
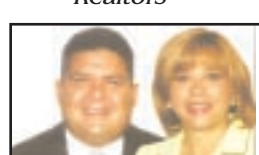


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A new Bellamy Brothers generation

Sons of famed David Bellamy make an appearance during Farmers Market

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer

Like father, like sons. Jesse and Noah Bellamy, a musical duo who performed in Big Spring Saturday, are walking in some famous footsteps. Their father, David, is one-half of the country-rock group Bellamy Brothers, which has had a string of hits — including "Let Your Love Flow" and "Redneck Girl" — in their 30-year career. While the sons have not yet attained anything close to the fame of their father and uncle, Howard, they certainly see themselves as carrying on a family tradition. "We pretty much grew up with (music). We couldn't avoid it," Jesse said. "Our dad pretty much ran the business out of our home and our grandfather has always been their manager, so I guess we grew up with it in the home." "It just seemed normal to us," Noah

added. Considering their pedigree, perhaps it shouldn't be surprising that they decided to form a band and begin touring. "We started playing when we were real young," Jesse said. "It was pretty obvious that this is what we wanted to do. We formed our first band when we were still in high school." While the brothers have yet to have a major hit, a song off their latest CD — "Daddy's Got a Shotgun" — has received some recent radio play, they said. And if you like the Bellamy Brothers, you should like Jesse and Noah's music. Like their father and uncle, the brothers' music leans heavily to country-tinged pop and rock. And how does Dad feel about his sons' career move? "He said, 'Don't do it!'" Jesse said jokingly. "Seriously, he's always been really supportive. We call him every day just to talk. Whatever problems we have on the road, he's already been through."



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
 Jesse, left, and Noah Bellamy are following in the musical footsteps of their father, David, who achieved fame as one-half of the Bellamy Brothers country rock band. Jesse and Noah, who performed in Big Spring Saturday, are currently touring Texas.

Council, Moore Board to meet

By THOMAS JENKINS
 Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council will meet Tuesday afternoon to discuss a number of routine items, including a quarterly update with the Moore Development for Big Spring Inc. board expected to take place in an executive session. The update session, which is the second of its kind since the city council made the quarterly meetings a requirement of the board in an effort to keep the governmental bodies better abreast of one another, is set for 5:30 p.m. Also on Tuesday's agenda is:

- Final reading of approval of the preliminary/final plat of Avalon

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Webb sets horror tale in Big Spring

Author's first effort has zombies hitting home

By DUSTIN WILSON
 Staff Writer



HERALD Photo/Dustin Wilson
 Author Terry Webb in his den where for the past ten months he has spent working on his first novel *The Phoenix Gene*.

For most of his life, author Terry Webb has surrounded himself with a world of horror, zombies and the general things that keep you up at night. "I wanted to write about something I enjoy, and I really enjoy horror," Webb said. And horror it is. Titled "The Phoenix Gene," the novel follows the character Mac through Texas, trying to escape an outbreak of zombies as he makes his son's house in Alabama. This is the Big Spring author's first full length book. Webb says that he wanted to explore the world of the zombie genre a bit further than most authors. "The one thing that always bothered me about zombie stories in the past is that they

never told you how the zombies came about," Webb explained. "You'd have a person walking down the road and then boom — there'd be zombie's everywhere. With my book it gives an insight into how the zombies come about." The author cites his biggest influences span from movie director George A. Romero to well-known horror novelists Dean Koontz and Stephen King. "I've read them for years and years, and I've always wanted to write in a similar direction," Webb added. When asked how long it took to fully write and edit the novel, "The first page of the book was written two years ago, and once I sat down and convinced myself to write to book it took a total of ten months. It took a

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Congress returns, set to battle Bush


By LAURIE KELLMAN
 Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Congressmen returning from their Independence Day break are ready for battle with the White House, with Democrats decrying President Bush's commutation of former aide I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby's prison sentence and fighting Bush's latest claim of executive privilege. Both events occurred around Congress' vacation, inflaming an intense battle between Democrats and Bush over his use of executive power.

There was relatively high tension on both ends of Pennsylvania Avenue as majority Democrats — and increasing numbers of Republicans — challenged Bush's Iraq war policy. Sen. Susan Collins of Maine, ranking Republican on the Homeland Security Committee, said Monday there had been "a steady erosion for the president's policy" in Congress because of the "tremendous loss of life among our troops" in June and "the failure of the Iraqi government to pursue the political reforms that are necessary to quell the sectarian violence."

Meanwhile, several Democratic-run investigations are playing out this week as they head toward contempt of Congress citations and, if neither side yields, federal court: Monday is the deadline for the White House to explain why Bush is refusing to comply with a congressional subpoena for e-mails and other documents on his aides' involvement in the firings of eight federal prosecutors last winter. The White House is not expected to comply with the deadline.


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IN BRIEF

Big Spring racers light up speedway

Two Big Spring natives placed second in auto races held at the Desert Motor Speedway Friday and Saturday.

Jim Darling took part in the Stallion Oilfield Services Corvette Shoot-out Friday, racing his 1964 Corvette. He finished second in both the bracket races and the heads up races, reaching as much as 80 mph.

Michael Duffer also took second place in the Jr. Dragster races Saturday.

The speedway will hold the Sewell Ford of Odessa Mustang Shoot-out starting at 8 p.m. Friday.

Saturday's action will feature the Heads Up Door Slammer Shootout with the winner earning \$2,000. Big Spring's Gene Hector will be racing his record breaking pro-modified Corvette. Gates open at 7 p.m. and races occur until midnight.

BSGSA all-star teams raising funds

All four Big Spring Girls Softball Association All-Star teams are raising funds for expenses for the tournaments on the UTPB campus in Odessa each team will participate in on July 20-22. Each team needs to raise \$1,400.

Any person, group or business willing to donate can visit www.bigspringsoftball.com for contact information.

Steers season ticket sales start Tuesday

Big Spring High School will make 2007 Steer football season tickets available for previous season ticket holders Tuesday at the Athletic Training Center.

Previous holders can purchase their tickets Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. until July 24.

Season tickets will be made available to the general public Aug. 8 through Aug. 22 from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Call Kay Cook at 264-3662 with any questions.

Lady Steers Booster Club meets today

The Lady Steers Booster Club will hold a meeting at 6:30 p.m. today at the Athletic Training Center to elect new officers for the 2007-2008 school year and to discuss other items concerning the upcoming school year.

The current officers encourage all parents of Lady Steer athletes to attend and support Big Spring girls athletics.

For more information, contact Leslie Whitten at 816-6764.

Big Spring QB Club meeting Tuesday

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

All parents of players in grades 7-12 are

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Burke, Pence power Astros past Mets

By **KRISTIE RIEKEN**

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Chris Burke has been waiting all year to get into an offensive groove.

Now that he finally has, capping a big weekend with a two-run homer in Houston's 8-3 win over the New York Mets on Sunday, he's not happy about waiting until after the All-Star break to try and keep it up.

"It's been fun," said Burke, who has five hits and three RBIs in the last two games. "That's always a nice rhythm, to be in up there where you feel like if you

get a good pitch to hit, you're going to hit it hard. Unfortunately now I've got four days to think about it."

A day after going 13 innings without a run in a 5-3, 17-inning loss to New York, the Astros scored early and often against Mets starter Dave Williams. They led 8-0 after four.

Astros ace Roy Oswalt (8-5) got his first victory since June 17 and has 106 wins since 2001 for the most in the majors in that span, surpassing Randy Johnson's 105.

Morgan Ensberg put the Astros in front with a two-run single to

left in the first. Williams (0-1) intentionally walked Carlos Lee before walking Mark Loretta to load the bases ahead of Ensberg's hit.

Ensberg scored on Bruntlett's single to make it 3-0 before Williams got Brad Ausmus to pop out with runners on first and second to end the inning.

Williams ran into more trouble in the second in his first game since offseason neck surgery. Rookie Hunter Pence's sixth triple of the season drove in Burke, and Lance Berkman then hit a sacrifice fly.

"He got off with bad com-

mand," Mets manager Willie Randolph said. "He walked two or three guys. He just wasn't on. Obviously he was all over the place and struggled with his control."

Burke homered into the Crawford Boxes in left field in the fourth to make it 7-0. Astros manager Phil Garner said he starting seeing good swings from Burke a couple of weeks ago in Colorado.

"He's swinging the bat well," Garner said. "If he can maintain that discipline he can hit well."

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Rangers go into break on winning note

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON — Kevin Millwood finally has his mechanics in order on the mound and is starting to have a lot of success, like the rest of the Texas Rangers.

Millwood allowed one run in six innings to win for the fourth time in five starts and the Rangers went into the All-Star break with a 2-1 victory Sunday over the Baltimore Orioles to clinch another series.

"It seems like every game I've gotten a little better and a little more comfortable," said Millwood, who was on the disabled list twice before June with a strained left hamstring. "It's always easier when you're comfortable out there. When you're healthy, it's easier to have good mechanics."

The Rangers took two of three from Baltimore and are unbeaten in seven consecutive series for the first time since 2001, when they also went 6-0-1 during one stretch. But Texas (38-50) is still in last place in the AL West and 15 games behind the Los Angeles Angels.

Kenny Lofton, the 40-year-old center fielder who had missed three games with a sore left knee, hit the tiebreaking homer and scored both Texas runs. He was 2-for-2 with two walks.

"He needed some time off and he got it," manager Ron Washington said. "He certainly is a spark-plug. ... He scored the first run and then hit a bomb for us. Pitching did the rest."

Lofton's sixth homer was a two-out shot in the sixth off Daniel Cabrera

(6-10) that snapped a 1-1 tie.

Millwood (6-7) allowed one run and five hits over six innings. He struck out four and walked three, two of those coming in the sixth when he got out of a bases-loaded jam by inducing a groundball by Jay Payton.

A double-play grounder got Millwood out of the first after he gave up two hits, a walk and a run.

"Being able to make some pitches here and there to get out of those, lately I've been able to do that," Millwood said.

"He's throwing all his pitches," Washington said. "He's using both sides of the plate, throwing it up, throwing it down, throwing it in and throwing it out. He's changing speeds, he's making pitches in tough situations."

It was only the second time in his 15 starts this season that Millwood allowed only one run. The right-hander, who is set to start consecutive games for the Rangers, has lowered his ERA from 7.82 to 6.16 over his past five starts. Millwood is the scheduled starter for the first game after the All-Star break, Friday night at the Angels.

Frank Francisco got Texas out of a bases-loaded jam in the eighth when he needed only one pitch to get Payton to ground into an inning-ending double play.

"It's a game of luck and unfortunately I didn't get a break today. I came up a couple of times with the bases loaded and hit it right at the shortstop," Payton said. "A couple steps to the left or right

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MCT photo/Khampha Bousphanh

Texas Rangers relief pitcher Joaquin Benoit works in the seventh inning against the Baltimore Orioles. The Rangers defeated the Orioles, 2-1 Sunday at Rangers Ballpark in Arlington.

Federer tops Nadal for fifth straight Wimbledon title

By **STEVEN WINE**

AP Sports Writer

WIMBLEDON — The best tennis rivalry in years blossomed a little more in the Wimbledon final, and even Roger Federer was happy about it.

He answered the latest challenge from nemesis Rafael Nadal beautifully.

Federer matched Bjorn Borg's modern record of five consecutive Wimbledon men's titles Sunday, beating Nadal in the final for the second year in a row, 7-6 (7), 4-6, 7-6 (3), 2-6, 6-2.

"He's a fantastic player, and he's going to be around for so much longer," Federer said. "So I'm happy every one I get now, before he takes them all. He's improving so much."

Federer continues to reign as the game's dominant player, and not only on grass. Monday marks his 180th week in a row atop the rankings, extending his record.

But he has struggled against Nadal, losing eight of their 13 matches. That includes each of the past three years at the French Open, preventing

Federer from completing the career Grand Slam he so badly wants.

And the No. 2-ranked Nadal is clearly gaining ground on grass. For the first time in Federer's 34-match winning streak at Wimbledon, he was pushed to five sets.

It was an epic reminiscent of Borg vs. John McEnroe or Jimmy Connors, fueling the kind of rivalry missing from the men's game since the heydays of Pete Sampras and Andre Agassi.

And Federer said he enjoys the rivalry.

"I don't mind it," he said. "I win my share. He wins his. It's a good rivalry, I think. We've been at the top for over 100 weeks together. It is like building up to one of maybe the great rivalries."

Sunday's showdown was their most dramatic yet, given the stakes, and the best-played. Federer hit 65 winners and only 34 unforced errors. Nadal had 50 winners and just 24 unforced errors.

"We sometimes haven't lived

up to the expectations in the past, in our matches in majors especially," Federer said. "You can't always play five-set-match thrillers, you know. I'm happy it happened today. I left as the winner — was perfect."

Nadal was trying to become the first man to win the French Open and Wimbledon back-to-back since Borg in 1978-80. Instead, Federer became the first man to win five consecutive Wimbledon titles since Borg in 1976-80, and the second in the past 100 years.

"It cannot happen to a nicer guy. No bad feelings," Borg said before the match.

"He's an artist on this surface. He can stay back. He can come in. No weaknesses. I believe if he continues the way he's doing and stays away from injuries and has the motivation, he'll be the greatest player ever to play the game."

The women's champion was familiar, too. Venus Williams claimed her fourth Wimbledon title Saturday, beating Marion Bartoli 6-4, 6-1.

Federer needs two more

Wimbledon titles to match Sampras' modern men's record of seven. Making the latest championship even sweeter: It came against Nadal, who ended Federer's 27-match Grand Slam winning streak four weeks ago at Roland Garros. Since the start of 2005, Federer is 5-7 against Nadal, 204-7 against everyone else.

They've met in four of the past six major finals. Federer said Nadal played better Sunday than in the Wimbledon final a year ago, which Federer won in four sets.

"He's playing phenomenal tennis," Federer said. "He has definitely improved yet again, I think. He had more of a game plan this year than he had last year. I think last year he came out, nothing to lose, kind of hit hard but didn't know why."

"This year around, he has changed his game a little bit, plays maybe a bit more aggressive, knows the game of grass much better. That's why I think

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Obituaries

Doris Good

Doris Good, 81, of Big Spring died on Saturday, July 7, 2007, in a local hospital. Graveside funeral services were held at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, July 7, 2007, at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring, with the Rev. Mike Couch, associate pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating.

Doris was born on July 9, 1925, in Milam County and married Carrol E. Good on Nov. 17, 1958, in Ballinger. He preceded her in death in March of 1991.

Mrs. Good had worked as a bank teller at the Winters State Bank for a number of years before she married, then was a homemaker the rest of her life. She moved to Big Spring in 1986 from Spearman. She was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sisters, Elaine Underwood and husband, L.C., of Big Spring and Elizabeth Ueckert of Ballinger; one nephew; and four nieces.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, William Eugene and Sara Cordelia Coley, and one brother, W.T. Coley.

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

Rose Mae Lawson

Rose Mae Lawson, 84, of Big Spring died Friday, July 6, 2007, at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Support Groups

MONDAY

• Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) TX. 21, weight loss support group meets at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third St. at 5 p.m. TOPS provides members with information, motivation and fellowship in attaining and maintaining their physician-prescribed weight goals. For more information, call Alex at 264-6921 or 1-800 392-8677.

TUESDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. and closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Mesa. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 200 block of W. Marcy. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of W. Third Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of Galveston. Service was refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to the VAMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to the VAMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 7200 block of N. Service Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- GRASS FIRE was reported in the 1200 block of Madison.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 5300 block of Opal. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 100 block of Moss Creek Lake. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported at Moss Creek Lake. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of Stadium. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Tucson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of Cornell. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 14900 N. County Road 9. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3100 block of Lamar. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1800 block of Highway 350. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of Aylesford. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the corner of Fourth Street and Goliad. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of Lamar. One person was transported to SMMC.

Police blotter

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

- ALEJANDRO RAMIREZ, 57, of Herford, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- VICKY LYNN REID, 32, of 701 W. Marcy Highway, was arrested Sunday on a charge of assault Class C/family violence.
- ANASTACIO ESPARZA, 42, of 2613 Ent, was arrested Sunday on charges of public intoxication, assault of a public servant and resisting arrest.
- JACOB GONZALEZ JR., 19, of 1609 Canary, was arrested Saturday on charges of minor in consumption and possession of a dangerous drug.
- EMILIA ALVAREZ, 20, of Odessa, was arrested Saturday on two local citations.
- RUBEN DOMINGUEZ, 18, of 408 W. Eighth Street, was arrested Saturday on charges of public intoxication and possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- ROBERT VALENCIA JR., 28, of 1101 Lamar, was arrested Sunday on three capias warrants.
- CRYSTAL LOPEZ, 20, of Odessa, was arrested Sunday on six capias warrants.
- CHRISTOPHER LIMON, 28, of 614 NE 11th Street, was arrested Sunday on charges of driving while intoxicated (two counts), and three local warrants.
- ASSAULT BY THREAT was reported in the 600 block of Douglas.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/ FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 800 block of FM 700.
- ASSAULT OF A PUBLIC SERVANT was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.
- CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore.
- DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED was reported in the 3100 block of Highway 87.
- RESISTING ARREST, SEARCH OR TRANSPORTATION was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.
- THEFT was reported in the 1200 block of 11th Place.

Sheriff's report

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.
- TERRELL CHARLES FRYAR, 37, was arrested by the HCSO Friday on a charge of evading arrest or detention.
 - RANDY RAY MIER, 29, was arrested by the HCSO Friday on a judgement/sentence for possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
 - DEANNA DENISE ACUFF, 22, was arrested by DPS Friday on a charge of theft.
 - TONI JEANETTE FLORES, 22, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD Friday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
 - TYLER JAMES URBINA, 17, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD Friday on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.
 - FRED ALLEN PERRY, 43, was arrested by DPS Saturday on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction.
 - MICHAEL S. EASON, 39, was arrested by DPS Saturday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
 - JARRETT RYAN REYNA, 18, was arrested by DPS Saturday on a charge of driving under the influence.
 - FRANCISCO JESUS NIETO, 28, was arrested by DPS Saturday on a charge of driving while intoxicated - third or more offense.
 - MATIAS VIDAL CISNEROS, 23, was arrested by DPS Saturday on a charge of driving while intoxicated/open container.
 - MARK ANTHONY HICKMAN SR., 37, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD Saturday on a charge of aggravated robbery.
 - MARIA GUADALUPE DIAZ, 21, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD Saturday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
 - NICHOLAS ANDREW HEADRICK, 17, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD Saturday on a charge evading arrest.
 - RAUL ECHAVARRIA, 46, was arrested by the HCSO Saturday on charges of delivery of a controlled substance, delivery of marijuana and tampering/fabricating evidence with intent to impair.
 - ANTHONY DERRALL VALENTINE, 19, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD Saturday on a charge of evading arrest or detention.
 - BILLY WAYNE ALDRIDGE JR., 20, was arrested by the HCSO Sunday on charges of theft, bondsman off bond and evading arrest or detention.
 - RUBEN RENE DOMINGUEZ, 18, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD Sunday on a possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
 - JACOB GONZALES, 19, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD Sunday on a charge of possession of a dangerous drug.

Take Note

• A FUND HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AT COSDEN CREDIT UNION to help pay medical expenses for Raul Robles. Any assistance would be appreciated. The account is No. 761882.

• AN OPEN HOUSE CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF SERVICE will be held all day Monday, July 16, at the offices of Dr. D.H. McGonagill Inc., 109 E. Third St.

Bulletin Board

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

TODAY

- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.
- Big Spring Band Boosters meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Spring High School band hall.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets in the First Christian Church of Big Spring, 911 Goliad. A different program is offered every week. Enter through the south side door off 10th Street. Call 213-1342 for more information. Weigh-in starts at 5 p.m.; meetings begin at 5:30 p.m.
- Coahoma Lions Club meets at 6 p.m. in the Coahoma Community Center at 306 North Ave.
- The Christian Motorcyclists Association meets at 7 p.m. at TravelCenters of America truck stop.
- Archeology Society for Howard and Borden counties meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library Community Room in the basement. Call 270-2615 for more information.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.
- Big Spring Society of the Order of Beacieants meets at 6:30 p.m. for a meal with meeting that begins at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.
- Big Spring Commandry meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

TUESDAY

- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- 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, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- 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.

Weather

Today — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 90s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tonight — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 70s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tuesday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s. South winds 10 to 20 mph.

Tuesday night — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 70s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s. Light and variable winds becoming east 10 to 15 mph in the afternoon.

Wednesday night — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 70s.

Lottery

A single player has won the grand prize from the latest Mega Millions lotto drawing.

Lottery officials said the winning ticket from Friday night's drawing — worth \$126 million — was sold in Texas.

In addition to the grand prize winner, seven players matched all five numbers but not the Mega Ball number. They will receive second prizes of \$250,000 each.

Another 57 players matched four numbers, plus the Mega Ball number — good for third prizes of \$10,000 each.

The winning numbers from Friday night's drawing were: 3, 9, 12, 25 and 47. The Mega Ball number was 37.

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Here are the numbers drawn in Saturday's Texas Lotto drawing:

Winning numbers: 5-8-12-34-38-43.

Those matching six of six: None

Estimated jackpot for Wednesday's drawing: \$16 million.

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Numbers drawn in Saturday night's Pick 3 drawing, in order: 7-2-8

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Numbers drawn in Saturday afternoon's Pick 3 drawing, in order: 8-8-2

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RANGERS

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and it's through."

Eric Gagne worked a perfect ninth for his 12th save in 13 chances, two days after his blown save against Baltimore in a game the Rangers won in 10 innings.

Cabrera struck out eight in his six innings.

"Cabrera wants one pitch back," Orioles interim manager Dave Trembley said. "Lofton is who he is, an experienced guy. He sat on a 2-0 pitch and did what he's supposed to do with it. Otherwise, (Cabrera) gave us a chance."

Both teams started the first inning with a leadoff single and a sacrifice bunt before scoring a run.

Brian Roberts led off the game with a single and scored on a single by Nick Markakis to make it 1-0. Lofton had the lead-off hit for Texas and scored on Marlon Byrd's single to tie the game.

The Rangers had the bases loaded in the fourth after Lofton was intentionally walked, but first baseman Kevin Millar made a diving stab of Ramon Vazquez's liner before All-Star shortstop Michael Young grounded out.

Baltimore had the bases loaded again in the eighth after reliever C.J. Wilson allowed a hit and a walk around an error

before Francisco took over.

Notes: Melvin Mora, out of Baltimore's starting lineup for the seventh straight game because of a bruised left instep, flew out as a pinch hitter in the seventh. ... SS Luis Hernandez made his major league debut for Baltimore, coming in the game in the seventh inning after Mora pinch-hit for starting SS Brandon Fahey. ... The intentional walk issued to Lofton was the first for a Ranger since Mark Teixeira was given a free pass May 29 at Oakland. In that span of 36 games, every other major league team had at least four batters intentionally walked.

Tigers 6, Red Sox 5

The Detroit Tigers and Boston Red Sox are both streaking into the All-Star break — in dramatically different directions.

Gary Sheffield, Carlos Guillen and Marcus Thames all homered off Daisuke Matsuzaka, and the Tigers beat the Boston Red Sox 6-5 Sunday to complete a three-game sweep.

The Tigers enter the break after winning five straight and 14 of 19, moving a game ahead of Cleveland in the AL Central.

The Red Sox were a season-high 22 games over .500 on June 24 but have lost eight of 13 since. Boston, which still has a 10-game lead on the Yankees and Blue Jays in the AL East, has also lost six straight road

games.

"I'm not thrilled," manager Terry Francona said.

Matsuzaka (10-6) allowed six runs and 10 hits in five innings, which equaled his shortest start in his first major league season. He had given up just two runs in his previous four starts and hadn't lost since June 10.

"The problem was with my control," Matsuzaka said through an interpreter. "I felt I left a lot of my pitches in soft locations."

Nate Robertson (5-6) allowed four runs and four hits in 6 1-3 innings. Boston scored two runs in the third inning off him on three walks, a hit batter and a sacrifice fly.

Jose Capellan pitched 1 1-3 innings, Zach Miner got the final out of the eighth and Todd Jones earned his 22nd save.

After trailing 6-2, Boston scored twice in the seventh and once in the eighth to pull within a run of Detroit. With runners on first and third in the ninth against Jones, J.D. Drew fouled out to end the game.

Sheffield hit his 21st homer in the first inning and Guillen's 14th followed Thames' drive over the center-field wall in the third — a shot estimated at 440 feet.

"I haven't seen any go out there like that," manager Jim Leyland said. "When he hits them up like that, it reminds me of Mark McGwire to be honest."

Detroit committed a season-high five errors but center fielder Curtis Granderson turned in a sensational catch. Granderson sprinted to his right, leaped and snagged a ball — with his left armpit over the wall — to rob Wily Mo Pena of a homer in the fourth.

"If that's not a web gem, I've never seen one," Leyland said. "Nobody makes a better play than that."

Yankees 12, Angels 0

Alex Rodriguez, Hideki Matsui and Robinson Cano hit three-run homers and host New York battered Ervin Santana (5-10) for nine runs and seven hits in three innings.

Rodriguez hit his major league-leading 30th homer and drove in four runs to back Chien-Ming Wang (9-4), who threw 6 1-3 scoreless innings for his sixth straight victory.

White Sox 6, Twins 3

Rob Mackowiak, Jim Thome and Paul Konerko homered during a five-run third inning to help Javier Vazquez (6-5) win his third straight start for host Chicago.

All three White Sox homers came off Carlos Silva (6-10).

Blue Jays 1, Indians 0

At Toronto, Alex Rios singled in the ninth inning off Rafael

Betancourt, who came on in relief of Paul Byrd (7-4) after Reed Johnson's one-out double.

Blue Jays starter Josh Towers retired the first 17 batters he faced before Josh Barfield singled to left in the sixth. Jeremy Accardo (2-3) got two outs for the win.

Royals 12, Devil Rays 4

Light-hitting Tony Pena Jr. drove in four runs and Jorge De La Rosa (7-9) won his third consecutive start to send visiting Tampa Bay to its 13th loss in 14 games.

Scott Kazmir (5-6) gave up five runs — four earned — and seven hits. He struck out four and lasted only five innings, once again struggling with high pitch counts.

Mariners 7, Athletics 3

At Oakland, Calif., Jason Ellison started a four-run rally and then touched off a benches-clearing shoving match that led to the ejections of Athletics starter Joe Blanton (8-5) and Mariners pitcher Miguel Batista.

After a relay throw got by A's catcher Jason Kendall, Blanton shoved the Mariners' Ichiro Suzuki, who had scored on the play. Ellison apparently took exception and the benches cleared.

Sean Green (2-1) got the win after pitching 1 2-3 innings.

ASTROS

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I'm seeing that swing more and more in the game. If he keeps that up he's going to do very well."

Williams gave up 10 hits and eight runs in just 3 1-3 innings. He threw 98 pitches, struck out two and walked four in his first major league appearance since September 25.

He said he felt like he rushed through his pitches, but didn't realize it until after he sat down.

"Our guys tried to come back, but I buried us so

far we couldn't," Williams said. "I'm not really down on myself, I'm just kind of kicking myself for not slowing down."

Oswalt settled down after a rocky first inning, retiring 14 batters in a row after a walk with two outs in the first. He also gave up a pair of singles in the first, but pitched out of trouble by striking out Jose Valentin to end the inning.

"It was a key inning there to set a tone early that I'm not giving them the lead coming out of the chute," Oswalt said. "After that I felt great. I threw a lot of fastballs late in the game, trying to

get some early strikes and not walk anybody."

He didn't give up another hit until David Newhan singled with one out in the sixth. Carlos Beltran followed with a two-run homer that landed just over the wall in right field and made it 8-2.

Oswalt allowed three runs and seven hits, struck out five and walked one.

After Burke's fourth-inning homer, Lance Berkman doubled before scoring on a double by Lee to extend Houston's lead to 8-0. Mark Loretta's single chased Williams and Aaron Sele retired the next two batters to

end the inning.

"It was good after that game last night to get off to a good start," Berkman said. "It's one of those situations where after that game last night, I think the team that comes out and scores first has an advantage psychologicaly."

Sandy Alomar Jr. doubled and scored on All-Star Jose Reyes' single in the seventh. Reyes, benched in the eighth inning Friday night for failing to run out a groundball, stole two bases Sunday. He leads the majors with 46 this season and his 202 career swipes is tied with

Howard Johnson for second in franchise history.

Notes: Ricky Ledee was designated for assignment before Sunday's game to make room for Williams on the roster. ... Houston went 7-4 on its season-high 11-game homestand and won't return to Minute Maid Park until July 23.

Braves 5, Padres 4

All-Star catcher Brian McCann homered and drove in four runs against Greg Maddux. McCann came into the game in a 4-for-25 skid.

The Braves went 6-4 on a bicoastal road trip. The Padres lost for the fifth time in eight games.

FEDERER

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he's not only just a good clay courter, he's a good all-around player."

Nadal said the rivalry remains in the formative stages, noting there's no comparisons between his achievements and those of Federer, who at 25 is four years older.

"He has 11 Grand Slams, me three," Nadal said. "But, well, I am young. I am improving every season and try continuing improving every day."

"Today was tough for me, but at the same time, it's good to watch me playing one final like this against the best of the world on grass, playing at similar level."

Next week the summer

hard-court season begins, and the rivalry has yet to really take hold on that surface.

Federer and Nadal have never met at the U.S. Open, but the matchup is a good possibility for this year's final, when Federer would be seeking his 12th Grand Slam title.

He trails only Sampras, who won a record 14 major championships, and Roy Emerson, who

won 12.

Nadal's three major titles have all come at the French Open, but he has shown he's an all-court player.

And he remains intent on becoming the first Spanish man to win Wimbledon since Manolo Santana in 1966.

"Because he came so close today," Federer said, "I think he deserves a title here."

BRIEFS

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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.

O.H. Ivie opening hunting to public

Application for public hunting permits on the O.H. Ivie Reservoir Wildlife Management Areas will be accepted by mail only beginning July 16 and ending Aug. 17.

Permits will be limited. A public drawing for the 2007 hunting season will be held at 1 p.m. Sept. 14 at the O.H. Ivie Reservoir Field Office located near the north end of the dam. All applicants are welcome to attend, if they desire.

Requests for information and application packets should be made by calling the Colorado River Municipal Water District

(CRMWD) at 267-6341. Or write to CRMWD, P.O. Box 869, Big Spring, Texas, 79721 with attention to public hunting.

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 Saturday and Sunday.

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.

No-tap benefit bowling tourney set

Big Spring Bowlarama will hold a second No-Tap Singles Tournament to benefit Mary Grace Jackson Saturday and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. each day.

Jackson is seeking funds to help with expens-

es for her pending kidney and pancreas transplant.

There will be a men's, women's and junior's division. The cost is \$15 for the men's and women's division and \$12 for the junior's division.

Three mulligans can be bought at the time of registration at the cost of \$5.

Anyone wanting to participate, but can't attend the dates of the tournament can arrange a pre-bowl by calling Debbie Burrow at 263-8952 or Jimmie Wood at 267-8676.

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.

The fee will be \$125 per player.

Players can register online and get additional information on the camp by going to Magers-Powell's website, www.gotrosevolleyball-

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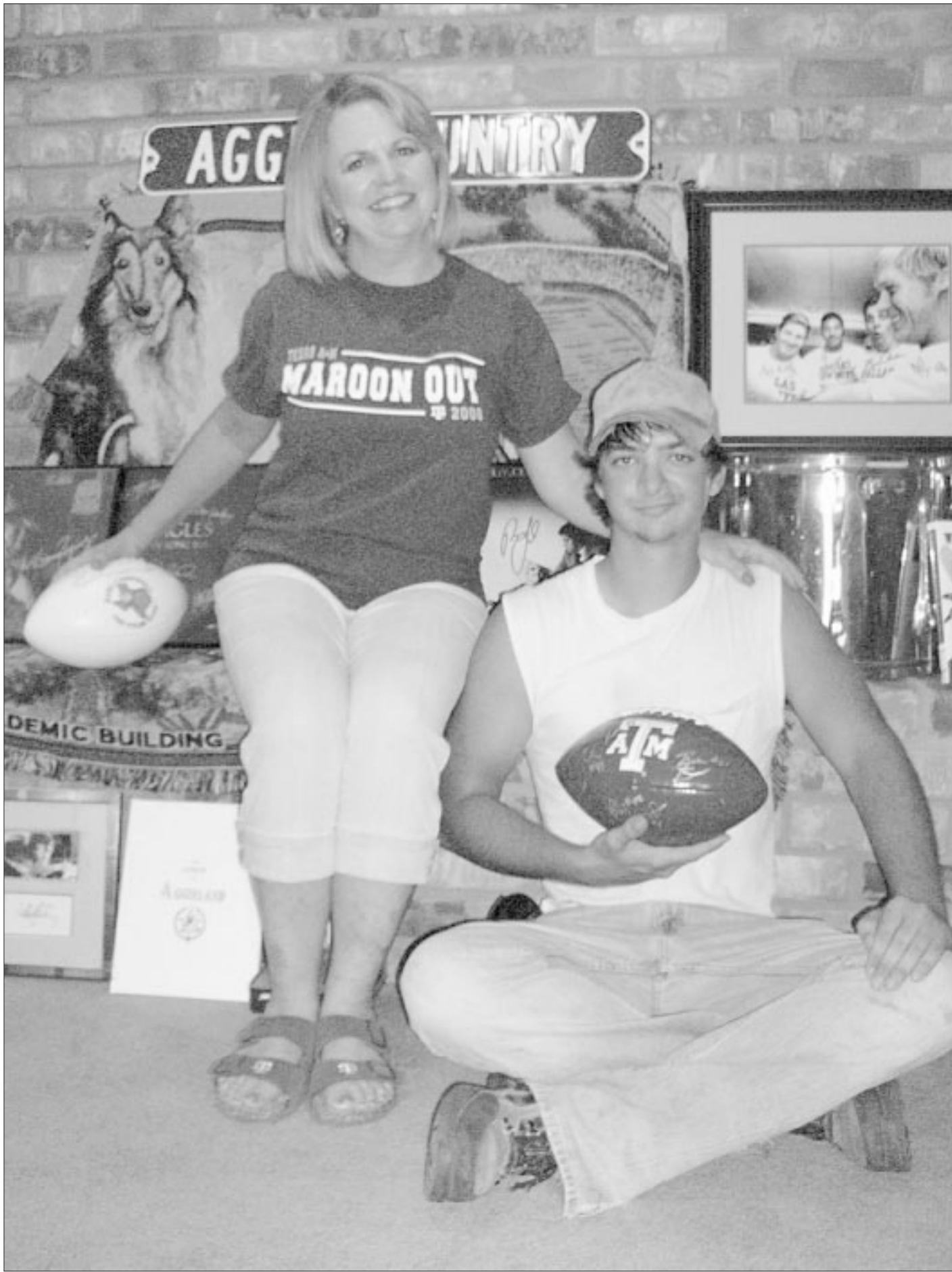
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Texas A&M University alumna Diana Newton and current A&M student Tyler Williams pose with some of the items to be sold when the Howard County A&M Club holds its annual Scholarship Auction July 14.

BSPD officer injured in struggle with man already in custody

By **DUSTIN WILSON**
Staff Writer

A Big Spring police officer was treated for a head wound at Scenic Mountain Medical Center late Sunday evening following an altercation with at the police station.

Anastacio Esparza, 42, of 2613 Ent, was arrested Sunday on charges of public intoxication, assault of a public servant and resisting arrest.

According to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer for the BSPD, a struggle broke out between Esparza and Cpl. Mark Daily.

While removing Esparza's handcuffs he began to struggle with

Cpl. Mark Daily," said Everett. "During the struggle he was able to take the officer to the floor where he (the officer) struck his head against the floor."

Daily was treated and released at the Scenic Mountain Medical Center emergency room.

If convicted of assault on a public servant, a third-degree felony, Esparza could face a sentence of between two and 10 years in a state prison and a fine not to exceed \$10,000.

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CONGRESS

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In a pair of hearings Wednesday, the House Judiciary Committee will look at Bush's commutation last week of Libby's prison sentence for obstruction of justice in the CIA leak case. The Senate Judiciary Committee is expected to hear from former White House political director Sara Taylor about the prosecutor firings, according to Chairman Patrick Leahy, D-Vt.

The next day, the House panel is expected to turn to the prosecutor firings and has scheduled testimony from former White House Counsel Harriet Miers. It's unclear whether she will appear.

On Iraq, Democrats expect to resume legislative challenges to Bush's policy on the war as the Senate this week takes up a major defense spending bill. The administration has been concerned about an escalation of Iraqi war fervor. So much so that Defense Secretary Robert Gates canceled a four-nation South American tour this week to work with the White House on Iraq policy.

Collins is among the

Senate Republicans seeking to see U.S. troops departing Iraq by early 2008. Bush's strategy for a short-term troop increase to stabilize Baghdad and certain parts of Iraq has not been successful, she said.

"The president argued that we needed to undertake the surge in order to give the Iraq government the time, the space to pursue the political reforms," Collins said on CNN. "That hasn't happened. Instead it has been our troops who are making the sacrifice, who are bearing the burden, and that's why you see a real change in support for the Iraq strategy."

In Baghdad Monday, Iraqi Foreign Minister Hoshiyar Zebari warned that a quick American troop withdrawal could lead to civil war and the collapse of the Iraqi state.

He said the U.S. has a responsibility to build Iraqi forces so that they can take over the country's security. But he also told reporters that the Iraqis "understand the huge pressure that will increase more and more in the United States" ahead of a September report to Congress by U.S. Ambassador Ryan Crocker.

AUTHOR

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while," he laughed. The book is going to be very familiar with many Big Spring residents, as much of the story takes place on the streets of Big Spring and surrounding areas.

"I picked this area because it's isolated, it seems to me that something like this would have a better chance of spread-

ing since it's in a small town and there aren't a lot of available resources to stop it," Webb explained.

"By the time the resources do get here, they'd have to try and not only contain Big Spring, but all of West Texas. It would spread quick, because you wouldn't be able to catch them all," Webb said. "And I think that people from West Texas are friendly to a certain degree, so that

helps propagate the spread of the zombies. People that read the book who do live in Big Spring can say, 'Hey, I know that place or I recognize that area.' They can relate to what's going on."

Readers can order the book online at www.amazon.com or directly from the publisher's Website www.PublishAmerica.com.

Currently, Webb is working on a sequel to "The Phoenix Gene" that

follows six months after this book ends. Right now, he has a few more projects that he'd like to work on.

"A lot of things in the future depend on how well this book does," he admitted. "I've got some other things in the works. I'd like to see how everything goes from here on."

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COUNCIL

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Subdivision.
• Final reading of a resolution authorizing routine agreements between the city and other parties for short term rental or use of city facilities.

• Final reading of a resolution authorizing a subscription agreement between the city and LexisNexis for online legal research.

• Emergency reading of a resolution authorizing the public works director to execute an agreement with MTD Environmental LLP for grinding and mulching services.

• Emergency reading of a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute an agreement with medical director of

Emergency Medical Services.

• First reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 1, Article 1 of the City Code entitled "In General" by amending Section 1 - 19 entitled "City Attorney Authorized to Settle Claims" to Increase the city attorney's settlement authority to cover any claim up to \$15,000 when acting alone or greater than \$15,000 up to \$25,000 with the concurrence of the city manager.

• First reading of an ordinance providing authority to tax tangible personal property in transit.

• First reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 6, Article 3 of the code of ordinances amending Section 6-46 and 6-47; changing rental

fees and cleaning deposits for Dora Roberts Community Center, adding and deleting fees.

• First reading of a resolution approving amendments to the investment policy.

• First reading of a resolution authorizing the public works director to execute a performance guarantee agreement with the owner of the new Avalon Subdivision.

• First reading of an ordinance amending chapter 18 of the Code of Ordinances by amending Article 5, entitled "Stop Intersections," by adding Section 18-1 33, stop at Warren yielding to Connally, repealing previous Ordinance 11-2006.

• First reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 18 of the Code of Ordinances by amending

Article 5, Entitled "Stop Intersections," adding Section 18-133, entitled "One Way Stop Intersections," installation of a stop sign at Carl Street yielding to Connally.

• First reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 18 of the Code of Ordinances by amending Article 5, entitled "Stop Intersections," by adding Section 18-1 33, entitled "One Way Stop Intersections," stop at Wilson Street yielding to Bilger.

The meeting will be held in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth Street.

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OUR VIEWS

Let's do our best to help A&M Club with its auction

As we have oft noted, good causes always seem to bring out the best Howard Countians. Just name the cause — United Way, Relay for Life, the Heart Walk — whenever a need is seen, our community always steps up and answers the call.

Another of those good causes arrives Saturday night when the Howard County A&M Club holds its eighth annual Aggie Scholarship Auction at the Big Spring Country Club to raise money for scholarships it bestows on deserving local students.

Festivities will start at 5:30 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres being served. That's also when the items go on display, with the auction beginning at 6:30.

A&M Club members stress the auction is not just for local Aggies, but for anyone who wants to attend. To that end, organizers always have items that will appeal to the general sports fan and music fans, as well as those die-hard Aggies.

Auction items include a hand-crafted barbecue grill club members have nicknamed the "Bevo Burner"; vacation trips to San Antonio and Pagosa Springs, Colo.; a framed jersey signed by Texas A&M great and Heisman Trophy winner John David Crow; helicopter and hang-glider rides; tickets to Texas A&M football games; and a number of other items from across the sports spectrum, including autographed Dallas Cowboys photos.

Currently 15 students from Howard County are attending Texas A&M University, thanks to financial aid received from the club.

In fact, since 2000, the club has donated almost \$200,000 to Texas A&M, endowing six scholarships that will live in perpetuity. Another of those endowed scholarships will be up for naming during Saturday's auction with bidding on that honor starting at \$5,000.

Judging from the club's past auctions, two things seem certain. First, anyone who attends Saturday's auction will enjoy themselves.

More importantly, however, simply attending and having that good time will allow you to have a part in making sure deserving students receive a college education they might otherwise not be able to afford.

It's a win-win situation and we encourage all our readers to make the most of it.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

When expenses take us in the wrong direction, Lord, put us back on the right track.

Amen

A bill too bad even for the Beltway

In Washington, it is easier to pass a bad bill than a good bill. That's practically a law. But as Washington learned a couple of weeks ago, there is such a thing as a bill so bad that even Congress can't pass it. So the Kennedy-Kyl Comprehensive Immigration Reform Bill tanked, as it most assuredly deserved to do.

Advice to Washington politicians who want to pass a bill that grants citizenship to some illegal immigrants: Don't call it "reform." Reform is supposed to curb abuse, not codify it. Don't call your bill "comprehensive" — when in fact it is clearly designed to do everything but craft solid policy, and loaded with amendments to sell voters on the window dressing of beefed-up enforcement likely to be administered by officials with only a passing interest in deterring cheap labor from coming across the border.

If you are going to tell people you want to grant citizenship to otherwise-law-abiding illegal immigrants, you need to be consistent.

An amendment by Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, to make illegal immigrants who ignored deportation orders or used fraudulent documents ineligible for legal status

failed last month by a 51-46 vote. More advice: Wait until you've ramped up border enforcement and then take a stab at broadening citizenship. There are people who, like me, opposed this bill, but would agree to a narrow amnesty measure under the right circumstances.

The fact is, many of today's naturalized citizens and legal residents at one point were illegal. Some overstayed their visas, then married. Others petitioned a judge for legal status so they could care for a legal resident. Congress has passed laws, now expired, which allowed qualified residents to apply for legal status if they paid a fine.

Pundits have been quick to call the bill's failure bad for the GOP — and it was a loss for President Bush. Still, Democrats looking to 2008 should be afraid. Their constituents don't want Big Amnesty and don't take kindly to granting citizenship to anyone who decides to break American law, as Sen. Ted Kennedy, D-Mass., apparently wants to do.

A recent Democracy Corps poll found that 47 percent of Democratic voters supported the bill, while 47 percent opposed it. With independents and Republicans opposed, the Democratic Party is also on the losing side of this issue. While many opponents saw those who voted for this bill as giant sell-outs, I have to disagree. Yes, Democrats are looking for new

voters, and yes, Republicans want cheap labor, but they also are looking out for their constituents. They care about farmers and employers who might shutter their operations if they can't find willing workers. That's not good for their states' economies.

I believe that Democrats and Republicans in the Senate who voted yes on Kennedy-Kyl thought that a "yes" vote was in this country's best interest. They thought of employers who struggle to stay in business, and of those good people who only come here to work and be part of the American dream. Their fault — no small one — is that they failed to think of citizens who are outraged and baffled at Washington's failure to enforce long-standing laws that are supposed to protect Americans.

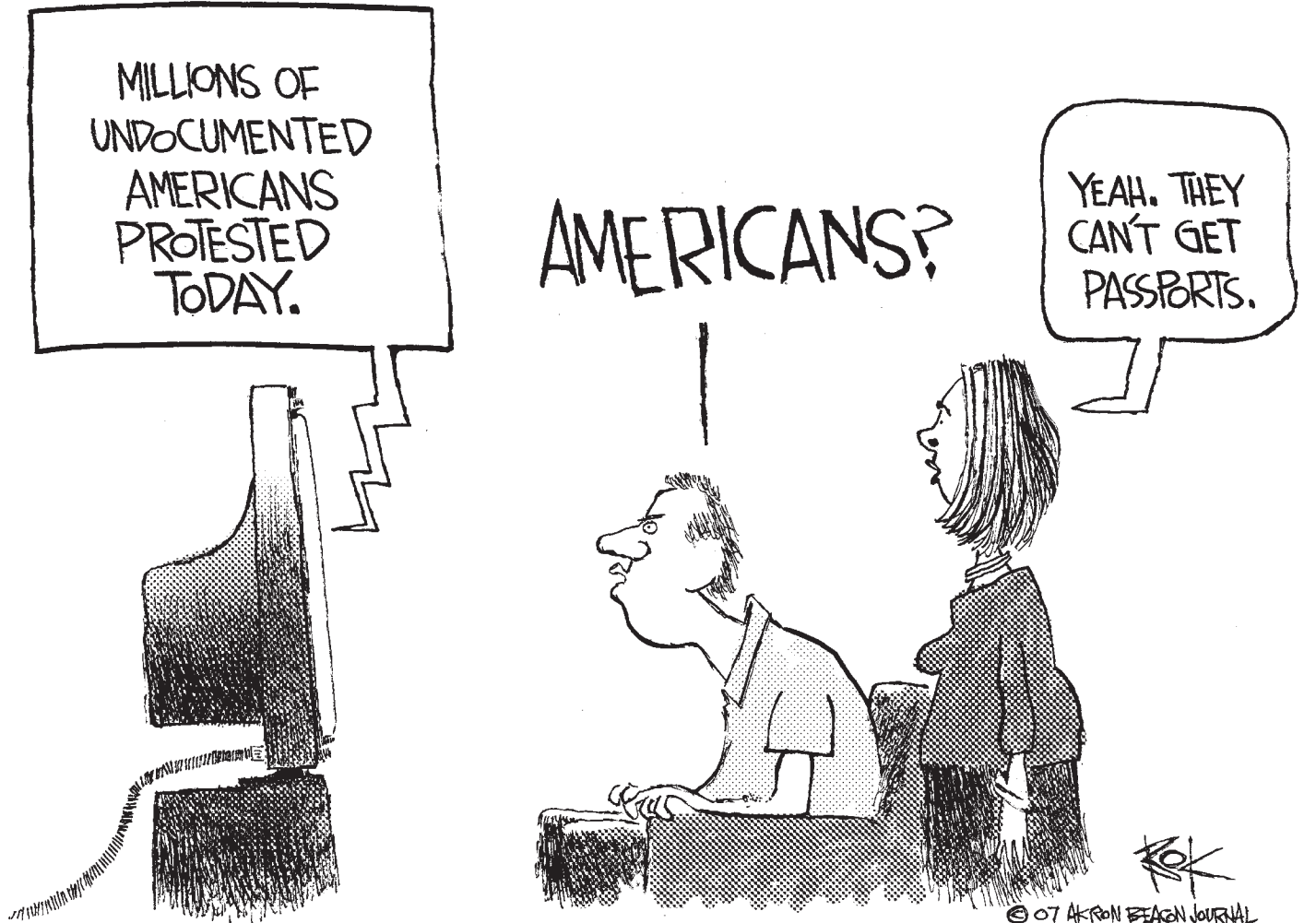
But they also weren't honest with voters about what they wanted. From the start, Bush should have said that his main goal was not improved enforcement, but to expand citizenship to illegal immigrants. Then the debate could have been about how best to achieve that goal, and which immigrants should qualify.

There's another rule in politics: If you don't believe you can sell a bill to the American people for what it really is, you deserve to lose.

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DEBRA SAUNDERS



Considering fireworks and fear

I rushed home from the Fourth of July festivities at my friend's house to be with my best friends before the real fireworks began. As it turned out, my kids had done the same thing. We all know that Molly and Judy Estrich are terrified of fireworks. The Fourth of July is their least favorite night of the year.

On the radio, while driving home, the ASPCA was issuing the warnings that motivated my rush: that dogs, because of their hearing, are particularly sensitive to fireworks, that if they are outside and unrestrained, they will run until the fireworks stop and then not know where they are. It's a big night for lost dogs and pound pickups. So we made sure Molly and Judy were safely inside, cuddled in our arms, watching an old movie, while the human revelers barked outside. When it was over, they each got a treat and went to sleep.

If only the fireworks that terrify us were so easy to survive. London and Scotland may be thousands of miles away, but the terror that raised alarms there in recent days feels much closer than that. And unlike the fireworks, it's not over by midnight. You can tell little children that everything is going to be all right, but it's hard to tell that to teenagers who have grown up in the shadow of 9/11, much less to believe it yourself.

Sometimes I regale my kids with tales of how, when I was growing up, we used to rush to the "bomb cellars" — aka the school basement — for protection from a nuclear attack, as if going one story below ground would insulate us from weapons of mass destruction. We all laugh, both because of the ridiculousness of our faith in the protective power of flooring, and because it almost seems quaint to think of a time when all we had to fear was the Soviets.

That's not to say that the danger was made up. I wasn't old enough to really remember Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev banging his shoe on the table and promising to bury us, but I must have seen it replayed enough times to believe I did. I certainly remember the Cuban missile crisis, the sense that danger and potential destruction were near, but I also remember the sense of relief when, seven days later, it was over.

Today the fear is never "over." It's just there. And there's no one to negotiate with. The enemy in those days had a name and a place and a government attached to it, and that made it possible to believe that the danger could be isolated and the problem ultimately solved. Today's terrorist could be the doctor who has pledged to cure you, and who might, when he's not trying to kill you.

When I first moved to California, and even more so when I lived through my first earthquake, I couldn't understand how people could stand it. I thought about earthquakes all the time — when I

left my children home alone, when I got stuck in traffic in an old underpass, when I was in one of those malls where the parking lot is on top and there's always a dull rumble overhead. But at least there were things you could do, like bolting your house to the foundation, storing canned goods and learning where the gas shutoff was located, not to mention keeping running shoes in the car so you could run home from wherever you were. Those things made me feel safer, even if it was partly illusory. Eventually, I sunk into the state of denial that most of my fellow Californians consider normal. I just stopped thinking of the faults below us.

But it's hard to stop thinking of the terrorists in our midst when they pack cars with nails and drive into airports wearing explosive vests. And besides, it's dangerous to do so. Be vigilant, we are told, and it's good advice. A vigilant public is our best protection against foreign objects, smoking cars, crazies in our midst. But there is a fine line between vigilance and fear, between living with terror and living in terror.

At the very moment when the world seems to be shrinking, when our children are growing up with the desire to go everywhere, see everything, explore places we've never been, I want to do nothing so much as keep them inside, with Molly and Judy, safe and sound from the fireworks that never stop.

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Understanding dental insurance

Do you have dental insurance? Would you like to get the most out of your insurance? Do you wonder why you have to make a co-pay ... and sometimes a large one? Even though you have insurance?

I will try to make a complex subject fit into the space for this column. If you have insurance ... great. It will help reduce your dental bills if you use it wisely.



DR. DAVID WARD

First, dental insurance is a contract between whoever pays for it (usually your employer) and the dental insurance agency. Employers offer dental insurance as a desired benefit. Why do insurance companies write dental policies? To make money. And it is indeed a very profitable business for the companies that write dental policies.

What types are there? Not all dental insurance is created equally. Like medical policies, there are basically three types: HMO style, PPO style (Participating Provider Organization) and Indemnity (generally considered to be the best).

The first two also have the dentist as a contractual partner. In the HMO model, the dentist receives monthly payment per participant no matter how much or little treatment he provides. To use this insurance, the patient must see one of the HMO dentists.

In the PPO model, a dentist contracts to see that particular insurance companies patients at a discounted rate, which is usually approximately the dentist's profit margin. This does save the patient some money, and the insurance company a lot of money. To receive this discount, the patient must see a PPO dentist. If the plan is state regulated, the patient can receive the same amount of benefit with another dentist, but the treatment will not be discounted.

The indemnity model is just like insurance used to be. You can receive your benefit with the dentist that you choose. Because the dentist has not contracted with the insurance company to discount fees, this policy will cost your employer more to purchase and you a little more to use. But you are free to choose the dentist who is best for you.

So why are some plans better than others? In most cases, it is directly related to how much money the employer puts into the plan. There are a few that are really of little value because they cover so little. Some will do quite a bit if used wisely by the patient.

I always tell my patients with dental insurance that it will help to one degree or another depending on the extent of their needs and the quality of the policy. We will always help them utilize their benefits as efficiently as possible. However...

The insurance company is in business to make money, not to make sure you keep your teeth. As such, they seem to set arbitrary amounts that they pay for the procedures they cover. What is called, Usual, Customary and Reasonable for the amount they cover may be none of the three.

There will always be a co-pay. This is the difference between the cost of the treatment and what the insurance is going to pay. Exceptions may be made for preventive services.

Calendar maximums of 10 come into play. The majority of policies have reimbursed around \$1,000 per year for the last 30 years. Obviously, \$1,000 does not go as far in 2007 as it did in 1977. In fact, had they kept up with inflation, they would be covering at least \$3,500 per year today.

Procedures done purely for cosmetics (other than orthodontics) are usually not covered at all. Most policies cover the more costly treatments at a much lower rate. State of the art treatments (such as dental implants) are usually not covered at all. Go figure.

My next column will be "How to Get the Most From Your Dental Insurance."

Dr. David Ward practices family dentistry in Big Spring. He is past president of the Permian Basin Dental Society. He is also a member of the Texas and American Dental Associations and the Academies of Cosmetic Dentistry and Gp Orthodontics.

A healthy side dish for summer

Fresh berries make for great shortcake

Summer means fresh berries, and what could be a better mid-summer dessert than the classic strawberry shortcake?

A few substitutions make this shortcake a little more healthy. Some of the white flour has been replaced by whole wheat flour, which is rich in fiber and phytochemicals. The substitution of canola oil for some of the butter as well as the use of fat-free milk brings down the level of saturated fat. Lastly, the use of orange juice to sweeten the berries means less refined sugar is added.

But of course it is the berries that make or break this dessert. So choose them carefully. Here's one rule of thumb: whenever possible avoid the huge strawberries with no scent so often carried in many supermarkets. Opt for the smaller, bright berries that have a strong scent.

The same general proviso goes for choosing your other berries. Prefer berries that are in season and locally grown. Both blackberries and blueberries make a lovely complement to the strawberry-orange combination and are likely to be locally grown at this time of year.

While all berries are good for you, strawberries are a particularly rich source of vitamin C, dietary fiber and a photochemical that fights cancer and heart disease. Blueberries and blackberries also provide fiber and vitamin C and contain important disease-fighting antioxidants.

Make sure to wash all the berries carefully, while keeping them from getting waterlogged. (If you do have berries that have turned mushy, or if you need to use up frozen berries, both make excellent summer smoothies when combined in the blender with a little fruit juice and yogurt.)

You can serve this delightful dessert topped with low-fat vanilla yogurt, which is an excellent substitute for a whipped cream or vanilla ice cream topping. Or serve it with no topping at all for



an exquisite taste sensation with a lot fewer calories.

Shortcake Biscuits with Berries

- Canola oil spray
- 1 lb. fresh strawberries, washed
- 1 pt. fresh blueberries or blackberries, washed
- 1/4 cup orange juice
- 3 Tbsp. sugar for the biscuits, plus more for the berries, according to taste
- 1 1/2 cups unbleached white flour
- 1/2 cup whole wheat or whole wheat pastry flour
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 4 tsp. baking powder
- 2 Tbsp. butter, softened
- 4 Tbsp. canola oil
- 1 cup fat-free (skim) milk
- 1 1/2 cups vanilla yogurt, optional

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Spray a nonstick cookie sheet with oil spray. Set aside. Hull strawberries and slice into a bowl. Add fresh washed blueberries or blackberries. Mix in orange juice and sugar to taste. Set aside 30 to 60 minutes.

In a medium bowl, mix together the flours, salt, baking powder and sugar. Use a pastry blender or a fork to cut the butter and oil into the flour mixture until it resembles coarse meal. Add the milk. Stir until it is just incorporated and there are no lumps.

Form 8 biscuits by dropping well-rounded quarter cups onto the cookie sheet. Bake 15 to 20 minutes or until biscuits are

done. (Use a toothpick to test center). Cool on a wire rack.

Use a serrated knife to gently slice off the top third of each biscuit. Top with some strawberries and juice. Lay the top third of the biscuit on berries. Top with more strawberries and juice. Place remaining berries around each biscuit. Garnish with yogurt, if using, and serve.

Makes 8 servings.

Per serving: 270 calories, 10 g. total fat (2 g. saturated fat), 40 g. carbohydrate, 5 g. protein, 4 g. dietary fiber, 400 mg. sodium.

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"One Land for Two Peoples"

Is it a solution to the Arab/Israeli conflict or a recipe for disaster?

For decades, the declared thrust of the Palestinians has been their desire of having their own state – in Judea/Samaria (the "West Bank") and in the Gaza Strip. Now, a new idea has taken hold and is propagated in national media: a binational state, encompassing those territories and "Israel proper." The slogan is "One Land for Two Peoples."

What are the facts?

Review of history: The Arabs have launched four major wars against Israel, at the end of which Israel remained in possession of all the lands west of the Jordan River, the undivided city of Jerusalem, the vast Sinai, the Golan Heights and the Gaza Strip. In what was in all likelihood a major act of folly, but in order to attain peace with Egypt, Israel returned the Sinai to Egypt. But the peace with Egypt is the coldest imaginable.

Thus, having been unable to defeat Israel in war and unable to wear it down by their "intifadas," the Arabs had to think up something new in order to destroy Israel. And they did indeed come up with something. According to the late and unlamented Yasser Arafat, the most important weapon of the Arabs is the "Arab womb," the motto being: "If we can't defeat them in war, let's outbreed them." And that is exactly what would happen if there ever were a "binational" state. There can be little doubt that, within a generation or less, the Arabs would have outbred their Jewish fellow citizens and would have become the majority in the country. They would thus have accomplished what they were unable to attain by any other means, namely the destruction of the Jewish state.

Artificial countries: With the exception of Egypt, all the countries of the Middle East are artificial creations. After World War I, England and France carved up the Ottoman Empire, with England retaining what are now Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Israel and Iraq, and France being in possession of what are now Syria and Lebanon.

In 1917, the Balfour Declaration, proclaimed by the British mandatory power, established all of Palestine – east and west of the Jordan River – as the reconstituted homeland for the Jewish people. This was ratified by the 52 countries of the League of Nations. Insistence that these are Arab lands and that the Jews are "occupiers" is a notion that

is fairly new. But it has been repeated so often and for so long that most of the world has come to believe it. But it has no basis in fact at all. It is a myth.

If Israel were ever to consent to the creation of a binational state, how would it work out? To get the answer, one only needs to go next door to Lebanon. In order to provide a safe haven for the Maronite Christians, the French carved out the

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artificial state of Lebanon. Within just one generation, the population ratio had begun to change in favor of the Muslims. Strife broke out, which ultimately culminated in a bloody civil war that lasted for close to ten years and in which scores of thousands died. Can anybody really believe that, given the mortal hatred of the Muslims against the Jews, things would be any different in

Israel/Palestine? Of course not! A bloody civil war would be the inevitable result.

Created as a Jewish state: Israel was created as a Jewish state by the will of the nations of the world and by the brain and brawn of the Jewish people. There is no reason why the Israelis would turn their country over to those who are their declared mortal enemies. Do the Turks plan to establish a binational state with the Kurds (or do the Iranians or Iraqis, for that matter)? Do the Spaniards consider a binational state with the Basques? Do the Chinese propose the formation of a binational state with the Tibetans? Of course not. Why, therefore, should Israel even consider sharing its country with those whose never-changing agenda is its destruction? Why should Israel, one of the most advanced countries in the world in virtually every field of endeavor, make itself hostage to those who live in backwardness and ignorance and who are guided by religious fanaticism? Israel was founded to be the Jewish homeland and it will never acquiesce to its own destruction by allowing itself to become a binational state.

A binational state is a non-starter and, realistically, a Palestinian state in any portion of Judea/Samaria and Gaza (even in the unlikely case that the Israelis were ever willing to concede it) would not be viable. What then is the possible solution to this enduring problem? The Palestinians, just as the over one million Arabs now living in Israel with full rights as citizens, could be part of Israel, with full autonomy and with their own internal governance (something that the Kurds would give anything to attain). If they were unhappy with that solution they would be at liberty to migrate to any of the over twenty Arab countries that, one would hope, would welcome them with open arms.

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Q: Is white chocolate a healthier choice than brown chocolate?

A: No. White chocolate is just as high in calories as brown chocolate and each ounce contains about an extra 1.5 grams of cholesterol-raising saturated fat. Furthermore, white chocolate lacks the antioxidant phytochemicals found in brown chocolate, especially in dark chocolate. White chocolate does not contain caffeine, which may be important for people extremely sensitive to caffeine. (An ounce of milk chocolate has slightly more caffeine than a cup of decaffeinated coffee and dark chocolate has about the same as a cup of regular tea.) No matter what kind of chocolate you eat, remember it's a concentrated source of calories, so enjoy a small amount and savor it.



KAREN COLLINS
MS, RD, CDN

fewer calories in all your daily activities. You may have stopped losing weight because you are now burning about as much as you are eating. To continue losing weight, you must once again burn more than you eat; to do so you can further increase your exercise or cut back a little more on what you eat. First, however, review all the diet and exercise changes you've made since you started losing weight and see how your current habits stack up. Sometimes new habits gradually slip a little – not enough to cause weight gain, but enough to keep you stuck on a plateau. There is also the possibility that your weight may settle at a level that is healthy but not as low as you'd like. Although excess weight is linked with increased risk of certain cancers and other health problems, there is a wide range of healthy weights. Your healthy weight may not match the super-thin look so popular in the fashion and entertainment worlds.

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Pressure is building — creating the kind of steam you'll need to let off later. Tonight, play with some of

your toys. It's gloriously relaxing to let yourself get caught up in a gleeful, creative dither.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). What you say catches on. The plus side is that you feel your influence. The downside is that rumors may start quickly. So consider how you might feel later, when it's too late to take back what you said.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There are so many positive things to see in your work now: beautiful scenery, colleagues who genuinely want to do the right thing and people who are helped by the fruits of your labor.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Whether it's at a lectern, over the phone or in a pithy e-mail, you have the full attention of your subjects. And you have the talent to give a dynamic, high-energy performance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Time management and money management are one and the same now. Think of your hours as valuable and billable, and see how that changes what you do with them.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March

20). You need plenty of room to explore now. Those who love you are learning when to hold tight and when to let go. You come back to your favorite people richer for having fully experienced your freedom.

ASTROLOGY AND FOOD: Sometimes it's hard to know what your body wants to eat. Intuitively connecting the nature of your sun or moon sign to your food choices is one way to find a diet that's right for you. Do you feel better eating by your sign? Experiment!

Aquarius: Here's the Water-Bearer dichotomy: Half of you prefer your traditional regional fare. The rest of you experiment endlessly with obscure diets — an Aquarius-appropriate response to eating. Paleolithic, Atkins or raw

vegan — you're on it for a reason. You connect the ideology of a diet (for example, non-cruelty to animals) to your worldview. Make room for radical change in your life and your palate. You'll switch your diet several times during your lifetime.

Pisces: Fishes can develop food sensitivities and allergies. Like Virgo, refined and processed foods and sugars prove troublesome for the Fishes' delicate constitution. Follow the K.I.S.S. rule: Keep it simple, sweetheart. Try combining foods to avoid overtaxing your system. Sushi is yummy, so are naturally rich and tasty Pisces foods like almonds, honey and cinnamon. If you drink, drink in moderation. One glass of red wine at dinner is healthy. Bon appetit!

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Edgy rocker Courtney Love isn't your typical mellow Cancer, but she's got more mom in her than she lets on. Granted, it's a blast hanging out with Courtney's Venus and Mars in Gemini — a flirtatious, fun and sometimes reckless pair. But becoming den mother to her rock 'n' roll family and being a stand-out mom to her daughter would fill the hole in her heart she sings about, and so deeply feels.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I have been married to a wonderful guy for six years, and I love him very much. The problem is, "Dean" has two children. My daughter died a tragic death last year, and since then, I have not wanted to be around kids or take care of my stepchildren. Everything agitates me, and I just want to leave and start a new life.

Dean is the greatest guy in this world and treats me like a queen. I try to keep this all inside, but I know my coldness and lack of interest shows. My heart says to move out and start over, but I know my sadness will never end and I would miss Dean too much. On the other hand, if I stay, I am in extreme misery day after day, and no one deserves to be around me. I went to counseling, but it didn't help.

What should I do? — Torn in Michigan

Dear Torn: This has very little to do with Dean's children and everything to do with your grief. You are terribly depressed. Counseling after such a tremendous loss takes time, and sometimes medication, in order for you to believe you can experience happiness again. Explain to Dean that your resentment of his children will pass in time, but you don't want them to suffer because of it. Dean should take over the majority of child-related activities, and the children can be told that you are trying your best to deal with your grief and your behavior is not their fault. Meanwhile, contact The Compassionate Friends (thecompassionatefriends.org), an organization for parents whose children have died. The toll-free number is 1-877-969-0010.

Dear Annie: Yesterday, I received a gift from my daughter, who is a darling. I looked it up on the website where she bought it and saw that she paid \$45 plus shipping. It's described accurately enough as a little ceramic holder with tulip bulbs that are supposed to bloom if I water them correctly. But I could have made the identical item myself for \$3.

I hate to tell her how cheap it looks, because I don't want her to feel bad, but I don't want her to get ripped off, either. I e-mailed the company, and they sent an automated reply. What would you do? — Florida Mom

Dear Florida Mom: You can take a picture of yourself next to the planter and send it to your daughter with your thanks. That way, if it's

not what she ordered, she can complain to the florist. Otherwise, we must assume your daughter knew what she was buying. Be sure to water it.

Dear Annie: "Concerned in Connecticut" was uncomfortable with a disabled co-worker representing the company at meetings. She believes the co-worker's failure to deal with his impairment reflects a refusal to accept reality and a lack of leadership.

Unfortunately, those views reflect an all-too-common bias against workers with disabilities. There are no indications from "Concerned" that the co-worker is unable to perform any essential function of his job. If management confronts the co-worker with a message that an unwillingness to manage his disability could have employment consequences, it may violate the individual's legal rights under the Americans with Disabilities Act and create liability for the employer. If the employer reasonably believes the co-worker poses a direct threat in the workplace, the employer may arrange to have the co-worker examined by the employer's health care provider.

All of us can do more to ensure that America's workplaces reflect the fairness we value. Visit www.eeoc.gov for more information about the Americans with Disabilities Act and other employment rights and responsibilities. — Michael C. Fetzer, District Director, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Dallas District Office

Dear Michael Fetzer: Thank you for the excellent information. We think the co-worker was more concerned that the man was going to injure himself falling, or that his staggering might be misinterpreted at meetings, either of which merits addressing.

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Obsessing About Your "First"

Dear Margo: I'm in love. The problem is it's with my ex-wife, even though it's been 10 years since we divorced. I got remarried and have a wonderful son, and she's remarried with a son, also.

We e-mail to keep in touch, because we were high school sweethearts and lived together for a long time before we married. I've been trying to remain just friends, but I couldn't take it anymore and had to tell her how I felt. She did not respond to my admitting my feelings.



MARGO HOWARD

My wife now knows that I still love my ex and have very strong feelings for her. I'm so confused. I cannot shake my feelings for her. I really wish I could. And I wish I could love my current wife the same as my ex, but I don't think I could ever love anyone as much. — Depressed About It All

Dear De: You need to remind yourself why it was that you and your ex-wife divorced. You also have to accept that you can't glue the teapot back together again. (Notice the non-response you got when you wrote of your lingering feelings.)

How perfectly awful for your current wife to live with the knowledge that you're torching for your ex. Whether you do it with a counselor or on your own, you must let go of a possibly idealized romance and dedicate yourself to the life you have. It is worth the effort.

And I strongly suspect that if you can't turn things around, you may well be looking for a third wife. And, by the way, cut off the e-mails and forget about "being friends." You have proof now that this is not possible. — Margo, reliably

When Your Mother Is Like Velcro

Dear Margo: I'm at my wits' end because of my mother. She has always been the person who wants to be her children's "friend" as opposed to their mother. Luckily, when my parents divorced

(I was young), my father remarried a lovely woman who has been more of the mother in my life.

I am starting my senior year in college, and my mom has become a cling-on, and I can't handle it. I go to school several hours away, and my mom wants to talk to me at least every day, sometimes several times, and she tries to monopolize all of my time when I am home. If I try to spend time with my dad and stepmom, she tries to make me feel guilty.

I have tried to set some boundaries while I am at school, like telling her when it would be convenient for her to call. (She always manages to call while I'm in class, and I have had to listen to a million voicemails.)

I know my mom is a little lonely, as she does not have the best relationship with my stepfather (a lovely man she nags to death). I just don't know what to do. I don't feel like I should have to be my mother's best friend. — College Girl

Dear Col: Because of your age — and hers — you have to defend yourself and "retrain" your mother. It will be difficult, but you must lay it out for her that you are not able to have daily conversations with her due to your new independent life at school and the constraints of time. Press "delete" when the messages are repetitious.

If she catches you on the phone and really has nothing to say, tell her, "Gotta go." And when you do go home for the holidays, you set your schedule. Her neurotic wishes can only prevail if you let them. Now is the time to stand up to her, and I hope you know that you are not being unkind; she is just clingy and acting inappropriately. — Margo, decisively

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No indictments years after Dallas City Hall raid

DALLAS (AP) — Two years after federal agents raided Dallas City Hall to investigate allegations of bribery and corruption, not a single indictment has been issued.

City officials worry the length of the investigation has created mistrust of city government.

"Just come to finality on it. That's fair to the city, that's fair to the community, that's fair to the people involved," Mayor Tom Leppert said.

The FBI said the investigation is considered "open and ongoing." Last month, an agency spokeswoman said some sort of resolution can be expected "sooner than later."

"You've got to ask the question: 'Why are they still dragging this out?'" council member Tennell Atkins said. "The FBI has put a cloud over the whole city of Dallas. If you have an investigation going on for two years and nothing happens, it's very hard to erase the stigma."

Agents began carrying out search warrants at City Hall on June 20, 2005. The investigation sought information on tax-credit housing projects, which reduce taxes for developers who build rental units for low-income residents.

But the FBI has declined to comment on the length of the investigation or say what specifically they are investigating.

Sheehan considers run against Pelosi

CRAWFORD (AP) — Cindy Sheehan says she doubted she would fade into obscurity after leaving the anti-war movement that she galvanized, but she planned on doing humanitarian work overseas — not running for office.

Sheehan, who announced in late May that she was departing the peace movement, said she recently decided to run against House Speaker Nancy Pelosi unless Pelosi moves to oust President Bush in the next two weeks.

"I think all politicians should be held accountable," Sheehan told The Associated Press on Sunday. "Democrats and Americans feel betrayed by the Democratic leadership. We hired them to bring an end

to the war."

Sheehan said she will run as an independent against the San Francisco Democrat in 2008 if Pelosi does not file articles of impeachment against Bush by July 23. That's when Sheehan and her supporters are to arrive in Washington, D.C., after a 13-day caravan and walking tour starting from the group's war protest site near Bush's Crawford ranch.

Sheehan said Pelosi, who became the first woman speaker in January after nearly two decades in office, does have a monetary advantage so far. Although Sheehan has never held public office, she said she already has the name recognition and would not have to run against Pelosi in a primary.

Pelosi's spokesman Brendan Daly said that Pelosi has said repeatedly that her focus is on ending the war.

New round of flash flooding closes roads

DALLAS (AP) — Flooding continued sweeping through portions of Texas over the weekend, leading officials in one county to declare a disaster area after water seeped into homes and cracked roads.

Smith County officials made a disaster declaration on Sunday night and are asking for state and federal aid. They say flooding has caused about \$200,000 worth of damages to their East Texas county and the figure could increase as water recedes.

"We still have areas that are dangerous," Smith County Commissioner Bill McGinnis told Tyler television station KLTU. "We have barricaded those off. We beg people not to go around those barricades because it is just so extremely dangerous to do that."

Some homes in low-lying areas were flooded in Hico, about 100 miles southwest of Dallas. No injuries were reported but some major roads into the town were closed.

"We have really got some major flooding," Hico Mayor Lavern Tooley said Sunday evening. "It just did not let up."

The Erath County Sheriff's Office reported significant flooding in the southern part of that county, which borders the Hico area. Heavy rains also temporarily closed roads in Glen Rose.

Meanwhile the search for a missing rafter who capsized on the rain-swollen Trinity River was suspended Sunday night and it was unclear when authorities would resume looking for the 26-year-old man.

Flooding throughout the state since mid-June has been blamed on at least 16 deaths.

Handful of schools will teach in two languages

AUSTIN (AP) — Students trying to learn English and those who already speak the language are typically separated into different classrooms at most schools.

But a dual language immersion program state lawmakers approved this session will pair those children together in an effort to help all of them become bilingual. The six-year pilot program will be tried out in up to 10 Texas public school districts and 30 campuses.

Lawmakers who supported the bill say it tries to address the reality of Texas schools. More than 40 percent of first-graders in the state's largest urban school districts — Houston, Dallas and Fort Worth — had limited proficiency in English.

"If we don't educate the children, we're not going to have a viable work force, and if we don't have a viable and educated work force, we're not going to be attractive to the economic development that our state leaders continue to say that Texas is all about," said Jesse Romero, a San Antonio-based legislative consultant for the Texas Association For Bilingual Education.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ K Q 10 7
 ♥ A J 4
 ♦ K Q 7
 ♣ 9 3 2

WEST
 ♠ A J 9 5
 ♥ Q 8 6 3 2
 ♦ 10 3
 ♣ Q J

EAST
 ♠ 8 6 3 2
 ♥ K 9 7 5
 ♦ J 6
 ♣ K 6 4

SOUTH
 ♠ 4
 ♥ 10
 ♦ A 9 8 5 4 2
 ♣ A 10 8 7 5

The bidding:
 South West North East
 Pass Pass 1 NT Pass
 3♦ Pass 3♦ Pass
 4♠ Pass 4♠ Pass
 5♦

Opening lead — three of hearts.

This deal was played in a national pair championship many years ago by Bruce Elliott, one of Canada's all-time greats. It illustrates how a sure losing trick can sometimes be made to completely disappear.

Even with all four hands in view, it's not easy to see how declarer can make five diamonds against best defense, since it seems he must inevitably lose two club tricks and the ace of spades. Nevertheless, Elliott wound up with 11 tricks, and he did so without the benefit of a peek at either opponent's hand.

He won the heart lead with the ace and immediately ruffed a heart. A diamond to the queen was followed by another heart ruff. Elliott then led his singleton spade, forcing West to take the ace.

When West returned the ten of diamonds, declarer won it in dummy with the king, cashed the K-Q of spades, discarding two clubs, then ruffed the ten of spades. This sequence of plays reduced both declarer and dummy to three clubs and a trump, thus setting the stage perfectly for the endplay Elliott had visualized from the outset.

The ace of clubs was next cashed, felling West's jack, and another club was led, West producing the queen. East could not afford to overtake the queen because it would make South's ten high, so the queen held the trick, leaving West on lead.

Since West's last two cards were both hearts, he was forced to return one, allowing Elliott to discard a club from one hand while trumping in the other to make the contract. East's king of clubs never got around to taking a trick and was left withering on the vine.

The deal demonstrates once again how a shrewd declarer can capitalize on favorable breaks through careful planning from the very start. The contract required a generous measure of good luck to succeed, but it also needed a skillful manager.



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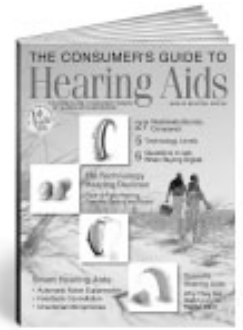
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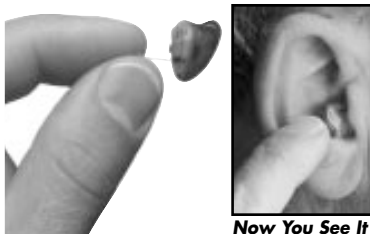
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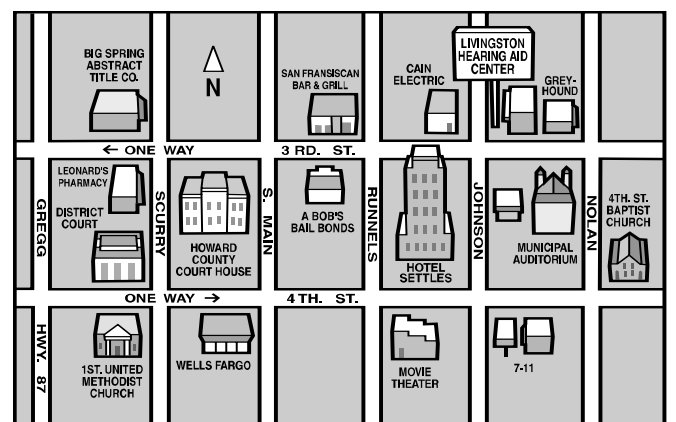
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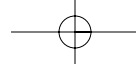
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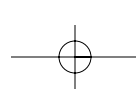
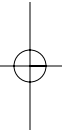
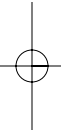


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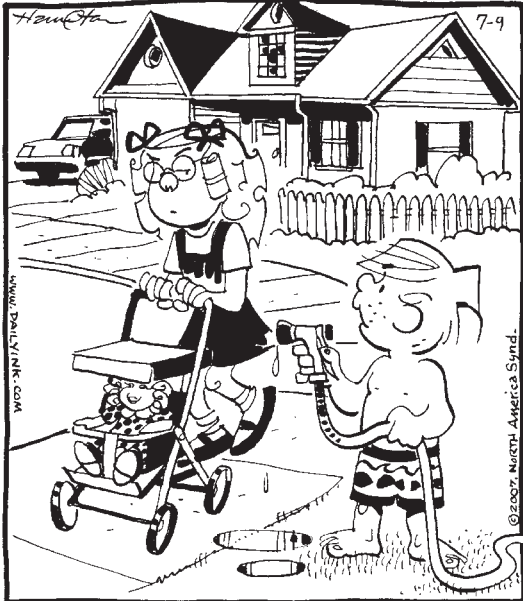
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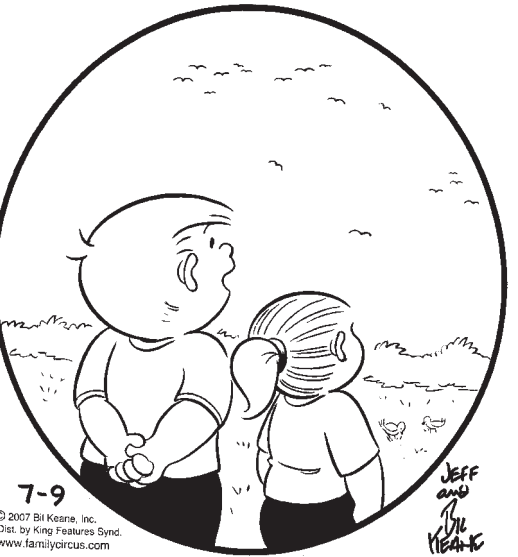
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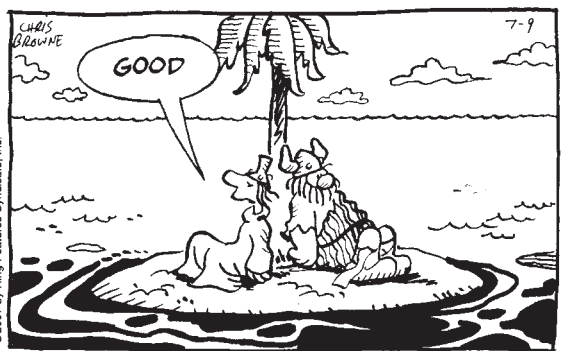
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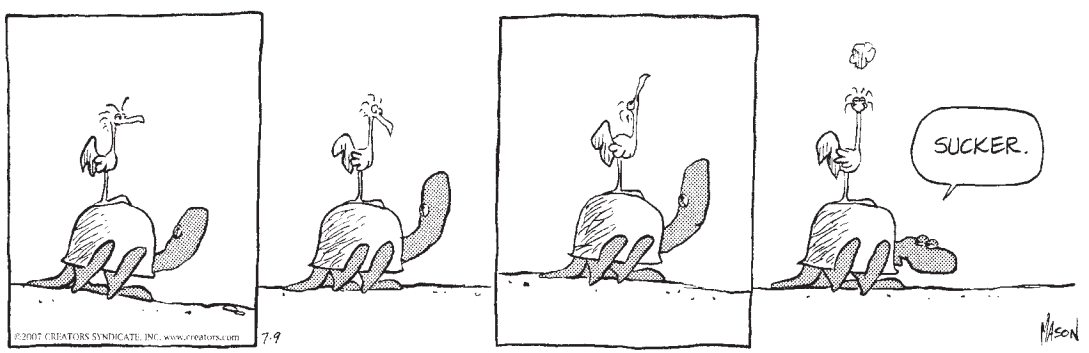
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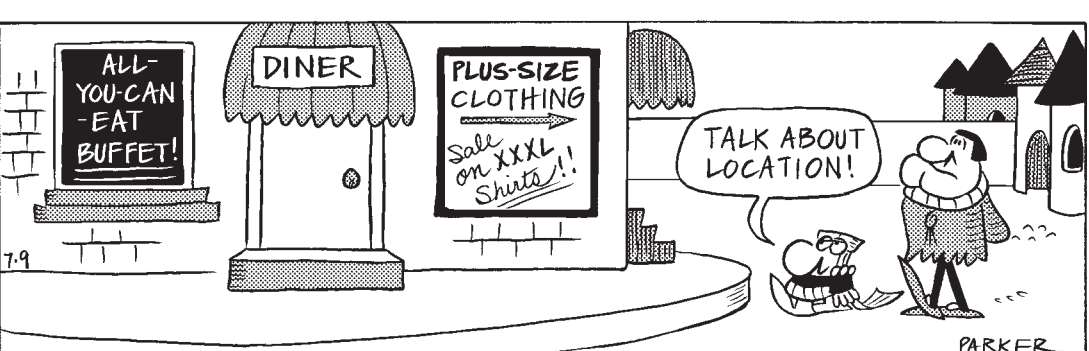
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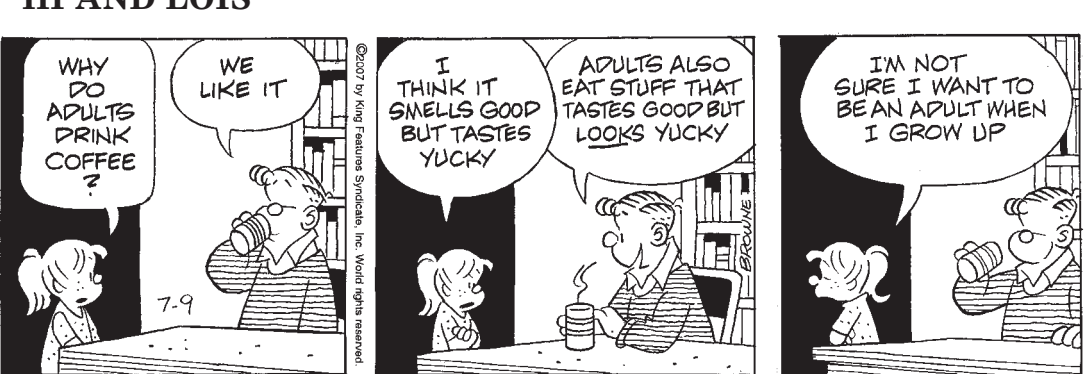
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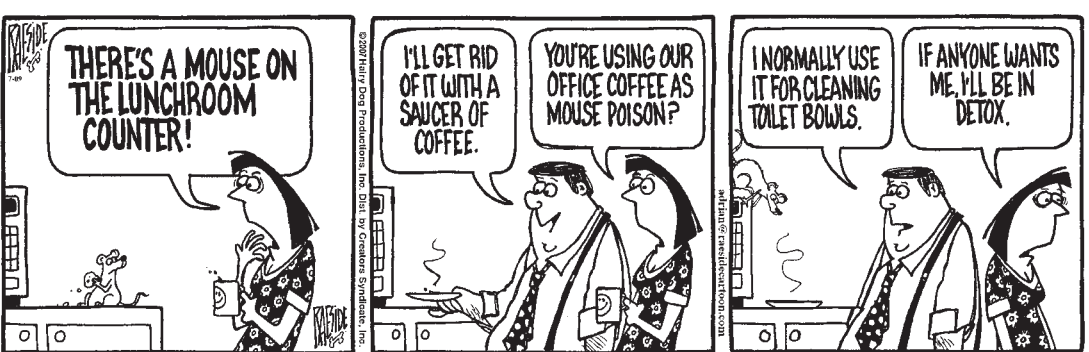
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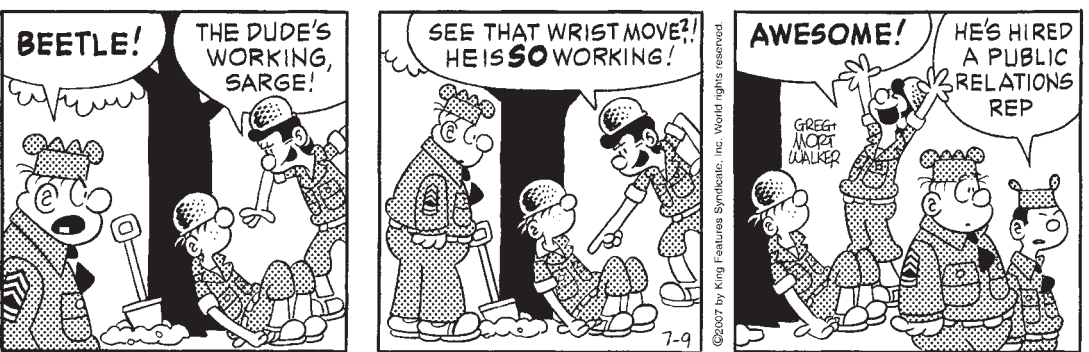
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This Date In History

Today is Monday, July 9, the 190th day of 2007. There are 175 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On July 9, 1776, the Declaration of Independence was read aloud to Gen. George Washington's troops in New York. On this date: In 1540, England's King Henry VIII had his six-month-old marriage to his fourth wife, Anne of Cleves, annulled. In 1816, Argentina declared independence from Spain. In 1850, the 12th president of the United States, Zachary Taylor, died after serving only 16 months of his term.

In 1896, William Jennings Bryan delivered his famous "cross of gold" speech at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago. In 1918, 101 people were killed in a train collision in Nashville, Tenn. In 1944, during World War II, American forces secured Saipan as the last Japanese defenses fell. In 1947, the engagement of Britain's Princess Elizabeth to Lt. Philip Mountbatten was announced. In 1951, President Harry Truman asked Congress to formally end the state of war between the U.S. and Germany. In 1982, a Pan Am Boeing 727 crashed in Kenner, La., killing all 145 people aboard and eight people on the ground. In 1986, the Attorney General's Commission on Pornography released the final draft of its report, which linked hard-core porn to sex crimes.

Today's Birthdays: Actor-singer Ed Ames is 80. Singer-songwriter Lee Hazelwood is 78. Actor James Hampton is 71. Actor Brian Dennehy is 69. Actor Richard Roundtree is 65. Author Dean Koontz is 62. Football Hall-of-Famer O.J. Simpson is 60. Actor Chris Cooper is 56.

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Newsday Crossword AROUND THE HOUSE by Gail Grabowski Edited by Stanley Newman

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Across clues include: 1 Shove, 5 March 17 honoree, for short, 10 Football throw, 14 China's continent, 15 Spaghetti topping, 16 Singer Fitzgerald, 17 Cats and dogs, 18 Get really mad, 20 Soul singer Franklin, 22 Took to court, 23 Lamb's mom, 24 Wish earnestly, 26 Potpie veggies, 28 Pesky insects, informally, 32 Taxi device, 36 Bread unit, 37 Family rooms, 39 Kitchen appliance, 40 British nobleman, 41 Dairy animal, 42 Years and years, 43 "Rocket Man" singer John, 45 Donald Duck or Pluto, 47 Is unable to, 48 Western resort lake, 49 Puts up a fuss, 51 Wealthy, 54 507, to Caesar, 55 Sound from a 23 Across, 58 Get taller, 60 Join the army, 64 Outlandish, 67 Doing nothing, 68 Raisin (type of cereal). Down clues include: 8 Misbehave, 9 Giggling sound, 10 For each, 11 Skin-lotion ingredient, 12 Far from rapid, 13 Strongbox relative, 19 Dutch cheeses, 21 Like some peppers, 25 Build, as a building, 27 Place an upper limit on, 28 Icy precipitation, 29 Australian animal, 30 The third planet, 31 Nosy one, 33 Ancient Roman robes, 34 Important occurrence, 35 Takes a breather, 38 Fighting blade, 44 Horse sound, 46 New or strange thing, 50 Sardine container, 52 Dairy product, 53 "In what way?", 55 Dylan and Hope, 56 Frizzy hairdo, 57 At a distance, 59 Stinging insect, 61 Creative thought, 62 Messy type, 63 Change for a \$20 bill, 65 Explosive initials, 66 Miserables.