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Door clangs shut on 2nd jail location

County's focus now falls on W. Highway 80 site

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

And then there was one — again.

Howard County Commissioners announced Monday morning the court has once again settled on the W. Highway 80 location as the site for a new jail facility, shedding hopes of providing voters with a multi-location bond issue in November.

The court announced two weeks ago — shortly after settling on the W. Highway 80 as the sole locale for the jail — it would pursue a second location, the lot west of the courthouse and adjacent to the 118th District Court, in hopes of letting voters weigh in on the controversial matter.

County Judge Mark Barr said the idea was a good one, but simply didn't mesh with election rulings provided by the Texas Attorney General's



Barr

office. "We were looking at having two different propositions on the ballot, with both sites for the voters to choose from," said Barr. "Saundra (Bloom, county election administrator) and I were in contact with the attorney general's office and couldn't come up with a satisfactory solution on the proper way to present the proposition."

"The way we would have to present it to the voters, we could possibly end up with both sites passing, which wouldn't help us at all, or with both of them failing. Because of this we decided to stick with the original site on W. Highway 80."

Barr said he and the rest of

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GREAT RACE ROLLS THROUGH



Above: Driver Milt Thomas and his navigator, Mike Larkin, gear up for the drive to Lubbock after stopping at Dora Roberts Community Center Monday afternoon. Big Spring was one of the many cities on The Great Race's trek from North Carolina to California. At left, the racers line their classic cars up for the public to get a closer look.

HERALD Photos/Dustin Wilson

Teen injured in I-20 rollover

by **DUSTIN WILSON**
 Staff Writer

A one-car rollover Monday afternoon sent one person to Scenic Mountain Medical Center and left several others shaken.

According to Department of Public Safety Trooper Brad Gibson, the vehicle, a Mazda pickup, was headed west on

Interstate Highway 20 toward Odessa at the time of the accident.

"The driver was making a lane change from the right lane into the left lane while speaking to one of the passengers as well as trying to put his seat belt on," said Gibson. "He hit the rumble strip and took evasive action, overcorrecting and causing loss of control of the vehicle. He went into the median and that's when the vehicle rolled."

"There was one passenger in the bed of the pickup that was ejected. He and transported to the emergency room at Scenic Mountain Medical Center," added Gibson.

The passenger, Scotty Hays, 17, of Big Spring, was thrown from the bed of the pickup when the rollover occurred. Investigating Trooper Shown Parker had no information on Hays at the time, but said his condition seemed stable. Representatives of SMMC refused to comment or pro-

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Car enthusiasts turn out to welcome competitors

by **DUSTIN WILSON**
 Staff Writer

Car enthusiasts were able to saddle up along one another at the Dora Roberts Community Center Monday morning as The Great American Race rolled into Big Spring.

Auto club members from as far away as Odessa and Colorado City came to watch the vehicles, which made their way through Texas, stopping in Whitesboro, Lewisville, Eastland and Abilene on a 4,000 mile journey toward the final destination — the Disneyland Promenade in Anaheim, Calif.

"We've been real excited about all of it. I think it's one of the greatest things we've had here," said Lloyd Waltenbaugh, a member of the Big Spring Cruisers car club.

According to event officials,

"It's truly an American event and it's coming through some great American cities."



—Sen. Kel Seliger

the race tends to wind through the back roads of the states it passes through, stopping at small towns and communities to take breaks and rest for an hour before returning to the road.

"I think it's the best thing to do. These small towns have the best hospitality and food and the people of these communities are real gracious," said Wes Messick, a race partici-

pant from Colorado. "These people always open up their towns to us and we're having a blast. Everyone's getting a kick out of the race. It's something to get the community involved and out here to see all the cars and I hope they get a return out of it as much as we do."

A highlight of the event was a late entry that rumbled through the park with some very special sentiment.

Messick, of Ft. Collins, Colo., along with his partner, Rodney Rucker of Winslow, Ariz., drove their 1964 Peterbilt Custom truck that houses a M47 Patton tank motor, the same motor that was used in the tanks utilized in WW II and Korea.

"It goes through about a gallon of oil a day and gets about

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IN BRIEF

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 today

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.

Big Spring QB Club meeting today

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 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.

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 expenses for her pending kidney and pan-

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Mavericks retain key reserve George

By **JAIME ARON**

AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — After opting out of his contract and looking for a better deal elsewhere, swingman Devean George is coming back to the Dallas Mavericks.

George has agreed to a roughly \$2.4 million, one-year deal that keeps him as a reserve on one of the NBA's top teams and puts him in position for a bigger payday next summer, agent Mark Bartelstein said Monday.

George would've made around \$2 million under the deal he signed last summer, but opted out of it last month. Bartelstein

spoke with several teams, only to find that the best combination of salary and championship potential came from Dallas.

Part of the lure was that after this season the Mavs will hold George's "Bird rights," which means they can sign him again for a larger salary without certain salary cap implications.

"His goal was to come back," Bartelstein said. "But you want to take a look around and make sure you're not bypassing something that really was significant. It would've taken something major to take him out of Dallas."

The deal can't be finalized before Wednesday, and team offi-

cial can't comment before then. However, president of basketball operations Donnie Nelson said recently that the club was committed to bringing back its key players — as demonstrated by the re-signing of Jerry Stackhouse late last week.

George and Stackhouse were part of a strong bench that helped the Mavericks win 67 games, fifth-best in league history, before a stunning first-round playoff loss to Golden State.

George, who turns 30 next month, averaged 6.4 points and 3.6 rebounds last season. He played 60 games, starting 17, and averaged 21.4 minutes. Coach

Avery Johnson likes having him as a defensive ace, especially against perimeter players. George played his first seven years with the Los Angeles Lakers, winning three titles and reaching the finals a fourth time.

Bartelstein said the early play-off exit with Dallas didn't discourage George. If anything, it made him want to return.

"He was disappointed because he was hurt, he wasn't himself in the playoffs," Bartelstein said, citing a late-season knee injury. "He wants to contribute more to help the team get to the (championship) level."

Bonds takes center stage at All-Star events

By **JANIE McCAULEY**

AP Sports Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Barry Bonds loves being the center of attention so much that he joked he might drag his home run chase all the way into next year.

"I'm not quitting, so I might make you wait 'til next year," Bonds said to the swarm around him. "You know I'm drama, so why not make it more drama?"

And boy was he ever Monday, when all eyes were on No. 25 as the All-Star festivities came to his town.

Bonds has 751 homers, four short of matching Hank Aaron's record — so it's hardly likely his pursuit will last until 2008.

For now, he simply doesn't care whether commissioner Bud Selig is around to see the record fall.

Selig still hasn't said whether he plans to be in the ballpark when and if Bonds hits No. 756. Selig's indecision has drawn a lot of criticism. Oddly, he finds himself with an unusual ally on the topic — Bonds.

"Does it matter to me? I think it's just terrible the way it's gone down, that's all," the San Francisco slugger said a day before Tuesday's All-Star game.

"That's up to Bud, it's not up to me. I'm going to do my thing anyway. I have to go out and play for my teammates. That's up to Bud. Bud is his own

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MCT photo/Jose Carlos Fajardo

American All-Star Vladimir Guerrero connects for his third home run, beating Alex Rios in the final round of the 2007 All-Star Home Run Derby Monday at AT&T Park in San Francisco. The Los Angeles Angels' Guerrero beat the Toronto Blue Jay's Rios 3-2 to win the final round.

Plenty to like about baseball season's second half

By **TIM DAHLBERG**

AP Sports Columnist

Baseball is pausing for a short break, Neifi Perez is taking a longer break and George Mitchell is still looking for his first big break.

The New York Yankees, meanwhile, are simply broken.

The baseball season is half over, and there's plenty to chew over for both the optimists who view the glass half full and the pessimists who think the other way during this, the Summer of Bonds.

Let's get the bad stuff out of the way first.

Drug use continues to cloud the game, though Perez is evidence that baseball's improved drug testing is starting to work, even if there is no test for human growth hormone. His 25-game suspension for popping greenies will get more players reaching for coffee instead of pills to keep them going.

Mitchell could use a little something to perk himself up, too, after being handed Jason Giambi on a platter only to be told that Giambi cut a deal to talk only about himself. Mitchell must someday give baseball a report on steroids, and right now it looks as if it will be a slim one.

And then there's that uncomfortable bit of business that will surely take place in San Francisco, probably within the next month or so. Bud Selig can't decide whether to buy a plane ticket to the coast, but Henry Aaron had no trouble making up his mind.

But there's a lot more to cheer about for those who love the game.

Players are getting rich, owners are getting richer, and this may really be a golden age for baseball. Sure, you're paying for it, but fathers still bring their kids to the ballparks, and even years of strikes and scandals haven't managed to kill the public's appetite for the national pastime.

Revenue sharing may finally be beginning to pay dividends, with the best evidence in Milwaukee where the Brewers are on top of the NL Central. The Yankees, meanwhile, are a shining example that money can't buy either happiness or a World Series title.

A look at some winners:

° **MILWAUKEE BREWERS** — There hasn't been this much excitement in suds city since Randall Simon took out both the Italian sausage and the hot dog

with one swipe of his bat. Selig is so happy with the team he once owned that he actually went to the ballpark to watch when Bonds came to town.

° **AMERICAN LEAGUE EAST** — For the first time in 10 years, the Yankees won't win the division title. If you do the math, they have to win two out of every three games the rest of the year to even contend for a wild card. The bad news is that the Red Sox aren't so lovable anymore now that they are beginning to spend and act a lot like their bitter rivals.

° **BARRY BONDS** — Sure, he's a suspected cheater, arrogant jerk and a blight on the game. Personality quirks aside, he's still hitting home runs, pitchers are pitching around him again, and he's about to become the greatest slugger ever. He's also the oldest starter in All-Star history.

° **OLD GUYS** — Put Bonds and Roger Clemens on top of this list of a 40-something crowd that is having quite a year. Last month, six pitchers age 40 or over started games on the same night, and three of them won.

° **GARY MATTHEWS** — He's a defensive star for an awfully good team, and hitting at a decent clip, too. Not bad for someone whose new \$50 million contract appeared in jeopardy in spring training when it was reported he was allegedly shipped human growth hormone.

° **YANKEE HATERS** — When baseball fans are asked to name the team they hate most, four out of 10 pick the guys in pinstripes. Given that, the argument could be made that there's nothing better for baseball than to see the Yankees in a free fall.

° **SCOTT BORAS** — The agent everyone but his clients love to hate managed to draw even more attention to himself with a silly proposal for a nine-game World Series.

° **RED SOX** — J.D. Drew and Julio Lugo have been flops, and Curt Schilling is injured. But the Sox have a lead they can't blow, while Daisuke Matsuzaka has been everything advertised, and more.

° **BUD SELIG** — He got to look See **DAHLBERG**, Page 2B

Obituaries

Roberta Cowley

Graveside services for Roberta Imogene Cowley, 88, of Amarillo and formerly of Big Spring, were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 8, 2007, at Earth Memorial Cemetery, with the Rev. Larry Bass officiating.

Mrs. Cowley died Friday, July 6, 2007, in BSA Hospice in Amarillo.

She was born Jan. 17, 1919, in Martha, Okla., and married Kenneth Cowley March 4, 1940 in Hobart, Okla. He preceded her in death on April 19, 1999.

She was a long-time resident of Earth, Texas, and spent the last few years in Big Spring and Amarillo. She was a 60-year member of Earth United Methodist Church and belonged to the Women's Society of Christian Service.

She was a volunteer and church secretary for 17 years. She was an accomplished artist and authored many lines of poetry.

She is survived by a son, Mike Cowley of Amarillo; a daughter, Janice Cowley of Houston; a sister, Ruth Spann of Tulsa, Okla.; a daughter-in-law, Janice Morrison Cowley of Muleshoe; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a faithful companion, Wallie, the Sheltie dog.

Along with her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, Robert I. and Martha Doughty, a son, Gary Cowley, two great-grandchildren, five sisters and a brother.

Memorials should be made to the Pastor's Fund, First United Methodist Church, P.O. Drawer 1229, Big Spring 79720 or Earth United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 181, Earth 79031.

Paid obituary

Rose Mae Lawson

Rose Mae Lawson, 84, of Big Spring, died Friday, July 6, 2007 at the Parkview Nursing & Rehabilitation Center. Her body was donated to the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine in Lubbock.

She was born on Feb. 23, 1923, to O. B. and Lillie Mae Powell in Lovington, N.M. She was a retired registered nurse and a Baptist.

She had been a resident of Big Spring since 1950. She married Carl Ritter in 1945 in Temple. He preceded her in death and she later married Lawrence Lawson in 1950 in Big Spring. He also preceded her in death.

She received her nursing degree at the St. Anthony's Hospital School of Nursing in Amarillo. She was a veteran of the U. S. Army, where she served as a registered nurse. As a nurse, she had worked at the Veterans Administration Medical Centers in Temple, Waco and Big Spring. She had also worked at the former Malone and Hogan Hospital in Big Spring and the Martin County Hospital in Stanton.

She is survived by her son and daughter in law, Carl & Beverly Ritter Jr. of Montgomery; two brothers, Marvin Powell of Lovington, N.M. and Norman Powell of Midland; two sisters-in-law, Willie D. Null of Marlin, and Mary Sue Rowden of Midland; one grandson; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by one son, Melvin Lawson, and seven sisters and brothers.

Arrangements were by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com.

Charlotte Hoggard

Charlotte S. Hoggard, 69, of Big Spring, died Monday, July 9, 2007, at her residence. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Ricardo Torres

Ricardo "Ricky" Torres, 48, of Big Spring, died Monday, July 9, 2007, at his residence. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Wayne Walker

Wayne Edwin Walker, 73, of Big Spring died Monday, July 09, 2007, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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. It is a come-and-go reception. Everyone is invited.

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

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

Police blotter

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

- **CONRAD MEZICK**, 42, of 2004 S. Scurry, was arrested Monday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **ADALBERTO MARTINEZ**, 29, of 306 NW 11th Street, was arrested Monday on six local warrants.
- **ASSAULT BY CONTACT** was reported:
 - in the 1400 block of Highway 87.
 - in the 200 block of Marcy.
- **ASSAULT BY THREATS** was reported in the 3200 block of FM 700.
- **ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY** was reported in the 1300 block of Baylor.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported:
 - in the 500 block of Runnels.
 - in the 1100 block of Fifth Street.
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported:
 - in the 2500 block of Gregg.
 - in the 1700 block of Third Street.
- **DRIVING WHILE LICENSE INVALID** was reported in the 3600 block of Highway 87.
- **THEFT** was reported:
 - in the 1100 block of Lamesa.
 - in the 900 block of Willia.

Sheriff's report

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 64 inmates at the time of this report.
- **DONALD STERLING MCINTOSH**, 24, was arrested by the HCSO Monday on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction.
 - **RICHARD DALE SPIVEY JR.**, 26, was arrested by the HCSO Monday on a charge of aggravated assault.
 - **CHRISTOPHER LIMON**, 28, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD Monday on a charge of theft.
 - **CONRAD LEVELL MEZICK**, 42, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.
 - **WILLIAM LEWIS VANSKYHOCK**, 52, was arrested by the HCSO Monday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
 - **JORGE ARMANDO RANGEL**, 26, was arrested by the HCSO Monday on a charge of failure to appear.
 - **CHARLTON PAUL GUIDRY**, 30, was arrested by the HCSO Monday on a charge of violation to appear.
 - **ANASTACIO S. ESPARZA**, 42, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for resisting arrest, transportation or detention and charges of assault of a public servant and resisting arrest search or transportation.

Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 200 block of Marcy. Service was refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1900 block of Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1900 block of Martin Luther King. Service was refused.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near mile marker 168 on Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2000 block of Alabama. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 600 block of S. Aylesford. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

Weather

Tonight...Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 70s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 90s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows around 70. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 90s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s.

Friday...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s.

Friday night...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s.

Saturday...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs around 90.

Saturday night...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

Sunday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s.

Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Lows around 70.

Bulletin Board

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

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

WEDNESDAY
• Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 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.
• Senior Circle meets at 11 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.
• Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
• Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
• League of Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Northside Community Center. For more information, contact John Ybarra at 264-1628. The public is invited.
• Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY
• Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
• Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.
• Friends of the Library meets at noon in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.
• Big Spring Main Street meets at noon in the Railroad Museum located at Second and Main streets.
• American Legion Auxiliary meets at 6 p.m. at 3203 W. Highway 80.
• The Prospector's Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at 606 E. Third St. The public is invited to these meetings. For more information contact Lola Lamb at 263-3340 or Doyle and Virginia McClain at 263-8407.
• Neighbors and Newcomers Club meets. New members are welcome. Call 263-2005 for more information.
• Staked Plains Lodge No. 598 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 221 Main. Meal served. Meeting at 7 p.m.

Lottery

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 25-26-31-32-36.

Number matching five of five: 2.

Prize per winner: \$16,400.

Winning tickets sold in: Fort Worth and Garland.

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 8-13-18-33. Bonus Ball: 19.

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 2.

Winning tickets sold in: Arlington and San Antonio.

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-4-6.

Support Groups

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

• The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) support group meets from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main. Anyone who has a mental illness or has a friend or family with mental illness is invited to participate. Call Felicia Talley at 268-3835 for more information.

• The Path, faith-based addiction recovery, meets at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St.

• Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

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

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BONDS

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man. And I respect him. Whether Bud shows up or doesn't show up, I'm going to still play baseball that day," he said.

The Hammer has made it clear that he won't attend the milestone and Bonds doesn't blame him.

"No one can determine when that's going to happen, and Hank has a life, too," Bonds said. "You could go weeks. You expect this man to just travel all over this continent for weeks?"

"It's just not fair to him. That's just all it's about. If you can predict what you're going to do and he can get there and like OK, bam, it's going to be this day and this time, that's a different scenario."

"Hank's a great ballplayer. He's the home run king. He will always be the home run king in our hearts. We respect him. We love him. Hank, if you want to stay home, stay home, brother," he said.

Bonds hit seven home runs in six rounds of batting practice Monday afternoon, splashing one into McCovey Cove beyond the right-field fence — where the boats already were out in force for the festivities. Bonds opted to skip Monday night's Home Run Derby.

After Bonds finished hitting, a public-service

announcement appeared on the center-field scoreboard and the audio was broadcast over the stadium sound system.

"Sports are great for kids," it said. "Steroids aren't."

Revered in his own ballpark, Bonds is usually booed on the road, with fans suggesting his accomplishments are tainted because of steroids allegations.

The 42-year-old Bonds will start in left field Tuesday night. He earned the spot in fan voting and it was his 14th All-Star selection and first in three years.

Asked what the key has been to his success at his age, Bonds stayed to the point: "Talent. I have it. I've always had it. I feel good, and I feel happy."

As Bonds spoke, he held a personal tape recorder in his left hand to post the session on his Web site, <http://www.barrybonds.com>.

Bonds had a big bash with hip-hop mogul Jay-Z planned for Monday night regardless of whether he'd been picked for the game.

Bonds spent much of the day socializing and signing autographs, wasting no time giving a surprise bear hug from behind to Jim Leyland, Bonds' first skipper in Pittsburgh.

The seven-time NL MVP also signed one of his jerseys worn by 8-year-old Darren Baker, son of for-

mer Giants manager Dusty Baker.

"It's a dream. You dream about going to a World Series," Bonds said. "I had that opportunity and unfortunately we lost. I've seen All-Star games in everyone else's city. To be able to have it in your own city is great. I want a ring and to win, but if it doesn't happen I've had the opportunity to experience it. Then I've had the opportunity to experience this at home."

"I've pretty much had the opportunity to experience almost everything you can actually experience in the game of baseball. And I've also had the opportunity to experience it with one of the greatest baseball players to ever live in Willie Mays, and I had to be with him my entire life. I've lived a dream my whole entire life regardless of what anybody says."

Bonds has been hitting about one homer a week recently after connecting for 11 homers by early May. He has 17 this year and only six since getting his 745th off the Mets' Tom Glavine on May 8. Bonds has drawn 91 walks, with 30 intentional free passes.

"I'm going to answer this question even though it hasn't been asked: I will not intentionally walk Barry Bonds in the All-Star game," Leyland said.

NL manager Tony La Russa of the World Series

champion St. Louis Cardinals will bat Bonds in the second spot, rather than his usual cleanup slot.

"I let him know, as I mentioned, you know, damage in that second spot is something that I've always thought made sense," La Russa said.

Bonds was jeered in St. Louis, as he is in opposing ballparks. Fans often hold up signs reading "CHEATER" or "Barroid" or placards showing an asterisk.

"I'm not treated bad on the road," he said. "My thing is that I feel disappointed in some of those fans that were influenced by a third-party judgment and have not (taken) the opportunity just to know me."

"People in San Francisco know me. The fans here know me. Fans outside the city only get to see me three days. To judge me based on a third party, that is what disap-

points me ... when actually I've done nothing wrong to you," he said.

Some of Bonds' All-Star colleagues took time Monday to defend him.

"I don't think it's fair," Minnesota outfielder Torii Hunter said. "He hasn't been found guilty of anything. If you find something on him, then I'll be right there with you guys. But you haven't found anything. Hank Aaron should be there. Bud Selig should be there. This is big. They should celebrate it."

With Bonds sitting out the annual Home Run Derby, the usual premier event played second fiddle as far as the first day's activities.

Bonds' omission allowed the Los Angeles Angels' Vladamir Guerrero to lay claim to the title of home run king.

The Angels' slugger hit 17 homers total and beat Toronto's Alex Rios 3-2 in the final round.

None of the eight participants managed a true "splash hit" over the right-field fence into the waterfront park's iconic McCovey Cove.

Dozens of eager fans wearing wetsuits and carrying nets amid the flotilla of kayaks and rafts ended up scrambling for just a handful of foul balls and ricochets during nearly six hours of batting practice and derby slugging.

Rios, added to the derby field on Sunday, hit 12 homers in the second round, but lost his swing in the final, managing just two long balls.

Philadelphia Phillies' Ryan Howard hit the fewest amount of home runs — three — in derby history by a defending champion.

Colorado's Matt Holiday and St. Louis' Albert Pujols fell short of advancing to the final despite strong second round performances.

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tough by giving Giambi an ultimatum, and he's presiding over unprecedented windfalls for owners. Soon the Bonds nightmare will be over, the steroid era will fade from public attention, and Selig will be celebrated as a great commissioner.

• **A-ROD** — Imagine

where the Yankees would be without Alex Rodriguez, who someday will likely pass Bonds to become the greatest home-run hitter. A-Rod and his wife are also trying to set records for most appearances on the front pages of the New York tabloids.

• **FANS** — The ultimate winners this year despite ever-rising ticket prices. There are good races in

most divisions, and 20 teams can still make a claim for having a shot at the playoffs. Soon there will even be a baseball channel for those long winters.

Enjoy the second half.

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BRIEFS

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creas 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.

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Howard County Golf Championship set

The 2007 Howard County Championship golf tournament has been set to take place July 27-29 at the Big Spring Country Club.

The format is 54-holes individual stroke play and all participants must have been a Howard County resident prior to Jan. 1, 2007.

Entry fee \$75 per player plus a \$30 cart fee. Prizes will be given for gross and net scores with the field being pre-flighted based on handicap. The championship flight will break into two flights after the first round.

A senior division will be made for those over 70. The lowest score for a country club member will be club champion.

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Friday and Saturday with a 1 p.m. shotgun on Sunday. A barbecue lunch will be served Saturday.

To enter or for other information, call the country club at 267-5354.

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 Monday and ending Aug. 17.

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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.

Magers-Powell camp scheduled

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players from 9 a.m. to noon.

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

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

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The sun and Uranus are sky dancers in an electric carnival of light and color. This stellar atmosphere is festive and supports breakthroughs of all kinds. Celebrate the chaotic music of experimental change by taking license with your own self-expression. Discover the joy of making a radical, bold and decidedly different statement.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). A bit of chaos breaks loose. Then your inner leader emerges with a sideways smirk, ready to prove you're not only

Tomorrow's Horoscope



HOLIDAY MATHIS

capable, but also stylish — snap. A checklist ensures you've got your bases covered. **TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). There's a reason why Cupid is personified as a child and not a wizened old matchmaker. Infatuation is impulsive, naive and, yes, foolish. But that doesn't mean it won't grow into abiding love.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You feel your power to take relationships to the next level. As for singles making a new connection, make a conscious decision about how much to touch. You might decide: a lot. Why not?

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's more fun to do work when you include and depend on your team. Ask for help even when you don't think you need it. Tonight features the clinking of glasses.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your loved ones need you and despair when you seem out of touch. Make them understand — like your ruling planet, the sun, you may appear to temporarily take leave of those who orbit around you, but you never really do.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Look into the thing you were afraid to see before. The truth is like ripping off a Band-Aid. There's a sting, and then it's over. One realization could turn your mood from mediocre to fantastic.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). When you feel sensational, you look sensational. A few well-chosen compliments to the one in the mirror will help you relax and enjoy your current state of health, which is constantly improving.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You can't possess romance; you can only create it. This is the perfect time to pull in soft and sensual energy to poeticize your life. Take up a dreamy hobby, such as kissing memories or dancing with waves.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Active listening takes maturity and self-discipline, and you have plenty of both now. Listening to others is tantamount to giving them a gift. Choose a recipient who will appreciate the value in it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Romantic risk is rewarded. It has to be a real risk, though, the kind that makes your palms sweat. If you know your gesture is going to be well-received, it doesn't count. The essence of romance is uncertainty.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You don't have to try to be better. You need only show up to new experiences, and you get better naturally. Tonight offers wonderful conversation.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll break a bad habit, like complaining about a task others would celebrate. Wisdom from the mouths of babes — or at least from the mouth of someone you formerly didn't consider wise — is featured tonight.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm an Aries, born March 25, 1973. I just recently started dating another Aries, born March 30, 1972. So far things seem to be going well. We're both in the same place in life, looking to settle down. Do you see this relationship having potential for the long haul, or are two Aries too much for each other?"

You two Rams know a good thing when you see it! Neither of you being meeker than the other (some Rams can be shrinking violets!), you'll

have the stereotypical head-butting, but the Ram-Ram payoff is being with someone you empathetically understand, and can therefore easily forgive — an important ingredient for every long-term relationship. Rams carry around far more battle wounds than they let on, so an ongoing relationship exercise that heightens their compassion for each other will soothe inflamed egos. Your moons are sympathetically linked. You understand and respond to each other's feelings, and you can talk about them — fabulous! In your own respective lives, you've both struggled to be understood, so your sensitivities to being misperceived are mirror images of each other. In all, the feisty, fun, sexy enthusiasm you have as a couple makes this union spectacular.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Tom Hanks has described himself as a geeky, painfully shy kid. Like so many leading men and ladies with a sun in Cancer, kids shine in the spotlight, but their sensibilities are shaken by too much exposure. Hanks is a different story. With his moon and Uranus in look-at-me Leo, Hanks needs to be loved and appreciated on a grand scale and has the creative range to back it up.

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PETITIONER NO. J22335
vs.
SHAWNA CRENSHAW, mother and JAMIE TURNER, father
RESPONDENTS
IN THE MATTER OF:
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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: A few months ago, I found out my husband, who is a long-haul truck driver, has been maintaining a relationship with a woman in another town.

I discovered the affair through cell phone records and confronted my husband. He said he met this woman when she gave him a ride to a store and that he has not seen her since. He told me he was only communicating with this woman over the telephone, because I don't like talking to him on the phone while he's driving.

Annie, I know he was lying, but he assured me he would never talk to her again. He may be telling the truth, but I no longer trust him. I want to speak to this other woman, but she refuses to talk to me and hangs up when I call.

My husband must continue going to her city because he has a lucrative contract in the area. But, Annie, until I hear in her own words that there is no longer anything going on, I just can't continue. After counseling (I still need more), I am considering ending our 20-year marriage. What do you suggest? — Trucker's Wife

Dear Wife: Talking to this woman will not alleviate your concerns. No matter what she says, would you believe her? You are looking for guarantees, and there are none. Counseling will help you decide whether or not you are willing to give your husband



**KATHY MITCHELL
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another chance. You should insist that he go for counseling with you, since he must regain your trust and, therefore, needs to do some of the heavy lifting, too.

Dear Annie: My husband and I are friends with "Herb" and "Nancy." They are anti-cigarettes. However, Herb lights a cigar any time we are outside, including playing golf or al fresco dining. He is indifferent to the other people in the area.

Nancy has no tolerance for cigarette smokers, yet she pastes a smile on her face and looks adoringly at her husband while he moves the cigar around in his mouth and blows smoke on the food and the other diners. Her son chews and spits tobacco, and that's fine with her, too. These people are college graduates and successful in business, but when it comes to clean air for others, they lack any common sense.

Herb and Nancy want to join us on an upcoming vacation, but there is no way we can handle his unhealthy

smoking, nor do we want our food experiences ruined by his smelly cigar. How do we let them know without being offensive? — Sick of Stinky Smoke

Dear Sick: Herb is offensive enough for all of you. Simply tell him you are very sensitive to cigar smoke and he'll need to puff far away from you. Period. Remind him nicely, but firmly, when he gets too close.

Dear Annie: My mother is in her mid-70s. A year ago, she had a quadruple bypass and has not been the same since.

After being sober for years, Mom has started drinking again, and she drives drunk. She has gained a tremendous amount of weight. Her home is a mess. She has two dogs she won't walk, and the smell from the cat litter box would knock you out.

My sister and I have tried talking to her, but it doesn't help. We've left messages for her psychiatrist, but he won't speak to us due to confidentiality laws. We clean her house, but it reverts to a mess within days. We worry about her constantly. Any advice? — Jacksonville, Fla.

Dear Jacksonville: First, talk to Mom's doctor and inform him or her that Mom is drinking and her behavior has been erratic since the surgery. Then contact your local Department on Aging and explain the problem. Ask if someone can evaluate Mom so you can get a better idea of what's going on.

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State briefs

Former TSU president wants trial moved out of Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — Defense attorneys for the former president of Texas Southern University want her trial on charges of misusing university funds moved, saying heavy media coverage will prevent finding a fair jury.

Priscilla Slade faces two counts of misapplication of fiduciary property over \$200,000. Prosecutors allege Slade spent \$87,000 on furniture, \$138,000 on landscaping and \$61,000 on a security system for her home.

Jury selection in Slade's trial is scheduled to begin Aug. 10.

Motions filed by her attorneys this month say print and television coverage "created a climate within this community where (Slade) can no longer obtain an unbiased jury of her peers." They've suggested moving the trial to Travis County.

But prosecutors say they can find 12 unbiased people in Harris County to hear the case.

A hearing on the change of venue request could be held later this month.

The allegations against Slade and others coincided with a series of reports that revealed a pattern of financial mismanagement at the school and prompted Gov. Rick Perry to call for a state takeover of the historically black university.

Police arrest grandmother of infant who had drugs in system

RICHLAND HILLS (AP) — Police have arrested the grandmother of an infant boy who tested positive for amphetamine, methamphetamine and other drugs after being hospitalized.

Janna Beau, 48, was taken Monday to the Richland Hills City Jail on suspicion of abandoning or endangering a child. Bond was set at \$3,500.

Authorities say Beau knew drugs were in her home and allowed her then 9-month-old grandson to be around them.

Police plan to arrest the boy's 21-year-old mother, Whitney Walker, on similar charges.

Walker is accused of bringing the drugs to her mother's home in April and leaving her children there. When she returned the next day, her son acted oddly and responded slowly, she told police.

The child was taken to the hospital, where lab tests found amphetamine, methamphetamine, caffeine, nicotine, a cough suppression drug and prescription antihistamines in his system, police said.

The boy and his sister were removed from the home and remain in foster care, officials said.

Driver to be charged with capital murder in smuggling chase

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A man accused of trying to smuggle more than a dozen Central American men in a sport utility vehicle was expected to face capital murder charges following a deadly high-speed chase.

The driver, a native of Cuba, was among the 12 people hospitalized early Monday when the SUV rolled while being tailed by San Antonio and Natalia police. Three other men who were thrown from the vehicle died at the scene, according to a San Antonio police report.

The driver, whose identity has not been released, will be charged with three counts of capital murder in the deaths, said San Antonio Police Sgt. Gabe Trevino.

Police say the injuries of the 12 hospitalized ranged from minor to critical.

All the vehicle's occupants were men and most were believed to be from Guatemala and Honduras. They were apparently being smuggled to Houston, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement said.

Four of the SUV's occupants weren't injured. They were being held by ICE pending further investigation.

Authorities say the driver led a state trooper and police from three departments on a high-speed chase that covered more than 100 miles.

Hitman in San Antonio murder-for-hire plot set to die

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — With \$1,000 already paid to him and another \$1,000 promised when he finished his deadly business, Rolando Ruiz confronted 29-year-old Theresa Rodriguez as she got out of her car in the garage of her San Antonio home.

Accompanying her that night 15 years ago this week were the men who hired Ruiz to kill her — her brother-in-law, Mark, and her husband, Michael, who hoped to collect at least a quarter-million dollars in life insurance coverage on his wife.

"Do it," Mark Rodriguez told Ruiz in the garage, according to Ruiz's confession to authorities.

Ruiz, 20 at the time, fired once with a .357-caliber Magnum pistol, striking the woman in the head. He then ran to a car waiting in the street and drove off.

Ruiz, who turned 35 last week, was set to die Tuesday night for the slaying. He would be the 19th prisoner to receive lethal injection this year in Texas, the nation's busiest death penalty state.

The U.S. Supreme Court refused his appeal in March. Appeals lawyers unsuccessfully asked the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles to recommend Gov. Rick Perry commute Ruiz's sentence to life in prison. They contended that earlier in the state appellate process lawyers failed to point out that Ruiz's trial jurors, when deciding his punishment, weren't told of his substance abuse or childhood abuse and neglect.



A single car rollover near mile marker 156 on I-20 toward Stanton sent a passenger to Scenic Mountain Medical Center Monday afternoon.

ROLLOVER

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vide an update on the condition of Hays.

According to Gibson, there were also two unidentified underage passengers in the vehicle at the time of the accident. The driver, Jason Scott Edwards, 18, of Big Spring, was ticketed for failure to maintain

a single lane of traffic.

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JAIL

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the court, along with key county officials, would visit a jail currently under construction in Young County, in hopes of getting a better idea of the scope of the project.

"We're proceeding diligently to see what we can come up with," said Barr. "The jail we're going to visit today is still under construction and was designed by our architect, Jeff Heffelfinger. We're hoping this will provide us with some insight on our project."

While the court has settled on a location for the jail facility, Barr said a solid price tag for the project is still unclear.

"We still don't have a price," said Barr. "Right now the location is (a permanent decision). We're going ahead with the W. Highway 80 location."

Barr said no survey has been made of either site at this time, with the recent order for Heffelfinger to survey the downtown Big Spring



Howard County commissioners listen as County Judge Mark Barr explains why the court has dropped the lot adjacent to the district courthouse from the list of possible sites for a new jail facility, and decided to move forward with a location on W. Highway 80.

location having been rescinded.

The court's plans to place a multi-million-dollar bond issue on the November ballot will mark the second such effort to finance a new county jail. The court presented a similar bond issue before voters last year, an effort that was defeated in the polls.

Talks and efforts surrounding the design and construction of a new jail

have been ongoing for more than three years. As of now, the court has given the go ahead for a 96-bed facility to be located near the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.

The bond issue rejected in 2006 was for a 144-bed facility costing slightly more than \$10 million.

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RACE

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two to three miles to the gallon on the road," Rucker said with a laugh, as he checked the oil.

The festivities began with Mayor Russ McEwen being awarded a Great Race medallion. Also honored were State Rep. Joe Heflin and City Manager Gary Fuqua.

Sen. Kel Seliger also attended, enjoying barbecue lunch provided by the Big Spring Visitors & Convention Center, and was able to rub elbows with the some of the drivers.

"It's a great American event. It's truly an

American event and it's coming through some great American cities," said Seliger. "And that's what it's doing. The race is going where the people appreciate the past and those things that represent the past, and all these hospitable communities that enjoy events like this. And there's no better place for the race to come through than Big Spring."

The competitors continued on to Lubbock and eventually stopped for the night in Clovis, N.M.

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OUR VIEWS

Howard County deserves better than it's getting

On the face of things, it would seem that the Howard County Commissioners Court deserves some sort of praise for having once again changed its mind on the location for a proposed new county jail.

Or does it? During Monday morning's session, it was announced the court has once again settled on a location on West Highway 80 as the site for a new jail facility.

That was where most of the community believed the court was two weeks ago when County Judge Mark Barr and Commissioners Gary Simer and Emma Brown voted to reconsider the property west of the county courthouse and adjacent to the 118th District Court as a site.

That decision flew in the face to recommendations by two different architects the county has used in recent years, as well as jail consultants hired by the county — all of whom have found the downtown site unacceptable.

Today that has apparently all changed. We are still left to wonder, however, why did three-fifths of our commissioners court members make such a monumental about face two weeks ago and why they have once again changed their collective mind.

Barr said the decision was designed to allow voters a chance to vote on two possible locations for the jail in November, as well as whether or not they wanted to approve a bond issue at all.

Barr said he believes the idea was a good one. Why? The only reason for the court to put a ballot of that nature before voters is that commissioners and the county judge didn't want to do their job and decided the thing to do was have the public do their jobs for them.

Luckily, what Barr wanted to do didn't mesh with election rulings provided by the Texas Attorney General's Office.

Yet there is something very troubling about the court's meeting Monday. The decision to once again only consider the West Highway 80 site was not made by vote of the court. In other words, the court's most recent official vote still calls for architect Jeff Hefflefinger to make preliminary surveys for both sites.

Barr made an announcement Monday, without any discussion, which smacks of the court having made its decision in private, thereby circumventing the Texas Open Meetings Act.

To our way of thinking, it's bad enough when commissioners waffle on such a weighty issue. Violating the open meetings act would just compound the stupidity.

As we've noted before, we deserve better.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

When we work with each other and You, Lord, our life takes a heavenly turn.

Amen

Can you hear rural America now?

You've seen the ads. The guy with the cell phone repeating ad nauseam "Can you hear me now?" Well, it's time for rural America to ask that question of our elected representatives. "Can you hear us now?"

For decades, the answer to that question has ranged from a tepid "not really" to a resounding "no." Understandably. In the past, rural interests-diverse as they are—have spoken with disjointed, and at times competing, voices. They have also been dominated by agriculture with a capital A — not the small family farms that most of us care about and yet which receive little help, but the big commodity growers that grab the lion's share of federal farm assistance.

Fortunately, change is afoot. For starters, big agriculture's domination is waning. Thanks to the current round of international trade discussions and ongoing media coverage, we now know just how broken U.S. agricultural policy is. It violates our international agreements. It jeopardizes trade in other sectors. It fails many who need assistance in favor of those who don't. (I think former NBA star Scottie Pippen can get by without his U.S. Department of Agriculture check; don't you?) However, loosening Big Ag's grip on all things rural will not, by itself, result in better policies or more money for rural America. If you think nature abhors a vacuum, watch Washington. Groups

are lining up left and right, salivating at the thought of funds being freed up when Congress rewrites the Farm Bill this fall. (Even though most of the funds will likely go toward deficit reduction.) Therefore, it's crucial for Americans who want rural communities to prosper to all sing from the same page.

Enter, the Campaign for a Renewed Rural Development. Unveiled at an April press conference, the campaign brings together 28 national organizations to, as campaign sparkplug and National Association of Counties President Colleen Landkamer put it, "raise one united rural voice..."

Specifically, the campaign (rural-campaign.org) seeks a Farm Bill that reverses the long trend of declining federal dollars to rural communities. It calls for a bill that invests in the basics needed to survive and thrive in today's world — infrastructure; entrepreneurship; health care and broadband Internet. To get it, the campaign is mobilizing the networks of its 28 member organizations. They represent both urban and rural interests; state and local officials; community and economic development practitioners; health care professionals; educational institutions; energy cooperatives; entrepreneurs; sustainable agriculture producers and others.

Members of Congress on hand for the event offered their support. "Your cause is my cause," said Senator Tom Harkin. "You have my pledge that I intend to do everything in my power as Ag Chairman to get a new farm bill with the strongest possible boost to rural development." Senator and presidential candi-

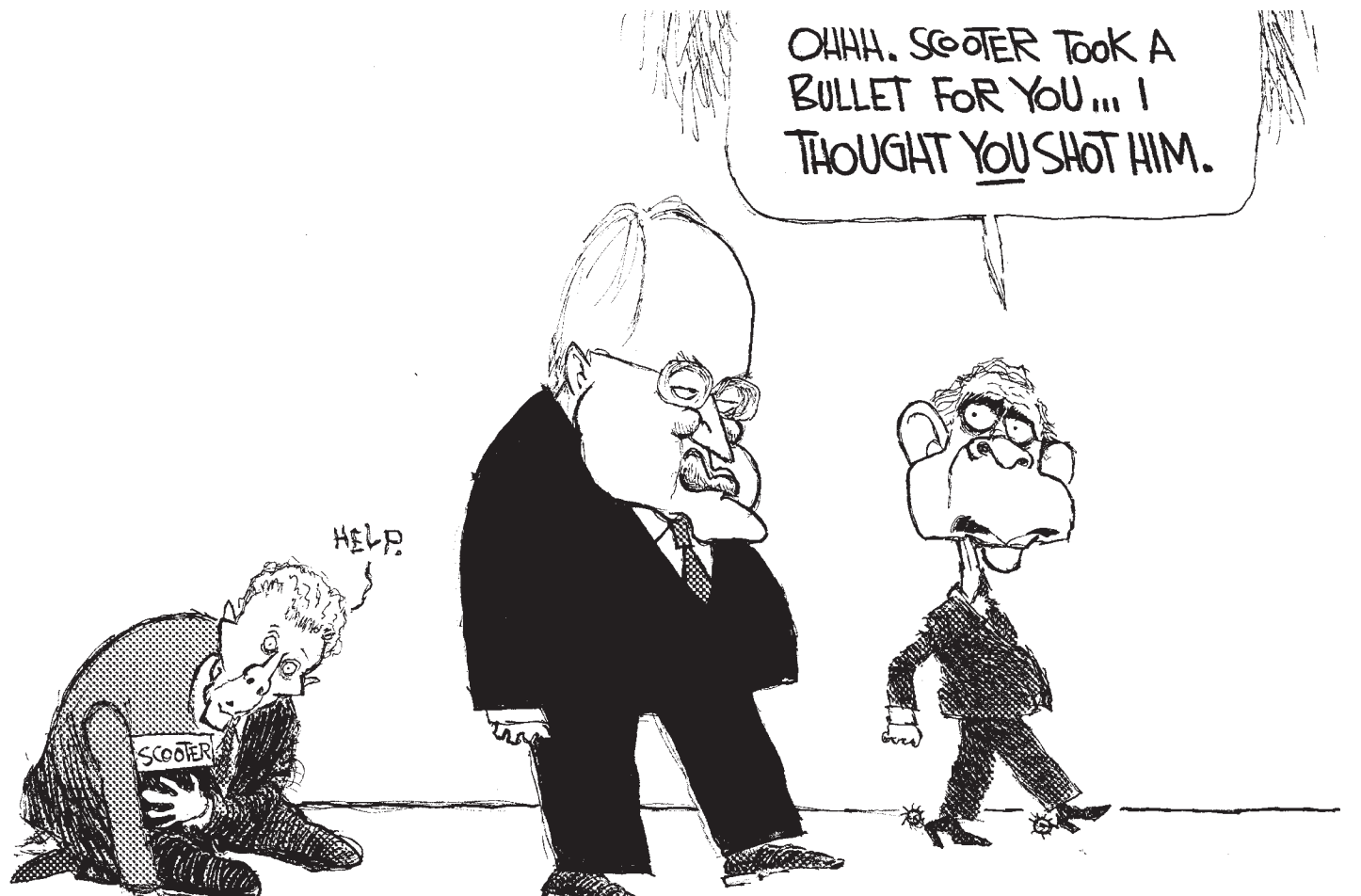
date Hillary Clinton called for "real progress" in rural development and talked about the rural investment bill she authored. Such words are nice; but money is better. Referring to the last Farm Bill when much of the rural title was never funded, Landkamer said, "We're hoping this time that it's not just put in, but that it's appropriated." That of course, raises the big ugly question: where will the money come from? A question the campaign wisely dodges to avoid the inevitable fights it creates. If it suggests getting money from the commodity title, Big Ag erupts. Never mind House Ag Committee member John Barrow's astute observation that, "If we don't invest in educational opportunities, in health care initiatives for rural communities, we're going to be starving the rural communities that literally grow the farmers that grow our food." If it hints at adjusting community development block grant formulas, which favor urban areas, the cities bolt. So for now, the campaign focuses on the importance of investment and leaves the money question for another time, another place. Unify first; find the money later.

As Landkamer said, "We're all in this together. Understanding that, working together and speaking with one voice makes all the difference in the world."

Congress, can you hear us now? If you can, then, to borrow another rural phrase, "git-r-done."

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Libby gets his Independence Day

OK, I'm glad President Bush commuted the 30-month prison sentence of Scooter Libby, the former top aide to Vice President Dick Cheney.

Like Bush, I buy the jury's verdict that Libby committed perjury and obstructed justice in a Department of Justice probe to discover who leaked the identity of CIA operative Valerie Plame Wilson. Perjury is no small crime and Libby could have spared himself a long legal ordeal if only he had not lied to investigators. Libby made his own bed.

That said, Libby's prosecution has seemed overwrought and overly political from the beginning. Note that Special Prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald never prosecuted Richard Armitage, who originally leaked the operative's identity.

Bush split the judge's sentence down the middle. He did not pardon Libby, but instead upheld the \$250,000 fine and two years of probation. Bush reasoned that the fine, probation and prison time, however, were "excessive."

As Bush noted in a written statement, in making the sentencing decision, the judge "rejected the advice of the probation office, which recommended a lesser sentence and the consideration of fac-

tors that could have led to a sentence of home confinement or probation."

My complaint is that Bush did not commute other sentences for individuals serving "excessive" time under the federal mandatory minimum sentencing laws.

About an hour after the news, Amy Ralston called me. Ralston had been sentenced to 24 years for her role in her former husband's reputed Ecstasy ring, until President Clinton commuted her sentence in July 2000.

"I only look at it one way," Ralston said. "I want to know if he granted additional pardons for other people who are serving 20 to life for minor drug crimes. I know so many who have had their petitions denied by the Bush administration, who are deserving."

Ralston was crying as she discussed friends left behind in prison, serving sentences far longer than their crimes warranted. (Her Website is www.candoclemency.com.)

As long as Bush is looking at "excessive" sentences that cry out for a presidential fix, he should consider the sad case of Clarence Aaron. Aaron was 22 years old when he made the huge mistake of hooking up two drug dealers for two cocaine deals. He was paid \$1,500 — but because he did not testify against the big fish in the deal and he pleaded not guilty, he was sentenced to life without parole — that's right, life without parole — for a first-time nonviolent drug offense.

Aaron's sentence is so "excessive" that he will die behind bars unless an American president shows him mercy. If Libby's sentence is "excessive," Aaron's is obscene.

U.S. Border Patrol agents Ignacio Ramos and Jose Compean are serving "excessive" prison sentences right now. The agents were convicted for shooting at a fleeing suspect who was smuggling 743 pounds of marijuana over the border in 2005, as well as for covering up the shooting and denying the smuggler of his rights. Today, the smuggler is suing the federal government for \$5 million, while Ramos and Compean are serving 11-year and 12-year prison sentences, respectively.

These men dedicated their adult lives to public service. They deserve a commutation, so that they can return to their wives and the children who need them.

"There are hundreds if not thousands of worthy clemency petitions awaiting the president's decision — these prisoners don't have the same White House connections as Scooter Libby, but they deserve the same serious consideration he received," wrote Families Against Mandatory Minimums President Julie Stewart. "The president needs to grant these applicants to prove that clemency is available not just to the well-connected but to every deserving prisoner."

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Bird Poop:

A chance to rescue swallows

As they winged their way northward, the couple left behind a South American winter. As others joined them, their flock crossed the Rio Grande. When they finally arrived at the two-story motel, last year's home was awaiting them.



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Inspecting what the cleaning lady had often called a "cup of mud," the twosome were relieved at not having to build another nest. Two years prior to this spring morning, they had labored tirelessly in gathering the building materials from nearby mud puddles and open fields. While some birds would carry each small pellet of mud pressed against their forehead on top of their bills, these parents had preferred to carry the wet earth in their mouth and throat. Mixing pieces of dry grass with the mud, the birds looked as if they were squeezing cookie dough from an applicator. The mud would ooze into place on one of the many rows it took to erect the high wall that would protect their eggs and young. It had taken nearly two weeks to finish tapping each glob of mud into place with their

bills. Since no repairs were needed for their summer home, the pair began to fly swiftly, as if in a hurry. Constant twittering could be heard throughout the day. Landing on the upstairs railing that covered the length of the motel in front of each room, the female began to twitch her wings and tail. After the male landed close beside her, they rubbed their heads and necks together. After interlocking their bills, they preened each other's plumage.

After the courtship, the couple searched for feathers to line the nest. Soon, it was obvious that incubation had begun. Each shared this duty as well. In a little over two weeks, the parents were seen rushing in and out of the nest. A family had begun. Asking for the key to a familiar room on the motel's second floor, we were grateful for a brief vacation in the rugged mountains of southwest Texas. Since we were able to access and hike remote ranches, we anticipated the beautiful sunsets and wildlife we would encounter. As we approached our unit, we noticed ahead a pile of debris on the concrete porch.

Suddenly, whizzing past our heads in frenzied flight were two barn swallows. As they landed

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Courtesy photo

The nest of the barn swallow is deep enough that the nestlings can crouch on the bottom if frightened. The rim keeps the eggs and babies from rolling out of the nest. Three weeks after hatching, the young are eager to fly, but may return to the nest to roost for several nights.

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box. Solution, tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

What Can Defeat Me?

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ K 3
 ♥ 8 7 4 3
 ♦ 6 2
 ♣ Q 8 6 5 3

WEST
 ♠ 6 4
 ♥ K J 10 6 2
 ♦ J
 ♣ K 9 7 4 2

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

SOUTH
 ♠ A Q J 10 8 7 5 2
 ♥ —
 ♦ A K 7 5
 ♣ A

The bidding:
 South 2♠* West Pass North 2♦** East Pass
 South 2♠* West Pass North 3♠ East Pass
 South 6♣

* Strong, artificial
 ** Negative
 Opening lead — jack of diamonds.
 There are plays in bridge that seem to make no sense, but which upon re-examination prove to be far more sensible than is immediately apparent.

Consider this deal played in a team-of-four match. At the first table, West led the diamond jack against six spades. South won with the ace and continued with the king, planning to ruff a diamond high in dummy next and thus assure the slam.

South's plan would certainly have succeeded on the great majority of occasions, but in this case West ruffed the king and returned a trump, and declarer later lost another diamond to go down one.

At the second table, South likewise got to six spades, and again the opening lead was the jack of diamonds. But here declarer made the slam, and there was nothing the defenders could do to stop him.

After taking the jack with the ace, South returned the five of diamonds! This play guaranteed the contract regardless of how the opposing cards were divided, so it is difficult to quarrel with it. South realized there was no way the defenders could prevent him from ruffing the seven of diamonds with the king of trumps as soon as he regained the lead, and the slam was therefore unbeatable.

The hand demonstrates for the umpteenth time that in situations where declarer feels certain of the contract, he should always ask himself: "Is there anything that can defeat me?"

Had the declarer at the first table — before playing at trick two — asked himself this question, he would have realized that the only thing that could stop the slam was a 6-1 diamond division. He might then have found the same low diamond play as his counterpart at the other table.

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A LITTLE ROBIN AND A BIG CONDOR

I told two stories to you long ago. One story was about a little robin who was flying south for the Winter. Lots of other birds do this, too. The robin's name was Etta. The other story was about a very big Condor named Homa Jr. Do you remember these two stories? If you don't, that's okay. I will tell you a little about them.



Etta Robin was flying South for the Winter. She had her family with her. After flying all day long, she and her family needed to stop for the night and rest. The only place she could find to spend the night was a very old, ugly birdhouse. She worked very hard and finally turned the ugly birdhouse

into a very beautiful home. Etta and all of her family loved the pretty birdhouse. Homa Jr was a Condor

who was so big that he could not play with the other birds. He wanted to have friends and play with them like all the smaller birds, but he was just too big! Or, was he? One day, he saved all

of the other birds when the forest caught on fire. He saved them by letting all of the other birds and animals ride on his back while he flew them up to the top of a very high mountain. They then loved Homa Jr and only played games that he could play, too.

This brings us to our story today. Etta Robin and her family make many long trips each year. They love living in the South during the Winter because it is much warmer. They love living in the North during the summer because it is so much cooler. They like to be comfortable, just like you and I.

Do you like it when it is very hot outside? Do you like it when it is very cold outside?

Etta wanted to carry her beautiful home with her each time she moved, but she couldn't! She was too small and could not carry something so big home. All of her family to help her carry the beautiful birdhouse, but they could not lift it. Etta has a very nice family. They all try to help each other.

The first time Etta tried to lift her birdhouse, someone was watching. It was Connie Crow. Connie had become good friends with Etta. They helped each other many times. Connie wanted to help her nice friend, but she wasn't much bigger or stronger than Etta, and she couldn't lift the birdhouse, either! Connie Crow did know someone who would help!

She had heard of Homa Jr the Condor many times.

She had heard how he was so nice, and would help anyone and everyone. Homa Jr lived far, far away. That would not be a problem for Connie because she was a Crow and she could fly very fast.

bedtime story

as fast as she could. Finding Homa Jr was not hard to do! He was big! Very big! Connie saw him right away.

Connie told Homa Jr of Etta's problem and asked if he could or would help. What do you think? Could Homa Jr help? Would Homa Jr help? Would you help if you were Homa Jr? Of course you would! So Homa Jr helped Etta. Off they went, back to Etta's beautiful birdhouse. Homa Jr could fly just as fast as Connie Crow. Connie landed on a tree branch near the pretty birdhouse. Homa Jr landed

in an open field near the birdhouse. He had to! As soon as Etta met Homa Jr, she knew that she would always love him. As soon as Homa Jr met Etta, he knew that he would always love her. They were friends, forever!

Homa Jr grabbed the pretense and followed Etta to the place where she wanted to put her home. Homa Jr very gently put the home in a treetop. Etta loved where he put her home. She had a nice view of the mountains, far away. She thought she might even be able to see the mountain where Homa Jr lived.

"How can I ever thank you?" she asked Homa Jr. "You are so nice!" "There is one thing you can do for me, if you want to help," Homa Jr said. "Can you try to make my home as beautiful as yours?"

Etta knew how to make homes beautiful. As soon as she was settled in her new location, off she went to Homa Jr's home. I knew she would, didn't you? Now,



all of the other Condors are constantly talking about how pretty Homa Jr's home is!

Soon, it was time for Etta and her family to move again. All she had to do was ask her new friend, Homa Jr. He carried that pretty birdhouse for Etta every time, and still does, even now. So, if you look up in the sky one evening and see a big condor carrying a pretty birdhouse, and a little robin and her family following closely, it will probably be them. If you do see them, it will be very late in the evening, so be sure to tell them, "Good Night!"

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DENNIS THE MENACE

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"My Mom's right...you DO smell like a chimney."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

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"I don't want to be one of them. It's too hard to spell."

HAGAR

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TAKE TWO TOMATOES AND CALL ME IN THE MORNING

OKAY, DOCTOR ZOOK

SIGH: SOMEDAY THEY'RE GOING TO INVENT A STRONGER MEDICINE FOR PAIN!

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Dear miss know-it-all,

I lost my life savings playing the horses, slots and the lottery. Do you think I may have a problem?

MISS KNOW-IT-ALL

BINGO.

WIZARD OF ID

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THIS MAN STOLE 2 BOTTLES FROM THE LIQUOR STORE

WHY DIDN'T YOU TAKE THE MONEY?

I'D JUST SPEND IT ON BOOZE

AGNES

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I THINK I WANT TO DO SOME VOLUNTEER WORK THIS SUMMER.

GOOD! GO DO THE DISHES.

NO...HEH HEH. I DON'T THINK SO. THAT'S A CHORE, AND CHORES ARE NOT SOUL REJUVENATING.

DO THE DISHES OR YOU'LL REJUVENATE YOUR SOUL WITH NOTY FOR A WEEK.

I CAN'T BEGIN TO THANK ME ENOUGH FOR MY GENEROUS HELP.

HI AND LOIS

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OK, EVERYBODY! WE'RE GOING OUT TO DINNER!

YAY! MOM SOLD A HOUSE.

CAN WE GO TO THAT FAMILY RESTAURANT LIKE LAST TIME?

NO, WE'RE GOING FOR PIZZA

I RENTED A CONDO

THE OTHER COAST

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OH, SURE, IT'S NICE TO HAVE FIVE ROWS OF RAZOR-SHARP TEETH, BUT RIGHT NOW, I'D TRADE A COUPLE OF ROWS FOR A HACKSAW...

SNUFFY SMITH

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MIGHT BE TIME TO SEAL UP THEM WALLS AG'IN, MAW !!

BETLE BAILEY

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YOU'RE GOING TO GET IN TROUBLE WITH SARGE

ARE YOU KIDDING?

GREG + MOET (WALKER)

HE'S GETTING A CUT

COSMO'S CORNER

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I KNOW YOU'RE SLEEPING, HONEY, BUT MAY I READ YOU THIS FUNNY PARAGRAPH?

I SUPPOSE SO, DEAR

ARE YOU PAYING ATTENTION?

YES, GO AHEAD

ONE MORE THING... MAY I DO IT IN MY W.C. FIELDS VOICE?

I REALLY WISH YOU WOULDN'T, DEAR

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, July 10, the 191st day of 2007. There are 174 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 10, 1940, during World War II, the Battle of Britain began as Nazi forces started attacking southern England by air.

On this date:

In 1850, Vice President Millard Fillmore assumed the presidency, taking the oath of office following the death of President Zachary Taylor.

In 1890, Wyoming became the 44th state.

In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson personally delivered the Treaty of Versailles to the Senate, and urged its ratification.

In 1925, the official news agency of the Soviet Union, TASS, was established.

In 1943, during World War II, U.S. and British forces invaded Sicily.

In 1951, armistice talks

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ACROSS

1 Shed a ___ (cry)

5 Holy book

10 Comics' performances

14 Rabbit relative

15 Notions

16 Clinton's veep

17 High cards

18 Appears to be

19 Operatic solo

20 Phrase of greeting

23 E-mail service, for short

24 Convent dweller

25 Accelerated

29 Air passage

31 Owns

34 Yearned

35 Package sealer

36 Like petting-zoo animals

37 Phrase of greeting

40 Tightly stretched

41 Bovine beasts of burden

42 Changes direction

43 Nationality suffix

44 Industrious insects

45 Parts of eyeglasses

46 2 on a telephone

47 11 Down portion

48 Phrase of greeting

56 Italy's capital, to natives

57 Chaplain

58 Mount Everest's continent

DOWN

12 High-school math

13 Caribbean, for one

21 ___ Arabia (Mideast nation)

22 Pecan or cashew

25 Malice

26 Breads with pockets

27 Come next

28 Fender damage

29 Calendar numbers

30 Once ___ a time

31 President Rutherford B.

32 Love, in 56 Across

33 Cat in the Hat creator

35 Schoolbook

36 Person who's not quite 20

38 Notions

39 Chris of tennis

44 Belly muscles

45 Coats of paint

46 Medal or trophy

47 Made a mistake

48 Partner of Faith and Charity

49 Sign of the future

50 Colorado ski resort

51 Advantage

52 Tough to solve

53 Londoner's exclamation

54 Supreme Court complement

55 One-liners

56 Lamb's father

Answer to previous puzzle

PUSH	STPAT	PASS
ASIA	SAUCE	ELLA
PETS	HIT	ROOF
ARETHA	SUED	EW
HOPE	PEAS	
SKEETERS	METER	
LOAF	DENS	STOVE
EARL	COW	AGES
ELTON	TOON	CANT
TAHOE	PROTESTS	
	RICH	DVILL
BAA	GROW	ENLIST
OFF	THEWALL	IDLE
BRAN	ASSET	NEON
SORT	MOPSY	GABS

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Parent's Corner:

Be sure you're making time to enjoy yourself today

We had a cook-out with friends during the Fourth of July holiday and had a wonderful time. However, one of the topics that came up was filled with philosophical candor: How to enjoy life.



DARRELL RYAN

We determined to enjoy life one must look at life as an adventure. Thusly, we must develop the mindset that everything we do and everywhere we go creates a special experience made especially for us.

A friend of mine once said, "I don't know if I want to grow up; being an adult looks like a lot of work and not much fun." Many adults would agree with this statement and it's easy to understand why.

In this country where the name of the game is productivity, our sense of self-worth is often linked to how much we work and what we accomplish. For many of us, life is one big "To-do" list and the more we are able to cross off it, the better we feel.

If we look only at the accomplishment of tasks and the achievement of goals as the yardstick of our personal and professional value, it is not surprising that the things we really enjoy, the activities that energize us and put a smile on our face, are low on our list of priorities.

In fact, enjoyment of life is often seen as self-indulgent and a waste of time. It's not that we wouldn't like to enjoy life; it's just that we feel guilty taking a break when there is so much to do.

We promise ourselves that we will relax and have fun when we get everything done. However, we are surprised when we find that

the in-box of life is never empty. Going faster doesn't empty it, staying up later won't empty it, or doing three things at once won't empty it. The sooner we realize this the sooner we can start enjoying life!

Why wait? Life is not a dress rehearsal.

The time to enjoy our life is now.

Therefore, if we desire more fun in our lives, we must make space for it. There are a fixed number of hours in a day and unless we're actively trying to get rid of things that aren't necessary, we could easily be working from cradle to grave and never experiencing the joy of living.

We have to make time for the things we love. We must schedule time for enjoyment just as we do our meetings, appointments and errands.

Otherwise it won't happen. We must enjoy as many moments as we can.

We must realize that a day or an hour spent enjoying what we are doing will enable us to return to our responsibilities with a fresh perspective and a cheerful attitude. We must remember the things that we enjoy and welcome them back into our lives. We must eliminate unnecessary things and enjoy the journey of life.

Allow me to share a poem that I wrote a few years ago that makes this point:

Everyday gives us 24 hours. We all get exactly the same.

So no matter how we spend them, we have only ourselves to blame.

Most of us spend eight hours sleeping and eight hours at the job or at

school.

Then four hours for chores and homework and four hours for just being "cool."

So how do we spend our "cool" hours, watching TV or being with friends?

Can we say that those hours are well spent every evening when our day ends?

Just four little hours to work with, and no matter

what happens then, when those few hours have ended we start all over again!

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on the side of what had been their earthen home, we briefly saw the tiny heads of their offspring peering over the edge. When they weren't diving at us, the parents would return to check on their young. Somehow, their mud nest had come apart from atop the door frame to our room.

Sensing the urgency of their plight, we put our gear in the room and tried to decide how to help. The best solution would be to reattach the nest to the building and let the parents raise the nestlings. Since it was early afternoon, few people had checked in for their stay. We felt the nest would be safe for a brief time.

After talking with the manager/owner of the motel, we learned how treasured these swallows were. Guests for many years had enjoyed their company and antics. Only when the birds had migrated would any deteriorating structures be removed.

"Our swallows are part of our attraction. They're good for business," shared the lady who had given us our key. When we told her that we would secure the nest in its same location, she seemed relieved.

A visit to the hardware store supplied our needs. Back at the motel, we worked quickly. Taking the babies out of the nest, we first used an epoxy to cement one part back to the main body of the mud cup. Following that was a coarse twine that we wove into a mesh to surround the exterior of the cup. By standing on chairs, we could reach the top of the door frame. Our support structure was long enough that we were able to nail its overlapping length to the wall. This

would have to compensate for the jarring of the wall every time the door opened and closed. It was no wonder the nest had collapsed. The swallows' natural plaster could only last so long.

To the parents, the nest would appear to be in the same place. Since birds do not have a developed sense of smell, they would never know their young had been anywhere but in the nest. It was time to test our theory.

Placing the nestlings back in their home, we went downstairs and into the parking lot. We did not have long to wait. Since the parents had stayed close to the motel, they immediately flew to their young once we were away. Soon the adults were scurrying in and out with fresh, small insects. This activity would continue until dusk.

Each morning as we started our walk to breakfast, we were greeted by the twittering chatter of the parents. The nestlings hung their heads out over the edge of the nest as if nothing had happened. When we returned after a day's outing, the adults would be perched on the nest as if they were the proudest of parents. Although the mud cup had been slightly altered, they accepted our effort.

Over the days we were there, we were able to closely view the colorful parents. A metallic bluish-black above, with reddish-brown forehead and breast, the male beneath was a faint cinnamon-cream. His mate was slightly duller in color. Both had deeply forked tails. As they caught food in flight for their babies, they truly exhibited the joy of flying.

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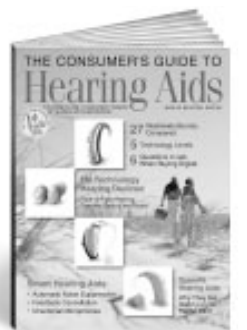
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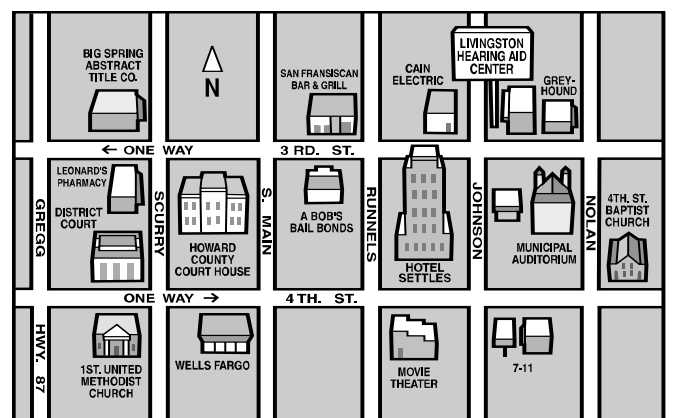
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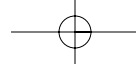
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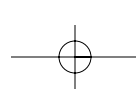
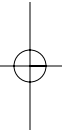
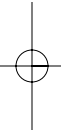
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National news in brief

Troops seize Pakistan mosque compound after surrender talks fail; 50 militants

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Pakistani troops seized Islamabad's Red Mosque on Tuesday and attempted to flush out the remaining militants entrenched inside a women's religious school in fierce fighting that left at least 50 militants and eight soldiers dead, the army said.

The troops stormed the mosque compound before dawn. Eight hours later, they were still trying to root out the well-armed defenders said to be holding about 150 hostages. Officials said at least 50 women were allowed to go free from the complex. Some 26 children had earlier escaped.

Clashes this month between security forces and supporters of the mosque's hardline clerics prompted the siege. The religious extremists had been trying to impose Taliban-style morality in the capital through a six-month campaign of kidnappings and threats. At least 67 people have been killed since July 3.

Amid the sounds of rolling explosions, commandos attacked from three directions about 4 a.m. and quickly cleared the ground floor of the mosque, army spokesman Gen. Waheed Arshad said. Some 20 children who rushed toward the advancing troops were brought to safety, he said.

Two dozen others fleeing were captured by security forces, Arshad said, without giving further details about those trapped inside. Another military official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk to the press, later said that 51 militants had surrendered or been captured.

Pennsylvania governor, lawmakers hammer out a budget deal that ends state shutdown

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Legislators and the governor brokered a deal to end the state budget impasse

Monday night, allowing state workers to return to their jobs one day after nearly 24,000 people were sent home without pay.

Scores of state parks, state-run museums and driver-license offices around the state that were shuttered Monday on orders of Gov. Ed Rendell — after a partisan deadlock held up the budget nine days into the new fiscal year — will reopen.

"This is an agreement where all sides can say that they achieved some of their goals, and that's probably a good budget agreement," Rendell said, declaring himself "very satisfied with where we came out."

The deal addresses some of Rendell's health care and energy initiatives but will not impose the surcharge on electricity use the governor had sought, said Sen. Vince Fumo, ranking Democrat on the Appropriations Committee.

China executes former food safety chief, signaling it is serious on food safety woes

BEIJING (AP) — China executed the former head of its food and drug watchdog on Tuesday for approving untested medicine in exchange for cash, the strongest signal yet from Beijing that it is serious about tackling its product safety crisis.

The execution of former State Food and Drug Administration director Zheng Xiaoyu was confirmed by state television and the official Xinhua News Agency.

During Zheng's tenure from 1998 to 2005, his agency approved six medicines that turned out to be fake, and the drug-makers used falsified documents to apply for approvals, according to previous state media reports. One antibiotic caused the deaths of at least 10 people.

"The few corrupt officials of the SFDA are the shame of the whole system and their scandals have revealed some very serious problems," agency spokeswoman Yan Jiangying said at a news conference held to high-

light efforts to improve China's track record on food and drug safety.

Indian engineer suspected in UK terror plot worked in aviation as investigation expands

BANGALORE, India (AP) — Officials confirmed Tuesday that an Indian suspect in the failed car bombings in Britain had worked as an aeronautical engineer at a company contracted by the biggest names in aviation.

Kafeel Ahmed, 27, is in a Scottish hospital with burns suffered after allegedly crashing a Jeep Cherokee into the Glasgow airport a day after police found two unexploded car bombs in central London.

Ahmed worked in Bangalore as an aeronautical engineer for Infotech Enterprises, a large outsourcing firm, from December 2005 to August 2006, said the company spokesman K.S. Susindar.

Report to conclude Iraqi government hasn't met any of its targets, official says

WASHINGTON (AP) — A progress report on Iraq will conclude that the U.S.-backed government in Baghdad has not met any of its targets for political, economic and other reforms, speeding up the Bush administration's reckoning on what to do next, a U.S. official said Monday.

The "pivot point" for addressing the matter will no longer be Sept. 15, as initially envisioned, when a full report on Bush's so-called "surge" plan is due, but instead will come this week when the interim mid-July assessment is released, the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

But another senior official said Bush's advisers, along with the president, decided last week there was not enough evidence from Iraq to justify a change now in current policy.

Former Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice John Hill dies

By JEFF CARLTON

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DALLAS — John Hill, the only person in state history to serve as secretary of state, attorney general and chief justice of the Texas Supreme Court, died Monday. He was 83.

He died of a heart condition around 9:45 a.m. at a Houston hospital, said a spokeswoman for his law firm.

"He was a man of enormous integrity, great moral courage, and deep commitment to law and justice," President Bush said. "Laura and I join John's family and friends and all Texans in mourning the loss of a devoted statesman."

In 1978, Hill ran for governor and defeated incumbent Gov. Dolph Briscoe for the Democratic nomination. But Hill became the first Democrat in 100 years to lose the gubernatorial election, falling to Dallas millionaire Bill Clements, a Republican.

The loss was not the end of Hill's career in public service. After several years as a behind-the-scenes player in state politics, Hill was elected to a four-year term as chief justice of the Texas Supreme Court in 1984.

He resigned before his

term ended to begin an unsuccessful crusade to reduce political pressure on the judicial branch by ending the system in which voters elect judges in Texas. Hill continued to push for reforms even after he no longer held public office.

"His retirement from public service was no retirement at all, because he continued to advocate for a method of judicial selection that would assure trust and confidence in our judiciary," Chief Justice Wallace B. Jefferson said.

The setbacks never seemed to discourage Hill, said former Texas Supreme Court Justice Craig T. Enoch.

"He fits the mold of legendary lawyers in Texas," he said.

"I never saw something that would eat at him anyway," Enoch added. "It illustrates a depth to this

person far beyond whether he won or lost a particular election."

Hill was born Oct. 9, 1923, in Breckenridge. He later said he "could have outdone Abe Lincoln in terms of the smallness of the house in which I was born."

He spent a year at Kilgore Junior College, where he won a national debate championship, and then went on to the University of Texas at Austin, where he graduated from law school and met his wife, Elizabeth "Bitsy" Graham.

After serving in the Navy during World War II, Hill became a lawyer. He built his reputation by winning large awards for the families of passengers who died in plane crashes in Texas.

He was secretary of state from 1966-68, after helping Gov. John Connally get elected. In

1972, he won an election for attorney general by 100,000 votes.

After the failed gubernatorial run and his stint on the state Supreme Court, Hill returned to private practice. Gov. George W. Bush appointed Hill to the three-member Texas Lottery Commission in 1997.

Since 2005, Hill had been a partner in the Houston office of the law firm Winstead PC.

Gov. Rick Perry ordered flags flown at half-staff through Saturday.

"John Hill represented

all that is good about politics and public service," former U.S. Secretary of State James A. Baker III said. "I have been privileged to have been involved in political efforts both with John Hill and against him, and believe me, it was better to be with him."

Texas' two senators also released statements acknowledging Hill's impact on state politics and the judicial system.

"He was dynamic, witty, compassionate and always a gentleman," said Sen. John Cornyn, a for-

mer state attorney general and Texas Supreme Court justice. "He generated respect and admiration among his fellow Texans that transcended partisan politics."

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison said, "The state of Texas owes him and his family a debt of gratitude."

Hill is survived by his wife; three children, Melinda Elizabeth Hill Perrin, John Graham Hill and Judge Martha Hill Jamison; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.



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