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74th rodeo begins today



Activities to get under way with downtown parade

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Big Spring residents will get the chance to experience tradition at its finest this week, as the 74th annual Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo gets under way this evening.

And while cowboys and cowgirls alike will be looking toward tonight's events and competitions at the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl, the annual event will find its official start this afternoon with the annual Rodeo Parade, slated to make its way through the downtown area.

According to rodeo officials, the parade will line up at 11th and Main and will feature six entry divisions in the annual float competition.

Led by a Big Spring Police Department honor guard, Hardin Simmons University's famed Six White Horses and

parade grand marshal Patricia McCormick, the parade is expected to begin at 5:30 p.m.

McCormick, known as the first American female bullfighter, showed her skills in more than 300 fights and became the



HERALD file photo
The Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo Parade will get under way at 5:30 p.m. today along its familiar route — south on Main Street from 11th Street to Third, then north on Scurry back to 11th. The first rodeo performance is tonight at 8 p.m.

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Larson named of executive director of local United Way

By DUSTIN WILSON
Staff Writer

Tim Larson wants you to know that the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County is more than being wrapped up in athletes — it's about helping communities.

June 1 the Big Spring native became the new executive director of the United Way, taking over Cynthia Scott's position.

"I have some big shoes to fill; the previous director had a lot of skills and a lot of talent. My background is in radio and marketing and I hope to bring those skills to the table," said Larson. "I worked last year at the Workforce Network here in Big Spring and dealt with many local businesses, trying to recruit people for employment.

"There's always room for new stuff and we are looking into new programs as we speak."

—Tim Larson

That's would I'd like to do with the United Way — help recruit people to give to the community."

Although Larson is ready to go, he's holding back on introducing new programs and focusing on assuming his new role.

"Right now it's going to be very status quo," Larson replied. "I'm still training with Cynthia and there's quite a lot to learn. I hope to bring a new vigor and energy to the position. There's

always room for new stuff and we are looking into new programs as we speak."

The United Way is responsible for aiding many businesses in Big Spring, and Larson feels that he's going to be a major asset to promote the charity organization.

"It's a great opportunity to do everything I can for the community. There are 15 different agencies the United Way helps, from Victim Services to the Boys Club, and there's just so many different things the organization does. Most people think it's just bunch of football players, and that's not the case." Larson added. "There are a lot of folks in our community turning around and helping other people."



HERALD photo/Dustin Wilson
Tim Larson has been named the new executive director of The United Way of Big Spring and Howard County.

WEEKEND ITEMS OF INTEREST

• Coahoma school trustees will conduct preliminary work on the 2007-2008 budget when they hold their monthly meeting at 7 p.m. today in the administration building board room.

• A carwash fund-raiser 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.

• House of Hope Community Church will have a garage sale beginning at 8 a.m. Saturday at 3704 Dixon. The church will also be selling barbecue plates until 2 p.m. The plates will consist of your choice of brisket, pork ribs, chicken or sausage,

along with the fixins, potato salad, red beans and dessert. Call ahead for dinners at 263-3233 or 816-1703. They may be picked up or delivered. The proceeds will support the ministry of the Rev. and Mrs. Floyd Green Jr. and the members of the House of Home Community Church. The church is in need of a van. Everyone is invited.

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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.

Magars-Powell camp scheduled

Rose Magars-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.

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Family tradition fuels directors' commitment

EDITOR'S NOTE: This story was supposed to be featured on the bottom of the front page of Wednesday's special rodeo section. Due to an editing error, it did not appear. Our apologies to the rodeo association's board of directors and our readers.

By **JONATHAN HULL**

Sports Editor

Family traditions are kept very close to hearts of the members of the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo Board of Directors.

But it doesn't just stop with their families. It's also very important to the board to carry on the rodeo tradition for the

local communities.

"Rodeo is a truly western American sport. They do the sport in the east, but it was popularized in the west," said board member Harry Middleton. "They don't do rodeo like we do in other countries. It's the biggest deal that comes to Big Spring every year. We probably have the oldest continuous rodeo in the state of Texas."

This year will mark the 74th anniversary of the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo. The three-day event starts at 8 p.m. Thursday.

Long-time board members

Middleton and board president Skipper Driver aren't sure how many years they've been involved with the Reunion and Rodeo. All Middleton can say about his tenure on the board is that he's been a member for "a good, long while."

Driver is also unsure about how long his tenure has been, but estimates that it's somewhere between 30 and 40 years.

Being apart of the board is a family tradition for both men. Driver is a third-generation member of the board. His grandfather, Ira Driver, was one of the original founders. His son, Dane

Driver, is also a member of the board, giving the Driver family a fourth generation.

Middleton is a second-generation board director. His father, R.V. Middleton, was one of the original directors.

Not only is the board a part of these men's family traditions, but rodeo is also firmly ingrained into their family history.

"I rodeoed when I was younger as did my wife, son and daughter," said Middleton. "It's definitely a family tradition."

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Sosa cranks 600th career home run

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON — Sammy Sosa bounced out of the batter's box with his trademark hop and thrust his right fist into the air.

Finally, Slammin' Sammy was a member of the 600-homer club — a delayed induction into an elite group that took considerably longer than most would have thought when he was playing his last game for the Chicago Cubs in 2004.

Playing for the Texas Rangers after a year out of baseball, Sosa connected Wednesday night against his former team to join Hank Aaron, Barry Bonds, Babe Ruth and Willie Mays with 600 homers.

"This one is pretty big because, normally I don't know if I would have come back to baseball having a year off," Sosa said. "Now, have a chance to celebrate No. 600, which is not a bad number, I'm very happy."

His 600th homer came in the Rangers' 7-3 victory over the Cubs, on a 1-2 pitch in the fifth inning off Jason Marquis, the 364th pitcher the 38-year-old Sosa has homered off in his 18 major league seasons.

"Getting my 600th against the Chicago Cubs, and my first team (was)

the Texas Rangers. It's like everything clicked," Sosa said.

Sosa played for the Cubs from 1992-2004, winning the '98 NL MVP award and making seven All-Star teams. He hit 545 homers for Chicago that pushed his career total within 26 of the milestone.

But there was his miserable 2005 season in Baltimore. He testified before Congress about possible steroid use in baseball during spring training before hitting .221 with 14 homers in 102 games.

Then came the year out of baseball, spent mostly at home in the Dominican Republic.

Sosa got back in the game by signing a minor league deal and making the roster in spring training with the Rangers, the franchise that originally signed him in 1985 when he was a lanky 16-year-old free agent.

Sosa hit his milestone homer nearly 18 years after hitting his first off Roger Clemens at Fenway Park in Boston on June 21, 1989. His latest was the 12th homer in 62 games this season.

"The guy took a year off from the big leagues and he hasn't missed a beat," Rangers shortstop Michael Young said. "That's saying a lot."

The homer landed in the Texas bullpen in right-center field. As Sosa rounded the bases, a banner was unfurled in center field congratulating him for his accomplishment, and pictures of all five members of the 600-homer club flashed on the scoreboard.

After being mobbed by his teammates at home plate, Sosa returned from the dugout for a curtain call and blew kisses to the crowd. He acknowledged the Cubs' dugout by tapping his chest with his fist, and Chicago manager Lou Piniella pointed back toward the slugger.

"You like to see professionals do what they do and Sammy's been a professional all these years," Piniella said. "All baseball fans should be happy for Sammy."

Chants of "Sam-my! Sam-my!" prompted a second curtain call from Sosa.

Before those cheers had even subsided, Frank Catalanotto hit another homer, the 75th of his career, to make it 6-1.

The Cubs had never played a regular season game in Texas before the series opener Tuesday, and were the only team Sosa had never faced. He now has homered against every major league team,

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MCT photo/Khampha Bouaphanh
Texas Rangers' Sammy Sosa celebrates after hitting his 600th home run in the fifth inning against the Chicago Cubs Wednesday in Arlington. The Rangers beat the Cubs, 7-3.

Tarheels force Rice into elimination game

By **ERIC OLSON**

AP Sports Writer

OMAHA, Neb. — Robert Woodard got it right this time.

Coming off the shortest start of his career five days ago, Woodard shut down Rice for six-plus innings Wednesday and North Carolina stayed in the College World Series with a 6-1 victory.

"There are a lot of good players who probably don't have the heart and pride in his performance that Robert Woodard has," Tar Heels coach Mike Fox said. "So today didn't surprise me or any of his teammates with how he came back and pitched after a rough outing the first time out."

Rice had 29 runs and 33 hits in its first two CWS games, one of which was a 14-4 victory over the Tar Heels on Sunday.

Woodard and two relievers limited the Owls to one run on six singles and a double on Wednesday, and Dustin Ackley broke open the game with a three-run homer to help the Tar Heels force another meeting with Rice on Thursday.

The winner meets defending national champion Oregon State in the best-of-three championship starting Saturday.

Rice (56-13), at No. 2, and 2006 national runner-up North Carolina (56-14), at No. 3, are the only remaining national seeds in the CWS.

"They're the No. 3 team in the

nation, so beating us twice in a row wouldn't be an upset," Rice's Joe Savery said. "At this point, you can't look at it as underdogs or that sort of thing. We just have to go win. As much as we want to talk about experience that benefits us, they have at least equal experience, and they made it a step farther last year."

Woodard (11-2) allowed five hits and one earned run in 6 2-3 innings. North Carolina starters struggled in the postseason until Luke Putkonen held Louisville to one run in seven innings in a 3-1 win Tuesday.

"The last two days we've gotten great starting pitching, which is what it takes to stay around out here," Fox said.

Last year Woodard went only three innings in an 11-7 loss to Oregon State in Game 2 of the championship series. He lasted just 1 2-3 innings in Friday's 8-5 win over Mississippi State, his shortest outing in 51 career starts.

Woodard said he and pitching coach Scott Forbes spent a lot of time together studying video and going over mechanics after the Mississippi State game.

"With the performance Luke had yesterday, I was fortunate to have the opportunity today," Woodard said. "I was definitely chomping at the bit and thankful it worked out the way it did."

Woodard gave up base hits in the first and second innings, then retired 12 of the next 13 batters before allowing back-to-back

singles in the seventh. He left after Danny Lehmann's two-out double drove in the Owls' only run.

Rob Wooten and Andrew Carignan finished for the Tar Heels, who handed the Owls their first loss in 10 games.

Ackley, one of the nation's top freshmen, broke out of a 5-for-37 slump with a fifth-inning single that was his school-record 113th hit of the season. In the seventh, Ackley lined a pitch from Chris Kelley over the right-field fence for his eighth homer and first since May 11. The homer was the Tar Heels' second in 15 games.

Ackley, a .400 hitter who was 1-of-15 in the CWS before his fifth-inning single, said he wasn't overly concerned about his recent lull. He said he tweaked his swing and tried to stay aggressive.

"I had pretty much the same mind-set I have every game — go out and hit the ball," Ackley said. "Before the game I talked with the coaching staff about mechanical things in my swing I wasn't doing right. I worked those things out and got some good swings."

For the second straight year, Rice's offense struggled after wins in its first two games here. The Owls were knocked out last year after getting shut out twice by Oregon State.

Rice managed only two hits through six innings Wednesday and didn't score until the seventh.

And after playing error-free ball for four straight games, the Owls committed two in a row to start North Carolina's two-run second inning.

Shortstop Brian Friday dropped a fly in short center, second baseman Aaron Luna bobbled a grounder and Garrett Gore singled before starter Ryan Berry (11-3) walked Reid Fronk with the bases loaded. Tim Fedroff's sacrifice fly made it 3-0.

"It was just a day where we got outplayed," Rice coach Wayne Graham said. "We'll show up tomorrow."

Graham said neither team is under more pressure.

"They came here to win the national championship, and so did we," he said. "They have to win a game to get into the championship series, and so do we."

Oregon St. 7, UC Irvine 1

Oregon State pitcher Daniel Turpen relaxed before the biggest game of his season by going fishing.

Coach Pat Casey said he would have given the junior a harder time about spending the day in the sun had he not thrown eight innings of one-run ball against UC Irvine to bring the Beavers one step closer to a repeat title.

"I got no control over these guys," coach Pat Casey said.

Relaxed and confident, Oregon State paved its way to the title

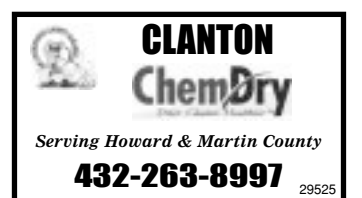
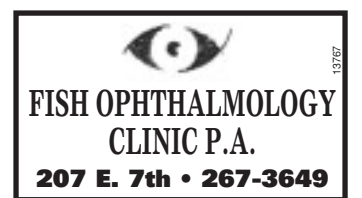
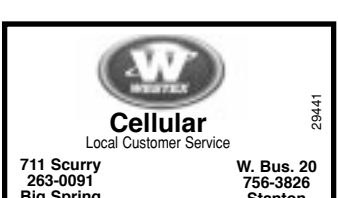
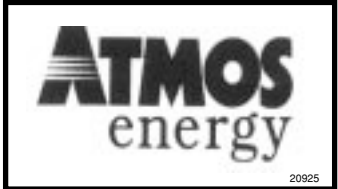
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Big Spring Cowboy Reunion PRCA Rodeo JUNE 21, 22, 23

Scheduled Performances

- Bareback Riding • Tie Down Roping • Saddle Bronc Riding
- Mutton Bustin' • Calf Roping • Steer Wrestling
- Bull Riding • Ladies Barrel Race • Team Roping

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Dances:
 Friday Night - Jake Hooker • \$10 Per Person
 Saturday Night - Aaron Watson • \$15 Per Person
DANCES START AT 9:20 PM • \$5 ADMISSION

PARADE: Thursday, June 21, 5:30 PM 11th & Main Street
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Specialty Act & Barrelman: Gizmo McCracken
 Bullfighters: Shane Kinney and Jody Sutherland
 Announcer: Mike Mathis will announce the rodeo on horseback in the arena
 Special Event: Mutton Bustin' each night - \$20 Entry Fee
 Contact: Quail Dobbs
 Thursday Night June 21 is Teen Night.

Calf Dressing Competition between area high schools. DJ Dance after the Rodeo.
 Admission to the dance is free with a paid admission to the rodeo.
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Golf Tournament Friday June 22, Big Spring Country Club, 8:00 AM, \$50 Per Man.
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Obituaries

William Dale Rains

Graveside service for William Dale Rains, 64, of Big Spring will be at 11 a.m. Friday, June 22, 2007, at Hillside Memorial Gardens in Snyder with the Rev. John Wade, pastor of the United Methodist Church in Texline, officiating. He died Tuesday, June 19, 2007, at Lubbock Heart Hospital. Arrangements are by Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

He was born Aug. 5, 1942, in Snyder to the late Dale and Millie (Wade) Rains. He attended Snyder High School and was a U.S. Navy veteran. He was a retired iron worker and heavy equipment operator in plant construction.

He is survived by his wife, Carol of Big Spring; four daughters, Cindy Lyle of Big Spring, Charla Weaver of Big Spring, Danna Jo Miller of Lubbock and Lana Jan Earle of Weinert; a son, Richard Rains of Big Spring; a sister, Jan Cromleigh of Zavalla; three brothers, Darrell Rains of Ballinger, Garry Rains of Ballinger and Jerry Rains of Thorndale; and 14 grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home in Snyder.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 1-8-16-39-41-47.
Number matching six of six: 0.
Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: \$12 million.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 1-2-20-29-32.
Number matching five of five: 0.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Thursday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order:
9-7-1

RODEO

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first North American woman to be given recognition as a professional bullfighter and a member of the Matador's Union of Mexico.

She retired from the bullring in 1962 and spent years in Midland before moving to Del Rio, where she currently resides.

The rodeo competition is expected to begin tonight with the grand entry at 8 p.m. at the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl.

"Seventy-four years is getting on up there," said Skipper Driver, a long-time member of the rodeo association board. "Not that many people put on professional rodeos in this part of the state. We're very proud of it."

The competition will feature the talents of many of the top competitors from the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) and Women's Professional Rodeo Association (WPRA). Among the field of competitors are cowboys and cowgirls who have appeared at the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, several of them having won world championships in the past.

Shows will continue nightly at 8 p.m. through Saturday.

"Rodeo's a tradition in this part of the country, and this one's been here for 74 years," said local country music musician Jody Nix, who's been on the board of directors for the rodeo the past 14 years. "We like putting it on."

Bull riding, saddle bronc riding, bareback riding, steer wrestling, calf roping and barrel racing will all be featured during the rodeo, which will also showcase the Mutton Bustin' competition featuring local youngsters displaying their rodeo skills.

Tickets at the gate will be \$10 for adults and \$6 for children. Advance tickets 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.

Advance tickets will remain on sale through the final performance Saturday.

Veteran rodeo announcer Mike Mathis, who

works atop his horse inside the arena, will again return to give his special flavor to the rodeo.

The rodeo will also include the antics of renowned rodeo clown Gizmo McCracken and the Dr. Giz Ambulance. 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.

There is a dance each night of the rodeo. Thursday is Teen Night — no one over 19 years of age will be admitted to the DJ dance, which is free with admission to the rodeo.

Dances are set for Friday and Saturday, as well, open to adults this time.

Friday's dance will feature Jake Hooker and the Outsiders and will cost \$10. Saturday, Aaron Watson will take the stage. The cost is \$15. Tickets may be purchased at the door of the fair barn on the night of the dance.

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Police

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m.

Wednesday and 7 a.m. today:

• **MICHAEL RANDALL**, 34, of 200 Banks, was arrested Wednesday on two local warrants.

• **DEBORAH HODNETT**, 45, of 112 Miller B, was arrested Wednesday on two local warrants.

• **KRYSTAL YANEZ**, 18, of 538 Westover, was arrested Wednesday on two local warrants.

• **MARIO IRENIO YANEZ**, 26, of 1408 Oriole was arrested Wednesday on one local warrant.

• **AGUSTIN FIERRO**, 40, of 707 Elegra, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.

• **DOMINGO LUJAN GALAVIZ**, 46, of 1102 N. Main, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.

• **KEITH DWAYNE KELLY**, 24, of 400 N. Lamesa, was arrested Thursday on a local warrant.

• **ADOLFO FRANCO**, 40, of 807 Timothy, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxica-

tion.

• **AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON** was reported in the unknown block of Nolan.

• **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported:
- in the 600 block of Circle.

- in the 100 block of Circle.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 1100 block of Fifth street.

Sheriff

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity: Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 62 inmates at the time of this report.

• **PAULA SUE BAKER**, 48, was arrested by the HCSO Wednesday on a Mitchell county warrant.

• **BONNIE KENNEDY MIERS**, 54, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD on a charge of theft.

• **MARY JEAN BERRY**, 36, was arrested by the HCSO Wednesday on a charge of disobedience of a court order.

• **DEBORAH HAM HODNETT**, 45, was arrested by DPS Wednesday on a charge of disregard of a stop sign.

• **YOLONDA MARIA LEWIS**, 46, was arrested by DPS Wednesday on charges of driving while license invalid and possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

• **WANDA SUE WILBERT**, 56, was

arrested by the HCSO Wednesday on a charge of delivery of a controlled substance.

• **RAY CARL MCGEE**, 30, was arrested by the HCSO Wednesday on charges of bail jumping and failure to appear.

• **MARIO S. LOPEZ**, 50, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• **JAMES ROY OVERTON**, 27, was arrested by the HCSO Thursday on a charge of theft.

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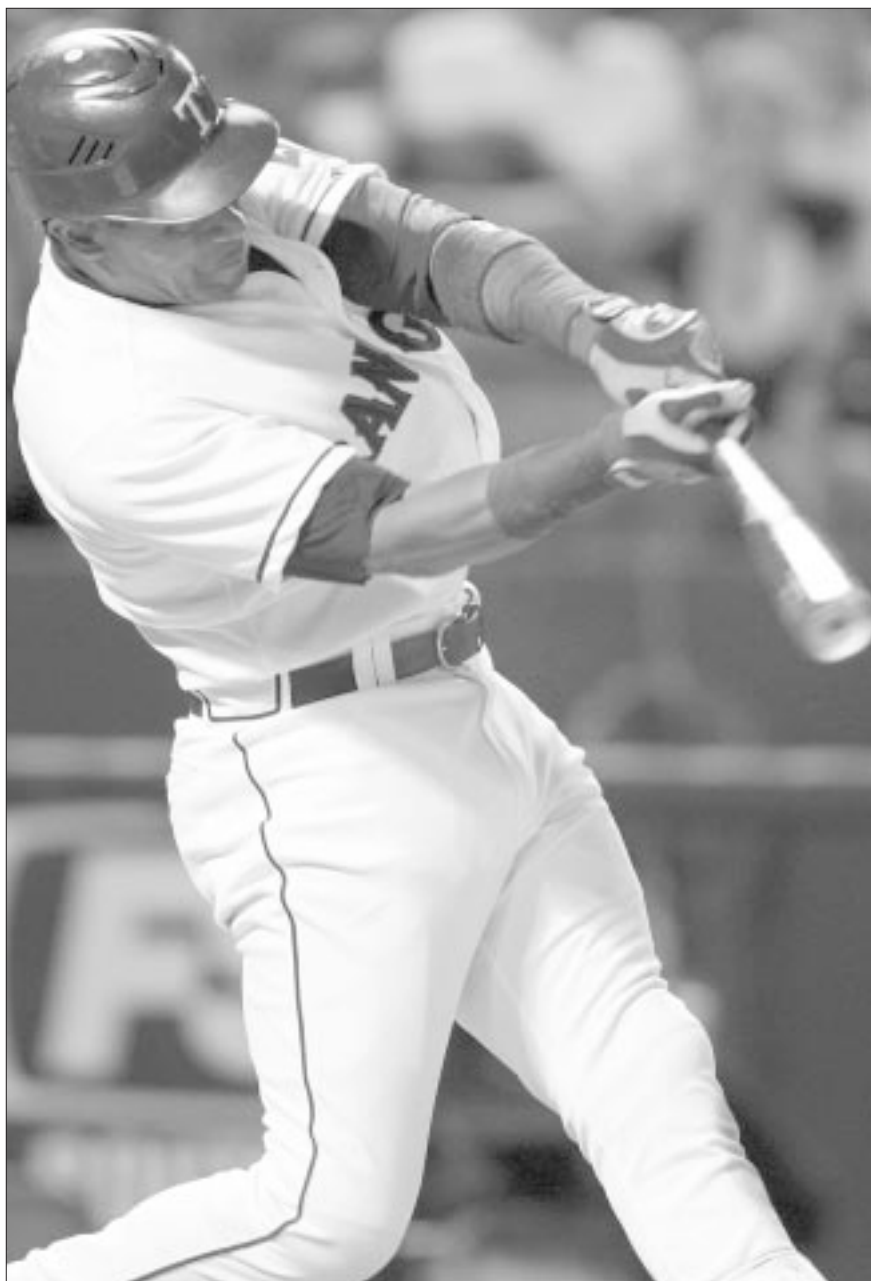
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AN ENCOURAGING WORD

By Eddy Pitchford

Friends brought me homegrown onions, radishes and squash this past week. These vegetables did not just happen. They grew as the result of soil preparation, seed planting, watering and working under the guiding hand of God.
Many of us want to harvest good in our lives but fail to plant and water. We act as if good marriages and relationships will just happen on their own. We live as if our choices will not influence our consequences. We fail to look to God for guidance and direction.
Perhaps it is time to remember, "Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life." (Galatians 6:7-8).
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Texas Rangers' Sammy Sosa hits his 600th home run in the fifth inning against the Chicago Cubs Wednesday in Arlington. Sosa became just the fifth player to hit 600 career home runs in Major League history. The Rangers topped the Cubs 7-3.

SOSA

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doing so in a record 45 different stadiums.

"People that know baseball know that I was retired for one year and to put everything together and come back, that's big," Sosa said. "That's why tonight, it was a great night."

Like Mark McGwire and Bonds, Sosa is suspected of using steroids before they were banned by baseball, and he was caught with a corked bat in front of his home crowd when he played for the Cubs in 2003.

He has never been penalized for a positive steroids test, however, and was not involved in the BALCO scandal that has dogged Bonds, who is only seven homers shy of matching Aaron's record mark of 755.

Sosa is the only player with three 60-homer seasons. He hit .308 with a career-high 66 homers and 158 RBIs in his 1998 MVP season for the Cubs — and was part of that memorable home run chase with McGwire, the first major leaguer to hit 70 homers.

When Sosa returned this season, he insisted he was coming back for more than the 12 homers he needed to reach 600.

"Definitely," Sosa reiterated after the game. "I'm showing the whole world I still have a few years left in the tank. I'm hungry every day. I'm here because I want to compete. Everything depends on how I feel a few more years. I feel great. Nothing can stop me

right now."

Rockies 6, Yankees 1

Outfielder Matt Holliday erased a 1-0 deficit with a two-run shot and the Colorado Rockies beat the New York Yankees for the second straight day, 6-1.

The Rockies are 19-7 since May 22, the best in baseball during that time. They cooled off the Yankees, who came to town with 14 wins in their last 17 games.

"It's huge. Two games against the Yankees, we've given up two runs. You can't say enough about the pitching," said Holliday.

The pitching was provided by Jeff Francis (7-5), who allowed a run and five hits with one walk, striking out a career-high nine in seven spectacular innings.

"I had more fun tonight than I think I ever had pitching," said Francis. "Pitched well, a crowd like that (48,440), against a team like that in a game like that where we're facing probably a future Hall of Famer."

Angels 8, Astros 4

Down 4-2, the Angels used a Houston error and four straight walks to tie the game. After a sacrifice fly by Orlando Cabrera, Guerrero hit Dave Borkowski's 1-0 pitch over the left-center fence for his 13th homer this season.

The Angels, tied for the best record in baseball, are 29-11 since May 9.

Marlins 5, White Sox 4

Pinch-hitter Jason Wood hit a three-run homer off closer Bobby Jenks in the eighth inning for Florida as the host White Sox lost for the 19th time in 24 games.

Taylor Tankersley (4-1) got two outs in the seventh for the win. John Garland (4-5) yielded three hits and three runs, two earned, in seven-plus innings.

Athletics 5, Reds 3

Dan Haren (9-2) won his ninth straight decision and third consecutive start for host Oakland despite giving up two home runs in a game for the second time this year. Marcus McBeth (1-1) took the loss.

Adam Dunn and Josh Hamilton homered off Haren in the fourth. Alan Embree worked two perfect innings for his eighth save in nine opportunities.

Diamondbacks 7, Devil Rays 4

Chad Tracy and Eric Byrnes hit three-run homers for host Arizona and Micah Owings (5-1) won his fourth straight decision. Byrnes went 4-for-5 with a double and two singles.

Indians 10, Phillies 6

C.C. Sabathia (10-2) pitched six innings for host Cleveland and joined Josh Beckett and John Lackey as the majors' only 10-game winners.

Jon Lieber (3-5) left due to a strained right ankle.

CWS

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round as it did last year, but this time without all the tension, beating Irvine 7-1 on Wednesday night.

"It's like night and day," said Darwin Barney, who had three hits and two RBIs. "Last year it took something else, it took some special energy, some special players. I think that this year all 25 of us truly believe we can make it happen."

That might not have been the case a short time ago, when the Beavers (47-18) were mired in Pac-10 mediocrity, having been embarrassed at home by Arizona State in what Casey has called the season's biggest disappointment.

"I was unhappy. I didn't sleep, I didn't eat — but I was able to make sure that they understood that I felt that we were going to turn the thing around,"

Casey said. "I don't know what the odds were three weeks ago, but I bet there's some guys that are pretty happy they bet on the 'Beavs.'" Turpen's outing was the third straight strong performance by an Oregon State starter, not allowing a hit after the fourth inning. Joe Paterson pitched a perfect ninth.

Mitch Canham hit a two-run homer and John Wallace added a run-scoring triple for the Beavers, who scored four unearned runs in the third inning.

It was a disappointing finish for Irvine (47-17-1), a team that turned heads here by winning consecutive extra-inning games against Cal State-Fullerton and Arizona State in their last at-bats.

Bryan Petersen cried and wiped his jersey with his face as he shook hands with his Oregon State counterparts.

"As exciting as it was to play on the grandest stage in college baseball, it's a

pretty devastating feeling right now to know we have to take these uniforms off," second baseman Cody Cipriano said.

Freshman Christian Bergman made just his third start of the season and held the Beavers scoreless through 2 2-3 innings. He was on the verge of getting out of the third when Mike Lissman grounded to third baseman Tyler Vaughn.

Vaughn threw high, and first baseman Taylor Holiday missed a jumping, sweeping tag on Lissman. Chris Hopkins came home from second on the play for the first of the Beavers' four unearned runs.

Canham followed with his 10th homer and John Wallace's triple made it 4-0.

"We showed how dominant our club can be," Barney said. "We are deep, we can pitch and defend, and when our bats are there, we're pretty tough to beat."

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OUR VIEWS

Eagles schedule event to benefit Big Spring VMC

What are your plans for Saturday? Well, members of the Fraternal Order of the Eagles Aerie No. 3188 have scheduled a fund-raising effort that all of us ought to consider.

Eagles Bingo will hold a benefit fajita cook-off Saturday to raise funds for the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial Committee's latest project — placement of an "All Veterans Monument" at the memorial.

The All Veterans Monument will be nine feet tall and constructed of black and white granite — a six-sided cone with a lighted prism on top. Each branch of the armed forces — Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard and the U.S. Merchant Marine — will be honored with their emblem placed on one of the six sides.

The monument will honor all veterans of all branches of all conflicts and wars — past, present and future. It will carry a total price tag of between \$12,000 and \$15,000.

Entry fees for the fajita cook-off will be \$10 per two-person team, and the Eagles are encouraging entrants to "cook enough fajitas to sell." Teams will be cooking beef or chicken fajitas, and they are also allowed to enter both divisions.

The cook-off will be staged at the Eagles Lodge, located at 708 W. Third St., and judging will begin at 11:30 a.m. that Saturday.

Following judging, the public is invited to dine with the judges and contestants. Fajita plates will be priced at \$7 per plate.

So, we encourage our readers to make plans to take part — by either entering the contest, or by enjoying a meal at the Eagles Lodge and helping support the Vietnam Memorial Committee.

In fact, those of you with big appetites could event take in the fajita cook-off and still make it out to the County Fairbarns for the Howard-Glasscock Old Settlers Reunion and enjoy all the fun there.

There's no question that both are worthwhile events and we encourage our readers to make at least one of them part of their schedule for the day.

And if the cook-off doesn't work into your plans, we here at the *Herald* encourage all those who can to make a tax-deductible contribution toward the VMC's project simply by mailing a donation to: Vietnam Memorial Committee, P.O. Box 2854, Big Spring 79721.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, turn our mountains into miracles.

Amen

Let's not minimize Nifong's culpability

I believe the culpability of "rogue" prosecutor and bully-extraordinaire Mike Nifong in the Duke lacrosse "fiasco" has been grossly understated. His premeditated actions and apparently unrepentant heart merit a special ranking on the outrage meter and it should be a very long time before we apply to this case the adage that time heals all wounds.



DAVID LIMBAUGH

Even in his mostly condemnatory statement explaining the North Carolina Disciplinary Commission's decision to disbar Nifong, commission chairman F. Lane Williamson seemed to bend over backward to give Nifong the benefit of the doubt — a benefit the wrongfully accused Duke lacrosse defendants never received.

Williamson said that Nifong's action appeared to the commission "to be out of self-interest and self deception, not necessarily out of an evil motive, but that his judgment was so clouded by his own self-interest that he lost sight of it and wandered off the path of justice and had to be put back on course again by extraordinary means."

I respectfully disagree with the evil motive part. It's as if the commission is suggesting that Nifong's consuming quest for selfish political benefit somehow lessens his culpability, when it clearly aggravates it.

This is a bit like saying that a bank robber's criminal act is less criminal because he possessed a dizzying desire to enrich himself. Perhaps if the robber had committed the crime sacrificially to save starving people in Ethiopia, his actions could be viewed in a more favorable light, but that's hardly the situation here.

Nifong was running for office in a heavily black jurisdiction and

deliberately pursued apparently well-to-do white defendants for the express purpose of exploiting racial tensions to improve his prospects for re-election.

Nifong didn't just press forward with a marginal case. Based on no credible incriminating evidence, and plenty of exculpatory evidence, Nifong brought the charges before even interviewing the accuser, Crystal Mangum, whose story repeatedly changed.

He intentionally tainted the jury pool by making improper, misleading and damning public statements against the accused, withheld DNA evidence exonerating the defendants, refused to meet with defense counsel, scoffed at defendant Seligmann's powerful alibi, and flagrantly lied to the court.

Williamson said, "We had a prosecutor who was faced with a very unusual situation in which the confluence of his self-interest collided with a volatile mix of race, sex and class."

Sorry to differ again, but Nifong's self-interest didn't just fortuitously "collide" with race, sex and class. He was the active agent who caused the collision and who exploited these factors just as an arsonist pours accelerant on his deliberately sparked flame.

Nor do I agree with Williamson that Nifong was "politically naive," or that, even if he were, this would be a mitigating factor. Nifong was the opposite of politically naive.

He was politically astute: His gambit worked to advance his political ambitions, which is precisely what he intended. He implemented it not through naivete but a malicious and depraved heart, which resulted in untold, permanent damage to the wrongfully accused and their families and to race relations in North Carolina and elsewhere.

Long before you start feeling sympathy for Nifong, remember that during his disbarment hear-

ing he steadfastly maintained, in the spirit of a true narcissistic sociopath, that "something happened," and that Mangum, even if not sexually assaulted, may have been "intimidated," whatever that means.

Nifong's insistence that he didn't intend to make improper public statements on the case or to withhold electrifyingly critical DNA evidence — that these were somehow oversights or a product of mere negligence — does more than strain credulity. It insults anyone with a capacity for reasoning and moral discrimination.

As University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill law professor Joe Kennedy said, "It almost doesn't get any worse than lying to the judge in terms of ethical violations, but lying to the judge about information that suggests the defendant is innocent is even worse."

Few things are more unjust than to be wrongfully accused. Few things are more terrifying than to be wrongfully pursued criminally by a prosecutor who, backed by the awesome power and resources of the state, is motivated by self-aggrandizement rather than justice.

Despite the multiple checks and safeguards against abuse built into our criminal justice system, in the end, the system is only as strong as the decency and honor of the people running it.

We should never forget that in retrospect, little stood in the way of very different and life-changing results in this case.

Thankfully, the defendants didn't quit fighting in this case and the North Carolina State Bar and Disciplinary Commission ultimately exerted the courage to approach it with an open mind and an eye toward justice.

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The make-believe world of immigration

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There are several powerful engines driving the juggernaut of increased immigration:

1. Corporations,
2. Unions,
3. Previous immigrants, and
4. Compassionate churches and non-profits. These groups are all well organized and are profiled below.



WILLIAM A. COLLINS

Those opposing increased immigration are:

1. Low-skill workers whose wages are driven down by the illegals,
2. High-skill workers who have been replaced by other cheaper, specially imported high-skill workers,
3. Local officials and institutions left holding the bag for immigrant health care and social services, and
4. Armies of ordinary citizens who feel that America's traditional life and culture are being undermined by the current influx. Not only are these forces weakly organized, but they are often accused of bigotry.

Environmental groups are left on the fence. They're well aware that importing destitute folks from impoverished lands into our wasteful American culture is a big problem. Such settlers quickly add to global warming and further

swell a population that already stresses our nation's resources. Nonetheless, many environmentalists remain silent for fear of being labeled racist and of watching their organizations' membership dwindle.

Among the above supporters, corporations naturally crave cheap labor. Whether it's for the blood and slime pits at slaughterhouses, poisonous strawberry fields, soporific security duty, or unmonitored construction sites, the bosses want workers who will be afraid to run to authorities about low pay, horrid working conditions or missed paychecks. The bosses are for amnesty, open borders, or whatever it takes to increase profits. Conversely, the unions normally worry about saving all those jobs and civilized pay scales. But just now, they have bigger fish to fry—their own survival. The current presidential administration is harshly anti-union and union membership is dropping. So, some unions have made a conscious decision to welcome as many new workers as can make it here, and to sign them up.

For the older immigrant community, a pro-immigration stance is understandable: Let's bring over as many kin and comrades as possible. Life is a lot better here, and the more of us there are, the more political influence we'll wield. Compassionate organizations, in turn, see the painful personal suffering among illegals and plead for the government to offer Christ-like relief: Let's make them legal to pursue openly their virtuous hard-working ways. We average citizens favor immigration for our own purposes. First, we can get a

cheap home health aide for Aunt Edna. Then there's the guy who knocks on our door with a cut rate for mowing the lawn or shoveling the driveway. Laying the patio comes cheap too. Some cities welcome these workers; others chafe.

And so with all this (corporate in particular) political pressure, we may one day actually get a new law. The ill-fated proposal by the U.S. House of Representatives still promises to greatly increase our population. It provides Amnesty Lite for current illegals, some 12 million. In the past, such amnesties have also spurred a new flood of undocumented border crossers, each hoping to be on U.S. soil when the next opening comes along.

The current stalled bill also would create a "temporary worker" program. Folks would be invited to cross the border legally — no coyotes needed—to work here for two years, and then go home. Right! But no migrant worth his heritage would ever go back home. He'd simply disappear into a city and become yet another illegal.

Let's also be mindful that the world still has a couple of billion poor folk who would prefer to live here rather than wherever they are now. Worse luck, they won't all fit. Better, we construct a foreign policy to help them improve life at home instead of an immigration policy that tempts them to risk all by trying to come to the United States.

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

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Driver also rodeoed in college and professionally. Both men have competed at Big Spring's version of the rodeo in the past.

Driver's son, Dane, will be competing in the steer roping and team roping events at this year's rodeo.

Part of the appeal for Driver to have stayed active with the board for as long as he has, is to be a part of something that has continued as long as the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo has.

"Very few events in this day and time last 74 years," he said. "I have a strong desire to make sure that this continues

for as long as possible."

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The board takes pride in bringing high-quality rodeo performers to Big Spring year after year.

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Pac-Man could face longer suspension

By KEN RITTER

Associated Press Writer

LAS VEGAS — Suddenly there is more at stake for suspended NFL player Adam "Pacman" Jones than the 2007 season.

Jones must surrender to face felony charges in Las Vegas that he sparked a fight and threatened to kill people during a melee

inside a strip club moments before three people were shot outside, authorities said.

Whether that changes the disciplinary status of the talented but troubled Tennessee Titan remained an open question.

The larger question is whether Jones will remain free or if he will trade in his jersey for

prison uniform.

If convicted of the two felony charges stemming from his involvement in the strip club brawl, Jones faces a maximum of up to 12 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine, authorities said.

Jones also faces questioning from Atlanta authorities about a shooting outside a strip club there.

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Before you send me an e-mail, it really is a coupe with four doors. First

introduced in 2005 as a new Mercedes-Benz class, the CLS four-door coupe is a coupe-like car, yet with the comfort and convenience of four doors.

It is stylish, elegant, sophisticated and loaded with cutting-edge technology.

For the 2007 model year, two new V-8 engines are featured on both the CLS550 and the high-performance CLS63 AMG.

The CLS550 (which is the subject of this review)

is powered by a new 5.5-liter V-8 that delivers 382 horsepower and 391 lb.-ft. of torque — the same engine that powers the new S-Class.

With a 0-60 mph time of 5.4 seconds and an elec-



The 2007 Mercedes-Benz CLS550.

tronically limited top speed of 155 mph, acceleration is not only flawlessly responsive, the seven-speed adaptive electronic transmission winds through the gears faster than you can think about it.

While I haven't driven the CLS63 AMG, it is powered by the new 6.3-liter V8 that delivers 507 horsepower and 465 lb.-ft. of torque while producing a 0-60 mph time of 4.3 seconds. It is mated to a seven-speed adapted electronic automatic transmission with AMG SpeedShift.

Perhaps Mercedes will allow me to tell you about that model in the coming weeks.

Back to the CLS550: If you want to know what it's like to ride in the lap

of luxury, take this car out for a test drive.

Mercedes throws the performance in for free. And boy, oh boy, does this car deliver a heavy dose of performance while absolutely surrounding you with luxury.

Nearly every inch of the interior is covered with wood or leather surfaces.

Even though it is technically a coupe, it is very spacious and comfortable, with more than ample passenger room in both front and rear seating areas.

In addition to the keyless entry system, the CLS550 features a four-zone climate control system that regulates temperature settings for all four quadrants of the vehicle.

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MODEL:
2007 Mercedes CLS550
4-seat luxury performance four-door coupe
PRICE RANGE:
\$68,000-\$85,000
ENGINE:
5.5-L V-8 (382 hp/391 torque)
TRANSMISSION:
7-speed automatic

EPA: 15 mpg city, 22 mpg highway

FUEL: Premium unleaded
SUSPENSION: Airmatic with computerized air springs, gas shocks with four-stage variable damping, double control arms, stabilizer bar (front); five-link, stabilizer bar (rear).

TRACTION CONTROL: ESP electronic stability control, ASR electronic traction control.

BRAKES: ABS with brake assist.

STEERING: Rack-and-pinion, speed-sensitive power assist.

TURN CIRCLE: 36.7 feet
LENGTH: 193 inches

harman/kardon Logic 7 digital surround sound audio system also comes standard, as does the power tilt/sliding glass sunroof.

I'm just scratching the surface here. The list of comfort and safety fea-

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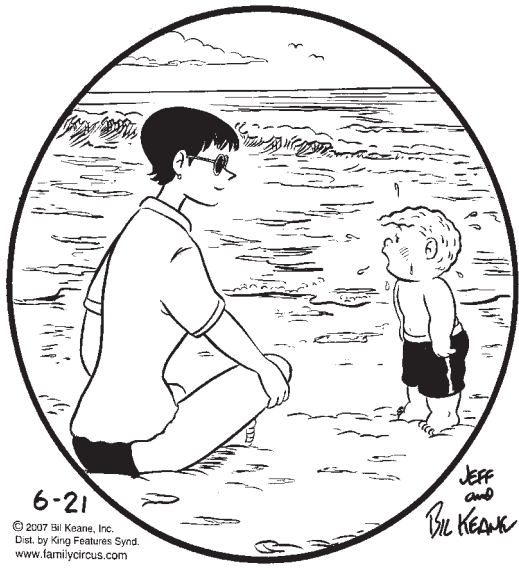
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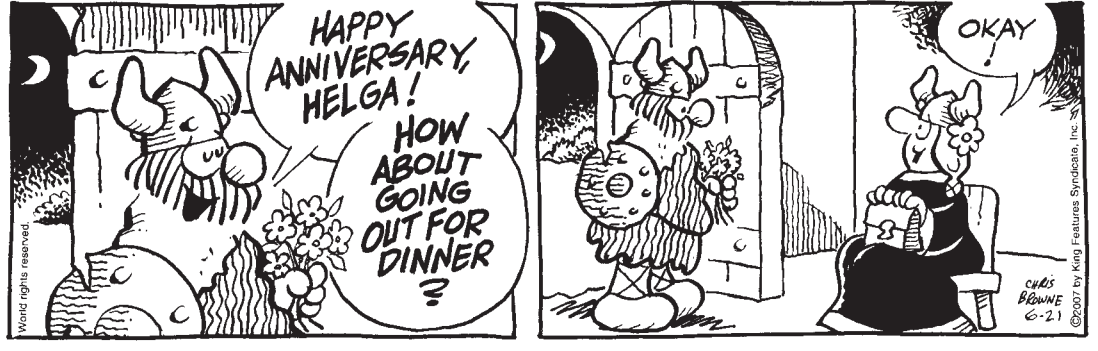
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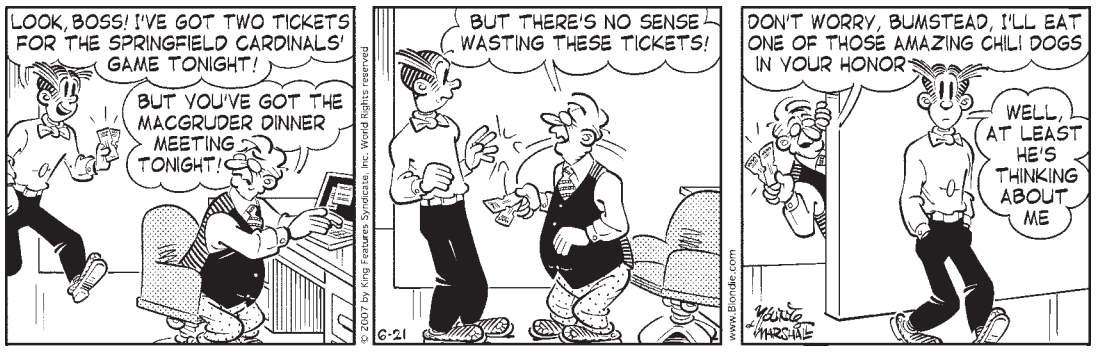


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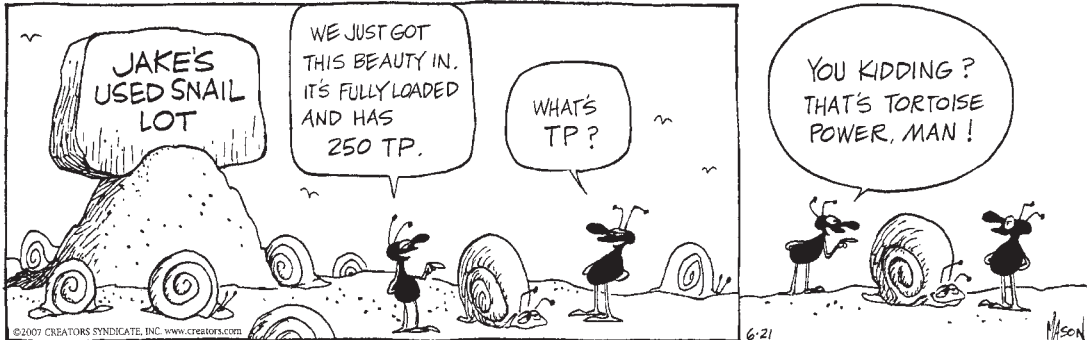
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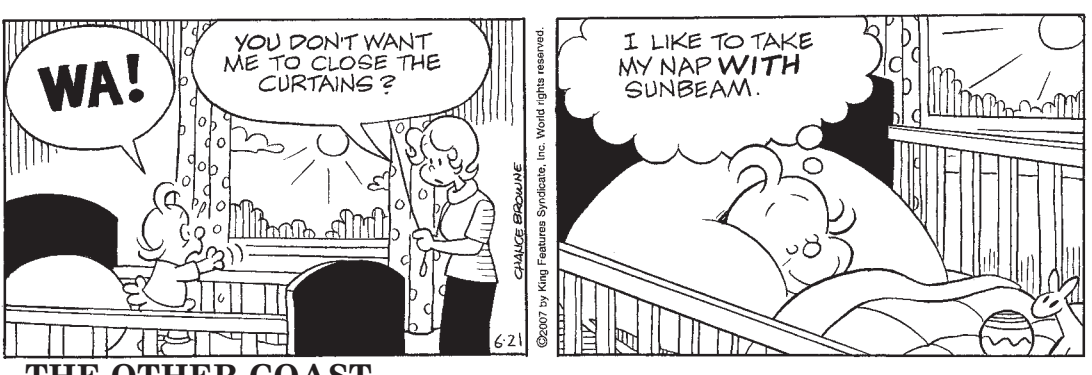
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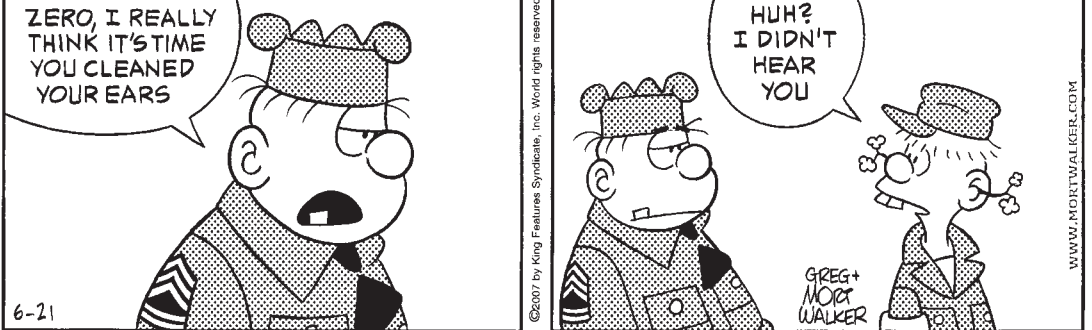
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, June 21, the 172nd day of 2007. There are 193 days left in the year. Summer begins at 2:06 p.m. EDT. Today's Highlight in History: On June 21, 1788, the United States Constitution went into effect as New Hampshire became the ninth state to ratify it.

exclaim: "We was robbed!" In 1948, the Republican national convention opened in Philadelphia. (The delegates ended up choosing Thomas E. Dewey to be their presidential nominee.) In 1963, Cardinal Giovanni Battista Montini was chosen to succeed the late Pope John XXIII; the new pope took the name Paul VI.

inal Josef Mengele. In 2005, 41 years to the day after three civil rights workers were beaten and shot to death, Edgar Ray Killen, an 80-year-old former Ku Klux Klansman, was found guilty of manslaughter. Today's Birthdays: Actress Jane Russell is 86. Actor Bernie Kopell is 74.

Newsday Crossword

ON THE JOB by Daniel R. Stark Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS 1 Show amazement 5 Uptight 9 Turn aside 13 Give off, as light 14 Rhett's home, for a time 15 Hindu Trinity member 16 Chaucer offering 17 Movie mogul 18 Brought to bay 19 Numero 20 Masterpiece 22 New parts of old jeans 24 Computer-memory unit 25 Speak highly of 26 Did a salon job 28 Up-to-date 31 Primitive weapon 33 Metamorphose 35 For pick-up 36 Mergers and buyouts 37 Burnoose wearer 38 Steady devotion 40 Arrests, so to speak 41 Even so 42 What's more 43 Hay parcel 44 Sunflower yield 45 Frothy desserts 48 Cut up 53 Like a cool cat 54 Punch server 55 Dobbin's dinner 56 Graceful wrap 57 Left off 58 National League park 59 Cleveland's lake 60 Song or slug follower 61 Autobahn vehicle 62 Supplemented, with "out"

Crossword grid with numbered squares for words.

Answer to previous puzzle grid with words like BERET, STEM, BARB, ADORE, TAPE, OBOE, HABIT, AXIS, BOLL, MECHANICAL, BULL, END, ALTOS, DIVERT, STONE, EDEN, LURID, BTU, ELECTRICAL, STORM, PER, RETRY, BOOP, DONEE, SLANTS, SNARL, TIA, CIVILLIBERTIES, OXEN, OMAR, ENTER, PORK, LAIR, STORE, ENTS, AXLE, TONAL.