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Bond issue

*HC board
mulls bids
from four
area firms*

By **DUSTIN WILSON**
Staff Writer

Four seems to be the key number for the Howard College bond project.

College trustees met in special session Monday to discuss bids received for improvements to the Big Spring campus' water, sewer and gas lines, underground electrical service and heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems.

"Of the eight packets we sent out, we received four responses and appointed an Architecture and Engineering Review Committee to read and evaluate the proposals." Vice President Terry Hansen told the board. "We've already begun to review the different proposals and will meet again on July 9 to have readied proposals.

"The proposals are lengthy to read through and I anticipate it will take a better part of the morning to get through it," Hansen added.

The four firms to respond were Parkhill Smith and Cooper, Adling Associates, Harper Perkins and Johnson Seefeldt.

"We have four really qualified firms to consider," Hansen said. "They are all innovators; they have done a lot of college and university work. We've had a few more phone calls from some

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ONE-VEHICLE ROLLOVER



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

Ongoing road construction on Interstate Highway 20 may have played a role in the one-vehicle rollover that sent the driver of this Nissan Pathfinder to the emergency room at Scenic Mountain Medical Center Monday afternoon. According to law enforcement officials and witnesses at the scene, the driver of the Nissan — a Big Spring woman — was traveling west on I-20 when construction forced one of the lanes to be closed. Boxed in by a pair of tractor-trailers, witnesses said the driver tried to slow down to get in another lane, but was hit from behind by one of the tractor-trailers, driving her vehicle off the roadway, where it flipped several times before coming to a rest against a tree on the north service road. The driver was listed in serious but stable condition before being transported.

SHDC acquires former Greyhound bus station

To be included in redevelopment of Settles Hotel

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

As efforts to renovate the historic downtown Settles Hotel continue, the project continues to grow in scope as the Settles Hotel Development Company announced this week it has acquired several other nearby properties.

According to Brint Ryan, manager of SHDC and project visionary, the company closed on the acquisition of property at 313 and 315 Runnels, adjacent to the Settles Hotel.



"These properties are adjacent to the historic Settles Hotel and include the former Greyhound Bus Terminal,"

said Ryan. "The bus terminal location began operations in See **SHDC**, Page 3A

County to look again at jail site downtown

Barr: Decision came as result of opinions received from 'not an abnormally large group of concerned citizens'

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Approximately two weeks after the court voted unanimously on a site in the 3600 block of W. Highway 80, Howard County commissioners decided in a split vote Monday morning to once again consider the site adjacent to the District Courthouse for a future county jail.

With Commissioner Jerry Kilgore absent, the court voted in favor of adding the site — located west of the courthouse and adjacent to the District Court — to the list of possible sites for project architect Jeff Heffelfinger to explore.

Commissioner Bill Crooker abstained from the vote, saying after the meeting the addition of the site — which has been ruled out by the court and its architects several times over the past several years — is simply ridiculous.

"It's ridiculous and will be misleading to the voters if it's put on a bond election," said Crooker. "Jeff Heffelfinger, the architect hired by the county, stated that the environmental issues — asbestos and possible leakage of underground gasoline storage tanks, as well as the demolition of some 12,000 to 15,000 square feet of buildings and rerouting of power and gas utilities, not to mention the possible use of eminent domain — make it an unsuitable site for the jail. Why would you force a decision of this magnitude on the Howard County voters?"

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Senior advocacy group salutes Texas Legislature

Herald staff report

The increasing senior population affects Texas in many ways. The Texas Legislature knows it, and passed a bevy of bills during its last session in answer to the coming surge of seniors, according to Texas Silver-Haired Legislator Pat Porter of Big Spring.

Two sessions ago, Texas faced a huge budget short-

"Legislators from both sides of the aisle came together this session and their bills will have a positive effect on seniors for years to come."

—Pat Porter, TSHL legislator from Big Spring

fall. The legislature scrambled to make ends meet, cutting budgets and consolidating state agencies. Advocates for senior citizens worried that services would be cut

just as the baby boomers entered the ranks of senior citizens.

Two major factors came together this year, however, to allow the Texas

Legislature to look ahead and chart a course toward independent living for seniors, assistance for those who need help and greater protection against those who prey on seniors.

Those factors were a budget surplus and a concerted advocacy effort by the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature (TSHL) and other senior

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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 270-3401 with any questions.

Coahoma Annual Ragball Tourney set

Coahoma's 15th Annual Ragball Tournament has been set for Friday through Sunday at Coahoma's Softball Park.

Sign-ups begin at 5 p.m. Friday.

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.

Big Spring Softball sets ragball tourney

The Big Spring Girls Softball Association will be holding its Annual Co-ed Ragball Tournament July 6-8 at the Roy Anderson Complex.

Cost is \$110 per team with an eight game guarantee.

Register at the complex July 6 between 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Games start at 7 p.m. on the same day.

Contact Rodney Jones at 213-3750, for more details.

Country club holding golf classic

The Big Spring Country Club is holding the Crossroads of West Texas Gold Classic sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce July 14 and 15.

The classic is a 2-man scramble format and is limited to the first 100 paid teams.

The entry fee is \$180 per team with all entries to be paid in advance.

Entry fee includes a barbecue lunch for both days, free beverages, a Friday afternoon shoot-out and the ATMOS Hospitality Tent.

Call the country club at 267-5354 or the chamber at 263-7641, for more information.

Magers-Powell camp scheduled

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

The camp is scheduled for July 30-Aug. 1 with sessions for middle school players from 9 a.m. to noon.

The high school players' session from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

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Drivers wait for NASCAR ruling on violations

When six crew members were thrown out of the Daytona 500 for cheating it was suggested that NASCAR start suspending drivers as part of the penalty process.

Jimmie Johnson was aghast at the idea.

The defending Nextel Cup cham-



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pion said he has no idea what crew chief Chad Knaus does while building his race cars. And even if Johnson were privy to such information, he has no control in how his Chevrolets are constructed.

Johnson's defense is at the very core of why NASCAR should start suspending its drivers. Benching the star of the team would force him to take responsibility for his crew.

Nothing else is working. Johnson and teammate Jeff

Gordon both showed up in Sonoma, Calif., with cars that failed initial inspection, and NASCAR refused to let them on the track Friday. But they still were allowed to race Sunday, and crew chiefs Knaus and Steve Letarte were both on site to guide their drivers to decent finishes. Gordon finished seventh and Johnson 17th.

Now they wait and wonder what further punishment NASCAR will impose. Penalties are traditionally issued on

Tuesdays.

"All of us are blown away and we don't know what's coming next," Gordon said. "We are at the mercy of NASCAR and I hope they are light on us, but who knows?"

That there's any doubt in what the penalties will be stems from decades of inconsistency when it comes to enforcing the rules and doling out the punishment.

Cheating has long been cele

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Rangers cool off Bonderman, top Tigers 8-3



MCT photo/Kirthmon F. Dozier

Texas Rangers Kameron Loe pitches against the Detroit Tigers during the second inning Monday at Comerica Park in Detroit. The Rangers topped the Tigers, 8-3.

The Associated Press

DETROIT — Jeremy Bonderman had a chance to make club history Monday night.

Instead, he brought back memories of last year's World Series meltdown.

Bonderman was trying to match Bobo Newsom's Tigers record of 18 starts without a loss, but made a key throwing error that helped the Texas Rangers beat Detroit 8-3.

"I didn't do my job," said Bonderman, who allowed four runs — two earned — and seven hits with four walks in seven innings. "I take full responsibility for this."

Bonderman's last loss came in Minnesota on Sept. 10. His unbeaten streak ended one short of Newsom's 67-year-old team record.

"I haven't really thought about it," Bonderman said. "I just try to go out there and try to give us a chance to get a win. I've had plenty of games where I pitched badly enough to lose."

Bonderman (8-1) normally struggles in the first inning, but this time, he melted down in the third.

Protecting a 1-0 lead, he retired the first two batters before allowing back-to-back singles to Ian Kinsler and Michael Young and walking Sammy Sosa to load the bases.

After Marlon Byrd's two-run single to left-

ter, Frank Catalanotto grounded to the mound.

Bonderman had plenty of time to make the play, but in a play that immediately brought back memories of last October, he threw wildly to first, allowing Sosa to score.

"That's the thing that bothered me," Bonderman said. "I worked hard all through spring training, and today I make an error that basically cost us the game. You can't give teams extra outs."

Adam Melhuse made it 4-1 with a single, but Catalanotto ran through a stop sign at third and was out by several feet.

"That error was huge," Texas manager Ron Washington said. "It lets us poke two more runs on the plate. There's a big difference between a 2-1 game and a 4-1 game, especially against that team."

By that point, the Tigers had already blown their shot against Texas starter Kameron Loe.

Eighteen days after the Tigers gave him one of the worst beatings of his career, Loe (4-6) was struggling again against the same team.

This time, though, he escaped jams in the first two innings in his third straight strong outing since allowing nine runs in two 2-3 innings against Detroit on June 7. He allowed two runs and

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Federer coasts through first-round Wimbledon match

By **HOWARD FENDRICH**

AP Tennis Writer

WIMBLEDON — In his five-piece, tailor-made Gatsby getup, Roger Federer looked like a tennis player from a bygone era, one seen only in black-and-white photos.

As Federer warmed up Monday for what would become his 29th consecutive victory at Wimbledon, and 49th in a row on grass, he wore long trousers, replete with belt loops, and a sweater vest, all white with gold trim. An accompanying jacket, customized "RF" logo on the left breast pocket, was neatly draped over his changeover chair, completing the throwback ensemble.

His game, as usual, was as modern and colorful as they come, filled with grace and power. It was all too much for Teimuraz Gabashvili, a Russian who is ranked 86th and lost his first career match at Wimbledon 6-3, 6-2, 6-4 on a wet and windy Day 1 at the grass-court Grand Slam, where winners included Andy Roddick, a slightly hobbled Serena Williams and — in a brilliant escape act — Martina Hingis.

For Federer, it was his first match since losing the French Open final to Rafael Nadal; the Swiss star skipped his usual grass-court tuneup tournament to rest a beat-up body.

"I was, of course, a bit worried, maybe, before the first round," said Federer, trying to equal

Bjorn Borg's modern-era record of five straight Wimbledon titles. "Look, I've got so much confidence, so much experience on this surface, that I always expect myself to play good matches on grass. That's what happened today."

If Federer's result was familiar, Centre Court certainly was not: Its partial roof is completely gone as part of the project to build a retractable one by 2009, temporarily making for a less-intimate atmosphere — and the open-air setting is more susceptible to raindrops and breezes.

"It definitely does look and play a bit different this year," said Federer, whose match began 2 1/2 hours late because of rain.

Plus, the hallowed arena now features two video screens for the debut of instant replay at the oldest Grand Slam tournament. Federer didn't challenge any calls. Gabashvili did, questioning whether Federer's forehand was in — and the replay showed it barely caught a line.

The history books will reflect that the first use of the new technology at the All England Club came at Court 1, during the No. 3-seeded Roddick's 6-1, 7-5, 7-6 (3) victory over Justin Gimelstob.

In the first set, Gimelstob challenged a fault call but the ruling was upheld.

"So," Roddick pointed out, "he has the first miss with 'Hawk-Eye' in Wimbledon history, as well."

Said Gimelstob, a 30-year-old

American: "I'd like to have a few more important records, but I'll take what I can get."

He and Roddick are pals, and they spoke afterward about making some all-in-good-fun gentlemen's bets about how many times Gimelstob would launch his body into the air to dive for shots. They also tried to set up a dive during their warmup session, but that didn't work out.

The match was rather lopsided, but Gimelstob did his best to entertain the crowd and enjoy himself in his eighth and possibly final Wimbledon appearance. After one flop-and-roll resulted in a Gimelstob volley followed by Roddick's passing winner, a fan cried out: "Come on, Gimelstob!"

To which he responded: "You want more effort than that?"

With Roddick's coach, two-time Wimbledon champion Jimmy Connors, looking on, the 2003 U.S. Open champion's serve was clicking, to the tune of 16 aces. That skill is a big part of why Roddick is considered someone who could give Federer a test if they meet in the semifinals.

Then again, Roddick lost to Federer at Wimbledon in the 2003 semifinals and the 2004 and 2005 finals, and the American was asked Monday how many times he thinks he might have won the title where they not contemporaries.

"At least one," Roddick said, "possibly two."

Williams (2002, 2003) and Hingis (1997) have won the cham-

ionship at the All England Club, but there were moments when things didn't look so good for them Monday.

Williams double-faulted six times, made 20 unforced errors and got broken at 4-4, allowing the 57th-ranked Lourdes Dominguez Lino to serve for the first set.

But Williams broke right back to start a nine-game run for a 7-5, 6-0 victory.

Afterward, Williams' father said she's injured and shouldn't be playing at all. She acknowledged she has a tight hamstring and said, "I did feel a little limited," but added: "It's gotten better since I've been getting treatment on it."

Hingis, back after missing 1 1/2 months with hip and back injuries, was in far more trouble against 18-year-old Naomi Cavaday of Britain, facing two match points at 5-4 in the second set. But Cavaday wasted the first by dumping a return into the net, and Hingis saved the second with a forehand winner. And that was it: Hingis took that game, followed by the next eight, and won 6-7 (1), 7-5, 6-0.

"I found it tough mentally, because she does come back at you and back at you and back at you," Cavaday said. The same might be said of Federer, who compiled an impressive ratio of 33 winners to 13 unforced errors and hit nine aces, some that kicked up puffs of white chalk as they kissed lines.

Obituaries

Nikki Jo Cunningham

Nikki Jo Cunningham, 43, of Coahoma died Sunday, June 24, 2007, in Coahoma.

Memorial services and interment will be at a later date.

She was born on July 27, 1963, in Houston. She was a waitress.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Jo Earline Boatman Ringham.

Survivors include: a daughter, Alyna Alvarado of Winfield, Kan.; a son, Nathan Alvarado of Winfield, Kan.; her father, Robert Ringham of Mason City, Iowa; eight sisters, Yvette Woody of Coahoma, Teresa Boatman of Kansas City, Kan., Tina Papoutcharor of Wichita, Kan., Ellie House, Vikki Douforat, Wanda Young and Nina Koonce, all of Fort Stockton, and Robbie Dougherty of Stinnett; and one granddaughter. Arrangements are under the direction of Stanton Memorial Funeral Home and Chapel.

George Amos

George Amos, 89, of Big Spring died Tuesday, June 26, 2007, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Felipe Cortez

Felipe Cortez, 83, of Big Spring died Monday, June 25, 2007, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Larry Gene Stevens

Larry Gene Stevens, 64, of Tulsa, Okla., formerly of Big Spring, died Friday, June 22, 2007, in Tulsa, Okla., after a short battle with cancer. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported near mile marker 183. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near mile marker 181. Service was refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported near mile marker 181. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 200 block of N.W. 12th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 200 block of Wason. One person was transported to SMMC.

TSHL

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advocates that raised legislators' awareness of key senior issues. That effort required the TSHL to track more than 200 bills and persistently advocate for and testify on the 33 bills that passed.

"TSHL members expressed early concerns about the impact of previous sessions' cuts on the lives of senior citizens and then we got busy putting together ideas and suggestions for the 80th Texas Legislature to address those senior issues," said Porter.

"The Silver-Haired Legislature's top priority this session was to advocate for legislation to extend last year's property tax break to include seniors' homesteads, and we did it. It passed," she added.

This Texas Legislature didn't stop there, according to Porter. "It adopted an impressive body of work with Texas' senior citizens in mind. Legislators from both sides of the aisle came together this session and their bills will have a positive effect on seniors for years to come.

"The Texas Silver-Haired Legislators salute the 80th Texas Legislature and Gov. Perry on behalf of the entire TSHL membership

and our constituents, more than 3 million senior Texans strong and growing," Porter said.

The 33 bills approved by legislators during this session accomplished the following:

- Reduced seniors' taxes: Included senior and disabled homeowners in the recent property tax reduction given to other homeowners.
- Limited the maximum average annual percentage increase in the appraised value of a residence homestead for ad valorem taxes.
- Expanded public/private partnerships to deliver meals to seniors' homes, with greater coverage in rural areas. Texas Department of Agriculture has invited TSHL to assist in developing rules to govern this program.
- Set aside \$100 million from general revenue in the budget to fund an increase for nursing homes. Those state funds will generate another \$150 million in federal funds. The result will be an increase of 3 percent next year for nursing homes, followed by another 8 percent the following year.
- Boosted the Medicaid "personal needs allowance" to \$60 per month.
- Increased funding to the Teacher Retirement System of Texas, and a one-time supplemental annuity payment.

Police blotter

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

- **ROY BIDDLE**, 46, of 6203 Sterling, was arrested Monday on a charge of theft.
- **JASON KEY**, 24, of 803 E. 20th, was arrested Monday on two local warrants.
- **THEFT** was reported:
 - in the 400 block Fourth Street.
 - in the 1600 block of Main.

Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 56 inmates at the time of this report.

- **ANASTASIO GUTIERREZ III**, 18, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD Monday on a charge of unlawfully carrying a weapon.
- **TANYA MORENO**, 27, was arrested by the HCSO Monday on charges of possession of a controlled substance and bondsman off bond.
- **LUIS MOLINA**, 45, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD Monday on a charge of driving while intoxicated - open container.
- **JOSEPH RAY BRIM JR.**, 37, was arrested by the HCSO Monday on charges of violation of promise to appear, no valid inspection certificate, expired drivers license and no Texas DOT motor carrier registration.
- **LEON JAMES SCROGGINS**, 32, was arrested by the HCSO Monday on a charges of jumping bail and failure to appear.
- **WILEY RAYMOND MADWELL**, 47, was arrested by the HCSO Monday on a charge of theft.
- **JACQUIE KIRKENDOLL WATERS**, 51, was arrested by the HCSO Monday on a charge of forgery.
- **LEVI PATRICK CARTER V**, 29, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD Monday on charges of violation of probation and possession of marijuana.
- **SANTIAGO CANTU**, 33, was arrested by the HCSO Monday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

Take Note

- **ROAD TO RECOVERY**, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call Nancy Koger at 267-7809.

Established a statewide "Silver Alert" program to find missing seniors quickly, before they encounter injury or death by straying beyond their usual surroundings.

- Allowed state judicial review of declined Medicare coverage claims.
- Reformed Medicaid provisions to focus on prevention, individual choice, better planning, and modern services, all designed to reduce Texas' rate of uninsured and help Texans live longer, healthier lives.
- Expanded the money management program for seniors who merely need help paying bills, instead of being burdened with a guardian.
- Provided greater protection from vicious dog attacks under "Lillian's Law," which makes dog owners more accountable for their pets.
- Expanded the Telemedicine/Tele-health program to allow reimbursement for physicians serving the elderly and patients with disabilities via telemedicine.
- Allowed more home and community-based service coverage under long-term care insurance.
- Prohibited medical insurance plans from requiring the insured to travel abroad for "bargain-priced" medical treatments
- Authorized an educational pilot program on advanced care planning for families of residents of nursing homes and other facilities.
- Empowered the Guardianship Certification Board to keep criminals from becoming guardians of the elderly and people with disabilities.
- Increased funding for Senior Corps programs (The Retired & Senior Volunteer (RSVP), Foster Grandparents, and Senior Companion programs.)
- Provided funding to improve state parks.
- Required seniors 79 or better to renew driver's license in person, and to pass a vision test — a measure that balances the independence of seniors with highway safety for seniors and other drivers.
- Required reporting of infection rates at hospitals and other health-care facilities. This should reduce the infection rate of seniors who enter the hospital for one procedure and get sicker or even die from bacterial infections caught while there.
- Made long-term care insurance more affordable.
- Established nursing home family councils.
- Regulated small residential facilities (three living units or more) to prevent abuse or neglect of their elderly or disabled residents.

Bulletin Board

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

TODAY

- The Powwow Committee of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church annex, 809 Scurry, or the fellowship hall at 810 Scurry. Call Robert Downing at 263-3255 for information.

WEDNESDAY

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

Weather

Tonight...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 70s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.
 Wednesday...Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Not as warm. Highs in the lower 80s. East winds around 10 mph.
 Wednesday night...Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s. Northeast winds around 10 mph in the evening becoming light and variable.
 Thursday...Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s. Northeast winds around 10 mph.
 Thursday night...Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s.
 Friday...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs around 90.
 Friday night...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows around 70.
 Saturday...Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.
 Saturday night...Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 70s. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.
 Sunday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s.
 Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s.
 Monday...Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:
 Winning numbers drawn: 1-12-25-28-29.
 Number matching five of five: 1.
 Winning prize: \$29,519
 Winning tickets sold in: Conroe.
 Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:
 Winning numbers drawn: 6-17-25-29. Bonus Ball: 18.
 Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 1.
 Winning ticket sold in: Houston.
 Winning prize: \$225,000.
 Estimated jackpot for Thursday night drawing: \$200,000.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 4-3-4

Clarification

In the Monday edition of The Big Spring Herald, Lonnie Bethany, 24, was reported to have been arrested on a charge of aggravated robbery. According to officials, the charge was reduced to burglary of a habitation after press time.

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brated as a quaint piece of NASCAR culture that even has its own slogan — “If you ain’t cheatin’, you ain’t tryin.’” There’s long been a blurry territory of what is flagrant, what is working the margins of the rule book and what is a simple mistake.

Hendrick Motorsports is using that defense following this latest infraction, with team owner Rick Hendrick contending his crew chiefs

were working within a “gray area” of the rule book. “I don’t necessarily say they bent the rules — I think they thought they were working inside an area in which they could,” Hendrick said. “It’s going to be tough, as we go forward, on what’s intentional and what’s accidental and how they handle it, so you’re definitely going to have to show up with these things measured up.”

Here’s the issue the Hendrick guys aren’t understanding: There is no “gray area” anymore.

NASCAR is pretty serious

about its new Car of Tomorrow, and has made it clear it won’t tolerate any alterations in its design. In fact, series officials distributed a memo before the car debuted in March that outlined the penalties teams would be subjected to if they were caught messing with the COT.

So it was no surprise to anyone, Hendrick teams included, when Dale Earnhardt Jr. was docked 100 points and crew chief Tony Eury Jr. was suspended six weeks and fined \$100,000 when their COT failed a May inspection.

The Hendrick teams most

likely will get the same punishment — although some argue Knaus’ past infractions should warrant a much stiffer penalty because anything short of what Earnhardt and Eury received would seem unfair.

Problem is, it’s probably not enough to even dent the Hendrick juggernaut.

Even after a 100-point penalty, Gordon would still be leading the Nextel Cup standings by 171 points.

Johnson would drop from third to fifth. The monetary fines are irrelevant, and Hendrick proved last year it can overcome the absence of a

crew chief when Johnson won twice during Knaus’ four-race suspension.

And, don’t think for a minute that Knaus and Letarte won’t spend their free weekends back at the Hendrick compound making sure their program is locked and loaded for when the Chase for the championship begins in September.

What kind of message would it send if Knaus and Letarte return after a suspension more dominant than they already are?

If NASCAR is serious about taking a stand then it’s time to suspend the driver.

RANGERS

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seven hits in seven innings to record his third win in a row. He walked two and struck out one.

“They beat me around pretty good the last time, so I had some incentive tonight,” Loe said after snapping Detroit’s seven-game winning streak. “This is a nice win for me.”

The Tigers took a 1-0 lead on Carlos Guillen’s bases-loaded sacrifice fly with one out in the first, but could have built a much bigger lead in the first two innings.

After Ivan Rodriguez struck out to end the first with runners on the corners, Detroit put runners on second and third with one out in the second. Loe, though, retired Curtis Granderson and Placido Polanco to escape

the inning. “Getting out of those two innings were definitely big,” Loe said. “I felt good about the first inning and only giving up one run, but the second inning was much better. That could have been bad, but I was able to execute a couple big pitches.”

Granderson’s 14th triple of the season made it 4-2 in the seventh, but Polanco grounded out to end the inning.

Byrd and Young had RBI singles in the ninth, and Jerry Hairston Jr. added a two-run homer. Young had three hits.

Brandon Inge drove in a run with a single in the ninth for Detroit.

Notes: Brad Wilkerson and Kinsler collided going for a fourth-inning pop-up into shallow right, but neither player was injured and Wilkerson was able to hang on to the ball. ... Carlos Guillen, named American League Player of the Week earlier

Monday, extended his hitting streak to 12 games with a sixth-inning single. ... Both teams arrived in Detroit in the early hours of Monday morning, and the Rangers skipped batting practice to get some extra rest. “That didn’t have anything to do with the game,” Leyland said. “We got here at 2:30 and they got here at 6. We just got beat.”

Indians 5, Athletics 2

While C.C. Sabathia has been outstanding all season, Jeff Weaver is just beginning to reverse his early slide.

Emerging as a top-tier ace, Sabathia became baseball’s second 11-game winner by pitching a complete game to lead the Cleveland Indians past the visiting Oakland Athletics 5-2 on Monday night.

The left-hander tied Boston’s Josh Beckett for

the major league lead in wins, extending an impressive run of pinpoint control. In his past 14 starts, Sabathia (11-2) has walked only 11 batters while striking out 89.

“He’s become a true No. 1 pitcher,” Indians manager Eric Wedge said, “and one of the best in the game.”

Weaver, on the other hand, is just trying to regain respectability.

A World Series star for St. Louis last season, the right-hander got off to a dismal start in his first year with Seattle. But he won his second consecutive outing Monday, pitching the Mariners to a 9-4 victory over the potent Boston Red Sox at Safeco Field.

Weaver (2-6) allowed two runs — one earned —

and six hits in 5 2-3 innings. He has lowered his ERA from 14.32 to 7.71 in four starts since returning from the disabled list.

So is Weaver back to where he wanted to be after he signed an \$8,325,000, one-year contract with the Mariners last winter?

“Well, I’ll let you know at the end of the season,” he said, smiling. “Right now, I’m feeling good.”

Weaver showed anger and resolve — if not consistent command — while featuring off-speed pitches against the fastball-feasting Red Sox, who own the best record in the major leagues at 48-27. Boston lost a 2-1 lead and a chance to move a season-best 23 games over .500.

BRIEFS

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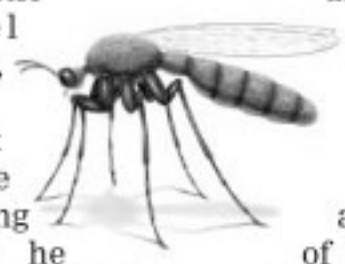
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a gnu? We could go on and on about the way words are spelled the way they are, but we must get on with the story. Nathaniel didn't like his name. Do you like your name? I do! He asked all of his little gnat friends to just call him Nat. And they did! So we will know him as Nat Gnat. Are you laughing at his name? Just wait until I tell you the story about the gnu whose name was Oldan. Oldan Gnu! That story will come later. Nat Gnat was doing the very thing that all gnats do that day. He was just

a young gnat then. He would fly around people's noses and eyes, just being a pest to everyone. All of the people would try to swat him away. But they always missed him because he was flying so fast, and he was so tiny. Then the people read somewhere that bats love gnats. They love them not as friends, but as a good meal! Uh Oh! Nat could be in trouble! The people called their friend, Matt Bat. "Please help us," they cried to Matt, "These gnats are really getting to be pests and you may be able to help us." Matt Bat

said that he would come over and take a look at their problem, and if he could, fix it! The very next evening, just before dark, Matt arrived. He saw all the pesky gnats flying around the people. He knew that he could help the people right away. Gnats are very fast and tiny and can get away from humans, but bats are also very fast. Faster than gnats! Gnats would have a very hard time getting away from bats. Matt Bat landed on the bottom of a big tree limb, hung himself upside down, and said very loudly, "All of you gnats please listen to

me. I think we can settle this problem very peacefully. The people have asked me to help them get rid of you because you are such pests. You need to move away from people. There are many other places where you can live and not be such pests to anyone. Will you move away?" All of the gnats listened to Matt Bat and knew he was right. They all agreed to move away to a much better place. Nat Gnat was the first to agree and also the first to move away. He did not want to be in a place where he was unloved. He did not know that he was a pest because he never tried to be. He had always wanted to



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be a nice gnat. He was just doing what all gnats do! Pretty soon, everyone was happy. The people were happy. All of the gnats were happy because the place they moved to was so friendly with gnats. Matt Bat was happy too, because he just never did like the taste of gnats, but he would never tell anyone! Nat Gnat does fly over to all of the people's homes each evening still, but only to tell them, "Good Night!"

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JAIL

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we voted unanimously on a site for the new jail on June 12, naming the 3600 block of W. Highway 80 the court's pick. We need the architect to go forward with the site we have selected and begin the design phase. The county's budget is already at a critical point ... We pay extra money to have design phases for two locations instead of one? We should be discussing the financial phase at this point. We have the location."

County Judge Mark Barr said the move was a result of opinions received from what he described as "not an abnormally large group of concerned citi-

zens." "It's been brought to the attention of the court that there's been a public outcry — I'm not sure you would call it an outcry — of people wanting to question our site," said Barr. "And a lot of people are saying they wish they had a choice, and their choice would be the downtown area. During the end of last week, we've looked at it, and thought that might be the best solution to getting us a jail."

"The commissioners court all agrees on one point, that we do need a jail. I want to make that real plain. We would like to go into the November bond election hoping we have a good, reasonable chance of having a bond approved."

Barr said the concept preseting different sites

for voters to consider is still up in the air at this point.

"The thing about it right now is we don't even know if we can get it on the bond in a practical manner that will suit everyone," said Barr. "We're waiting on our attorney general to find out if we can even do it. We have some hurdles to cross there."

Heffelfinger encouraged the court to decide on a single site before heading into the bond election to help save the county money on multiple designs.

"The simplest solution may be that after we get a survey, we do a preliminary design on these two sites, and do a preliminary estimate of the two sites," said Heffelfinger. "That will give the court

a little more insight on size and more calculated costs that you could eliminate one of the sites at that time. That's still an option, if I understand correctly, because you until have until the first of September to make that call. If we're diligent and speedy, maybe we can investigate both sites and the court will be able to make a more informed decision.

"I hate to see us have to spend extra money," he added. "I need a good survey on both sites. It's critical for me at this point in time. I also need the court to establish a design committee that I'm going to work with ... I typically like to make a run at the jail commission with schematics to get a good feel from them on their opinions before I present

them to the court for an approval. That way we know when the court puts its stamp of approval on something, we have the blessing of the jail commission behind us. I think that's critical for us in this process."

Heffelfinger said moving forward with two sites in mind rather than one will increase the cost to the county.

"This is kind of changing the scope of my job a little bit," said Heffelfinger with a laugh. "I don't have a problem getting into this thing, and I don't want to do full design development on both sites. I would like for you (the commissioners court) to get it to a point where I can give you an estimate I'm comfortable with and bring that to the court, and the court feel

comfortable with moving forward with that one. That makes it a lot different than me doing a full design development, which would minimize the expense to the county on this additional work."

"I told you all along that I'll work with you at a no-cost, \$10 deal, and that hasn't changed. However, you guys are kind of changing it a little bit here by asking me to go a little bit farther than I typically would on two sites."

"I think we all understand that," said Barr.

Barr said surveys on both properties is expected to begin soon.

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HC

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other firms, some as far as Minnesota. The main problem would be distance. You're looking at a three-year plus project with on site supervision. It'd be problematic for a firm more than 100 miles from here. It's going to be a more engineering intensive project this time.

We'll still focus on the architecture side of it. While important, the volume of work is not as great. We had specified that we were asking for architecture and engineering services rather than just architectural services as we had done in the past."

Parkhill, Smith and Cooper is no stranger campus projects. The firm's past endeavors include the performing

arts building and the day care facilities located on the Howard College campus, as well as work on Midland College's campus.

"We are working with First Southwest to review the (bond) offering statements from the firms to try and find the best deals," Hansen added. "We'll be meeting with a rating agency that will study us and the bond issue and help us to find

the best deal.

"The meeting will take place on July 10 between Howard College and the agency, and we're not sure yet if we'll be meeting there in Dallas or here so they can look at the campus." Hansen added. "From there we will meet July 23 for the issue to be submitted for approval. We have an idea how it will turn out, but it's a fairly flexible process and each sale is

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SHDC

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the late 1930s and continued operations through the early 1990s. Subsequently, the bus terminal location closed when Greyhound moved its operations to the current location on Third Street."



Ryan

According to Todd Darden, director of public works for the city of Big Spring, both parcels were part of the bus terminal, with one containing the building and the other a parking lot for the facility.

Ryan said acquisition of the properties is part of the redevelopment of the hotel.

"The sites will ultimately be included in the new Settles Hotel site plan," said Ryan. "Environmental clean-up and abatement of the bus terminal building is scheduled to begin in the next few weeks, subject to SHDC obtaining required environmental surveys and construction permits."

According to Kristopher Ryan, SHDC general manager, time has taken a heavy toll on the former bus station.

"The bus terminal building was not properly maintained and has suffered extensive water damage," said Kristopher Ryan. "The building also contains various asbestos-containing materials and will require an extensive abatement effort."

Brint Ryan said the newly acquired locations are "strategically significant to SHDC's Settles Hotel renovation project, and are the result of long-running negotiations between the former owners and SHDC representatives."

Acquisition of the property comes on the heels of a nod from the Texas Historical Commission, which confirmed eligibility of the downtown landmark to be nominated for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places in May.

Inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places would make the project an "excellent candidate" for federal tax credits, according to Ryan.

The project, which was recently undertaken by Ryan, a Big Spring native, calls for commercial and residential use of the property, with retail space available on the first and second floors.

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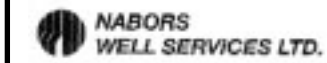
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OUR VIEWS

Commissioners take a step back with jail site vote

Howard County commissioners clearly took a step backward Monday when they voted in favor of adding the site adjacent to the District Courthouse as a possible location for a future county jail.

Less than a month after the court voted unanimously on a site in the 3600 block of W. Highway 80 for the proposed jail, commissioners decided to once again consider the downtown site in response to what County Judge Mark Barr called opinions from "not an abnormally large group of concerned citizens."

With Commissioner Jerry Kilgore absent, and Commissioner Bill Crooker abstaining, the court voted in favor of adding the site — located west of the courthouse and adjacent to the District Court — to the list of possible sites for project architect Jeff Heffelfinger to explore.

Following the meeting, however, Crooker termed the decision "simply ridiculous."

We can't help but agree.

While Barr said the concept of presenting different sites for voters to consider is still up in the air at this point, it seems strange that commissioners would even consider the move they made Monday.

Heffelfinger has already told the court environmental issues, asbestos abatement and the possible leakage of underground gasoline storage tanks; the demolition of existing buildings; the rerouting of power and gas utilities; and the possibility that eminent domain proceedings might be required to secure some of the existing buildings on the site make it unsuitable. In fact, he called the site "cost prohibitive" at the outset.

What's more, putting two different plans before voters in November, would require Heffelfinger to develop two different plans — something the architect warned would cost the county's taxpayers more money.

It would seem that Barr, before making his suggestion Monday, should have remembered his criticism of Phil Furqueron, the county's architect for last year's failed bond proposal, for billing the county for multiple plans.

What's more, county officials have already stressed that they will be hard pressed to find approximately \$500,000 needed for the coming fiscal year without raising taxes.

Given those two points alone, why would the court consider making the cost of a proposed new jail any more expensive than it needs to be?

Heffelfinger encouraged the court to decide on a single site before heading into the bond election to help save the county money on multiple designs.

"I told you all along that I'll work with you at a no-cost, \$10 deal, and that hasn't changed," he told the court. "However, you guys are kind of changing it a little bit here by asking me to go a little bit farther than I typically would on two sites."

Barr responded that he believes the court understands that.

We doubt, however, that the voters — who responded to claims of last year's bond issue being designed to build a "Taj Mahal Jail" by voting overwhelmingly against it — are going to understand spending more money than necessary.

We certainly don't.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we not let the traffic of life overpower our thoughts and desires to know You, Lord.

Amen

Dem candidates sojourn to faithland

You've got to hand it to Democrats. They are bountiful in chutzpah and relentless in trying to expand their tent. With the second-class treatment they routinely mete out to Christian political activists you'd think they'd be more discreet about proselytizing Christians on the virtues of liberalism. Think again.

Never mind that Democratic leaders become apoplectic every time Republicans so much as whisper about Christianity in the public square; their presidential candidates came right out in the open and attended Sojourners' Forum on Faith.

Mainstream media reporters couldn't hide their incredulity as they detailed the religious statements of candidates at Hillary Clinton to John Edwards, who just couldn't brag enough about the importance of prayer and faith in their lives. A Washington Post article covering the forum was titled "The Democrats' Leap of Faith."

You've got to admire the Democrats' tenacity. No matter how consummately the Republican Party is destroying itself, Democrats refuse to concede any voter bloc.

Of course, this is nothing new. Jim Wallis, founder and organizer of Sojourners, has been trumpeting the compatibility of evangelical Christianity with political liberalism for a number of years, most prominently in his book "God's Politics," and exhorting Democrats to pursue evangelicals with an evangelical fervor.

Wallis isn't the only one on the left with such ideas. Washington Post columnist E.J. Dionne has written passionately about the family-values friendliness of liberal domestic programs, particularly concerning Sen. Ted Kennedy's family leave advocacy.

Dionne wrote, "If you are for

family values, how can you oppose Kennedy's call to give all employees at least seven days of paid sick leave a year so they don't face 'a cruel choice between losing their job, or neglecting their sick child or sick spouse at home.'"

No matter which leftist is making the point, the theme is generally the same: Republicans don't have a monopoly on family values or even Christian values. In fact, Democratic liberal values, they say, more closely reflect the true Christian spirit.

DNC chairman Howard Dean once asked indignantly, "How can Republicans get to talk about moral values when they don't have any? I don't want to hear any lectures about Christian values from the Republican Party. They are the Pharisees and the Sadducees."

Former DNC chairman Ed Rendell said, "You have to look awfully hard" to find anything about abortion or gay marriage in the Bible. But in every chapter of the Bible, and the Koran, and the Torah, he said, are references to the Golden Rule, which squares more with political liberalism than conservatism.

Wallis expressed similar sentiments, saying that abortion and same-sex marriage are not the only Christian issues. "Faith informs policy in other areas as well," wrote Wallis. "What about the biblical imperatives for social justice, the God who lifts up the poor, the Jesus who said, 'blessed are the peacemakers'?"

Yes, but Christian conservatives don't cherry pick the Bible for partisan political benefit.

Christian conservatives don't espouse radical secular values, and they aren't at war with Christian principles.

It is undeniable that liberals claim to champion the poor and that Jesus talked tirelessly about the poor. But the myth is that conservatives have less compassion for the poor; they just don't believe the best way to eradicate poverty is through government-coerced redistributions of wealth.

Capitalism is squarely in line with Biblical principles. By contrast, one would be hard-pressed to make a biblical case for societal sanction of same-sex marriage or abortion.

Democratic evangelicals also fail to explain liberals' high comfort level with secular values and their unmistakable hostility toward Christians, mainstream Christian values and, sometimes, the very concept of absolute truth. You might recall Democratic Senator (and presidential candidate) Joe Biden confessing, "We have too many elites in our party who look down their nose on people of faith."

Biden is right. The examples of liberal Democrats denigrating Christians are too voluminous to detail (without writing a book about it), from columnist Maureen Dowd and others likening Christian fundamentalists (read: Bible-respecting Christians) to the Taliban, to liberal commentators saying Christian conservatives are "reality challenged," to Clinton's Labor Secretary Robert Reich arguing that "terrorism itself is not the greatest danger we face" and implying that the real threat is from "those who believe that truth is revealed through Scripture and religious dogma."

Liberals likewise reveal their true colors when they lobby for strict "separation of church and state" when it comes to the remotest presence of Christianity in the public square, but promote outright government endorsement of radical secular values that are unambiguously inimical to biblical truth.

Professing evangelical liberals might achieve marginal success in expanding their base this way, but I would hope the overwhelming majority of Christian voters would follow substance over form.

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Hooey to the denier deniers

If you want to convince the world that an overwhelming majority of scientists believes in global warming, then start by ignoring scientists who are not true believers. First, establish lists of scientists with your approved position, then smear dissidents. Soon, up-and-coming scientists will be afraid to cross the rigid green line.

So, the Society of Environmental Journalists put together a guide on climate change that lists a number of publications on global warming, scientists and seven environmental groups, each with positive descriptions. Under the "Deniers, Dissenters and 'Skeptics'" category are four listings — all negative. They suggest that these folk are venal, partisan and bad scientists, or all of the above.

According to the SEJ guide, University of Virginia professor Patrick Michaels "still claims to be the Virginia 'state climatologist' although the state has disavowed him." The publisher of George Mason University professor Fred Singer's books is connected with the "Moonie" leader, the Rev. Sun Myung Moon. The Competitive Enterprise Institute think tank has received oil money. Sen. James Inhofe, R-Okla., has a flack "whose resume brags of starting the 'Swift Boat' story that injured candidate John Kerry." The short list, with a senator even, suggests they had run out of dissident scientists — or dissident scientists they could squeeze into the venal-lightweight box.

James O'Brien — director of the Center for Ocean-Atmospheric Prediction Studies and former

Florida state climatologist, and not listed in the SEJ guide — said of guide's terms for nonbelievers: "I don't like the term 'deniers.' They're trying to say we're like Holocaust deniers." He didn't make that up. Boston Globe columnist Ellen Goodman recently wrote that "global warming deniers are now on a par with Holocaust deniers, though one denies the past and the other denies the present and future."

It ought to tell you something that the guide focuses not on the issues, but personal issues and credentials of nonbelievers. Ooooooh, a senator has a flack who spins. How nefarious. I'm sure global warming guru and former Vice President Al Gore only hired monks.

Most insulting is the insinuation that skeptics are after money, while believers are pure. Nonsense, David Legates, Delaware state climatologist, told me. Dire global warming predictions draw the big bucks in research these days: "There's a lot more money to be made by saying the world is coming to an end than to say that this is a bunch of hooey."

"Hooey" is the term also used by Reid Bryson, the father of scientific climatology, in the (Madison, Wis.) Capital Times, as he explained: "If you want to be an eminent scientist, you have to have a lot of grad students and a lot of grants. You can't get grants unless you say, 'Oh global warming, yes, yes, carbon dioxide.'"

Legates tells students who are not global-warming true believers, "If you don't have tenure at a major research university, keep your mouth shut."

Dissenting scientists do not deny that the planet is getting warmer. As O'Brien noted, "I believe that there is global warming and it's probably due to natural as well as

human causes." But also, "It's not occurring as fast as the alarmists say," and its consequences won't be as dire as they say. SEJ should see the value in skeptics who challenge the global-warming orthodoxy — which can make global warming forecasts more concise — instead of suggesting that no good scientists have alternative views.

O'Brien sees a schism in the science community, with real-world scientists — think former Director of the National Hurricane Center Neil Frank — on one skeptic side, and environmentalists and ecologists, who "if they see more turtles this year than last year, they write a paper" on the worst-case-scenario other.

Legates noted that state climatologists deal in patterns and cycles and "tend to be more skeptical of the extreme climate change scenarios."

Politicians, thus, have begun to stifle state climatologists who are not global-warming boosters — oddly with little complaint that evil politicians are trying to censor noble scientists.

Oregon state climatologist George Taylor is a skeptic. Oregon Gov. Ted Kulongoski, a Democrat, asked Oregon State University to stop Taylor from using a title he had used without complaint since 1991. Virginia Gov. Tim Kaine, also a Democrat, pulled a similar move on Michaels, who is now the American Association of State Climatologists-designated state climatologist in Virginia.

As if it's a bad thing to be recognized by fellow climatologists, instead of a politician — at least to the Society of Environmental Journalists.

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Bird Poop: Railroad men rescue young house finches

Flying across the lonely expanse, the bird had found twigs, grass stems and leaves to weave into her nest. With its location in a safe, warm environment, the female was encouraged by her mate, which shared partly digested food from his crop as she worked.

Having brought some of the nesting material himself, the male sang as she carefully interlaced each piece. Since neither had ever nested in such a large structure, they had carefully explored the inside before selecting the preferred spot. When she finally ceased her creative effort, the nest was about five inches in diameter and three inches deep.

Perched on the edge of a lowered window, the male continued his daily repertoire of cheerful songs as the female incubated her eggs. To sustain her, he was constantly flying in and out of the window as he searched for food and returned with seeds and insects. Once her five eggs started to hatch, both parents would be active in securing food.

Approaching from the west, the train crew looked forward to having some time away from work. Having uncoupled from the string of box-cars and tankers, they guided their engine to an unused spur.

Parked on a siding was the diesel that would haul their cargo to the next layover. Since this engine had been sitting idle, the fresh crew arrived early and climbed aboard. As they entered the cab, the engineer thought he heard something. "Quiet, shh," he cautioned. Coming from the forward area was a faint peeping sound. When one of the other men found a nest, no one could believe what they had onboard.

Coming to life, the engine slowly moved in to position. As it coupled with the long array of rolling carriers, the diesel purred, then rumbled into its arduous task. Once moving, the engineer called for help.

With the train 155 miles from Big Spring, it would take four to five hours plus before it arrived. Even more time if they had to sit on a siding. Telling me there were no trees anywhere near their turnaround stop, the engineer said he hated to leave the nest outside. The parents might not find it. "Can we bring it to you?"

Although looking forward to seeing what they had discovered, I was more interested in the nestlings being fed and warm. From the description of the babies, I guessed we were dealing with house finches.

At first, their parents would feed them regurgitated food consisting of weed seeds and insects. We would have to supplement a diet for a short period of time. Asking the engineer if they carried their lunches with them, I was relieved to hear a positive reply. "Tell me everything that you and your men have to eat."

Among their lunches was whole wheat bread, an apple and a carton of milk. Making a small bowl of tinfoil, the men soaked tiny parcels of bread until they were soggy. Mixed with a small amount of apple mashed into pulp, the diet could sustain the five hungry babies. A toothpick easily held a serving for each nestling. Every 45 minutes, a crewman fed the train's adopted family. He soon learned to watch the naked part of each bird's neck.

Seeing the food slide downward, the feeder knew when the baby's crop was full. As for warmth, the tiny new lives were in the warmest part of the cab.

When our doorbell rang, we knew company had arrived. With the nest bundled inside some rags, the engineer delivered his cargo. Looking inside, I couldn't help but laugh.

Typical, with their first few days of growth, the newly- and recently-hatched were covered with long, grayish-white filoplumes. Each of these tiny, delicate hairlike feathers stood erect and distinct from its neighbor. The five little bodies, especially their heads, looked like static electricity at its worst.

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Whether in a city, farmland or desert, the resourceful house finch adapts to its surroundings and available food. In an emergency, it will seek emerging buds of bushes and trees, aphids, caterpillars and even cactus fruit.

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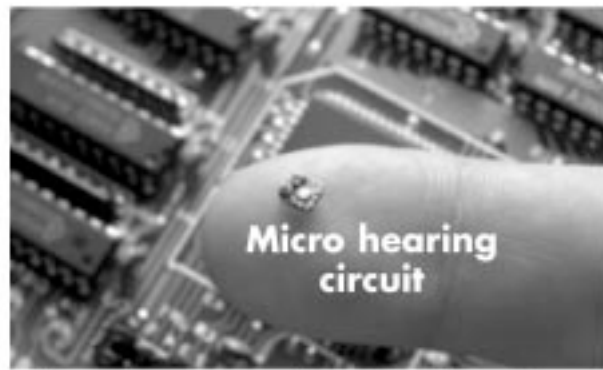
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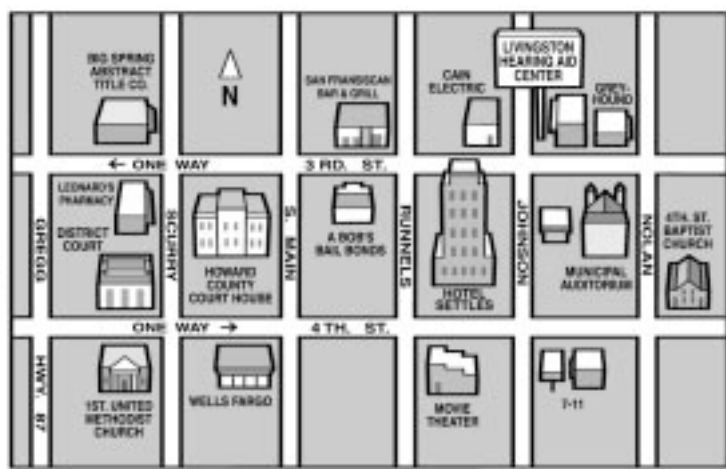
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STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES.

PETITIONER NO. J22335
vs.
SHAWNA CRENSHAW, mother and
JAMIE TURNER, father
RESPONDENTS
IN THE MATTER OF:
JAMES MICHAEL TURNER,
D.O.B. 12/18/92
A Child Under Eighteen (18) Years of Age
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The State of Tennessee, Department of Children's Services, has filed a petition against you seeking to terminate forever your parental right to James Michael Turner on the grounds that you have willfully abandoned this child and for other reasons. It appears that ordinary process of law cannot be served upon you because your whereabouts are unknown. You are, therefore, ordered to respond by appearing in Court or filing an Answer to the Petition filed against you. A copy of the Petition may be obtained at the office of the Juvenile Court of Tipton County, Tennessee, at Covington. This notice will be published for four consecutive weeks. The last date of publication will be 7-17-07. You must appear in Court on 9-19-07 at 9:00 a.m. to appear or defend or file an Answer within 30 days or a Default Judgment or judgment on the facts will be taken against you and a hearing to terminate your parental rights will be set. All future hearings and/or documents filed in this cause shall be filed with the clerk and shall be considered as service upon you. You may request your copy from the clerk.

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The Scorpio moon is enigmatic and powerfully mysterious. Her creative powers shine like the Siberian goddess Hotogov Mailgan, alighting the sky now in Russia. This week in St. Petersburg, the skies appear light gray at night, casting magical, enchanting colors across the city. What dazzling shadows will the Scorpio moon cast in your life?

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your security needs are high, and you're doing something positive about it. Maybe you'll amass a small fortune, or secure the loyalty of a tight group of friends. Others are proud to feel needed by you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). In order to make an impression on the world, you've got to stay open to all possibilities, not just the obvious ones. Get together with your friend who always has the wackiest idea — possibly an Aquarius person.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Navigate with your gut. It calmly tells you how to negotiate a business deal, choose the right words to express your angst or find a better way of dealing with a cranky co-worker.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Self-love is one of the toughest classes to master — no piece of cake, but

what a prize. Believe that you deserve more. Love yourself enough to grab for better things.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Fame is always part invention and part substance. You've got the substance part covered, and the flamboyance to pull off your latest character. Surprise, surprise. People believe you!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Two of the people you love can't stand to be with each other. Here you are, stuck in the middle. Wait. Maybe you're not so stuck, after all. Walk off and leave these two to sort it out amongst themselves.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Accept what others offer you graciously. Be charitable. Show them your goodwill by not measuring the effort against your yardstick. Even if it's less than what you'd hoped for, they're definitely honoring you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). This should be an eye-opening day. From your perspective, a dilemma appears unsolvable. But teaming up with a strong partner elevates you to the next level.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're hit with the impulse to strip away excesses in your life. Clean out your refrigerator. Change your water purifier. Pare down your address book. Get right with the universe.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). While you're wishing you weren't in the place where you are,

moments slip from you. Like a commodity, time is yours to decide how to spend. Don't let it escape unnoticed.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Uncomfortable circumstances cause you to be, at least inwardly, jumping up and down mad. Frustration is a powerful motivator. Imagine how many millionaires and inventions it's created.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your creative talents are like tender young things that really know how to pitch a fit if they aren't being paid attention to. So give them a platform. Nothing fancy. A notebook and pen may be all they need for now.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'd be interested in knowing your insight on this relationship: I'm a man, born Aug. 12, 1960, and my partner of eight months is a man, born May 9, 1964. It's been great, but fiery at times. Sometimes all this intensity is exhausting, but I certainly don't want to stop!"

Wow, I love it! A Leo-Taurus combination! He's caught in your brilliant dazzling light (you've got a lotta Leo to love), and you're attracted to his sensual and gentle nature. It's the animal magnetism of his Mars in Taurus — he's a cuddly, sexy beast. There's great passion and independence here, and where there's smoke there's fire, right? Here are two stubborn egos to

contend with strong personal pride and all the ensuing drama. Your unconscious responses to your disagreements are similar — react, defend, defend then leave the scene to blow off steam. You're far more verbally argumentative, but he's the strong silent type who won't back down. Phew! No, you don't want it to stop. You understand each other. It's thrilling. It's storybook romantic and everything you've dreamed of. Your sweet Bull knows how to tame the bestial Lion. How sweet it is!

CELEBRITY PROFILES: John Cusack might've been a preacher or politician had he not been an actor. This guy clearly has something to say! Cancers are known to preach, and with Jupiter there, too, the message spreads to the corners of the globe. He speaks out against the war, he writes and he acts. With Cancer, the fruit doesn't fall far from the tree. His dad was an actor and writer; his mom a political activist.

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Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I'm in love with an engaged man, but unfortunately, he isn't engaged to me. He knows how I feel and has told me he has similar feelings. We know we aren't doing the smartest thing, but we both believe a little bit is better than nothing at all.

The problem arises with his fiancée. I don't dislike her, but I am concerned about her effect on him. There have been times when I believe she's hacked into his e-mail account because letters of mine were sent to everyone in his address book. She also spread rumors around that he beat her, which I find completely absurd, and I think at one point, she might have staged a near rape to earn sympathy.

I feel he should be told, but if it comes from me, I'm afraid I'll just come off as jealous and spiteful. So far, I've tried to let him notice things on his own, but I think he may purposely be blinding himself to certain of her actions to avoid being hurt. Should I tell him my concerns or just leave things as they are? — Fearful in Love

Dear Fearful: This guy is engaged to someone else and fooling around with you, and you're worried his fiancée is taking advantage of him? Open your eyes and take a closer look. If the two of you are so in love, he should have the decency to break off the engagement. If he won't, you can be sure it's because he doesn't care for you as much as you think, and it won't matter if you spill the beans or not. Get out of this relationship before you become the Other Woman in his marriage, writing us that you're a wreck because he won't leave his wife.

Dear Annie: My daughter

is 22 and has made a choice to remain a virgin until marriage. The problem? Her doctor.

The last two times "Chloe" went to her gynecologist, the female doctor asked if she was on birth control. When my daughter explained she was a virgin, the doctor didn't believe her and kept saying, "You can tell me the truth." Chloe repeated that she had decided to remain a virgin until marriage. The doctor kept insisting that Chloe be "honest" with her.

Today, Chloe told me she went to the same doctor to ask if birth control pills would help regulate her menstrual cycle. The doctor told her she had to get a pregnancy test first, even though Chloe reiterated that she was not sexually active. Chloe was so humiliated, she has decided to change physicians.

What is wrong with doctors these days? Is it so inconceivable that a young woman would be a virgin? — Mother of a Virgin

Dear Mother: Doctors who have often been on the receiving end of less-than-truthful patients can become cynical and, when prescribing birth control pills, feel safer requiring a pregnancy test. But it is unconscionable to repeatedly imply that a patient is a liar. Chloe is right to find someone more suitable.

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This Could Go in "Ripley's Believe It or Not"

Dear Margo: My friends and I are beginning to approach that age where our friends are engaged and getting married, and we are happy for their happiness. However, one has us a little worried. She's the youngest of us (20), and she claims to have fallen in love.

Normally this would be a wonderful thing to hear, but the man she's in love with has yet to call her on the phone. (We worry this is a red flag warning about a controlling and perhaps even abusive man. He won't give her his number and chooses when to talk to her online, many times breaking the "date" and having her wait for hours.)

They met online, and he asked her to date him after one night of instant messages, and to marry him after three. It's been around five weeks now, and she still hasn't heard his voice and is already planning her life around him . . . delaying her schooling and plans for moving. They're going to be married in a few months, but she won't actually meet him until a week or so before the wedding.

When we have suggested she rethink all this, she says she's 20 and knows what's what and isn't stupid. Of concern to us is that she plans to transfer all of her money into his bank account because he'd asked her to marry him. We think we've talked her out of that. She is so in love with the notion of being taken care of (which he's already told her he wants to do, and he calls her "Princess").

We fear we may just have to be a first response team to the disaster. — Emergency Help Needed

Dear Em: Your friend is nuts, and she is stupid. Odds are pretty good that the online "fiance" is a scam artist . . . most likely married. Any girl who has not spoken to "the fiance" is a quart low, and it is

very sad. You are correct that all you can do in this situation is to be first responders. (At least you've saved her bank account.) — Margo, incredulously

When a 19-Year-Old "Child" Is Acting Out

Dear Margo: I am 17 years old and a junior in high school. Recently, my parents announced their divorce. I am fine with it. I view it as their life and their choice, but my older sister is becoming outrageous. She is 19 and uses the fact that we now come from a "broken home" to justify her behavior.

She will curse like a sailor, talk about the anatomy of the opposite sex at the dinner table (when I have friends over) and just generally act out. I am at a loss about what to do. Most of the time I just want to slap some sense into her, but I know that won't do me an ounce of good.

My parents just ignore it and act like she can do no wrong. Please give me a clue as to which way to go. — Ready to Kill Her in Ohio

Dear Red: Interesting that you, at 17, have not been rocked by your folks' parting, but your elder sister has. Because you say your parents think that her ribald Wife of Bath behavior is just fine, they are either cutting her some slack out of guilt for what they think they have done to her, or she is the favorite child who can do no wrong.

I am with you that a newly developed potty mouth is a bid for attention. If she is genuinely discombobulated by the impending divorce, a fact to which your parents seem impervious, why don't you suggest that she talk to a therapist about what is bothering her? — Margo, correctively

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Parent's Corner:

Let's learn not to leave scars on those around us

We are all blessed with emotions. Sometimes, however, they are very difficult to control. Such was the case of a physician who had a very bad temper and, not surprisingly, suffered from a heart disorder called angina pectoris.



DARRELL RYAN

He had a habit of remarking, "My life is at the mercy of any scoundrel who chooses to put me in a passion."

This proved quite prophetic. At a meeting of the hospital board in London he became involved in a heated argument, walked out and dropped dead.

Most people are aware that on-going anger can eventually lead to a num-

ber of physical illnesses, notably heart disease.

However, there are much more immediate and unpleasant effects. It consumes huge amounts of mental and physical energy, takes from our enjoyment of life, interferes with constructive and useful thinking, threatens our relationships and career prospects, undermines our self esteem and, in extremes, can so obsess us that it crowds most other thoughts from our minds.

After an angry exchange you can be affected for hours or even days as you endlessly go over the event in your mind, churning up the angry feelings and adding to them. During this period, your mood is being ruled by the memory of the person you are angry with and not by you. You are a victim of the event.

When you allow someone else's behavior to make you angry, you are indeed the victim. They

are likely to go off and forget about it. You are being controlled by them without their even knowing about it — as you fume and fret and relive the event for days or months afterward while trying to enjoy yourself with friends or family, while relaxing on the beach, or while trying to sleep at night.

There once was a little boy who had a bad temper. His father gave him a bag of nails and told him that every time he lost his temper, he must hammer a nail into the back of the fence. The first day the boy had driven 37 nails into the fence. Over the next few weeks, as he learned to control his anger, the number of nails hammered daily gradually dwindled.

He discovered it was easier to hold his temper than to drive those nails into the fence.

Finally the day came when the boy didn't lose his temper at all. He told his father about it and

the father suggested that the boy now pull out one nail for each day that he was able to hold his temper. The days passed and the young boy was finally able to tell his father that all the nails were gone. The father took his son by the hand and led him to the fence.

He said, "You have done well, my son, but look at the holes in the fence. The fence will never be the same. When you say things in anger, they leave a scar just like this one. You can put a knife in a man and draw it out. It won't matter how many times you say I'm sorry, the wound is

still there."

A verbal wound is as bad as a physical one.

There will always be scars. Most wounds do result in some degree of scarring. But a scar is a natural part of the healing process. The worse the damage is, the worse the scar will be. Scars replace normal skin or other tissue after destruction.

A scar results from the biologic process of wound repair in the skin and other tissues of the body. Because the body cannot re-build the tissue exactly as it was, the new scar tissue will have a different texture and quality

than the surrounding normal tissue.

An injury does not become a scar until the wound has completely healed; however, scar tissue is not identical to the tissue which it replaces.

Like the holes in the fence, no scar can ever be completely removed. So it is that when we inflict wounds, we inflict scars.

May we learn to control our emotions so we will not leave scars on those around us.

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

FINCHES

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From down to a continuous feather growth, the five nestlings quickly resembled their parents. Sixteen days after hatching, their restive spirits wanted to leave the nest. Perched on adjacent limbs for a few days before flying, the house finches would still be dependent upon parental feeding and guidance. It was time for them to experience the aviary at the wildlife center.

Among the five, the two grayish-brownish males would develop a distinct

bright shade of red on head and chest. Drab would describe the gray-brown females with only dull streaking on their underparts.

Although they can be a farmer's nuisance as they peck away at ripe apricots and peaches, hardy house finches eat

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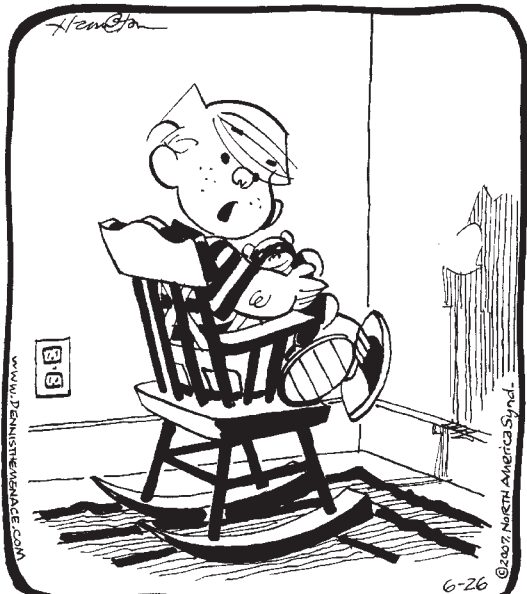
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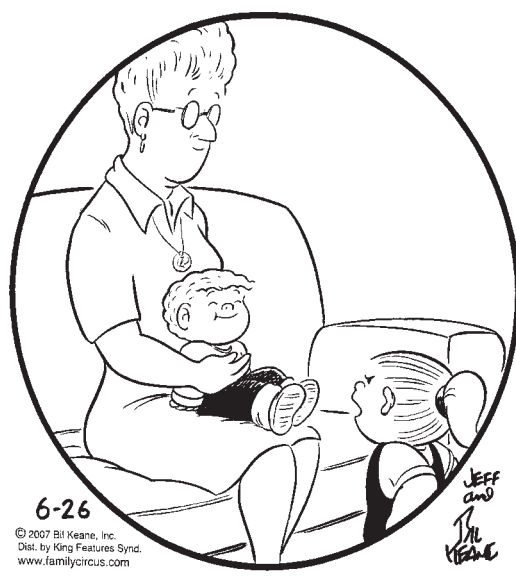
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"HEY, MOM! WHEN DO I GET A TIME-OUT FROM MY TIME-OUT?"

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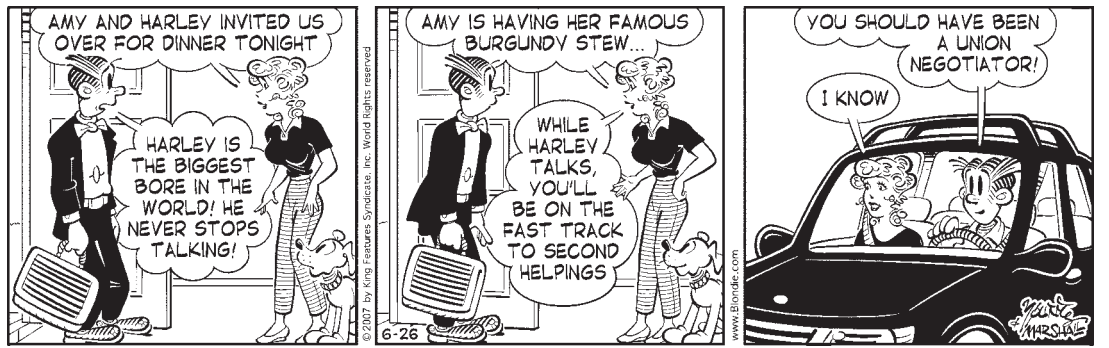


"No fair, Jeffy! You can't call dibs on Grandma!"

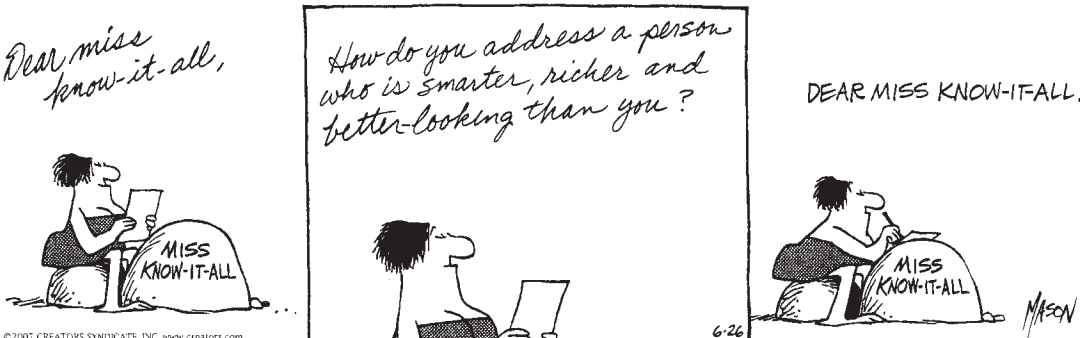
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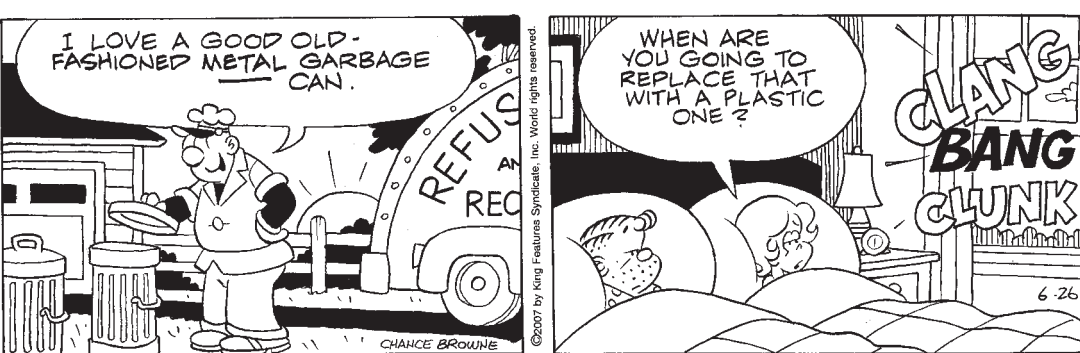
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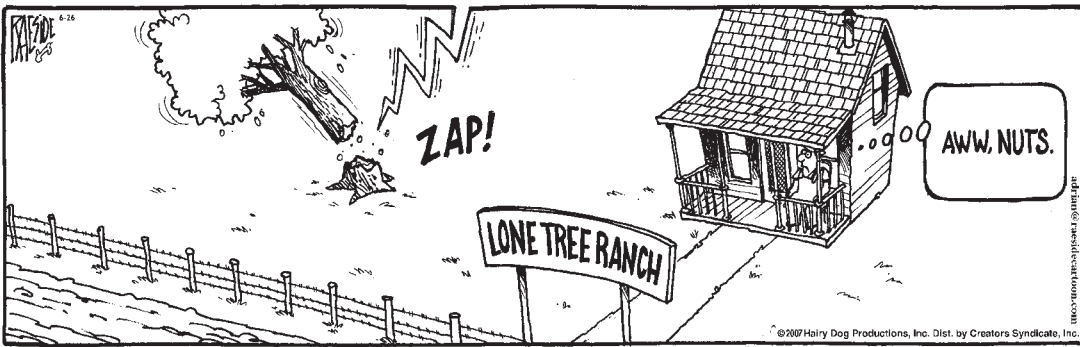
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, June 26, the 177th day of 2007. There are 188 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 26, 1963, President Kennedy visited West Berlin, where he made his famous declaration: "Ich bin ein Berliner" (I am a Berliner).

On this date:

In 1870, the first section of the boardwalk at Atlantic City, N.J., was opened to the public.

In 1925, Charlie Chaplin's classic comedy "The Gold Rush" premiered at Grauman's Egyptian Theatre in Hollywood, Calif.

In 1945, the charter of the United Nations was signed by 50 countries in San Francisco.

In 1948, the Berlin Airlift began in earnest after the Soviet Union cut off land and water routes to the isolated western sector of Berlin.

In 1950, President Truman authorized the Air Force and Navy to enter the Korean conflict.

In 1959, President Eisenhower joined Britain's Queen Elizabeth II in ceremonies officially opening the St. Lawrence Seaway.

In 1968, Chief U.S. Justice Earl Warren announced he was resigning.

In 1973, former White House counsel John W. Dean told the Senate Watergate Committee about an "enemies list" kept by the Nixon White House.

In 1977, 42 people were killed when a fire sent toxic smoke pouring through the Maury County Jail in Columbia, Tenn.

In 1987, Supreme Court Justice Lewis F. Powell Jr. announced his retirement, leaving a vacancy that was filled by Anthony M. Kennedy.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Eleanor Parker is 85. Jazz musician-film composer Dave Grusin is 73. Actor Josef Sommer is 73. Singer Billy Davis Jr. (The Fifth Dimension) is 67. Rock

singer Georgie Fame is 64. Actor Clive Francis is 61. Actor Robert Davi is 53. Singer-musician Mick Jones is 52. Actor Gedde Watanabe is 52. Rock singer Chris Isaak is 51. Rock singer Patty Smyth is 50. Singer Terri Nunn (Berlin) is 46. Rock singer Harriet Wheeler (The Sundays) is 44. Rock musician Colin Greenwood (Radiohead) is 38. Writer-director Paul Thomas Anderson is 37. Actor Sean Hayes is 37. Actor Matt Letscher is 37. Actor Chris O'Donnell is 37. Actress Rebecca Budig is 34. Country singer Gretchen Wilson is 33.

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Answer to previous puzzle

PANEL	CALL	ACHE
CLONE	OBOE	SOAR
SUNDAY	BEST	PURE
MOOSE	DESCEND	
WEAR	GENT	
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EWER	GLUM	
ABOLISH	LIARS	
USER	SEASON	PASS
NEAT	LEAVE	ELITE
OATH	SLEW	DENSE

Newsday Crossword

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| ACROSS | 66 ___ as a cucumber | 11 "That's clear" | 40 "Walk this way . . ." |
| 1 Sheets of sea ice | 67 Distributed, with "out" | 12 Unsuccessful performance | 45 Camera stand |
| 6 Scorch | | 13 Easy throw | 46 Metal in pennies |
| 10 Break in friendly relations | DOWN | 18 Disorderly place | 47 Exact match |
| 14 National bird | 1 ___ up (admit the truth) | 19 Castaway's locale | 49 Sculpted figure |
| 15 Own | 2 Past the deadline | 24 Stash away | 50 Shaquille of basketball |
| 16 Norway's capital | 3 Mean person | 25 Marlin or mackerel | 51 Boxing results: Abbr. |
| 17 Webcam broadcasts | 4 Copper and carbon | 26 Wise folks | 52 Prefix for space |
| 20 Appear to be | 5 Caribbean, for one | 27 Like a lot | 53 Banana covering |
| 21 Finishes | 6 Beijing's land | 28 Just right | 54 Threesome |
| 22 Flows slowly | 7 Conveniently located | 29 Butter portions | 56 Something very funny |
| 23 Opinion piece | 8 Typical amounts: Abbr. | 30 Distribute | 57 Diminutive ending |
| 25 Winter ailment | 9 Accelerate, as an engine | 31 Rope slipknot | 58 Backyard structure |
| 26 "Marching in" group of song | 10 Arrived on horseback | 32 Made a cut in lumber | 60 Checkout-counter scan: Abbr. |
| 29 Coconut-custard holders | | 34 Headliner | 61 President pro ___ |
| 33 Augment | | 35 Professor's deg. | |
| 34 Fitness centers | | 38 Like tea in a tumbler | |
| 36 Mauna ___ (Hawaiian volcano) | | 39 Peace Nobelist | |
| 37 Adapts sensibly | | Wiesel | |
| 41 Historical period | | | |
| 42 Ill-mannered men | | | |
| 43 Not restrictive | | | |
| 44 Carbonated water | | | |
| 47 At an incline | | | |
| 48 Get ___ of (throw out) | | | |
| 49 Hand-drying cloth | | | |
| 51 Short putt | | | |
| 54 Author Morrison | | | |
| 55 Sources of silver | | | |
| 59 Stay up-to-date about | | | |
| 62 Sandwich cookie | | | |
| 63 Leaning Tower city | | | |
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