I am also embarrassed that everyone in his office could be gossiping about the inner workings of my home. I don't want anything to do with any of them ever again, but that is impossible. I work there part time.

I have tried talking this over with my husband, but he only responds, "Sorry." He feels he had good intentions, so I should just get over it. He is so clueless. Annie, what do you think? — Boxed Out in Harrisburg, Pa.

Dear Boxed Out: We know some readers will think your husband cleaned the house to disguise evidence of a tryst, but we're going to assume he was simply tired of the clutter and thought your absence was a good opportunity to remove it. We don't blame you for being upset. This was an intrusion into your private space, and to have it handled by someone from the office was insensitive. We suggest putting a smile on your face and pretending your mess was amusing and you're grateful it's been taken off your shoulders. You'll feel less embarrassed, and so will the staff.

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**News in brief**

**Judge to suspend disbarred Duke prosecutor and proceed with request to remove him from office**

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — A judge said he would suspend District Attorney Mike Nifong on Tuesday after learning that the prosecutor disbarred for his handling of the Duke lacrosse rape case intended to stay in office for another month.

Superior Court Judge Orlando Hudson also said Monday night he would proceed with a pending request to remove Nifong from office.

Earlier in the day, Duke University announced it had reached an undisclosed financial settlement with the three former lacrosse players falsely accused of rape last year.

The allegations were debunked in April by state prosecutors, who said the players were the innocent victims of a "tragic rush to accuse" by Nifong.

Nifong, who was disbarred Saturday for breaking more than two dozen rules of professional conduct in his handling of the case, said in a letter released Monday that he would leave office July 13. His departure date wasn't soon enough for Hudson, who decided to suspend Nifong from office.

**10,000 U.S. soldiers launch offensive against al-Qaida in Iraq**

BAGHDAD (AP) — About 10,000 U.S. soldiers using heavily armored Stryker and Bradley fighting vehicles fought their way into an al-Qaida sanctuary

northeast of Baghdad early Tuesday. American and Iraqi forces, under cover of attack helicopters, killed at least 22 insurgents, the military said.

The raids, dubbed "Operation Arrowhead Ripper," took place in Baqouba, the capital of Diyala province northeast of the capital, and involved air assaults under the cover of darkness, the military said in a statement. The operation was still in its opening stages, it said.

The commander of Iraqi military operations in Diyala, Maj. Gen. Abdul-Karim al-Rubaie, said Tuesday that handcuffs, swords and electricity cables — apparently used as torture implements — had been seized from militant safe houses in the area.

The operation was part of new U.S. and Iraqi attacks north and south of Baghdad, which military officials said were aimed at clearing out Sunni insurgents, al-Qaida fighters and Shiite militiamen who had fled the capital and Anbar during a four-month-old security operation.

**End to U.S. economic and political embargoes on Palestinians puts pressure on Israel**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. decision to end an economic and political embargo on the Palestinians increased pressure for a reciprocal move from Israel as the Bush administration hoped to improve the chances for peace.

Swift changes in Palestinian politics

in recent days left a western-backed moderate, Mahmoud Abbas, in control of one Palestinian government in the West Bank and his Islamist rival Hamas in control of the separate Gaza Strip.

The new situation quickly became the main topic for a scheduled meeting Tuesday between President Bush and the Israeli premier that was planned before the recent changes on the ground in the Mideast.

Bush planned to discuss Abbas' request for a reinvigorated peace initiative, using his new stature as a springboard. An emboldened Abbas told Bush in a telephone call Monday that this is the time to make a move.

Israel has seemed likely to free up millions in tax revenue it collects on behalf of the Palestinians, assuming it could ensure that the money flowed only to Abbas' operation in the West Bank. Ahead of his meeting with Bush, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert promised to be a partner with Abbas, something the Bush administration has been pushing, but it was not clear how far Olmert was willing to go.

**Judge in Spector murder case holds music producer's former defense attorney in contempt**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — An ex-defense attorney for Phil Spector was declared in contempt of court Monday after she tearfully refused to testify that she saw a defense expert in the murder case pick up possible evidence.

Superior Court Judge Larry Paul Fidler ordered the attorney, Sara Caplan, to be jailed until she testifies. But he stayed the order to allow for an immediate appeal before she was put behind bars.

Without the jury present, prosecutor Alan Jackson asked her a series of questions based on her earlier testimony that defense forensic expert Henry Lee picked up a small white object with tweezers at the scene where actress Lana Clarkson died and put it in a vial.

Such an item has never been turned over to the prosecution.

An emotional Caplan repeatedly refused to answer the prosecutor, citing attorney-client privilege and constitutional reasons, and repeated her refusal each time Fidler directed her to answer.

**Yahoo's CEO resigns, giving new hope for frustrated investors**

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — After exasperating investors for most of the past 18 months, Yahoo Inc. Chairman Terry Semel finally found a way to please Wall Street by stepping aside as chief executive.

Semel's capitulation, announced late Monday, came less than a week after he faced off with shareholders disillusioned with the company's lackluster performance as Internet search leader Google Inc. pulled further ahead in the lucrative online advertising market.

The malaise had contributed to a nearly 30 percent drop in Yahoo's stock price since the end of 2005.

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ness in humans.

"Mosquitoes get the virus from feeding on infected birds," said Schuermann. "West Nile virus cases usually begin in late spring, peak in early August and continue through the fall. Last year, 128 human cases of West Nile virus were reported in Texas, including 11 deaths.

"West Nile virus is here. We know it's not going away. Now is the time people need to think about prevention," he added. "If you go outside, wear repellent."

The city of Big Spring is trying to take a bite out of

the mosquito population, having recently approved the purchase of a new fogger system. The new system is a drastic improvement over the old misting system, according to city officials, and should offer better coverage of the areas where it sprays.

And while the city does its part to battle the needle-nosed nemesis, Schuermann said consumers should look for insect repellents that contain DEET, picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus.

According to a 2005 DSHS analysis, 60 percent of the people who got the most serious forms of West Nile infection never used repellent.

"Use a good repellent on bare skin and follow the directions on the label,"

said Schuermann. "DEET is the standby because it's long-lasting and effective. Picaridin-based repellents are new, tend to smell better and are less oily. Lemon eucalyptus-based repellents are ideal for people who are sensitive to — or just don't like using — chemical repellents."

West Nile virus is not as widespread as some might think, according to Schuermann, but the risk it poses certainly warrants taking precautions.

"The risk of exposure to West Nile virus is relatively small. Not all mosquitoes can transmit the virus. Of the those that can, only about one in 100 mosquitoes will carry the virus," said Schuermann. "Eighty percent of people

infected with West Nile virus have no symptoms and recover on their own. But the virus can cause serious illness."

According to Schuermann, symptoms of the milder forms of West Nile illness include fever, severe headache, muscle and bone aches, nausea and drowsiness. Symptoms of more serious forms of West Nile illness include a stiff neck, visual problems, altered taste, body tremors, mental confusion, memory loss and seizures. Symptoms usually appear from three to 14 days after a person is bitten.

Schuermann said the people most at risk of developing symptoms include those older than 50 and those with compro-

mised immune systems.

"If West Nile illness is suspected, people should contact their local health care provider," said Schuermann. "A blood test can confirm a West Nile infection. There is no specific treatment for West Nile infections."

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Starting in September, lunches at Elbow Elementary will cost \$1.60 — 10 cents more than the previous year — while meals at the junior high/high school cafeteria will be \$1.80, an increase of five cents from 2006-

2007. Costs for adults at both campuses will be \$2.35.

Johnson said the increases are the first in lunch prices in the past three years.

Trustees also heard some preliminary figures for the coming fiscal year budget, a package Johnson expects to be very similar to the previ-

ous year.

"As far as the bottom line goes, we don't expect to see much change," Johnson said. "I think we'll be fine ... it won't be dramatically different."

Trustees approved the hiring of two new teachers — fourth-grade teacher Angela Stansell and secondary science instructor Sheila Jones —

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Wilkerson.

"I feel like the plea agreement reached was a good one," said Wilkerson. "Nickle's parental rights have been terminated and the child has been placed in a new home, so she's not going to get the chance to do something like this to her again. With the range of punishment on the

charge between two and 20 years, we really felt like 10 years was appropriate in the case."

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## OUR VIEWS

### Don't forget to go enjoy Stargazing event on Saturday

Residents of Big Spring and the surrounding area will get a chance to view many of Mother Nature's wonders Saturday when they turn their eyes toward the heavens during the annual Stargazing event at Big Spring State Park.

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.

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

One of the state park's bigger events every year, Alton says Stargazing is a fun and educational way to spend a Saturday night outdoors with the family — the kind of activity lots of families are looking for.

Members of the West Texas Amateur Astronomy Club in Midland will provide several high-powered telescopes for those attending to get a better look at the night sky.

Alton noted that members of the astronomy club really love taking part in Stargazing. And that means there will be plenty of knowledgeable people to answer questions during the presentation.

The price is right, too. Admission to the park is \$2 for those age 13 and older. There is no charge for children 12 and younger.

If the weather doesn't cooperate — there are too many clouds or it rains — Alton said the plan is to reschedule the Stargazing for July 21.

For more information about the stargazing event, call 263-4931.

We here at the *Herald* encourage our readers to take advantage of this once-a-year opportunity. You'll not only be enjoying something that's rarely available to most of us, but you'll also be supporting the Big Spring State Park and its staff.

And that, we think, is a win-win situation.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, may we give you our hopes and dreams to manage.

Amen

# Major provisions of minor import

There's a way in which journalists insert how they think Americans should stand on an issue, and you see it in stories on the Kennedy-Kyl immigration bill that tanked so spectacularly in Washington last week.

Many newspapers reported that opinion polls showed that voters supported "major provisions" of the measure — usually without mentioning that polls also found that more voters opposed the bill than supported it.

That fact gets in the way of the pet media narrative: Popular pro-immigrant bill torpedoed by what the Los Angeles Times called a "vocal minority." A Sunday New York Times story explained how grassroots conservatives toppled the measure, even though: "Public opinion polls, including a New York Times-CBS News Poll conducted last month, showed broad support among Americans for the bill's major provisions."

What a crock. If this bill were popular, then Washington would have passed it in a heartbeat. If the bill were popular among Democrats, as bill supporters suggest, then Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid would be pushing for another vote, instead of daring President Bush to champion the measure.

And here's something the New York Times story forgot to mention: Its poll also found that 69 percent of Americans think illegal immigrants should be prosecuted and deported.

No story there, I see. Pollster Scott Rasmussen found that 50

percent of voters opposed the immigration bill, while only 23 percent approved of it. "The immigration bill failed because a broad cross-section of the American people is opposed to it," Rasmussen wrote. "Republicans, Democrats and unaffiliated voters are opposed. Men are opposed. So are women. The young don't like it; neither do the no-longer-young. White Americans are opposed. Americans of color are opposed."

While most Americans may support giving illegal immigrants the ability to become citizens if they work and have no criminal record — a major provision cited in widely reported polls — what voters really want is less illegal immigration and stronger border enforcement. Rasmussen found that only 16 percent of voters believed the Kennedy-Kyl bill would do that.

Rasmussen summed up the public attitude as, "What difference does it make what rules we have, if anyone can walk in anyhow?"

Republican Sen. John McCain of Arizona, a supporter of the failed immigration bill, was in San Francisco Tuesday. At a press conference, McCain repeated the vocal-minority versus silent-majority argument, when he said, "A majority of Americans support our proposal."

And: "I understand there's a very intense minority, that this is their No. 1 emotional issue. I wish we could have more rational, more dignified dialogue on this issue throughout the country."

When I asked McCain if he meant to imply that bill opponents are irrational and emotional, he answered, "I didn't mean to imply that at all."

I am not the first person to wonder if Bush, McCain and Democrats who support Kennedy-Kyl would have stood a better

chance getting an immigration bill passed if they simply had called the bill an "amnesty" measure and made their case to the American people.

McCain would have none of that. He repeated his argument that the Kennedy-Kyl bill is not an amnesty bill for illegal immigrants — because they would have to return to their country of origin, learn English and pay a fine. The status quo, he added, represents "silent amnesty," as it allows an estimated 12 million illegal immigrants to stay in America anyway.

Points well taken, except "silent amnesty" does not confer citizenship. As former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney said at the last GOP debate, "It's simply not fair to say those people get put ahead in the line of all the people who've been waiting legally to come to this country."

Besides, the Senate began work on this bill with the goal of legalizing illegal immigrants — not with an eye toward beefing up border enforcement.

And voters know that. On Wednesday, CNN's Jack Cafferty repeated the bogus narrative: "A new poll shows a majority of Americans support allowing illegal immigrants to become citizens if they pay fines, learn English and meet other requirements. How will this affect the stalled immigration bill?"

The answer is: It will have no effect whatsoever, because Washington polls know what many journalists cannot begin to grasp. American voters don't want this bill. They want less, not more, illegal immigration.

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# Free speech alive and well in Venezuela

The government of Venezuela has decided not to renew a broadcast license for RCTV, one of the oldest and largest opposition-controlled TV stations in the country. The US media, in keeping with its reporting on Venezuela for the last 8 years, has seized upon this opportunity to portray this as an assault on "freedom of the press."

It's not clear why a TV station that would never get a broadcast license in the United States or any other democratic country should receive one in Venezuela. But this is the one question that doesn't seem to come up in any of the news reports or editorials here.

RCTV actively participated in the U.S.-backed coup that briefly overthrew Venezuela's democratically elected President Hugo Chavez in 2002. The station promoted the coup government, reported only the pro-coup version of events. It censored and suppressed the news as the coup fell apart.

Even ignoring RCTV's role in the coup, its broadcast license would have been revoked years ago in the U.S., Europe, or any country that regulates the public airwaves. During the oil strike of 2002-2003, the station repeatedly called on people to join in and help topple the government. The station has also fabricated accusations of murder by the government, using graphic and violent images to promote its hate-filled

views.

The whole idea that freedom of expression is under attack in Venezuela is a joke to anyone who has been there in the last eight years. Most of the media in Venezuela is still controlled by people who are vehemently (sometimes violently) opposed to the government. This will be true even after RCTV switches from broadcast to cable and satellite media. All over the broadcast media you can hear denunciations of the president and the government of the kind that you would not hear in the United States on a major national broadcast network. Imagine Rush Limbaugh during the Clinton impeachment, times fifty, but with much less regard for factual accuracy.

Pick up a newspaper — El Universal and El Nacional are two of the biggest — and the vast majority of the headlines are trying to make the government look bad. Turn on the radio and most of what you will hear is also anti-government. Television now has two state-run channels, but these only counterbalance the rest of the programming that is opposition-controlled. Venezuela has a more oppositional media than we have in the United States.

In fact, if the government carries through on its promise to turn RCTV's broadcast frequency over to the public, for a diverse array of programming, then this move will actually increase freedom of expression in Venezuela. It wouldn't suppress it, as the media and some opportunistic, ill-informed politicians here have maintained.

Sadly, some human rights officials here have also, without knowing much of the details, jumped on the media and political bandwagon. In a press release this

week, José Miguel Vivanco, Americas director at Human Rights Watch, said that "The move to shut down RCTV is a serious blow to freedom of expression in Venezuela." (Of course RCTV will not be "shut down," since it can continue to distribute its programs through cable and satellite media). But in an interview the same week Vivanco gave a different view, criticizing "those who claim that the fact that the Chavez government is not renewing the license for RCTV, per se implies a violation of freedom of expression. That is nonsense. . . you are not entitled, as a private company, to get your contract renewed with the government forever." So why is a station that has repeatedly violated the most basic rules of any broadcast license entitled to another 20-year state-sanctioned franchise?

It is not surprising that a monopolized media here would defend the "right" of right-wing media moguls to control the airwaves in Venezuela. Still it would be nice if we could get both sides of the story here — like Venezuelans do from their major media, which is right now saturated with broadcasts and articles against (as well as for) the government's decision. Then Americans could make up their own minds about whether this is really a "free speech" issue.

Is that really too much to ask from our own "free press?"

Greg Grandin is a professor of history at New York University and served on the United Nations Truth Commission for Guatemala. He wrote this column for the Center for Economic and Policy Research.

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GREG GRANDIN

**Bird Poop:****Very lucky barn owl survives encounter with 18-wheeler**

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With eyes well adapted to night hunting, the barn owl frequents attics, old or abandoned buildings during the day. Its scream of alarm and hiss like steam escaping make people forget its ability to control rats, mice and rabbits.

Seemingly destined to meet at the truck stop, they were both looking forward to its amenities.

Coming from the north, the woman anticipated a hot shower and some sleep after parking her semi behind the terminal. As the night creature came from the northeast, another meal beckoned. Afterward, more travel lay ahead for him during the night.

The comforting lights of the trucker's haven welcomed both. Slowing to a crawl, then stopping, she waited to turn left into the parking lot for the big rigs. Finally, the light halted the northbound traffic.

As she eased her truck across the lane and on to the tarmac, the traveler from the northeast was leaving after having found a tempting morsel. Too late, it realized its exit was occupied by an incoming rig. Although the raptor tried to avoid this obstacle, it made a strange noise when it collided with the front of the woman's semi.

Hearing a thump, she looked to each side, front and back, yet saw nothing. When she started backing her rig to line up with the others, she heard someone yelling. Glancing forward, she

saw a man waving his arms and pointing toward the front of her truck. Lowering the window, she was told she had hit an owl.

"Haven't seen anything all night. Where is it?" she asked. "On the front of your grill," said the fellow trucker. "Come look." Climbing down from the cab, the woman was startled to see a bird of prey, with its wings extended, clinging to the mesh. In an effort to slow its progress, the barn owl had tried to avoid an impact with the front of the truck.

As the man started freeing the owl's talons from the grill, the woman ran to get help. An employee called the police department and was advised that an officer would be dispatched.

Returning to her truck, she saw that the man had managed to free the owl. When the animal control unit arrived, the raptor was lying face down on the pavement. Legs splayed, the bird appeared to be dazed. Carefully gathering the barn owl in his gloved hands, the officer placed it in an enclosure. He left after reassuring both drivers that the bird would be taken to someone who handles injured birds.

Jarred awake from a deep sleep, I heard a familiar voice. Apologizing, the animal control officer repeated several times, "I am so sorry to call you at this

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**Laura on Life: A look into one 5-year-old's morning**

**A** morning in the life of a 5-year-old starts really early... unless it's a school day. If it's a school day, he's "too tired to rise and shine." If it's not a school day, I can hear the pitter-patter of his bare feet making his way to the kitchen about the time we'd normally get him up for school.

It never fails, he'll get to the kitchen and immediately upon entering, his bladder will make the necessary noises that send him heading in the oppo-

LAURA  
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site direction toward the bathroom. I always wondered why he hasn't figured out that he has to go there first.

Then he returns to the kitchen to forage for some food and invariably he will decide on the item that takes the least amount of effort to prepare. Well, a piece of fruit would take the least amount of effort and is even good for you, but good-for-you foods are off-limits to 5-year-olds. In their minds, foods that are "good for you" taste disgusting.

So, Pop Tarts it is.

However, even though Pop Tarts are easy, especially if you don't toast them first, he only likes the middle of them, so the "bones" are left lying on the table in a forlorn

pile of crumbs.

He heads to the bedroom for some clothes, although this step is optional in a 5-year-old's mind. He knows, however, that his playtime will be interrupted if he doesn't do this step right.

He pulls out the first pair of pants and shirt he can find, unmindful of what the weather is like outside. It could be the dead of winter and he will wear shorts and a T-shirt if that's the first thing he pulls out of his drawer. This, he thinks is arguable because if I tell him it's too cold to wear that, all he has to say is that he's hot. This doesn't work on extreme days, but since he is oblivious to what the weather is like, he doesn't know when the

extreme days are. So picking out his clothing for the day is pretty much a crap-shoot.

The next item on the 5-year-old's agenda is to find all of the Hot Wheels cars that still have their wheels attached. This can be a challenge, but one that he is regularly committed to. When he finds too many for his little hands to carry, he needs to find a container to put them into. That can be literally anything: the bathroom trash bin (after he empties the contents onto the floor), one of his father's socks, the cat's litter box, or an Easter basket he found in my closet ("I guess the Easter Bunny forgot to take this one back to his house, right?").

Then he takes the col-

lection of Hot Wheels cars into the backyard for combat training. He carefully makes little roads and parking lots and buildings in his sandbox. However, in his mind, only the red cars can drive on them. The rest get smashed into smithereens, buried under piles of debris and drowned in tiny lakes made with the rainwater in my bird bath.

This might indicate a psychological problem wherein he was recreating a scene that he was afraid would happen, but we drive a red car, so I think he's OK, really.

He just likes to create chaos everywhere. It's who he is.

After a hard morning of losing more wheels on his Hot Wheels cars, he

brings them into the bathroom to wash them off. This car wash tradition has caused my husband to have to clear the trap in the drain pipe dozens of times. We could never figure out how so much sand got in there.

Many people might interpret his behavior as "bad" or "mischievous," but if you know what he's thinking, you can tell that he's trying to be "good," but he's just a little "off" on the details.

He makes his own breakfast, even though he only eats "the middle." He gets dressed "all by himself," even though the clothes are questionable. Rather than making dozens of trips

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**GRASSHOPPER GRADY AND COLONEL WILLIAM ARMYWORM**

**D**o you remember the story about Grady Grasshopper? You don't? Let me tell you a little about Grady. He was a very nice grasshopper. He made a lot of friends because he was so nice to everyone. But not everyone likes grasshoppers. Do you? I do! I think they are fun to watch, hopping from

one place to another, and not seeming to have a care at all. One little old farmer didn't like grasshoppers because they ate his crops. Grasshoppers do love to eat green plants, and sometimes, they will eat a farmer's lettuce and bean plants, and lots more if they can find them.

The little old farmer would shoo them away everytime they would come even close to his carrots, lettuce, or bean plants. He would chase them away with his rake and shovel, swinging at them madly. The little old farmer had a neighbor named Lucy.

Lucy was a very nice neighbor. She liked everyone and everything. She even liked grasshoppers!

One day just as Grady was about to enter the little old farmer's field looking for some nice, tender green plants to have for breakfast, the little old farmer saw him and took off running, trying to catch Grady. Grady could move very fast when he had to. And just then, I would say he had to! Hopping and hopping from bush to bush, he tried to get away from the angry farmer. Grady didn't know that the little old farmer could move faster than a grasshopper. He was going to find out soon.

Huffing and puffing, Grady leaped from plant to plant. Huffing and puffing, the little old farmer was getting closer and closer. Grady was getting mighty scared! Closer and closer! Just as

the farmer started yelling at Grady to stay away, he heard a soft, gentle voice say, "Please don't harm the grasshopper. He doesn't

mean you any harm. He is just hungry." The little old farmer looked up and saw his neighbor, Lucy. It was Lucy begging for him to let the poor little grasshopper go. The farmer saw the sad look in Lucy's eyes and agreed not to harm Grady if he would just stay out of his fields. After all, the little old farmer has to eat, too. And Grady was not letting his crops grow. Lucy picked up Grady very

gently and took him home with her. "I will plant some nice vegetables for you," she said, "You musn't ever go back to the farmer's fields again." Grady watched as Lucy planted his favorite vegetables. He couldn't wait for the plants to grow so he would have fresh green plants again. Lucy finished her garden.

It was summertime and the grass in Lucy's lawn had to be mowed often to keep it beautiful. Lucy tried to start up her lawnmower. It wouldn't start! The grass was growing and growing. Soon, it would be too tall and ugly. And Lucy loved her pretty yard. What could she do? She didn't know how to fix the lawnmower!

Grady knew what he was going to do! He was going to help this kind lady who was helping him. He started eating the grass. He ate and ate. Soon he was full. And the yard still looked awful with all the green grass that was now too tall. Remember when I

told you that Grady has lots of friends? He would call on his friends to help him and Lucy. He had one friend that is not a grasshopper, but loved to eat grass, too. It was Colonel William Armyworm.

Grady called his friend, the Colonel. Colonel William Armyworm said that he would be glad to help his friend and he would bring lots of help. Soon they came. A whole army of worms. There was Lieutenant Avery Armyworm coming first in line, marching to the drums. Then, there was Corporal Chad

Armyworm. Then, came a very loud armyworm. He was giving orders to almost everyone. His orders were sharp and clear. His name was Sergeant Doolittle T. Armyworm. As soon as Colonel William Armyworm gave the orders to eat all the grass in Lucy's yard, the job would be done in just a little while. Lucy asked the Colonel to leave some of



the grass and make the yard look as if it was freshly mowed. The Colonel understood and gave the order to the Sergeant. The armyworms started eating Lucy's grass. It took the army only one hour and forty-seven minutes to make Lucy's yard beautiful again.

From that day forward, the little old farmer never had to worry again. Grady never had to worry again. The army worms loved Lucy's grass so much that they decided to live there forever and keep her lawn pretty all year round.

Isn't it funny how just doing one little nice thing for someone can turn out to be something nice for many living things? Lucy is asleep now. Grady and the Colonel are making plans for work in the yard tomorrow, but they are taking the time to tell you, "Good Night."



Parent's Corner:

# There's a great deal we can learn from flying geese

**W**hen I lived in Colorado I often noticed flocks of geese flying overhead either going South for the winter or returning for the summer. I was always amazed to watch them and remembered the old saying that was usually spoken in a negative fashion, "If we had the sense of a goose!"



DARRELL RYAN

I decided to do a little research on "goose sense" and discovered that in reality, geese are much smarter than we give them credit for; or

maybe they just have a nature that makes them appear smart, but either way we can learn a lot from a goose.

Please allow me to paraphrase a verse from the Book of Job. Study the beasts and they will teach you, view the birds and they will tell you; speak to the earth and it will inform you; watch the fish and they will explain it to you.

Now in studying geese, we find several interesting aspects. They are social beings that group together in flocks. This social nature gives them security and they seem to enjoy each others company. They form a familiar view when they fly in their V formations.

Scientists have determined that the V-shaped formation serves two important purposes:

First, it conserves their energy. Each bird flies slightly above the bird in front of him, resulting in a reduction of wind resistance. They have less wing movement and therefore the bird's muscles do not work as hard and its heart rate drops. As a result, the bird does not tire as quickly and is able to fly farther.

The birds take turns being in the front, falling back when they get tired. In this way, the geese can fly for a long time before they must stop for rest. By spacing themselves apart properly, birds can achieve optimum positions that reduce the drag of every bird in the formation. Studies have estimated that a flock of 25 birds in formation can fly as much as 70 percent further than a solo bird

using the same amount of energy.

The second benefit to the V formation is that it provides the birds with good visual contact of each other to keep the flock together and allows them to communicate more easily. This communication minimizes the possibility of losing birds along the way as the formation crosses vast distances.

The V formation benefits all of the birds, but the bird in the lead position has to work the hardest. When this bird tires, it will drop out of the lead position and fall further back into one of the lines of the V.

Another bird from further back will rapidly move forward to take the leading position and maintain the formation.

The two birds in the

furthest trailing positions also tire more rapidly than those in the middle, so these positions are also rotated frequently to spread the most fatiguing locations throughout the flock.

This cyclical rearrangement gives all birds the responsibility of being the leader as well as a chance to enjoy the maximum benefits of being in the middle of the formation. This sense of teamwork comes naturally since even the youngest members of the flock rapidly realize that it takes less work to fly in a V formation than it does to fly alone.

The geese honk from behind to let the lead geese know they are still following and to encourage those up front to keep up their speed.

Finally, when a goose

weakens or is wounded and falls out of formation, two geese fall out and follow him down to help and protect him. They stay with the member until he is either able to fly or until he is dead, and they then set out on their own or with another formation until they catch up with the group.

So, what can we learn from a goose?

We should share a common direction and cooperate which would get us where we are going quicker and easier. We would work with others who are going the same way as we are and discover that it pays to take turns doing hard jobs for our group. We would stand by each other. We would stay in formation with those headed where

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## OWL

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hour." Since I did not know what time it was, I was told it was close to 3 a.m. "I'll meet you out front," was my response after hearing of the condition of the barn owl.

When David arrived, he helped hold the bird while I examined it for broken bones. There were none. His description of the circumstances indicated that the owl had just taken flight after having hunted near the dumpsters. Without gaining its swift and graceful

flight, the bird had not had enough momentum to cause injury or death. Also in its favor had been the slow moving truck.

Snowy-white below, with lighter cinnamon-buff feathers above, this male barn owl had the typical long, white, heart-shaped face. After David asked about the female owls, I told him they would have had darker cinnamon everywhere, including breast and flanks. Often in flight, the males were referred to as "white owls." Usually seen only during the night, they were and

are the subject of superstitions and ghost-like happenings.

Thanking David for bringing the barn owl, I felt it needed to be checked after such a stressful and possibly bruising experience. Delivered that afternoon to the wildlife center, the raptor was thoroughly examined and X-rayed as a precaution. With no breaks, and in apparent good health, the owl was returned a week later.

The bird was released on a local ranch. Starting at twilight, the raptor, with its long, broad wings, would silently

hunt the open land. The slightest movement by small mammals near the barns and house would be sensed by its acute

hearing. To the rancher's way of thinking, the barn owl would embarrass any cat by the number of mice it could capture

during a single night.

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

## LAURA

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outside with his cars, he finds something to put them into, even though that "something" might

not be my choice. His sandbox creation is a masterpiece if anyone thought to look at it. He even takes good care of his cars after he beats them up, even though our drainpipe suffers.

It must be very frustrating to get reprimanded for the things he thought he was doing right.

*You can e-mail Laura Snyder at lsnyder@lauraonlife.com.*

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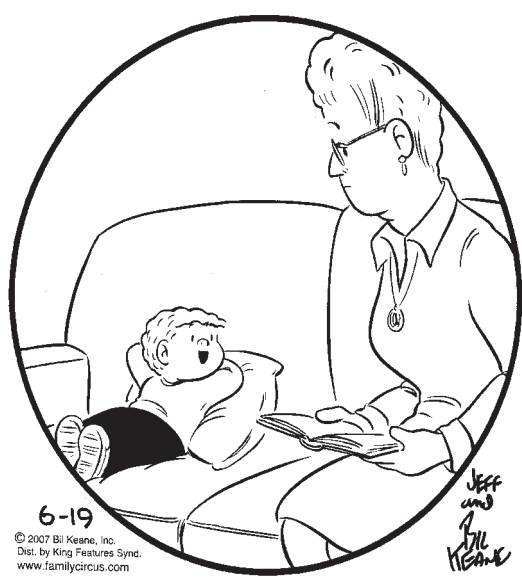
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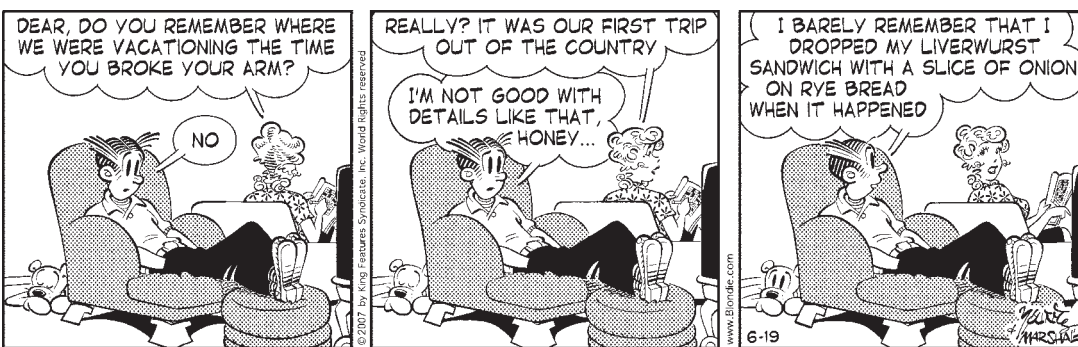


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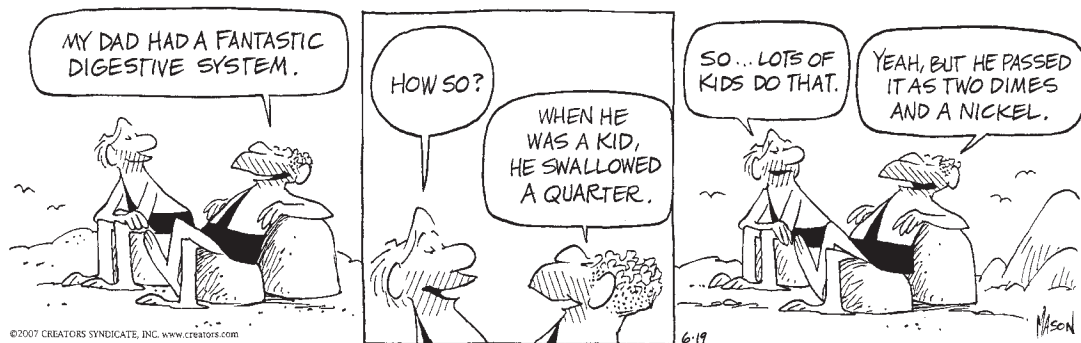
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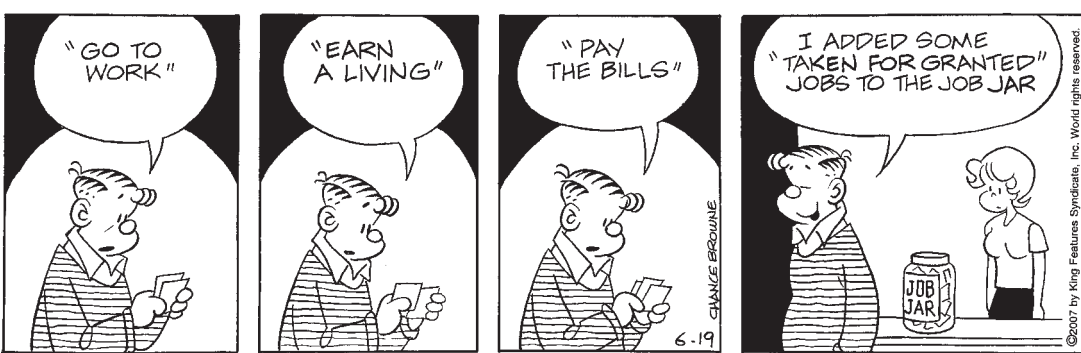
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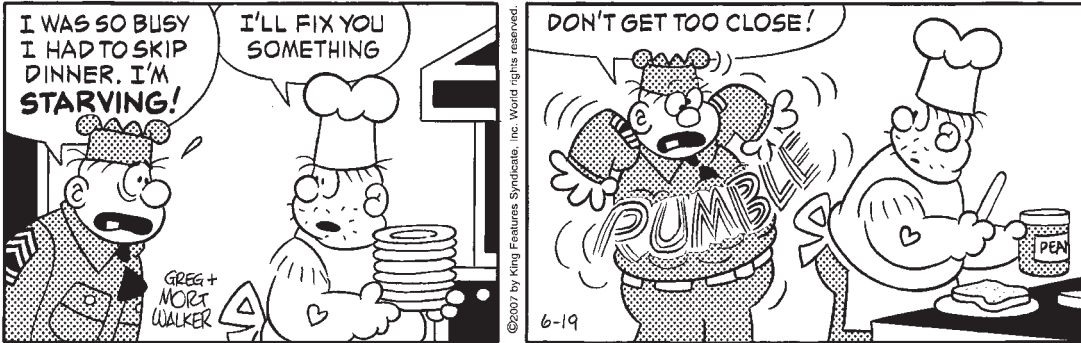
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, June 19, the 170th day of 2007. There are 195 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**  
On June 19, 1865, Union troops commanded by Maj. Gen. Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, with news that the Civil War was over, and that all slaves were free. (This event is celebrated as "Juneteenth.")  
On this date:  
In 1862, slavery was outlawed in U.S. territories.  
In 1910, Father's Day was celebrated for the first time, in Spokane, Wash.  
In 1917, during World War I, King George V ordered the British royal family to dispense with German titles and surnames; the family took the name "Windsor."  
In 1934, the Federal Communications Commission was created; it replaced the Federal Radio

Commission.  
In 1952, the celebrity-panel game show "I've Got A Secret" made its debut on CBS TV with Garry Moore as host.  
In 1953, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, convicted of conspiring to pass U.S. atomic secrets to the Soviet Union, were executed at Sing Sing Prison in Ossining, N.Y.  
In 1964, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 was approved by the Senate, 73-27, after surviving a lengthy filibuster.  
In 1977, Pope Paul VI proclaimed a 19th-century Philadelphia bishop, John Neumann, the first male U.S. saint.  
In 1982, in a case that galvanized the Asian-American community, Vincent Chin, a Chinese-American, was beaten to death in Highland Park, Mich., by two auto workers who later received probation for manslaughter in state court, and won acquittals in subsequent federal trials.  
In 1986, University of Maryland basketball star Len Bias, the first draft pick of the Boston Celtics, suf-

fered a fatal cocaine-induced seizure.  
**Today's Birthdays:** Actress Gena Rowlands is 77. Singer Al Wilson is 68. Singer Spanky MacFarlane (Spanky and Our Gang) is 65. Nobel peace laureate Aung San Suu Kyi is 62. Actress Phyllicia Rashad is 59. Rock singer Ann Wilson (Heart) is 57. Musician Larry Dunn is 54. Actress Kathleen Turner is 53. Country singer Doug Stone is 51. Singer Mark DeBarge is 48. Singer-dancer-"American Idol" judge Paula Abdul is 45. Rock singer-musician Brian Vander Ark (Verve Pipe) is 43. Actor Andy Lauer is 42.

Answer to previous puzzle

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ITALIAN DINNERS by Sally R. Stein  
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**ACROSS**

1 "Stars and Stripes Forever" composer  
6 Ireland alias  
10 Prefix for social  
14 Decide to participate  
15 Western alliance: Abbr.  
16 Surprise attack  
17 Stop  
18 Per \_\_\_ (daily)  
19 South Seas spot  
20 Italian poultry entrée  
23 Accomplished  
24 Mon. follower  
25 Cookware coating  
29 Husband or wife  
31 \_\_\_ Vegas  
34 Employee's last words  
35 Plentiful  
36 Held on to Italian seafood entrée  
40 Toward the dawn  
41 At any time  
42 Soldier's reply  
43 Cunning  
44 Floor-washing implements  
45 Tiny  
46 Unwitting victim  
47 Encouraging touch  
48 Italian meat entrée  
56 Wheel bar  
57 Authentic  
58 Maui greeting  
60 Potato, informally

**DOWN**

1 The S in ASPCA: Abbr.  
2 Petroleum cartel  
3 Nevada neighbor  
4 Argentine's emphatic assent  
5 Short, amusing story  
6 Stopped  
7 Picnic spoiler  
8 Supermarket-line unit  
9 "Never mind"  
10 Get out of bed  
11 Cape  
12 Canaval org.  
13 Brainstorm  
21 Uncle or cousin  
22 Regret  
25 Uses a stopwatch on  
26 The same, mathematically  
27 Very particular  
28 Roster  
29 Silent performers  
30 Worship from \_\_\_  
31 Minimum amount  
32 Spring month  
33 Long look  
35 Letters on an invitation  
36 Shoelace securer  
38 Wildcats with spots  
39 Spogram parts  
44 Tourist's reference  
45 Fall behind  
46 Vehicles on snow  
47 Accumulated, with "up"  
48 Enormous  
49 Trade show, for short  
50 Grad  
51 Gather, as grain  
52 Labyrinth  
53 Lotion additive  
54 Have a \_\_\_ for news  
55 Throat-clearing sound  
59 Wild equine

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BIG SPRING HERALD  
Tuesday, June 19, 2007

# Vintage soapbox derby racer part of Shewmake's diverse collection

DUSTIN WILSON  
Staff Writer

Jay Shewmake knows a thing or two about history. For years he's gathered odds and ends, guitars and jukeboxes, things sold or given to him. You can see these things in his display window at Third and Main, peeking out from behind the glass. But until now, he never had a car. In this case a soapbox derby car.

For 60 years, the wooden car gathered dust in a garage, passed down from one family to the next. Sponsored by the *Big Spring Herald*, it had once run in races held on Lancaster Street during the 1930s.

"They would have the races right on Lancaster street," said Shewmake, owner of Good Music Company, where the car is now on display. "They would close off the streets and divide Lancaster into

several lanes. There were a lot other cars sponsored by business that aren't here anymore ... Tidwell Chevrolet, Newsom's Grocery. Back then people would come from all over to watch the races."

Derby car racing became popular in the 1930s in rural Ohio. After its surprise draw by crowds and sponsors, the WPA designed and built a designated track that soon became the Derby Downs, located outside of Akron, Ohio.

First stretching down through Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas the popularity of soapbox derby racing eventually reached around the world.

Today, an organization, the All-American Soap Box Derby, oversees the Rally World Championship, turning out huge crowds and champions of the grand

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HERALD photo/Dustin Wilson  
Jay Shewmake displays a prize piece in his collection, a 60-year-old soapbox derby boxcar sponsored by the Big Spring Herald.

## RYAN

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we want to go.

We would be willing to accept help and give our help to the others. We would see that it pays to take turns doing the hard tasks and sharing leadership. We would notice that people are interdependent on each other's skills, capabilities and unique arrangements of gifts, talents or resources. We would

make sure our honking is encouraging. We would understand that in groups where there is encouragement, the production is much greater. We would stand by each other in difficult times as well as in good times.

So, from one goose to another, let's take the hint!

*Darrell Ryan is director of federal programs for the Big Spring Independent School District.*

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## Contract Bridge

### Hidden Asset

South dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ 7 5 3  
♥ Q J 8 5  
♦ A Q 2  
♣ K J 8

**WEST**  
♠ K 10 4 2  
♥ 4 3  
♦ 8 3  
♣ 10 9 7 6 2

**EAST**  
♠ J 9 8  
♥ 7  
♦ J 10 6 4  
♣ A Q 5 4 3

**SOUTH**  
♠ A Q 6  
♥ A K 10 9 6 2  
♦ K 9 7 5  
♣ —

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1♥ Pass 3♥ Pass  
6♥

Opening lead — ten of clubs.  
From the time declarer sees dummy in today's deal, his total focus should be: How can I avoid two spade losers?  
There are two obvious possibilities. The opposing diamonds may be divided 3-3, in which case a spade can be discarded from dummy on the fourth diamond, or the spade finesse may succeed.  
South should reason that if the diamonds break evenly or the spade finesse works, the slam is a certainty. He should therefore proceed on the assumption that both will go against

him, and seek still another approach that might overcome an unfavorable lie.  
He begins by covering the club ten with the jack, hoping it will force the ace (it is assumed that West would not underlead the ace against a slam). But East produces the queen, and South ruffs it.  
Two rounds of trumps follow, after which the A-K-Q of diamonds are cashed, ending in dummy. The 4-2 diamond division is thus revealed, and the crucial play is at hand.  
The club king is led, forcing East to cover with the ace. South ruffs East's ace and trumps the diamond nine in dummy.  
The eight of clubs is now led, and after East follows low, declarer discards a spade on it! West wins with the nine but has no safe return. If he leads a spade, it goes into the A-Q, and if he returns a club, South trumps in dummy and sheds the queen of spades.  
The play described is what's known as a loser on a loser. South's six of spades, which is a loser in any case, is disposed of at a propitious moment to create a sure-fire endplay. In this deal, declarer has to carefully manage his club plays from dummy so that West — who is marked with the nine of clubs by his opening lead — can be put on lead at precisely the right moment.

**Tomorrow:** A military scenario.  
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# Texas news in brief

## Two teens to remain in custody in connection with abduction

LEVELLAND (AP) — A justice of the peace on Monday ordered two teenagers to remain in juvenile custody in connection with an infant abduction last week.

The two teens, a 16-year-old boy and a 15-year-old girl, were taken into custody Thursday night after a woman's infant daughter disappeared when she left the 4-month-old in the car briefly while she went into her home.

The baby was unharmed when police found her about 90 minutes after she was reported taken from the car Thursday night, authorities have said.

No charges have been filed, said Pat Phelan, the county attorney in Hockley County. The two teens will have another detention hearing late next week, as provided by law, he said.

Police "are still doing their investigation, and I have only been reviewing what has been provided to me," Phelan said.

Authorities, who issued an Amber Alert when the baby was reported missing, found three teenagers at a Wal-Mart store after locating a car matching the description given by a neighbor.

The third teen, a 16-year-old boy, was released to his parents' custody that night, authorities have said.

## North Texas town makes English its official language

OAK POINT (AP) — A divided City Council has passed a resolution making

English the official language of this North Texas town.

The council voted 3-2 Monday for the measure, which will apply only to Oak Point's operating policies and will not regulate individuals or businesses, as an ordinance would.

"I've heard from quite a few neighbors from the positive side," council member Mark Rakestraw said.

"They don't want another dime of their tax money spent on" translating government documents into Spanish, he said.

The resolution prohibits the council from passing policies or ordinances limiting the role of English as a common language in the city, which has about 2,200 people and is located 30 miles northwest of Dallas.

Officials said city staff members will continue to use other languages to communicate with non-English speakers or when necessary to share information about public health and safety.

## Shuttle cleared to begin trip home

HOUSTON (AP) — After a nearly 10-day stay at the international space station that included construction work and a computer meltdown, space shuttle Atlantis was cleared to begin its return trip to Earth.

The shuttle was scheduled to undock from the space station at 9:40 a.m. CDT on Tuesday, with a planned return to Cape Canaveral, Fla., on Thursday.

Atlantis might have stayed an extra day if engineers hadn't been happy with a test to see how well the Russian com-

puters that crashed last week can control the orbiting outpost's orientation.

Monday's test was a success, said Phil Engelauf, chief of the flight directors' office.

## Expert says wet Texas weather pattern could continue

DALLAS (AP) — Weather officials say a combination of complex factors helped spawn a deadly weekend of storms that submerged parts of North Texas with nearly a foot of water within the past few days.

And one expert with the National Weather Service said computer models suggest the soggy situation will continue for at least a few more weeks, even as

the state enters what's typically the hottest — and driest — time of the year.

The deadly weekend deluge that dumped roughly 10 inches of rain on parts of North Texas was caused by a stubborn area of spinning low pressure that arrived from the Pacific Ocean last week, said Steve Fano, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Fort Worth.

This low pressure system then slowed to a near standstill over North Texas all weekend.

Fano said the resulting storms, culminating with heavy downpours early Monday morning, reminded him of what often happens when a hurricane or a tropical storm moves inland and then stalls out.

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"This car was built in 1934. The brakes are still good, the steering wheel still works," Shewmake said with a chuckle. "I don't think it'll race again

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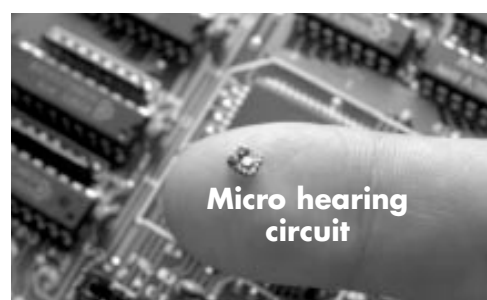
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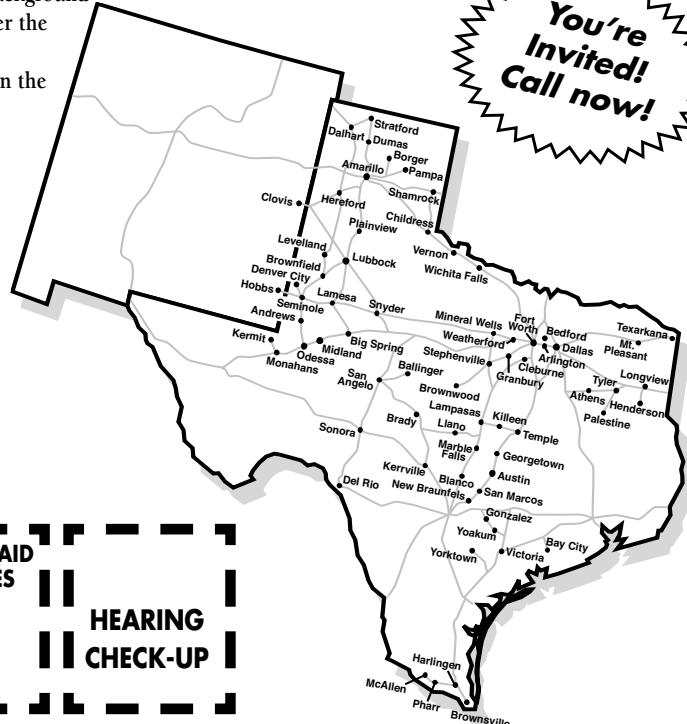
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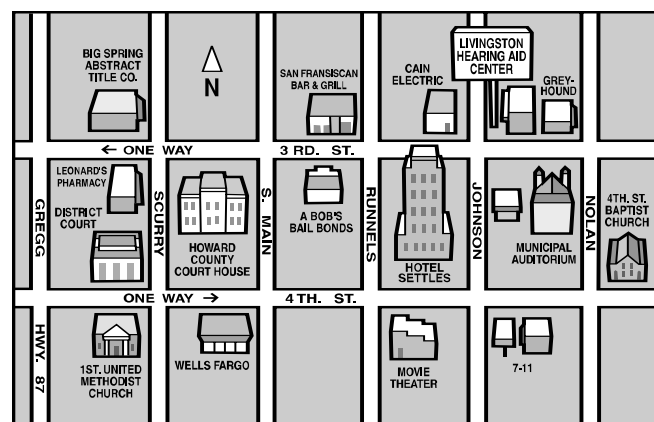
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