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Registration for annual program concludes July 2

Special to the Herald

Interested in learning more about Big Spring?

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is accepting applications for the Big Spring Leadership program, set to begin Aug. 9. Deadline for applications and tuition is 5 p.m. Monday, July 2. Joann Knox will once again be teaching the Leadership Skills portion of the program.



This program is designed to increase leadership skills and learn more about the community.

"We are anticipating another successful year. Employers, if you have new employees or administration personnel new to the community, this would be a good program for them to learn more about Big Spring and Howard County and get involved," said Debbye ValVerde, IOM, Chamber executive director. "This not only benefits the participants, but also the business that sponsors them. That employee will be promoting your business and

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LEGENDS



Bill Briley kept the plates full at the second annual Legends and Legacies fundraiser held at The Heritage Museum Tuesday.

Look up!

Stargazing event set Saturday at state park

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

Area residents will get the chance to see The Big 3 — Venus, Saturn and Jupiter — Saturday evening during the annual Stargazing event at the 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 show will feature a chance for stargazers to catch a glimpse of the trio of planets, according to Ron Alton, manager of the park.

"The Big 3 is going to be available for our



Alton

night sky tour," said Alton. "All three planets are really something to see. The ring nebula, which looks like a giant smoke ring, and M13, the second largest globular star cluster, will also be within view. We may also be able to see Rupes Recta, which looks like a straight line or wall on the surface of the moon. It's about 67 miles long and 900 feet high."

Alton said the West See STARS, Page 3A

Former Big Spring man killed in wreck

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

A Big Spring man was killed late Monday evening in a head-on collision on U.S. Highway 190 West in Slidell, La., according to law enforcement officials.

Roberto De Leon, 40,

formerly of Big Spring and living in Slidell at the time of the accident, was killed on impact when his 2001 Nissan pickup went across the center turning lane and entered the eastbound lane of Highway 190 West, colliding head-on

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Stripling honored for contributions to the community

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Anyone who knows him can attest to the fact that

Hayes Stripling Jr. is a first-class talker, able to converse on a variety of topics with little or no prodding from others.

Tuesday, the community turned the tables and talked about Hayes.

Stripling, long a leading member in several local non-profit organizations, was honored by those organizations and the city of Big Spring during a meeting of the Big Spring Rotary Club Tuesday afternoon.

He was saluted as a person who works tirelessly for members of his community.

"Anything that is good in this community, if you look behind that thing, you'll find a person of passion," said Big Spring

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Tommy Welch, right, emcees a salute to Hayes Stripling Jr., seated with his wife, Dorothy, during a meeting of the Big Spring Rotary Club Tuesday afternoon at the Cactus Room at Howard College.

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IN BRIEF

Big Spring QB Club meeting July 10

The Big Spring Steers Quarterback Club will conduct a meeting at 6 p.m. July 10 at Big Spring High School's Athletic Training Center.

All parents of players in grades 7-12 are encouraged to attend.

The 2007 season will mark the 100th year of football at Big Spring High School and the QB Club is looking for pictures for a commemorative program to be released this fall. Pictures can be from any year portraying Big Spring football.

Contact Denise Carrillo at 816-1685 or Frank Stiles at 270-3041 with any questions.

City of Big Spring tennis camp slated

The last City of Big Spring Tennis Camp led by Ted Olesen and Nelson Payne is slated to take place Sunday through Tuesday.

The camp is conducted at Comanche Trail's Figure 7 Tennis Center 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 camp is designed to teach the beginner player the basics, as well as teach the advanced player how to reach their full potential. Participants do not have to take the full week of camp.

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

Coahoma Annual Ragball Tourney set

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

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

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

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

Optimist fishing tournament set at park

The Optimist Take a Child Fishin' Tournament is set for Saturday at Comanche Trail Lake.

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

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

Maggers-Powell camp scheduled

Rose Maggers-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

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UC Irvine beats Sun Devils in extra innings

By OSKAR GARCIA

Associated Press Writer

OMAHA, Neb. — UC Irvine left Arizona State coach Pat Murphy with a sense of familiarity.

The Anteaters became the first team in College World Series history to win two extra-inning games on consecutive days after Ollie Linton's bases-loaded single lifted Irvine over Arizona State 8-7 in 10 innings on Tuesday night.

"They reminded me of our '05 team — a team of destiny," Murphy said. "Probably not going to win the whole thing, but a team of destiny. But they may."

The Anteaters (47-16-1) will face Oregon State and have to win twice to keep the Beavers out of the championship round, which starts Saturday.

"Get some sleep, 'cause tomorrow's going to be better," said Irvine head coach Dave Serrano. Rice will face North Carolina in the other game.

Linton raised his fist after pushing the game-winning hit through the right side of the infield. The rest of his team rushed out of the dugout and mobbed the field as the crowd chanted Linton's name.

"They pushed me to get that

hit," Linton said.

Arizona State looked to be the winner when it broke the game open with two runs in the seventh inning and three in the eighth.

But the Anteaters, down 7-3, tied it with four runs in the bottom of the inning after Jason Jarvis allowed three walks, a hit batsman that forced in a run and a Cody Cipriano RBI single.

Matt Morris tied it with a bases-loaded, two-run double into the right-center gap. Cipriano rounded third on the play as third-base coach Greg Bergeron signaled him to stop. Cipriano

stopped suddenly, touched Bergeron and was called out for coach's interference.

"I don't know if I have words to describe what happened tonight," Serrano said. "But I will say that the 2007 Anteaters don't want to take their uniforms off."

Irvine has also downed Texas, Wichita State and Cal State-Fullerton in this tournament run.

Louisville (47-24) had just three hits and a two-run error that sealed its fate.

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Coahoma baseball teaching fun and fundamentals

Herald Staff Report

COAHOMA — Even when Coahoma's Bulldogs were in the Class 2A state baseball playoffs this season, head coach Brad Harman was preaching to his players that the most important thing was to have fun. He encourages the same thing at the Coahoma Bulldogs Baseball Camp that started Monday at Coahoma Baseball Field.

"My first goal is always to come out here and have fun," said Harman. "But goal number two is to give these guys some specific drills that will make them better and help them learn the fundamentals of baseball."

The camp is for ages 6-14 and continues through Thursday, with the coaching staff putting an emphasis on the fundamentals of the game.

"With the younger guys, we're trying to teach basic fundamentals," said Brad Harman. "With the older ones, we're trying to get them to understand the proper way to hit, field, pitch and run. A lot of the older ones already have the fundamentals down, but we want them to understand what it is that they're doing that gives them good fundamentals. If they hit well, then we want to let them know why they hit well in other words."

The coaching staff tries to put extra emphasis on a different phase of the game daily, although hitting and fielding are hard to avoid teaching during a day of camp, according to Harman.

"We try to touch on every main phase of the game," he said. "Everyday we're touching on hitting, throwing, and fielding. Then we'll spend a couple of days on pitching and another day on base running. We want to give them drills that they can go home and do, either by themselves or with their dad or brother."

Continuing to exercise the drills that are learned at the camp is another teaching emphasis that Harman makes. He says

that practicing fundamental drills as often as possible will help each camper reach their full potential.

"Four days is not going to make any of these guys a major league prospect," he explained. "But teaching them these drills, where they can do things fundamentally right year after year, will help them get better."

Twenty-three boys have taken advantage of Coahoma's camp this summer. That's the highest number of participants that Harman has seen, during his tenure.

"This has been our most successful camp since I've been here," he raved. "It's not just because of the numbers, but also the split of the numbers. We have about an even 50/50 split between younger and older. This lets us spend good quality time with each group. I can go into some more advanced aspects of the game with the older group and then walk over to the smaller group and back off with some more fundamental things with them."

It's also important to the coaching staff to start a continuing relationship with each camper, young and old alike.

"The majority of these kids are from Coahoma," said Harman, who just completed his fourth year as Bulldogs head baseball coach. "I have no desire to leave here, so I expect to see most of these kids coming through the high school program some day. Especially the guys that are 13 or 14 years old, they'll be on the high school campus soon. It's important that I have a good relationship with them so that we know what to expect of each other."

"The camp is also very important with the community," he continued. "It's nice to give these kids something to do other than just sit inside and play around on the computer. Obviously if they're here, then they like baseball and it's fun for me to work these kids."



HERALD photo/Dustin Wilson
Coahoma's Keaton Martin, 14, throws a ball after fielding it in the outfield at the Coahoma Bulldogs Baseball Camp Tuesday at Coahoma Baseball Field.

Sosa hitless against Cubs, Rangers fall 5-4

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON — Slammin' Sammy swung hard against his old team. And missed.

Playing against the Chicago Cubs for the first time in his career, with cameras flashing on every pitch to the slugger, Sosa was 0-for-4 with three strikeouts Tuesday night in Texas' 5-4 loss. He remained one home run shy of becoming the fifth member of the 600-homer club.

"I don't worry about that. My main focus is me and the pitcher," Sosa said. "Today is over. I'll come back tomorrow ready to go again."

Sosa, whose only homer in the past 21 games was a grand slam Friday in Cincinnati, has two more chances against the Cubs to join Hank Aaron, Barry Bonds, Babe Ruth and Willie Mays in the elite club. Slammin'

Sammy has 11 homers in 61 games this season for Texas.

Derrek Lee, in the Cubs lineup after appealing his five-game suspension, was 2-for-5 with an RBI double in the sixth inning off Joaquin Benoit (2-2) that made it 5-4.

Sosa hit 545 homers with the Cubs from 1992-2004, when he was the 1998 NL MVP and a seven-time All-Star. Chicago was the only team that Sosa, in his 18th major league season, had never faced as an opponent.

And based on his hard swings, he was excited about the chance to face his old team.

"I'm an aggressive guy. I'm not a guy that's going to go out there and swing like a girl," Sosa said.

Sosa struck out swinging in the first inning, then took a called third strike in the third after a couple of hard swings. Sosa struck out swinging again in the fifth and flew

out to left — well short of the wall — in the eighth inning, prompting many fans to head to the exits.

"I thought he was taking normal swings at pitches he thought he saw," Rangers manager Ron Washington said.

The Cubs played at Rangers Ballpark in Arlington for the first time, and many in the announced crowd of 38,290 wore Chicago jerseys and cheered for the visitors — and Sosa.

"It was nice, a lot of people showed up," Sosa said. "I still have to go out there and concentrate."

Carlos Marmol (2-0) struck out the first four batters he faced and five of nine in three perfect innings. Ryan Dempster struck out the side in the ninth for his 16th save in 18 chances, completing five hitless innings by the Cubs' bullpen.

"Our starter didn't pitch well, but our bullpen saved us," Cubs manager

Lou Piniella said.

Ian Kinsler hit two homers and Brad Wilkerson also homered to account for all the Rangers runs — all off Cubs starter Sean Marshall.

Mike Fontenot, part of the February 2005 trade that sent Sosa to Baltimore, was 2-for-3 with a walk and scored twice for the Cubs — the second run after his lead-off single in the sixth and before Lee's double.

"It's cool to be involved in a game like this after getting traded for him. It's fun. But I'm just happy to be in the lineup," Fontenot said. "I didn't expect this many Cubs fans. It seemed like there were more of them than Ranger fans."

Lee appealed the five-game suspension he got because of a bench-clearing brawl Saturday at Wrigley Field after he was hit by a pitch thrown by San Diego's Chris

Young, who has also appealed a five-game suspension.

Lee was hit in the forearm by a pitch from Young that appeared to be headed toward the first baseman's head. Lee walked to first, had words with the pitcher, then threw a punch. Young swung back and the benches emptied.

Felix Pie had a two-run triple in the third to put the Cubs up 2-1.

Alfonso Soriano, who played in Texas in 2004 and 2005, drew a bases-loaded walk with two outs in the fourth to make it 4-2. Mark DeRosa, who had a career season for the Rangers last year before signing a free-agent deal with the Cubs, had a sacrifice fly earlier in the inning.

Marshall left after Kinsler's two-run homer with no outs in the fifth tied the game at 4-4.

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Obituaries

Laverne Chrane



Laverne Chrane, 77, of Big Spring died Tuesday, June 19, 2007, at Parkview Nursing and Rehab. Funeral Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Rev. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She was born May 1, 1930, in Big Spring to Maude and Leon Cole. After her children had started school she enrolled in nursing school and worked as a licensed vocational nurse at Malone & Hogan Hospital, Golden Plains and Mt. View Lodge. She was working at Parkview Nursing and Rehab Center until her illness. She was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and was a Baptist.

She is survived by two sons, Tom Chrane and wife, Rita, of New London, N.C., and Steve Chrane of Big Spring; four daughters, Caren Clackum and husband, Bill, of Henderson, Nev., Sharon Wilkinson of Big Spring, Carla Ray and husband, Steve, of Salisbury, N.C., and Cindy Casper and husband, Juan, of Wylie; 10 grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; one great grandson; two brothers, Jimmy Cole and wife, Sandy, of Clear Lake, and Eddie Cole and wife, Vicki, of Big Spring.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Charles "Chuck" Chrane; and a granddaughter, Misty Dawn Phillips.

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

Jose Portillio Valencia Jr.

Jose Portillio Valencia Jr., 78, died Sunday, June 17, 2007, at the Hospice Inpatient Unit in Midland. A funeral mass will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 21, 2007, at St. Stephen's Catholic Church with Father Gilbert Rodriguez officiating. A rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 20, 2007, at Pipkin Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

Jose was born Sept. 18, 1928, to Eulalia and Jose Valencia Sr. in Stanton. He married Emma Duran on Oct. 26, 1949, in Stanton. He worked maintenance at St. Ann's Catholic Church for 25 years.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Augustine Valencia; and sister, Chonita Valencia.

Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Emma Valencia; a son, Oscar Valencia and wife, Linda, of Midland; daughters, Susi Nabarrette and husband, Manuel Sr., of Odessa, Lala Garcia of Midland and Pauline Valencia and her partner, Augustine Bennett, of Midland; a brother, Domingo Valencia and wife, Elousia, of Midland; a sister, Connie Fuentes and husband, Victor, of Odessa; seven grandchildren; four great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be donated to Hospice of Midland.

Services are under the direction of Pipkin Funeral Home. Family messages and condolences may be e-mailed to: pipkin@nts-online.net

Robert De Leon

Robert De Leon, 40, of Big Spring died Monday, June 18, 2007, in Slidell, La., in an automobile accident. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Alvie L. Harrison

Alvie L. Harrison, 89, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, June 19, 2007, in a local nursing home. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Josie Mattie Roberts

Josie Mattie Roberts, 97, of Big Spring died Wednesday, June 20, 2007, at Mt. View Lodge. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Pearl Bunch

Pearl Bunch, 78, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, June 20, 2007, in a local hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Sandra Payne

Sandra Payne, 62, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, June 20, 2007, at her residence. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows around 70. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

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Friday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

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

Police blotter

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

- **KENNETH D MILLHIEM**, 47, of 1404 Wood, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **ROBERT SANCHEZ**, 43, of Colorado City, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **MICHAEL OSCAR YANEZ**, 34, of 705 Willia, was arrested Wednesday on two local warrants.
- **JUAN EMILIO BARRERA**, 50, of 2911 W. Highway 80, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **ROSALINDA LOPEZ**, 42, of 603 16th street, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of disorderly conduct.
- **BONNIE K. MIERS**, 54, of 606 W. 18th, street was arrested Wednesday on a charge of theft.
- **MARK TIMOTHY STANLEY**, 45, of 400 N. Gregg, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **MARIO SACHEZ LOPEZ**, 50, of 1406 N. 11th street, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

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.
- **LAPAU ERIC SCAGGS**, 30, was arrested by the HCSO Tuesday on a charge of manual delivery of a controlled substance.
- **FRED RUBIO JR.**, 18, was arrested by the HCSO Tuesday on a charge of manual delivery of a controlled substance.
- **SAMUEL JUARES SOLIS**, 40, was arrested by the HCSO Tuesday on charge of theft.
- **VINCENT INFRAIN ALVARADO**, 27, was arrested by the HCSO Tuesday on a charge of no drivers license.
- **MARTIN ALVARADO**, 26, was arrested by the HCSO Tuesday on charges of violation of parole and theft.
- **ALTON NATHANIEL GARY**, 19, was arrested by DPS Tuesday on charges of disorderly conduct and unlawful carrying of a weapon.
- **ZACK MONROE TURMAN**, 29, was arrested by DPS Wednesday on a charge of driving while intoxicated - second offense.
- **MICHAEL TERRELL RANDALL**, 34, was arrested by DPS Wednesday on a charge of altered or obscured vehicle registration.
- **RUSTY WAYNE GRESSETT**, 18, was arrested by DPS Wednesday on charges of bail jumping, failure to appear and manual delivery of a controlled substance.

Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2000 block of S. Main. One person was transported to the VAMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 3700 block of E. F.M. 700. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2500 block of Carol. One person was transported to SMMC.

Take Note

• **COAHOMA SCHOOL TRUSTEES** will conduct preliminary work on the 2007-2008 budget when they hold their monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday in the administration building board room.

• **A CARWASH FUNDRAISER FOR RAUL ROBLES' MEDICAL EXPENSES** will be held Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Advanced Auto Parts, 701 Gregg. Small cars will be \$5; SUVs \$10 and large trucks \$15..

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

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

Lottery

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 3-6-15-29-31.
Number matching five of five: none.

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-2-8.

Bulletin Board

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

TODAY
• Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.

• League of Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Northside Community Center. For more information, contact John Ybarra at 264-1628. The public is invited.
• Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third St.

THURSDAY
• Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.

• Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.

• Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association meets at 5:30 p.m. in the RSVP office at 501 Runnels.
• American Legion Post 506 meets at 6 p.m. Call 263-2084 for more information.
• Rackley-Swords 379, Vietnam Veterans of America meets at 7 p.m. in the Sparenburg Building, 309 S. Main St.
• Big Spring Masonic Lodge No. 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY
• Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.

• AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
• Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at the Big Spring Country Club.
• Spring City Senior Citizens Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area seniors are invited.

SATURDAY
• Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

MONDAY
• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets in the First Christian Church of Big Spring, 911 Goliad. A different program is offered every week. Enter through the south side door off 10th Street. Call 213-1342 for more information. Weigh-in starts at 5 p.m.; meetings begin at 5:30 p.m.
• Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

TUESDAY
• Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

Support Groups

WEDNESDAY
• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at 264-1213 for more information.

• Dual Recovery Anonymous (DRA), 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Howard County Library Basement Community Room. DRA is a 12-step meeting for those who have a desire to stop drinking and/or using drugs and also have a mental or emotional illness.

All meetings are non-smoking and coffee is not available but members can bring their own coffee or non-alcoholic beverage. For more information, call Deidra F. at (432) 816-3033. Leave a message if you get voice mail.

THURSDAY
• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

FRIDAY
• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY
• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

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RANGERS

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Kinsler's 12th homer of the season came in the first inning, and Wilkerson led off the third with his seventh.

Kenny Lofton had a leadoff single in the fifth before Kinsler homered again. Sosa never came close.

"I don't think he's pressing," Kinsler said. "We're hoping the next pitch is the one he hits out."

Notes: The Rangers played the first of 20 games in 20 days before the All-Star break. ... The Philadelphia Phillies are the only NL team which hasn't played in Arlington. ... Marshall had allowed only three homers in his first five starts. ... The Cubs are 75-77 in interleague play, 5-2 this season.

Twins 9, Mets 0

Johan Santana practically coasted through his first complete game of the season.

Santana needed only 92 pitches to earn his fourth career shutout and lead the Minnesota Twins to a 9-0 victory over the New York Mets at Shea Stadium on Wednesday night.

The two-time Cy Young award winner's first shutout in nearly two years was about as easy as it gets.

The Twins staked him to a 5-0 cushion in the second inning and the Mets managed only four base runners. Santana (7-6) struck out just one, whiffing

Paul Lo Duca for the first out in the ninth.

"Johan deserved that, and our offense needed that," Minnesota manager Ron Gardenhire said. "They were swinging early in the count. Those guys were up there taking their rips against him and that got him deeper and deeper in the game."

In New York, Santana walked none and retired 15 of his final 16 batters in his sixth career complete game and first since May 17, 2006, at Detroit.

The struggling Mets, who have lost 12 of 15, had as many hits (four) as errors, and starter Jorge Sosa allowed seven runs — five earned — and eight hits in 3 1-3 innings.

"When you play sloppy defense, you don't give yourself a chance to win," said New York third baseman David Wright, who had two errors. "With the big lead, (Santana) challenged us, let us hit it to the big part of the ballpark."

Brewers 6, Giants 2

Sheets threw 118 pitches, but was still reaching 95 mph on the radar gun in the ninth inning as he closed out the Milwaukee Brewers' 6-2 victory over the slumping San Francisco Giants at Miller Park.

Sheets (8-3) got some early runs with the Brewers scoring six against hard-throwing rookie Tim Lincecum (2-2) in the first two innings.

"This is what we expect from Benny, to come out and pitch games like this," Brewers man-

ager Ned Yost said. "You give him a six-run lead and you've got to trust that he's not giving it up, and he's going to get you through this game, and he's going to pitch nine innings. And he did it — perfectly."

Sheets allowed six hits in his 13th career complete game and held Barry Bonds in check. The Giants' slugger went 0-for-3 with a walk and remained stuck on 748 home runs, seven shy of Hank Aaron's career record.

"When you locate the heater, you feel a lot better about yourself," Sheets said. "I think a fastball located is the hardest pitch to hit."

Bonds walked in the second and swung ferociously through a third strike in the fourth, spinning 180 degrees after missing the 95 mph fastball.

"That was mislocated, but it was up and out of the strike zone so it was fine," Sheets said. "I'd like to act like I meant to do that."

The Giants have lost a season-high six straight and 18 of 24.

"There's no one out there happy with what's happening," Giants manager Bruce Bochy said. "Nobody has to tell us we have to get our act together."

Rockies 3, Yankees 1

At Denver, Josh Fogg (3-5) held the Yankees to four hits over seven innings and out-pitched Mike Mussina (3-4) to win for the first time at Coors Field this season.

Brian Fuentes pitched the ninth for his 19th save.



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Texas Rangers Sammy Sosa heads to the dugout after striking out in the first inning against the Chicago Cubs Tuesday in Arlington. Sosa remains stuck at 599 career home runs.

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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 in 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.

WRECK

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with a 2001 Volkswagen Jetta, according to information released by the Slidell Police Department.

"It is unclear at this time why De Leon crossed into the center turning lane and entered the east-

bound lane," said Captain Kevin Foltz, public information officer with the Slidell Police.

Also killed in the accident was 18-year-old Lindsey Miramon, a Slidell resident who had just left work and was heading home when the crash occurred.

Miramon was extricated

LEADERS

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will get involved in the different organizations in the coming year and will keep your business informed as to what is going on in the community and how you as a business can get involved.

A requirement is that the group complete a community project prior to graduation. Last year, the class had benches made similar to the ones around the courthouse. They were put in the Heart of the City Park. Previous classes have painted the inside of the Senior Citizen Center, laid a sprinkler sys-

tem at the Senior Citizen Center and landscaped the West Side Daycare Center.

"This is just part of what being in the program is all about, getting involved and trying to make our community a better place to live," said ValVerde.

Applicants must be willing to commit to one full day — the second Thursday of each month — for 10 months. Those persons who have demonstrated management and/or leadership ability, have shown an interest in community affairs and have time and talent to offer the community, are invited to apply.

"We are certain someone in your organization or in your acquaintance will be able to profit from

this excellent opportunity," said ValVerde.

The tuition is \$300 for chamber members and \$500 for non-chamber members, which includes transportation for tours, meals, leadership skills book and binder and information.

Applications are available at the Chamber office. Prospective applicants can request that they be received by fax or e-mail. They can also be accessed at the Chamber Web site, www.bigspringchamber.com. Click on the Leadership Registration icon. The program is limited to 25 participants.

For more information contact ValVerde or Nancy Newell at the Chamber office, 263-7641.

STARS

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

"They've been really great in helping us put the Stargazing event on each year," said Alton. "They really love doing this. Most people who are into astronomy love to teach others about it, so

there will be plenty of knowledgeable people to answer questions during the presentation."

The program will offer something for everyone in the family, according to Alton.

"It's one of the bigger events of the year for us," said Alton. "It's a fun and educational way to spend a Saturday night outdoors with your family. You can take a tour of the night sky with area amateur astronomy clubs.

"It's a great chance for families to spend some quality time together, as

well. It doesn't matter how old you are, seeing the stars and the different heavenly bodies through a telescope is just amazing."

And while mother nature may or may not cooperate with the stargazing event, Alton said he and the rest of the staff at the park have a back-up plan.

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

Admission to the park is

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

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

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

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

said.

The state park is located at No. 1 Scenic Drive, just off FM 700 near Wasson Road. For more information about the stargazing event, contact Alton at 263-4931.

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STRIPLING

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Mayor Russ McEwen, who declared Tuesday Hayes Stripling Jr. Day in Big Spring. "And I've never known anyone more passionate about this community than Hayes."

Representatives from agencies Stripling has assisted and the organizations he belongs to praised his help — and took the occasional dig at his reputation for chattiness.

"I celebrate not knowing just exactly what will come out of your mouth," said the Rev. Dr. Shane Brue, pastor of First United Methodist Church, before turning serious and praising Stripling's help at the church.

"You don't give because you should," Brue said, "but because God made you that way."

Stripling was praised for his efforts to help the local Soil and Water Conservation office, Boy Scouts, Bible Club and Northside Community Center, as well as being an unabashed Rotarian and "former student" of Texas A&M.

"Hayes and I have something in common — we're both graduates of Texas A&M," said Eddy Spurgin of the conservation office, "but not everyone who graduates from A&M is like Hayes."

Finally, the tributes were completed and event emcee Tommy Welch facetiously asked, "Hayes, is there anything you want to say?"

Needless to say, Stripling was up to the challenge.

"This is what we call an indelible moment," he said afterward. "I would love to be able to somehow encapsulate the entire event ... I was very moved by what each and every one of them had to say."

He added that his efforts to support the agencies and organizations that salted him were merely on a par with others

involved with those entities.

"Those people will never be the nay-sayers or doomsday prophets,"

he said. "Rather, they will always prefer Renaissance rather than requiem."

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CWS

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"This game is crazy," North Carolina coach Mike Fox said. "You can go from a game where you score a lot of runs to none, because it's all controlled by that guy on the mound."

The Cardinals had scored 22 runs in their first two games, but could not get anything going against Luke Putkonen and two relievers. The three hits was the fewest

for the Cardinals since a May 5 loss to St. John's.

"Everybody putting in good at-bats for a long time is a hard thing," said Louisville's Logan Johnson, whose first-inning homer was his CWS record-tying fourth in three games. "We ran into a good club and they pitched well. Things didn't go our way."

It was the second straight year that a team had three hits in a victory — Oregon State did it in a 2-0 win over Rice.

All of North Carolina's scoring came with two outs in the second. Seth Williams hit a run-scoring single to center to tie it, and the go-ahead runs came in when Garrett Gore grounded to third,

and Chris Dominguez threw wide of first baseman Daniel Burton.

"They jam a ball up the middle, and they cap a ball down the third-base line," Louisville coach Dan McDonnell said. "Just a real tough play. Even if 'Ming' makes a great throw, I don't know if we get him at first. If Dan scoops the ball, I don't know if he's out at

first."

The Cardinals threatened with two outs in the bottom half of the eighth, but they stranded two runners when Isaiah Howes struck out against Andrew Carignan.

Carignan, who relieved Rob Wooten, struck out three of his four batters for his 17th save.

AP Writer Eric Olson contributed to this story.

BRIEFS

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OUR VIEWS

Get ready to rodeo, Big Spring!

Tradition. Perhaps no better term applies to the sport of rodeo, and that's especially true in this community where we await Thursday night's opening performance of the 74th annual Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo.

The Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo is the oldest continually running rodeo in the nation, and doesn't take a back seat to any when it comes to the talent that arrives each year to compete.

Many of the top competitors from the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) and Women's Professional Rodeo Association (WPRA) will display their talents during the event's three-day run through Saturday, each performance beginning at 8 p.m. in the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl.

In fact, every event that will be staged during the rodeo — bull riding, saddle bronc riding, bareback riding, steer wrestling, calf roping and barrel racing — will feature competitors who have appeared at the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, several of them having won world championships in the past.

The rodeo will again feature the Mutton Bustin' competition featuring local youngsters displaying their rodeo skills.

Advance tickets for the rodeo are priced at \$8 for adults and \$4 for children under 12. They can be purchased at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Ward's Boot and Saddle, First Bank of West Texas, First Big Spring Banking Center, Wells Fargo, Citizens Federal Credit Union, State National Bank and H-E-B. Tickets at the gate will be \$10 for adults and \$6 for children.

The rodeo officially begins at 5:30 p.m. Thursday when the annual rodeo parade lines up at 11th and Main and snakes its way through downtown Big Spring. Patricia McCormick will lead the procession as grand marshal.

There is something special each night of the rodeo — Thursday is Teen Night with a DJ dance after the rodeo and dances are set for Friday and Saturday. Friday's dance will feature Jake Hooker and the Outsiders, while Saturday Aaron Watson will take the stage.

Simply put, the 74th Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo once again provides something for virtually everyone.

So shine up those boots, dust off that hat, pull on your favorite jeans and join us at the Rodeo Bowl. We bet you'll be glad you did.

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by K. Rae Anderson

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Amen

Reflections from a nice Father's Day

This past weekend I traveled to Waxahachie to spend the weekend with my family. It being the Father's Day weekend, I hoped to spend the weekend with my son and wife. Although it was a wet weekend, we spent time working in the yard and sprucing up the place to entice any interested buyers.

Sunday we got a chance to relax and watch a movie before my return trip to Big Spring. I believe Father's Day is more about your children than yourself, so I spent some time reflecting on my children and how much I love them.

As time slips by I realize how important it is to spend time with my children. Before you know it they are no longer dependent on you and develop their own personality and have their own views and ways of doing things and usually those things do not involve Dad.

Although I do not always agree with my children's decisions, I try to step back and allow them to learn by trial and error.

I try giving support as much as

possible to all my children and lending a hand when needed or asked.

My oldest child, Andrea, recently graduated from college. She is traveling to Puebla, Mexico, next month embarking on a 5-week program, sponsored by her college, mixing a 5-week Spanish class with teaching.

She plans on earning her masters degree in art education. Andrea is more level headed than her siblings and likes to plan things ahead.

My middle child, Lindsey, is a stay at home wife to be and cosmetologist. She is more spirited than my other children.

Lindsey is a little feistier than her siblings and I am told she acts more like me when I was her age. She is currently considering a business venture with a local barber in the small Ohio town where I grew up.

My youngest child, Austin, will be entering into his sophomore year in high school. He is close to earning his Eagle Scout rank in the Boy Scouts of America. He is also a member of the Youth Bowling Association and will compete in the state tournaments this weekend in El Paso.

Austin is very laid back and is a very considerate child. He wants to attend UT-Arlington after high

school.

Each one of my children is very different and unique. I cannot express the love I have for them and only try to show them in each and every action how much I care.

Our decisions and actions as parents and fathers are very important to the future of our children and our world. I only hope that I have done a good job on my part.

I know I cannot turn back the clock and do things with my children that I should have. We cannot change our past but we can make a difference in every new day.

If we all look at each day as it is our last, we would be a lot better off. After all, it could be your last day on this earth.

Make each day count, especially with you children. Don't be too hesitant to tell them you love them or to let them know how proud you are of them.

I believe you should hug your child every chance you get. Tell them you love them; more importantly, show them.

I hope all you father's out there enjoyed your holiday as I did.

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RON MIDKIFF

Tactless 'Governator' does it again

Everyone knows California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger is a big guy, and that since he is not a career politician, he is prone to blunder. But not everyone knows he has the tact of an elephant.

Last week, the governor told hundreds of Hispanic journalists that, in order to learn English, Latinos must stop watching Spanish-language television.

Mind you, he was participating in a convention attended by some 1,400 journalists, where some 20 percent of the participants work for Spanish-language TV stations. And they were there to celebrate the growth and accomplishments of the Hispanic media.

"You've got to turn off the Spanish television set," said "the Governator" at the annual convention of the National Association of Hispanic Journalists (NAHJ) in San Jose, a city where many streets are named in Spanish, and where America's Hispanic heritage is clearly visible everywhere.

"You've got to learn English," he added. "I know this sounds odd and this is politically not the correct thing to say, but here I am, getting myself into trouble."

Indeed! The remarks were rightfully condemned as "naive," "insensitive" and downright "ignorant" by many of the convention participants.

They said the governor was perpetuating the fallacy that, in order to learn English and assimilate,

immigrants have to reject their native culture and language.

It also feeds the misguided and ignorant view that Americans should only speak English, while the rest of the world is multilingual and much more tolerant of linguistic diversity.

Even those Latino journalists who said they understood the message he was trying to convey said the governor's choice of words was tactless.

"It was a good point, as poorly said as possible," said NAHJ president Rafael Olmeda, noting that Schwarzenegger could have easily explained that television is a good tool for learning English, without putting down the Hispanic media.

Citing his own method for learning English, Schwarzenegger explained that when he came to the United States from his native Austria, he used English-language TV to learn the new language.

"I know that when I came to this country, I did not, or very rarely, spoke German to anyone," Schwarzenegger said. "Not that I didn't like Austria — my heart was always in Austria — but I wanted to, as quickly as possible, learn the English language."

His remarks also perpetuate the myth that new immigrants, particularly Latinos, don't want to learn English.

In fact, all over the country, English as a Second Language (ESL) courses have long waiting lists of immigrants who are eager to learn. They know this is the only way to get ahead in the United States. Yet, instead of providing more funds for these courses, politicians like Schwarzenegger take the cheap way out — with demagoguery.

They find it easier to appeal to people's emotions and prejudices rather than their rationality.

However, just because Schwarzenegger chose to block out his own language and sell out his heritage, other immigrants shouldn't have to.

Besides, how many German-language TV stations were available for Schwarzenegger to watch when he came to the United States? The tough choice he now claims to have made was really no choice at all.

Spanish-language television is often the best way for Latinos to obtain news and information about their own community, and to stay connected to their cultural heritage. It doesn't make them any less capable of learning English.

In fact, if they were to avoid the Spanish TV channels, many Latinos who have yet to learn English would be totally uninformed about everything that's going on around them.

In retrospect, Schwarzenegger's latest blunder shouldn't surprise us.

After all, this is the same guy who once went on a talk radio show and praised the Minuteman Project border vigilantes, and the same guy who once angered Latino leaders by observing that Mexican immigrants have problems when they arrive in the United States because "they try to stay Mexican."

Here's a guy who brags about selling out his roots and expects all other immigrants to follow in his disgusting footsteps.

Shame!

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Dick Kendall/Crandall/Candall in Vegas

My roommate at Baylor was Dick Kendall. We have remained friends and see each other frequently. He majored in philosophy and ended up doing chamber of commerce work and banking.

He had his own bank marketing company and still does bank training all over the country. His book, "Nobody Told Me I'd Have to Sell," has been translated into several languages.

In high school, Dick created skits at assemblies and later at church camp. He made audiences laugh by talking about ordinary experiences that everybody in the audience had.

Dick has traveled the world on cruise ships. Somewhere along the way he decided he could be as funny as the paid comics who entertained passengers on cruises. He put it to the task once when a cruise ship had a talent night. When Dick got on stage, the audi-

ence laughed and laughed at Dick's material and the cruise director took Dick's name.

Since that first cruise ship appearance as a guest some 20 years ago, Dick has been in demand as a speaker and entertainer.

He has appeared in comedy clubs all over the country and on cruise ships around the world.

Every once in a while Dick will get a call from a cruise line that will ask him if he can be in Singapore in two weeks to do some comedy gigs between there and Australia.

Dick is different from most comics. His material is clean.

Dick appeared in Las Vegas a few years ago on a showcase with other comics. Early this year he told me he was going to be at the Riviera Comedy Club in Vegas the week of May 21. It was his first real paying job in Vegas. We went to see him.

On the cell phone when we arrived, he mentioned something about his name on billboards around town. There was some static on the line and I was in a noisy

place, so I couldn't hear him too well.

On the monorail to his hotel we saw a huge sign advertising Dick's appearance. His name was spelled Candall. I quickly made a sign like chauffeurs have when they pick up people at airports. In large letters I printed CANDALL. I held it up when he came down to the lobby. When Dick saw the sign, he doubled over with laughter. He then took us outside to view his name on a lighted building sign miles away with letters five feet tall. That sign spelled Dick's name Crandall.

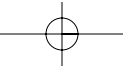
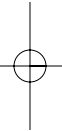
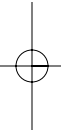
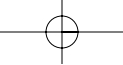
We enjoyed going around Vegas together. At Dick's show that night, he was the emcee for the evening. His clean comedy was brilliant and got more laughter than the other two comics. They did get his name right when they announced him at the club.

Dick called us the day after we got back home and said the person who invited him to the Riviera invited him back for a return visit.

So when you hear that Dick Kendall or Candall or Crandall is going to be in Vegas, go see him.



TUMBLEWEED SMITH



Why not check this out? At the county library

The Summer Reading Program has been humming along very nicely. Swarms of children descend upon the library at 10 in the morning, every Monday and Tuesday. I would like to thank Wells Fargo Bank, Sonic Drive-In and Wendy's for donating prizes that will be given out. Wells Fargo has donated savings bonds; Sonic has given us toys and gift cards, as has Wendy's. Closer to the end of the program, we will announce winners in each category.



HOLLIS McCRIGHT

Non-Fiction: Crime
 • **"Scoundrels to the Hoosegow"** (364.102 SWI M), Morley Swingle has been prosecuting attorney for Cape Girardeau, Mo., for more than 20 years. His new book shares more than 30 entertaining legal stories drawn from real life, recreating — with verve and wit — villains, heroes and ordinary citizens.
 In cases both tragic and

hilarious, Swingle offers a behind-the-scenes look at the justice system, taking readers from the scene of the crime to the courtroom as he explores the worlds of judges, attorneys, police officers and criminals.

This account of an American prosecutor is a candid, revealing and funny account of his job and is also an altogether satisfying book that sentences the reader to many hours of enjoyment.

History:
 • **"The Gladiators: History's Most Deadly Sport"** (796.093 MEI F), by Fik Meijer.

Roman history can be an absorbing subject. In "The Gladiators: History's Most Deadly Sport," you will read exactly what the role was of a gladiator and how he trained for that arduous task.

Don't be deceived by Russell Crowe's depiction of gladiators, it is not that glamorous. Meijer has pieced together from grave epitaphs, mosaics, frescoes and artifacts found in the ashes of Pompeii and quotations from ancient Greek and Roman texts the story of a gladiator.

Mystery
 • **"Saturnalia,"** a mystery by Linsey Davis, serves up a huge cast of characters and colorful descriptions of daily life in first-century Rome, details sure to please readers with an affinity for ancient history. Her main character is Didius Falco, an informer who works for the Emperor Vespasian. I really enjoy these books and have learned a lot about the ancient Romans.

New Fiction:
 • **"Gravesend Light"** by David Payne is a continuation of a previous book "Ruin Creek." Joe Madden, an anthropologist, returns to the Outer Banks to study the inhabitants. As with many lives, what is expected does not necessarily come true. Conflict abounds between Joe and local doctor and it culminates in a situation where no one wins.

• **"The Unicorn Hunt,"** by Dorothy Dunnett, is the fifth in a series. Sweeping from Turkey to Scotland and back to Egypt, it is a mesmerizing story of greed, discovery and exploration. If you enjoy long, involved books, then this is the one for you. You

may have to renew it once or twice as it is quite long. We can get the previous volumes if you wish via Interlibrary Loan.

• **"Divisadero a story of California"** is from the author of "The English Patient," Michael Ondaatje. In the 1970s in Northern California, a man farms with his two daughters with the help of Coop, the hired hand. In an act of violence, the makeshift family is torn apart. This is a novel of passion, loss and the unshakable past.

• **"Play Dead"** (M ROS D) is a story of a noble golden retriever and how he rescued his owner from life in prison. David Rosenfelt's riveting sixth legal thriller brings independently wealthy Paterson, N.J., lawyer Andy Carpenter to the defense of a very special domestic violence victim, Yogi, a golden retriever alleged to have bitten its owner.

Andy uses the court system to spring Yogi from an animal shelter's

death row and adopt him, adding the dog to a small family that includes long-time pet golden Tara. But when the gang goes for a walk that leads to a joyful reunion between Yogi and a woman named Karen Evans, Andy learns Yogi is actually Reggie, presumed dead five years earlier after the conviction of Karen's brother, U.S. Customs Inspector Richard Evans, for the murder of his fiancée, Stacy Harriman.

Suspecting Richard's innocence, Andy tackles the case like a dog on a chew toy, undeterred by an intricate web of deception involving a possible government cover up. No shaggy dog story, this puppy's alive with reliable Rosenfelt wit and heart. This review comes from Booklist. We have "Dead Center," which preceded this book.

Biographies:
 New biographies that we have received run the gamut from "FDR," by Jean Edward Smith to "Alice Cooper: Golf Monster," by Alice

Cooper; "Don't Hassel The Hoff," by David Hasselhoff; "Teresa of Avila," by Cathleen Medwick and "Thing's I've Said That I Probably Shouldn't Have," by Bruce Dern.

New books on CD have come in: "Agatha Raisin and the Potted Gardener" and "Agatha Raisin and the Vicious Vet," both by M.C. Beaton; Alice Munro's "View From Castle Rock" (series of short stories); "The Good Life," by Jay McInerney — story of life after Sept. 11 in New York City; and "The Lost Diary of Don Juan," by Douglas Carlton Abrams. Harold Kushner writes on life issues and we now have "Overcoming Life's Disappointments" (AUCD 296.311 KUS H).

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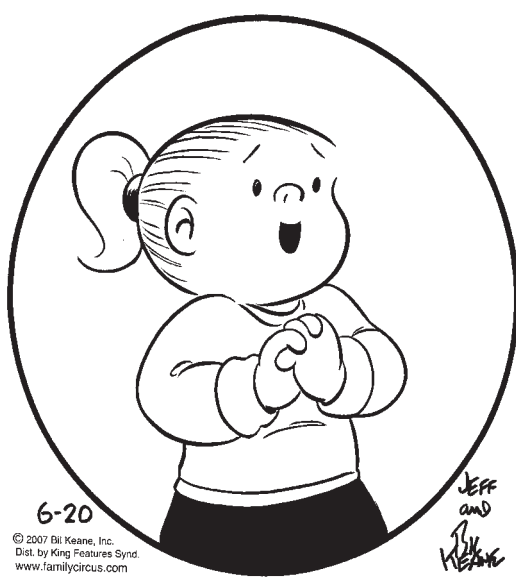
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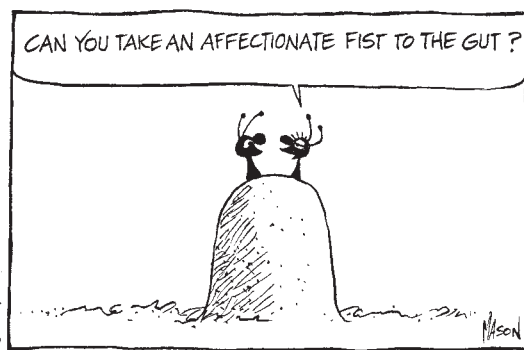
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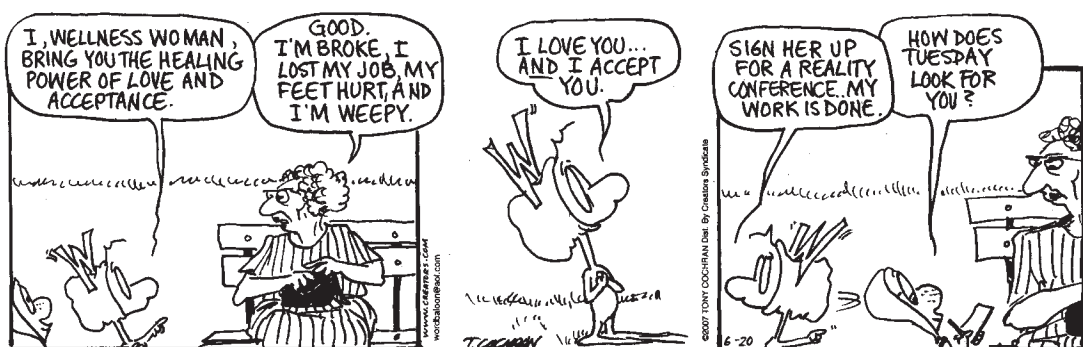
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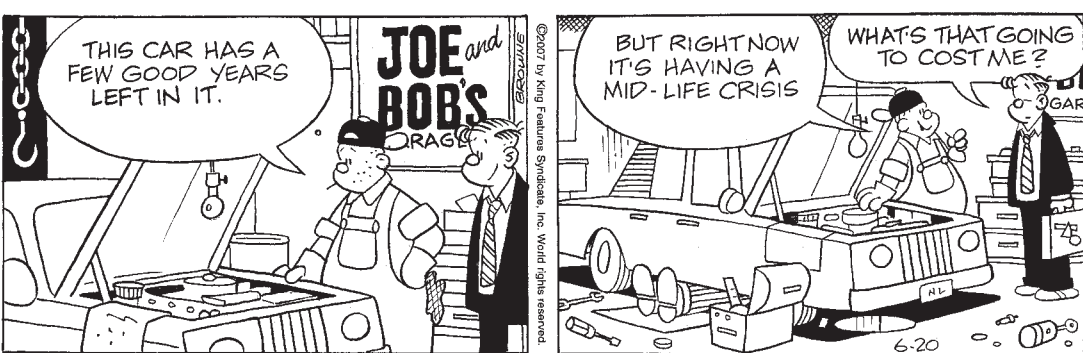
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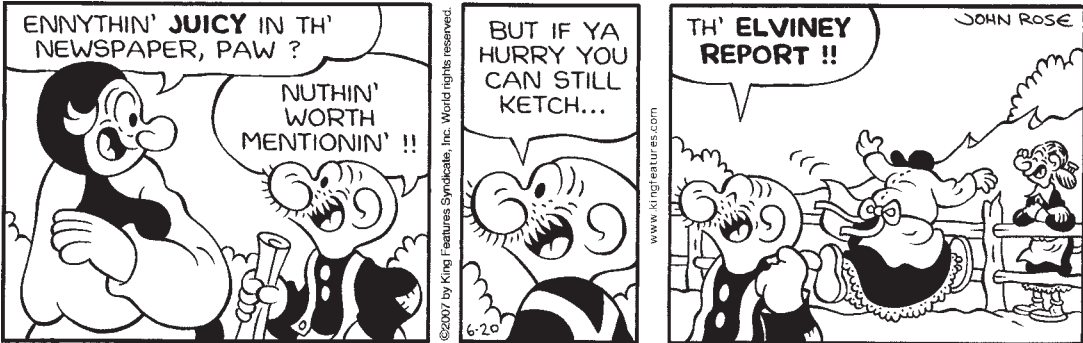
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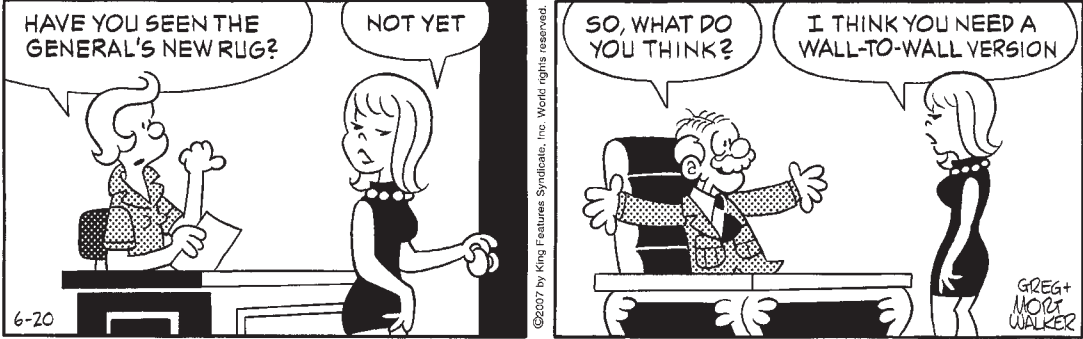
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, June 20, the 171st day of 2007. There are 194 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 20, 1893, a jury in New Bedford, Mass., found Lizzie Borden innocent of the ax murders of her father and stepmother.

On this date:

In 1756, in India, a group of British soldiers was imprisoned in a suffocating cell that gained notoriety as the "Black Hole of Calcutta"; most died. (However, the exact circumstances of this incident — such as the number of prisoners, originally put at 146 — are disputed.)

In 1782, Congress approved the Great Seal of the United States.

In 1837, Queen Victoria acceded to the British throne following the death of her uncle, King William IV.

In 1863, West Virginia became the 35th state.

In 1943, race-related rioting erupted in Detroit; federal troops were sent in two days later to quell the violence that resulted in more than 30 deaths.

In 1947, Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel was shot dead at the Beverly Hills, Calif., mansion of his girlfriend, Virginia Hill, apparently at the order of mob associates.

In 1947, President Truman vetoed the Taft-Hartley Act, but had his veto overridden by Congress.

In 1963, the United States and Soviet Union signed an agreement to set up a "hot line" between the two superpowers.

In 1967, boxer Muhammad Ali was convicted in Houston of violating Selective Service laws by refusing to be drafted. (Ali's conviction was ultimately overturned by the Supreme Court.)

In 2001, Houston resident Andrea Yates drowned her five children in the family bathtub, then called police. (Yates was later convicted of murder, but had her conviction overturned; she was acquitted in a retrial.)

Today's Birthdays: Actress Olympia Dukakis is 76. Actor James Tolkan is 76. Actor Danny Aiello is 74. Blues musician Lazy Lester is 74. Actor John Mahoney is 67. Movie director Stephen Frears is 66. Singer-songwriter Brian Wilson is 65. Actor John McCook is 62. Singer Anne Murray is 62. TV personality Bob Vila is 61. Musician Andre Watts is 61. Actress Candy Clark is 60. Producer Tina Sinatra is 59. Rhythm-and-blues singer Lionel Richie is 58. Actor John Goodman is 55. Rock musician Michael Anthony is 53.

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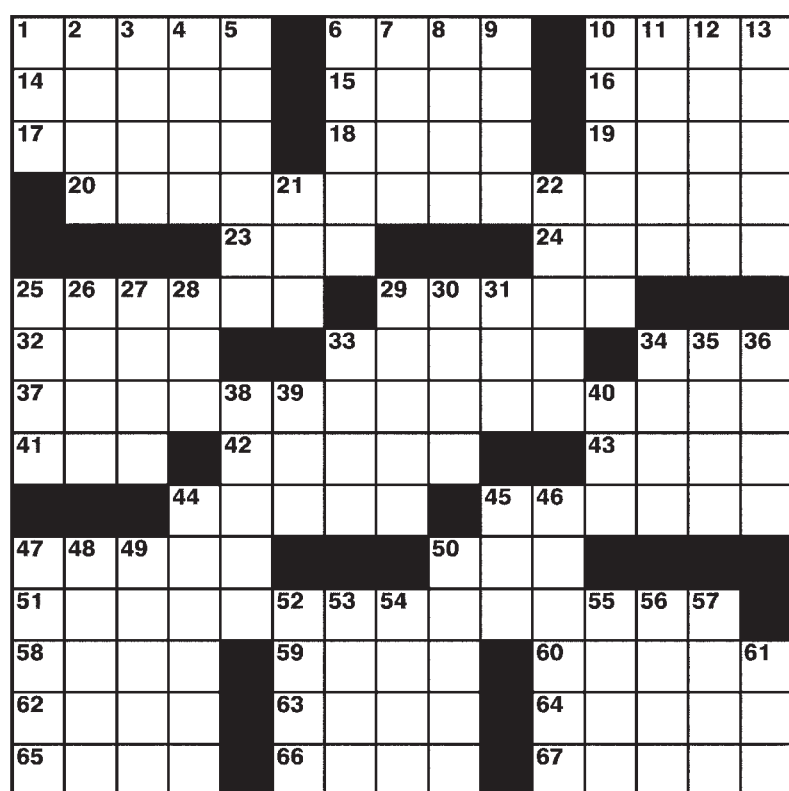
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BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

The Virgo moon is on a mission to solve that pesky problem once and for all. As Mars and Pluto align in a helpful angle, we're given an extra jolt of cosmic energy to handle what must be done, and handle it well. A strong sense of personal rightness, when used on behalf of all beings, makes just about everything go over smoothly.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You not only know yourself, you like yourself tremendously, which inspires others around you to do the same. You'll need to be compassionate to get along with family tonight.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The wheel of fortune spins in your favor, whether or not you're the one taking a risk. Since it seems you can't lose, you may as well paste a smile on your face, hold your head up high and open up your arms in warm reception.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Talking to someone for the first time can be tricky for some, but with Mercury as your guide, the right words seem to pop into your mouth the moment you need them. You'll flirt someone into a frenzy!

CANCER (June 22-July

Tomorrow's Horoscope

22). Your working life feels a little stale. In order to cheer up the picture, have a look back at some of this year's memorable career moments. Your ingenuity always gets you through. What will you think of next?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's OK to emotionally lean on your loved ones at times, but you wisely realize that needing others too much is a sure way to repel them. So you're on to the business of making yourself very, very happy now. Hurray!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You can sustain a level of high production by doing absolutely nothing now. You nestle into your own silent power, readying yourself for a time in the near future when you'll fly from this situation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your luckiest move turns out to be accepting responsibility. With one gesture of decency, you're on your way to a beautiful new relationship with that same old person.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The creative spark visits you when you let go of needing to be perfect. So forget the details, semantics and structures for now, and have more fun with life's process.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your "personality-plus" is desperately needed. You warm cold hearts and work rooms that were all shuffling feet and eerie

silences before you came along. You leave 'em laughing in your wake.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A rapid and remarkable transformation is upon you. The change may not be apparent at first. You're like a child who can't feel his own growth, but suddenly the old clothes are much too short.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There are a growing number of people involved in your scene. Lead the team, and encourage its members to think coherently, act together and recognize the opportunity at hand.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Physical work raises your energy. Instead of using the elevator, climb stairs whenever possible. It's also favored to meet face-to-face instead of e-mailing, and to cook instead of eating out.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm a Libra, born Oct. 8, 1982, and have known my boyfriend, a Sagittarius, born Dec. 13, 1982, for four years. We've had a very tumultuous relationship and have broken up for long periods (once longer than a year) before reconciling. I love him and am very committed to our relationship, but feel that he's really pulled back in the last month, and I can't figure out why. He also hasn't told his mother, a Taurus, we're dating, and in fact, I've never met her! Is this a bad sign? Or should I

trust the love he says he has for me and know that steadier commitment will come in time? I really want us to work and am willing to do what I can to make it work!

People can only give us what we willingly accept. You're responsible for asking for what you need. Is it important for you to meet his mom? With your Cancer moon, of course it is! So ask. Commitment fears weigh heavy on him. You want marriage. There's promise here, but how long can you live on a promise?

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Nicole Kidman plays the quintessential heroine so fabulously because she is one. This Gemini's got a grand trine (three planets) of fire that's as exciting as it sounds. Venus in Leo plays leading lady extraordinaire; Sagittarius moon's lust for life is unstoppable; and ambitious Saturn in Aries closes the triad. It's a year of high love and romance for Kidman, which means more heart-capturing romantic leads for us.

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Annie's Mailbox®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I am the mother of a 9-year-old girl, "Tandy." She has been friends with a group of girls almost since birth, but this year (third grade) has been terrible.

Tandy attends private school as well as church with these girls. One of them is very mean-spirited and constantly telling the others not to play with my daughter. I have tried talking to the mother of this girl but have gotten nowhere. Her attitude is "kids will be kids."

I know it's normal for friendships to change through childhood, but how do I explain this to my sobbing daughter? It breaks my heart to see her get off the bus crying because someone wouldn't play with her or



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

sit next to her on the bus. How do I handle this? — Kellie

Dear Kellie: It's a shame that these girls are so nasty and have parents who refuse to teach them that such behavior is wrong. You cannot turn these girls into better human beings, so you need to work on your daughter's response.

Don't sympathize too much, or Tandy will see herself only as a victim. Be as positive and as empowering as you can. Tandy is not too young to understand that those who demean others are on a power trip, and can

only build themselves up by dragging someone else down. And worse, they feed off her reaction. Help her see that these immature girls are not worth her time, energy or emotional investment. Teach her to ignore them and to find other, more decent, classmates to befriend. It's a hard road, but in the long run, she will be better off and can hold her head up with pride.

Dear Annie: I just finished reading the letter about the young girl who needed to use deodorant. What do you do when the problem is your 60-year-old supervisor who thinks deodorant causes cancer? Some days, the odor is so strong, you can smell her from another room.

We have given "Meg" gift baskets with scented deodorants and lotions, but she doesn't use them. We once spoke to her supervisor, thinking there might be a physical or mental problem that should be addressed. Things got marginally better for a while, but now they are worse than ever. I hate to go running

back to her boss, as Meg is already under a lot of pressure. Any suggestions? —

Asphyxiated at Work

Dear Asphyxiated: There were some studies done a few years ago that looked for links between cancer and aluminum chlorohydrate in antiperspirants, and parabens in both antiperspirants and deodorants. According to the National Cancer Institute, the results were inconclusive and no concrete evidence was found. We hope you have the courage to take Meg aside, privately, and say she is likely unaware that she has a noticeable body odor. To ease her concerns, inform her that there are natural deodorants (available at health-food stores and other places) that do not contain either of these suspect chemicals.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Disappointed in Louisville, Ky.," whose husband doesn't want a vasectomy. I am 78 and had a vasectomy when I was 31. My late wife, who was an RN, asked me to have one. It greatly increased and improved our sex life, and we were active and intimate until she passed away.

I am getting married again very soon, and I can assure you that our sex life will be wonderful. My vasectomy had no effect on my ability to perform.

So, Kentuckians, heed the info, and have the man get off his duff and get to the doctor pronto. He will only regret that he didn't get the procedure sooner. — Florida

Dear Florida: Thanks for the testimonial — and congratulations on your upcoming marriage. It sounds like you will make your new wife very happy.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar.

Legals

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Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Grady Lynn Cunningham, Deceased, were issued on June 7, 2007 in Docket Number P-13533, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, in Probate, to Jonathan K. Beach, Independent Executor.
The address of record for Jonathan K. Beach is c/o Kerr, Ward, McLaughlin & Miller, L.L.P., P.O. Box 2858, Midland, Texas 79702. All persons having claims against the Estate are required to present their claims within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Dated on this 13th day of June, 2007.
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Rise of the cyber mob is upon us

It's the year of energy drinks, hybrid cars, Facebook — and botnets.

In the world of cyber-crime, the theme of the year is botnets, said James Lewis, director and senior fellow of the technology and public policy program with the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, D.C.

While it's hard to summon a mental image of Tony Soprano luging around a laptop, or jacking into WiFi to lift a few dollars as opposed to beating the mess out of some poor sod with a bat, that's exactly where crime is headed.

Just a few weeks ago, botnets were responsible for the attacks against government sites in Estonia. Cyber-criminals are organizing these botnets into a weapon in order to steal information, block a service or send spam, said Lewis, who was speaking at a press conference for last week's release of the McAfee North America

Criminology Report: Organized Crime and the Internet 2007.

Personally, the fact we need to hold a North America criminology conference just for computer technology is frightening, but I suppose that's just the shape of the brave new world we live in.

And worst of all, users are unlikely to notice if they have a bot, since bots hide themselves and may even have a legitimate name. Bots can also be reconfigured for instant messaging, which is often allowed through corporate firewalls and across networks.

The report looks at the "professionalization" of theft, fraud and extortion over the Internet. The problem is that it's difficult for police to collect evidence from other countries, and skillful cyber-criminals are recruiting low-level criminals — often youth — or "cyber-mules" in the target country.

Remember the day when the worst you had to worry about was little Billy stumbling onto a porn site while surfing the net? That was dangerous. Give that same kid the ability to make enough money to buy an Xbox and now you have a real epidemic just wait-

ing in the wings, quietly sharpening its claws.

A 2006 survey found that almost two-thirds of Canadian businesses had lost income, customers and productivity due to cyber-crime. Many report cyber-crime costs them more than traditional theft or robbery. And one FBI estimate put the cost of cyber-crime to the U.S. economy at \$67 billion in 2005.

Much like Facebook, MySpace or other online communities, cyber-criminals have created their own communities, and it's easy to access tools such as keystroke loggers, which are available for sale — in some cases you can pay with a credit card, certainly a novel approach.

"What is the risk of being caught?" said

Lewis. "It's not zero, but close to zero. If you live in Kazakhstan or Romania, you don't really face any risk."

Because the odds of being caught are so low, these cyber-crime communities are thriving.

At this point, we're seeing 125 to 175 new unique pieces of malware every day, said Dave Marcus, security research and communications manager for McAfee Avert Labs in Santa Clara, Calif.

Rootkits are the most insidious form of malware, and attacks are generally stealthier than we've seen in the past. "You won't see an outbreak of rootkits," said Marcus. McAfee has a rootkit stinger in its security suite; most security software has that capability built in. But

the problem is becoming more of an education issue, he added. Some 35 per cent of shared music, for example, is infected.

I guess the recording industry found a new way to win the war on music pirating. Oh, come on now, is it really so far fetched to think they have helped advance something that will make downloading illegal tunes less attractive? That's right, just keep eating your government-laced corn flakes. Everything will be OK.

Eventually we'll see

more malware on handheld devices, RFID tags and any new technology coming down the pipe — McAfee sees five to 10 samples a week of malware for handhelds. Most malware is written for Windows because it's the largest target of opportunity. Similarly, in the world of mobile technology, most malware is written for Symbian at this point.


I suddenly like my Mac again.

Social engineering is

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♥ K 6 5 4
♦ 9 5 2
♣ Q 8

WEST
♠ Q 10 8
♥ J 10 8 3
♦ J 6
♣ A K 10 2

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

SOUTH
♠ A J 9 5 3
♥ A Q 7 2
♦ A K 4
♣ 9

The bidding:
South West North East
1♠ Pass 2♠ Pass
4♠

Opening lead — king of clubs.
Like a general on the field of battle, a declarer has 26 soldiers at his command, and if he deploys them with maximum efficiency, he can usually achieve everything it is possible to achieve.

Consider this deal where South was in four spades. West led the club king and continued with the ace, ruffed by South. Ordinarily, declarer would have made 10 or 11 tricks, losing a club, a diamond and perhaps a spade or a heart (but probably not both).

However, when declarer played the K-A of spades, he discovered he had a sure trump loser, and when he next played the A-K of hearts, he learned he had a heart loser as well.

Unfazed by these developments, South proceeded to make the contract anyway. Having learned that West had exactly three spades and four hearts, declarer realized there was a good chance West could be entangled. At trick seven, therefore, South conceded a trump to West's queen. West then made the normal return of the jack of hearts.

South took the heart with the queen, cashed his A-K of diamonds and then led the seven of hearts to West's ten. West's last two cards were the 10-2 of clubs, so he was forced to yield a ruff-and-discard, and with it the contract. (Alternatively, South could have led the four of diamonds instead of a heart at trick 11, forcing East to yield the ruff-and-discard.)

The hand vividly demonstrates how a declarer can overcome one or more unexpected bad breaks. South started as a heavy favorite to avoid either a trump or a heart loser, but both those hopes were dashed early in the play. He nevertheless marshaled his forces in time to execute a successful endplay and so bring home the contract.

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State briefs

Country singer arrested in McClain County

PURCELL, Okla. (AP) — McClain County prosecutors have charged a singer who topped the country music charts in the 1970s with three felony drug counts.

Blanchard police stopped Johnny Rodriguez Friday at U.S. Highway 62 and Rockwell west of Oklahoma City on a complaint of speeding, according to a court affidavit filed with the charges.

Officers then found what they believed to be bags of marijuana, methamphetamine, drug paraphernalia and an open container of beer in Rodriguez's pickup truck, court papers said.

Rodriguez was charged with felony counts of possession of a controlled dangerous substance, possession of marijuana and driving under the influence of drugs.

The 55-year-old Laredo, Texas, resident also was charged with possession of paraphernalia, a misdemeanor. He was released from the McClain County jail Saturday on \$6,500 bail.

Rodriguez had six No. 1 hits on the country charts in the 1970s, including "I Just Can't Get Her Out of My Mind," "Love Put a Song in My Heart" and "That's The Way Love Goes."

According to his tour schedule, Rodriguez was supposed to sing at the Old West Fest in Sperry on Friday night, but event organizers said he didn't make it.

Bobby Heath said Monday's approximately \$4,500 deficit was inevitable because ticket sales tend to be sluggish until the \$200,000 starting jackpot reaches more enticing proportions.

But a lottery watchdog accused the commission of gambling with the state's money by promising to pay the advertised jackpot when there's little chance players will buy enough tickets to fund the prizes.

Judge grants injunction in Farmers Branch rental ban

DALLAS (AP) — A federal judge blocked the Dallas suburb of Farmers Branch on Tuesday from enforcing a voter-approved law prohibiting apartment rentals to illegal immigrants until a legal challenge is resolved.

U.S. District Judge Sam Lindsay found Farmers Branch officials attempted to regulate immigration differently from the federal government.

The ordinance would have required apartment managers to verify that renters are U.S. citizens or legal immigrants before leasing to them, with a few exceptions. Landlords would have faced fines of up to \$500 for violating the measure with each day considered as a separate violation.

Farmers Branch voters endorsed the ordinance 2-to-1 in May during the nation's first public vote on a local government measure meant to combat illegal immigration.

Enforcement agents arrested Ramon Felix, 46, and his 24-year-old son, Pablo Felix, at their El Paso home Monday on smuggling conspiracy charges. Herminia Guzman-Rubalcava, 50, also was arrested Monday in El Paso and appeared in court with the Felixes.

Another hearing was set for Friday morning.

The three have been indicted on charges of conspiracy to smuggle immigrants, conspiracy to aid or assist previously deported and convicted aggravated felons, and aiding and abetting in the transportation of illegal immigrants.

FTC: Whole Foods CEO talked of ruling natural-foods business

DALLAS (AP) — The chief executive of Whole Foods Market Inc. told his board that if it bought its leading rival, the company would "eliminate forever" the possibility that anyone else could create a nationwide competitor in the natural and organic grocery business, government lawyers say.

Chairman and Chief Executive John Mackey also said that buying Wild Oats Markets Inc. would let Whole Foods "avoid nasty price wars" in several cities where the two compete, the lawyers wrote in a court document unsealed Tuesday.

Federal Trade Commission lawyers reported the comments in a request this month for a temporary injunction to block Whole Foods from buying Wild Oats. A federal judge approved the

request.

Mackey made an unusually public counterattack on the FTC. In a blog on the company's Web site, he accused regulators of bullying, arrogance and deciding to oppose the deal before starting the investigation.

Energy industry coming together on FutureGen, official says

ODESSA (AP) — The project director for FutureGen says it has been rewarding to watch the energy industry come together for the proposed near-zero-emissions coal power plant.

Two sites in Texas and two in Illinois are finalists for the \$1.5 billion project headed by the U.S. Department of Energy and a consortium of 10 energy companies from the United States, China and Australia.

"This is not just about mining coal," Thomas Sarkus, of the Department of Energy's National Energy Technology Laboratory, said at an open house Tuesday night in Odessa. "We're looking for concern from the community."

About 40 people attended the meeting where Sarkus and others answered questions about the FutureGen project, a plant designed to turn coal into a hydrogen-rich gas to produce electricity for about 275,000 single-family homes.

FutureGen Environmental Manager Mark McKoy said while power plants traditionally haven't been welcomed into communities, the four remaining possible sites all want the plant.

Sales to cover prize in latest Two Step drawing

AUSTIN (AP) — Lottery players didn't snap up enough Texas Two Step tickets to pay for the prizes won in Monday night's drawing, forcing state officials to dip into another account to reward the winners.

Texas Lottery Commission spokesman

3 accused of running immigrant smuggling ring denied bail

EL PASO (AP) — A man, his son and a woman accused of running a smuggling ring in which truckers were paid to transport illegal immigrants in sleeper cabs were ordered held without bail by a federal judge Tuesday.

Immigration and Customs

CYBER MOB

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the weakest link going forward. "That's why pyramid schemes still work," said Marcus. A lot of malware, such as spyware, is easy to deal with from a technical point of view, but social engineering attacks — like phishing — require user education.

When criminals believe that cyber-crime is no longer risk-free, fewer will engage in it, the report says. But until

then, cyber-crime will continue to increase.

And increase. And increase.

McAfee also released an update to its study on the safety of search engines, which shows that while the overall safety risk to search engine users declined by about 1 percentage point, sponsored results — paid for by advertisers — remain significantly more risky than non-sponsored results.

Overall, it estimates that U.S. consumers make approximately 276

million monthly searches that lead to Web sites that could compromise online safety. And just think, you decided not to renew your security updates because you never use them. Tsk, tsk. Go get 'em, Tony!

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BEST IN TEXAS

Charleston mourns 9 firefighters lost in blaze

By **RUSS BYNUM**

Associated Press Writer

CHARLESTON, S.C. — One coached football when he wasn't fighting fires. Another cut hair at a barbershop. Yet another was known for quoting the Bible. They called each other nicknames like "Squirrel" and "Lightning."

On Tuesday, this city on the South Carolina coast mourned them all: nine firefighters killed inside a burning furniture store in the nation's worst loss of firefighters since the 2001 World Trade Center attack.

"They did exactly what they were trained to do," fire Chief Rusty Thomas said.

They went into the burning building on Monday in search of two employees who had been reported to be trapped inside.

One employee made it out. The other, Jonathan Tyrell, said he banged with a hammer, hoping someone would find him before the fire reached him. A firefighter was eventually able to pull him out.

"I hugged him and told him 'thank you' over and over," Tyrell said in an interview aired Wednesday on CBS' "The Early Show."

The cause of the fire at the Sofa Super Store was under investigation, though arson was not suspected.

Soon after the firefighters entered, flames swept the warehouse, blowing out windows and collapsing the roof.

"I lost nine of my best friends," Thomas said Tuesday, choking back tears. "To the families, you gave them to us, and we protected them as best as we could."

The men ranged in age from 27 to 56 and together had 131 years of experience with the Charleston Fire Department.

At 56, James "Earl" Drayton, known around the fire station as "Squirrel," was the oldest of the group.

Michael French was the youngest firefighter at 27, and had joined just 18 months ago.

Melvin Champaign was nicknamed "Pimp Daddy" because of his flashy clothes. But the name belied his love of Bible study.

Capt. Billy Hutchinson, a 30-year veteran, was jokingly tagged "Lightning" because of his slow, deliberate pace. Hutchinson, 48, worked off-duty at a barber shop.

Brad Baity, 37, was a part-time house painter. Capt. Louis Mulkey, 34, helped coach football and basketball players at Summerville High School, where he had played quarterback.

Also killed were Capt. Mike Benke, 49; Mark Kelsey, 40; and Brandon Thompson, 37.

It was the largest loss of firefighters' lives since the Sept. 11 attacks that killed 340, and the deadliest fire in South Carolina since a 1979 blaze that killed 11 people in the Lancaster County jail.

The blaze plunged the city of 106,000 and its 237 surviving firefighters into mourning.

Some firefighters wept. Others fell to their knees, held their heads in their hands, or sat slumped on the bumpers of their fire trucks.

Mourners left flowers outside fire stations and state officials ordered flags lowered to half staff. Firefighters draped an American flag over a sign near the front of the store.

President Bush said in a statement the firefighters were "true heroes who demonstrated great skill and courage. Their unwavering commitment to their neighbors and to the city of Charleston is an inspiration to all Americans."

As they searched the building and tried to extinguish the flames, the firefighters had to pick

their way through rows of sofas and mattresses stacked five and six high on racks in the cavernous warehouse, a corrugated-metal structure next to a gas station.

Capt. Jeff Harrison said the men might have fallen victim to a flashover, in which gases heat a building and its contents so intensely that they burst into flames.

Buildings with lots of furniture are especially vulnerable, because of the wood lacquer, polyurethane foam and other combustible materials that can reach flashover at a relatively low temperature — sometimes within minutes of a fire's outset.

"When they called it in, the fire wasn't all that large at the time," said

Harrison, who lost three of his crew in the fire. "By the time they got there and got inside, they were just trying to make an attack on it and it got enough oxygen in there and flashed over and the whole building went up in flames."

The building had no fire sprinklers and was not required to have them. The fire chief said sprin-

klers would not have put out the fire but would have at least slowed it.

Mayor Joseph P. Riley Jr. said the one-story warehouse had a drop ceiling that contained lots of oxygen. That, along with the combustible furniture, made it "a much more complicated building from a firefighting event than one might imagine."

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It's rodeo time!

74th Annual Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo begins Thursday

By **JONATHAN HULL**

Sports Editor

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The first rodeo was held in the Cold Strayhorn Addition, southeast of Big Spring, in 1934. It was moved to 11th Place, west of where the Howard College campus is located today, for a few years.

In 1950, the association purchased land and constructed what was at the time, and still is today, one of the most interesting rodeo complexes anywhere. Taking advantage of a natural canyon, the association built the concrete and steel Rodeo Bowl, where the event has been held ever since.

This year's festivities will kick off with the traditional



Mike Mathis
veteran announcer

Rodeo schedule

Thursday

5:30 p.m. — Parade

8 p.m. - Grand Entry

9:30 p.m. - Teen Dance, free with rodeo admission

Friday

8 a.m. - Golf Tourney at Country Club

8 p.m. - Grand Entry

9:30 p.m. - Dance with Jake Hooker and the Outsiders, \$10.

Saturday

8 a.m. - Steer roping slack

8 p.m. - Grand Entry

9:30 p.m. - Dance with Aaron Watson, \$15.

rodeo parade at 5:30 p.m. Thursday. The parade will start at 11th and Main Streets, travel north to Third and Main, and then come back down south on Scurry Street to the starting point.

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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

A cowboy attempts to wrestle a steer to the ground in the steer wrestling competition at the 2005 Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo at the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl.

pating in this year's rodeo.

Each night will lead off with the bareback riding competitions and will be immediately followed by mutton busting for boys and girls.

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will be put on the backs of sheep. Prizes are awarded to the children that can stay on the sheep the longest.

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A bull rider hangs on tight as his bull tries to buck him off at the 2006 Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo at the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl.

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"Very few events in this day and time last 74 years. I have a strong desire to make sure that this continues for as long as possible."

—Skipper Driver

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Rodeo for Dummies: Lessons to cowboy by

I hope I'm not alone in this town, when I say that the extent of my rodeo knowledge is limited to the movie "8 Seconds." Outside of what actors Stephen Baldwin and Luke Perry tell me in that movie, I have no understanding of rodeo at all.

Yet, here I am back in Big Spring, the town I grew up in, where the Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo is one of the biggest events to come to town every year. However, I can recall attending the local rodeo just once.

I don't exactly know why rodeo has passed me by. It's not that I dislike the sport. I actually admire the courage



Jonathan Hull

and ability it takes to do what these cowboys do and I do enjoy watching bull riding on television from time to time.

Maybe it's because I cringe at the thought of myself in cowboy boots, Wranglers and a cowboy hat. The style just doesn't seem to suit me. Fortunately I've been told that my normal dress will be OK while I cover the Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo this week. Although, I have had more than one offer from others to take me down to Ward's Western Wear to get the proper rodeo attire.

The truth is, I practically pulled an all-nighter so that I can truly be prepared to report what I witness Thursday through Saturday.

Here's what I've learned...

Lesson 1: It turns out that there are several more events

other than bull riding, despite it being the only rodeo event that is usually broadcast on television. This is probably important to know, considering there will be nine events taking place each night at the Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo. Now that I think of it, I do remember Lane Frost marrying a barrel racer in "8 Seconds". Maybe I should trust movies less to provide complete information.

Lesson 2: Bareback-riding cowboys and bull riders are not holding one arm up in the air for style.

The flailing arm is supposed to show the rider is using only one hand because they are disqualified if they touch the body of the animal with their free hand. The goal of the rider is to stay upon their beast for eight seconds. Hence,

the name of the great movie I keep referring to.

After they stay on for the entire eight seconds, the riders are given a score with a 100 being a perfect score. Anything over 70 is considered decent. The point system leads us to our next lesson.

Lesson 3: Scoring. I've always seen scores awarded for an eight-second ride on television, but I've never quite understood how the judges came up with that score. Why does one rider score more than another? My untrained rodeo eye doesn't see a difference between the two rides.

Two judges give 1-25 points for the cowboy's performance and 1-25 points for the animal's performance.

The four scores are then combined and that's how a score is produced.

The judges award points based on several key aspects of the ride. They look for constant control and rhythm in the rider matching his movements with the animal's. Extra style points are awarded when a rider shows the ability to control the animal.

Often times this is accomplished by spurring the horse or bull.

The animal is judged by its overall agility, power and speed. Simply put, if the rider has a hard time, then a good number of points will be awarded.

Lesson 4: Vocabulary. Cowboys have their own language that surrounds rodeo. Some of their lingo can make you feel as if you're in a foreign country.

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Gizmo McCracken, the rodeo's specialty act and barrel man, has been ACRA Clown of the Year five times, a PRCA Comedy Act of the Year nominee and was the 2006 Dodge National Circuit Finals Rodeo (DNCFR) Specialty Act of the Year.

Veteran rodeo announcer Mike Mathis, who works atop his horse inside the arena, will again return to give his special flavor to the rodeo. He is a local favorite and participates in activities throughout Big Spring during rodeo week. He has called some of the sport's most prestigious events. He was nominated for PRCA Announcer of the Year in 2002 and has announced the Texas Circuit Finals Rodeo a total of 16 times. Last year, he was selected to work the National Finals Steer Roping in Hobbs, N.M., for the third time in his career.

Carr Pro Rodeo, established in 2005 by Pete

Carr of Dallas and Malakoff, Will again be producing this year's rodeo. The company has stock already slated for National Finals Rodeo appearances.

Driver expects each night's rodeo to end at approximately 10 p.m. The festivities don't end with the conclusion of the rodeo though.

There will be a dance just for teens on Thursday, June 21, and traditional rodeo dances on Friday and Saturday nights. All dances are held at the Dora Roberts Fair Building on the rodeo grounds.

No one over 19 years of age will be admitted to the Thursday night dance, and paid admission to the rodeo is the ticket for that deejay dance.

Jake Hooker and the Outsiders headline the 9:30 p.m. Friday dance. The \$10 per person tickets may be purchased at the door of the fair barn on the night of the dance.

Aaron Watson will headline the Saturday night dance. Tickets are \$15 per person and can also be purchased at the

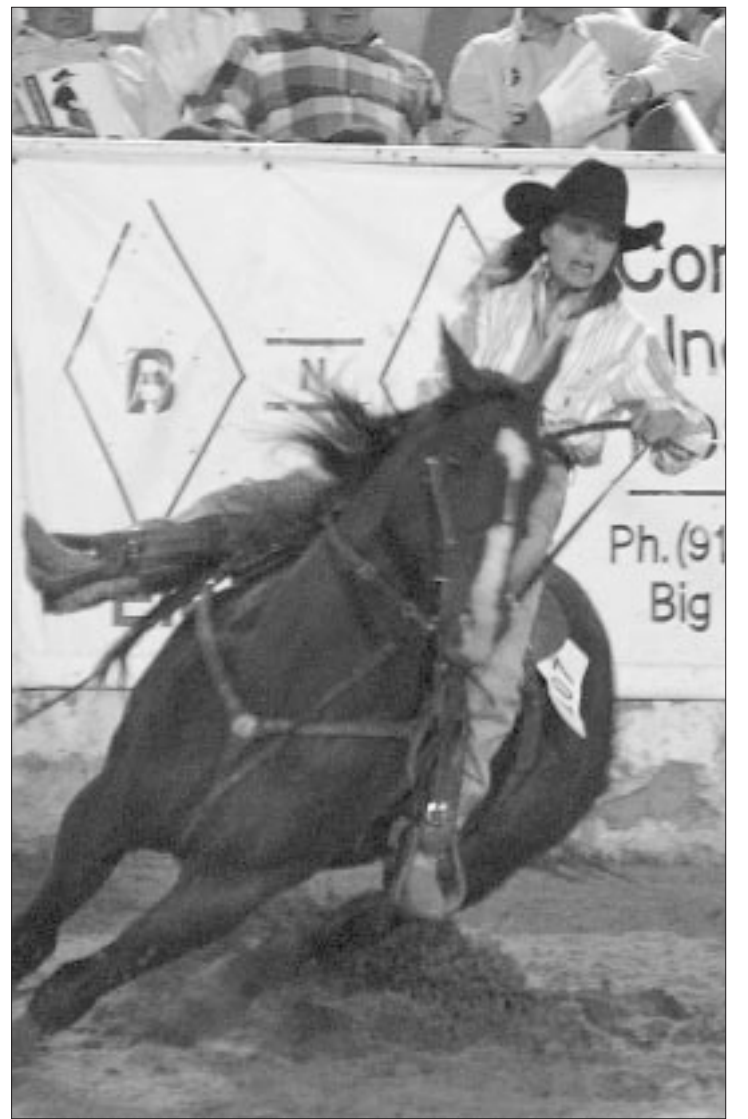
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Box seats are available for the three-day rodeo run. To make reservations, call Dr. Rip Patterson at 267-2435.

Also in conjunction with the rodeo, the four-man Cowboy Scramble Golf Tournament benefiting the Justin Cowboy Crisis Fund will begin at 8 a.m. Friday, June 22, with a shotgun start at the Big Spring Country Club.

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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
A cowgirl makes a turn around a barrel during the barrel racing competition at the 2006 Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo at the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl.

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Gizmo McCracken

Herald Staff Report

For the past 29 years, Dale "Gizmo" McCracken has been traveling from Canada to Texas and East Coast to West Coast, entertaining crowds on several rodeo circuits.

"Sometimes it doesn't seem right to have this much fun and get paid for it," said Gizmo.

He started his act as a bullfighting clown and moved into stand-up comedy. Gadgets and gizmos that went sour were often a part of his routine, hence his name, "Gizmo, World's Greatest Inventor."

"A lot of clowns and

specialty acts sell themselves with a bucking car or a dancing horse," said the clown. "I supply a character. Nobody knows what I'm going to do next. They just have to trust me."

Rodeo crowds might meet any one of his alter egos. Maybe Ozzy Osborne, a wild Jerry Lewis, Dr. Giz, Sir-Rink-In Machine, or even Elvis.

"There's all kinds of different things that could happen," said Gizmo. "I like to keep people looking for me and wondering what I'm going to do next."

The acts share a high-

energy, clean, family oriented feel. He tries not to do anything that children would be disciplined for if they copied him.

"I don't want to get kids set up for a whoopin'," he said.

Which character he becomes depends on the crowd. Gizmo tries to read the group, gauging what they would like.

"Is it a rowdy group or more laid back?" he said, he way of explanation. "Would they appreciate the subtler routines or the big bang?"

Gizmo became a member of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association in 1992. Since

that time the list of accomplishments has grown nicely. He's worked eight PRCA Circuit Finals Rodeos, two Cheyenne Frontier Days, and was twice nominated for the Comedy Act of the Year. He considers his biggest accomplishment being a feature act at the 2005 Wrangler National Finals Rodeo.

"I love people. I love working the crowd," said the Wheaton, Mo., native. "I hope I can help people forget their problems for a while and just have a good time. Just have some family fun. If I can pull that off, then I've had a good night."

Benefit Golf Tournament for injured cowboys

By **JONATHAN HULL**

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It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out that rodeo is a dangerous sport. Several cowboys have been injured or even lost their lives while competing in their sport. The high risk of injury and death leads insurance companies away from covering the risks that these men and women put themselves in on a nightly basis.

The Justin Boot Company saw a need and decided to fulfill it. Now, nearly every rodeo in

the country finds a way to provide funds to the Justin Cowboy Crisis Fund. The fund provides finances for injured rodeo contestants.

Big Spring's way of contributing to the charity is through an annual golf tournament. This year will be the fourth installment of the annual event.

The four-man scramble tournament will start at 8 a.m. Friday at the Big Spring Country Club. Cost of the tournament is \$50 a person.

The fund started out as simply the Justin Sports Medicine

Organization. It was an organization dedicated to providing a sports trainer for every rodeo in the country to tend to the injuries sustained by the cowboys.

From that organization came the Cowboy Crisis Fund. Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo Board of Directors President Skipper Driver calls the fund a "godsend for cowboys."

Dr. Rip Patterson is overseeing the organization of this year's tournament and takes pride in contributing to the cri-

sis fund.

"Very few pro rodeo cowboys can afford the medical bills they incur," he said. "It's an honor to be able to contribute to such a worthwhile charity."

Patterson is hopeful for a better turnout this year, partly due to there being only one golf course available to play on.

"We've always had a strong turnout. Usually we'll have 12-14 teams competing," he said. "This year I expect to see more competitors because the city course is closed. Anyone who wants to play early morning

golf is welcome to join us in a friendly competition."

A lunch will be served on the course at noon. Justin will give away four pairs of boots to the winning team.

Several other prizes, including free pairs of Wrangler jeans and pro shop gift certificates, will be given away to competitors.

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Here's a quick study guide with a few commonly used terms in the rodeo arena.

Arm Jerker — A horse or bull that is really stout and bucks with the power to cause a great amount of pull on the contestant's arm.

Bufford — An animal that is easy to ride, rope or throw down.

Chasing the cans — The rodeo nickname for barrel racing.

Cowboy Up — A term used to indicate the need

to increase an individual's effort. The phrase was made famous in *8 Seconds*, when Stephen Baldwin, playing Tuff Hedeman, used it to inspire Lane Frost to get back on the bull.

Dink — An animal with very little bucking ability that jumps and kicks or just runs around the arena.

Freight trained — A contestant or clown that gets run over by a bull traveling at top speed.

Honker — A really rank and hard animal to ride.

Hooky — A bull that is really handy with its

horns.

Piggin' string — A small soft rope about six feet long used by calf ropers to tie the animal's feet together.

Snorty — A bull that blows air at a clown or downed cowboy.

OK. Now that we're all educated, there is no longer an excuse for not attending the 74th annual Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo starting Thursday.

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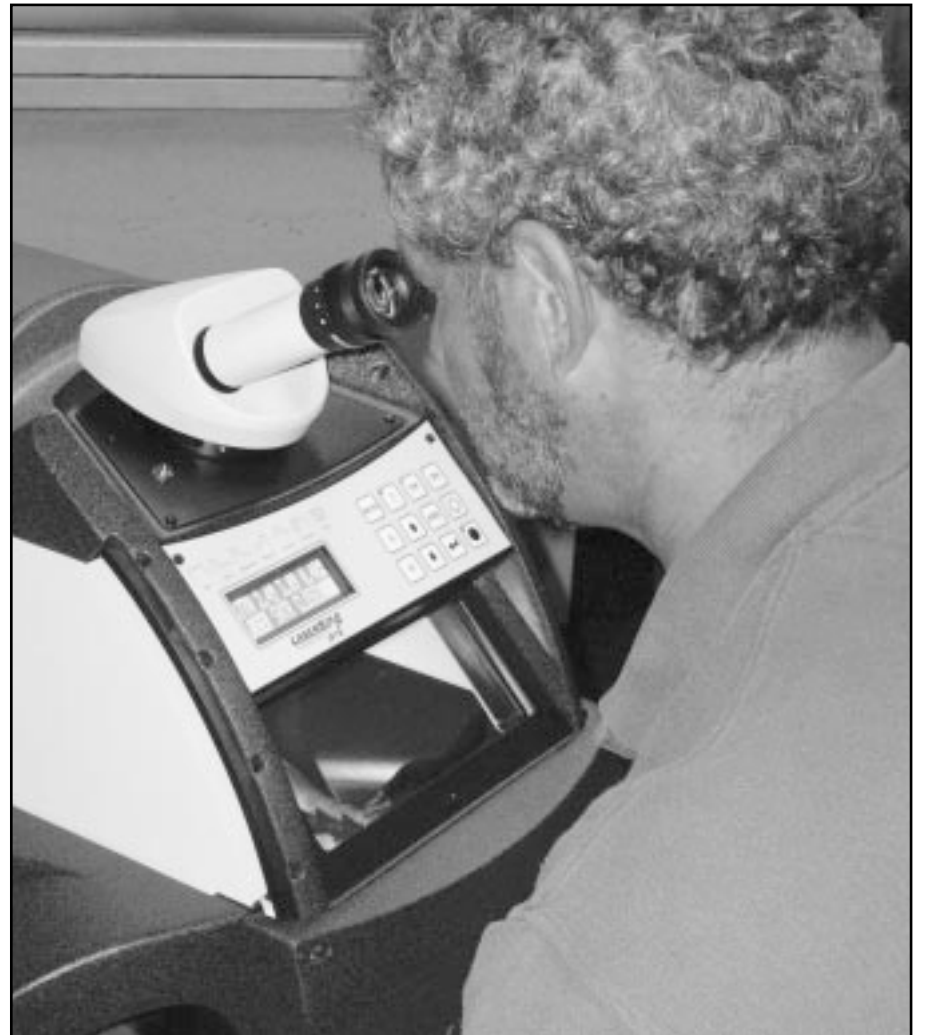
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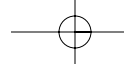


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(Center for Disease Control, "CDC")

Seniors are hospitalized for fall-related injuries 5 times more often than they are for injuries from all other causes. Falls are the leading cause of accidental death for seniors.
(Center for Disease Control, "CDC")

50% of people who fall require assistance from someone else to get up.

After a fall or other emergency, 90% of people who get help within one hour will continue independent living, but after 12 hours without help only 10% of people will continue to live at home.
(New England Journal of Medicine)

Nearly one half of the older adults who incur a serious injury never fully recover and many lose their ability to function independently for the rest of their lives. A good proportion end up in nursing homes, making falls and the injuries that result, one of the most substantial health threats facing older adults.
(Yale University School of Medicine)

In 2003, more than 1.8 million seniors age 65 years and older were treated in emergency departments for fall related injuries and more than 421,000 were hospitalized.
(Centers for Disease Control).



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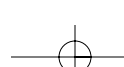
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