

# Sports

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## IN BRIEF

### Crossroads Youth Football sign-ups

The Crossroads Youth Football Association have begun their sign-ups for the 2007 season.

Registration will take place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the old Athletic Supply building in the Big Spring Mall on every Saturday during August.

Cost is \$40 for flag football and \$100 for tackle. Any cheerleaders who will not need a uniform can sign-up for \$35. The cost is \$100 is a new uniform is needed.

All children going into kindergarten through sixth grade can register.

For more information, contact Daphne Coates at 714-4688.

### Youth soccer sign-ups have started

The Big Spring Youth Soccer Association will begin sign-ups at 1 p.m. Saturday at the former Athletic Supply site in the Big Spring Mall.

Boys and girls ages 4-13 can register for the upcoming season through Aug. 18. Sign-ups will be held from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Cost is \$50 and furnishes players with a jersey, shorts and socks.

Coaches are still needed and anyone interested can also sign up during registration times.

For more information, contact Jamie Scott at 264-0001.

### QB Club meeting set for Monday

The Big Spring Quarterback Club will hold its weekly meeting at 7 p.m. Monday at the Athletic Training Center.

They will be looking to put the finishing touches on this season's football program, which celebrates the 100th anniversary of Big Spring football.

Contact Denise Carillo at 816-1685 or Frank Stiles at 270-3041 for more details.

### Hunter education class scheduled

The next hunter education class in Big Spring will be held Saturday and Sunday at the Chamber of Commerce office. Classes start at 8 a.m. both days.

Cost is \$15 per student. All persons born after Sept. 1, 1971 are required to have hunter education before they can legally hunt in Texas. All states have some sort of hunter education class and have a reciprocal agreement with the state of Texas.

Students must be at least 12 years old at the time of the class.

For more information or to register, call Steve Poitevint at 264-7033, preferably in the evening.

### Meet the Steers on Aug. 25

The Big Spring Quarterback Club will be hosting a Meet the Steers event at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 25 at Memorial Stadium.

The public is invited

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# QB Club says 'Count Us In'

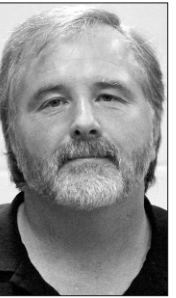
By **JONATHAN HULL**

Sports Editor

Not many institutions can last a full century. Almost nothing carries on its tradition for a full 100 years.

Fortunately for the people of Big Spring, their football program has stood the test of time.

Big Spring football celebrates its 100th birthday this



Stiles

fall and the Steers Quarterback Club wants to make sure it's a memorable season.

"This is a special time," said Quarterback Club president Frank Stiles. "Most of us living will never see another 100 year anniversary."

In 1907, the Big Spring Yellow Jackets took the field as the first football team in school history. Along the way, the team's nickname was changed to Steers by a coach who was a University of Texas graduate. He also adopted the Longhorns' fight song.

A year later, that coach was gone, but the nickname and fight song live on.

This is just part of the history that Big Spring football has, but so few in the town truly know or remember.

"A lot of people don't know the history behind the football team. I've gotten to do some studying on it and there's a huge history here," said Stiles. "I don't know how many times I share some of the things I've learned and the person I shared them with says, 'I didn't know that'. Sharing this

history is one of the main things we want to do as a booster club to increase the pride for this team."

Increasing the spirit and pride in the athletic program within the community has become the club's top priority this season. Stiles feels like the community has a responsibility to show student athletes its support.

"The community should always be backing the athletic program. Win, lose or draw, these athletes

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# Oswalt shuts down Dodgers for 4-1 Astros win

By **BETH HARRIS**

AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — Scuffling around on the road like the Houston Astros? Then Roy Oswalt is your man.

Jason Lane hit a two-run homer, Oswalt won his fifth consecutive decision and the Houston Astros sent the slumping Los Angeles Dodgers to their ninth loss in 11 games with a 4-1 victory Monday night.

Oswalt (13-6) gave up a run and six hits in eight innings with two walks and three strikeouts. The right-hander hasn't allowed more than one run in any start during his winning streak.

"It feels great, especially when you know you can make a quality pitch when you need it," Oswalt said. "The more you pitch, the more you learn to try to keep the pitch count down, not try to strike out too many guys and get double plays when you can."

Thanks to their ace, the Astros improved to 2-9 against NL West teams on the road.

"You've got to have somebody that puts an end to your bad times and keeps your good times going, and Roy's the guy you can count on to do that all the time," Houston manager Phil Garner said. "He threw strikes, was aggressive and went after them."

Chad Qualls pitched a perfect ninth for his third save in six chances.

Chad Billingsley (7-4) allowed four runs and six hits, struck out seven and walked four in losing his fourth consecutive outing.

"It was a battle," he said. "Just got runners on and my mechanics started rushing and I found myself getting behind hitters more often. When things start going quickly, I start rushing and find myself getting in trouble and just barely missing, instead of just trusting my ability."

The Dodgers opened the four-game series against Houston with their third loss in a row. They have dropped seven consecutive series while falling out of first place in the NL West over the last two weeks.

Juan Pierre was the only Dodger with any success against Oswalt, going 3-for-4.

"He's a bulldog," Pierre said. "We hit a couple balls hard right at guys. When you're struggling as a team and you got a guy like that on the mound, the ball always seems to find their glove."

The Astros extended their lead to 4-0 with three runs in the fifth. Luke Scott had an RBI single, followed by Lane's two-run shot into the left-field pavilion on a 1-1 count from Billingsley.

"I was frustrated with leaving some guys out there my first two at-bats, but I was able to make an

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MCT photo/Hector Gabino/El Nuevo Herald

Houston Astros pitcher Roy Oswalt works against the Los Angeles Dodgers at Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles. Oswalt shut down the slumping Dodgers for a 4-1 win.

# Cowboys' rookie Spencer ready to start

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**

AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Anthony Spencer is economical with his words, responding politely to sometimes repeated questions with short, concise answers.

Still, the Dallas Cowboys' first-round pick doesn't have to say much to make it clear that he's confident about being a starting linebacker even though he last played the position as a sophomore in high school.

"Yeah, I feel comfortable with it," Spencer said Monday.

With growing uncertainty about when or even if 10-year veteran Greg Ellis will return from a torn left Achilles' tendon, it seems ever more likely that Spencer will be a rookie starter when the Cowboys play their season opener Sept. 9 at home against the New York Giants.

"I feel like they're counting on me right now," Spencer said. "So I don't think it will change from the season to right now."

Like former first-round pick and Pro Bowl linebacker DeMarcus Ware did two years ago, Spencer is making the transition from college end in the Cowboys' 3-4 defense.

Ellis, also a former first-round pick and now the longest-tenured Cowboy, made the switch last season when former coach Bill Parcells moved him from end to outside linebacker so he'd be a better fit in the scheme. Ellis had a team-high 4 1/2 sacks when he got hurt in the ninth game.

Playing the first half in the Cowboys' 23-10 preseason-opening victory over Indianapolis, Spencer got credited with only one assisted tackle. But the Colts also didn't really run Spencer's way or throw to secondary receivers that he had to cover.

Spencer said he felt comfortable and didn't have any mental mistakes. His goal is to continue working on his footwork, the biggest adjustment when having to drop into pass coverage at

times.

Teammates already get a sense of what Spencer can do when blitzing.

"I think he's going to turn out to be a great pass rusher," defensive end Marcus Spears said.

"We see out here at practice, we know he can get to the passer," cornerback Aaron Glenn said. "To be an overall true linebacker, time will tell on that. I'm sure he has the ability to do it, but to be able to go out there and do it is a whole different story."

Spencer had 10 1/2 sacks his senior season at Purdue, often bull-rushing around ends or tackles to get to the quarterback.

There were times earlier in his college career that he was forced to drop back in coverage because of zone blitzing — but not last season.

The last time he was truly a linebacker was for "like five games" in high school: "It was easier then, run sideline to sideline."

Ware has 19 1/2 sacks and 16 tackles for losses

in his 32 games with the Cowboys. He had eight sacks as a rookie and 11 1/2 last season — three of them in the regular season finale.

The advice Spencer has gotten from Ware in making the transition: "It just takes time and reps. You've got to just keep working."

Ware admittedly wasn't comfortable with the switch until he had played a complete season.

"I know it will be a while for me to get everything the way it needs to be," Spencer said. "Before the play starts, my mind's probably thinking a lot. But once it starts going, I'm basically just reacting to everything."

Ellis went through an aggressive rehabilitation to be ready for training camp.

He made it but lasted only a few minutes because of pain above his heel and below the surgically repaired tear.

Even though an MRI shows no problems and the team lists Ellis as day-to-day, he again worked on the side Monday. Ellis

sounded pessimistic over the weekend, wondering publicly if he'd play again.

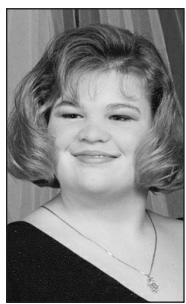
But the Ellis saga hasn't change Spencer's outlook. "Just because when I came here, I wanted to play," Spencer said. "I expected to play."

Extra points: When the Cowboys' two-hour workout in 100-degree heat ended, the field cleared quickly — except for Jason Witten. For several minutes after everybody else had gone inside, the three-time Pro Bowl tight end remained in full pads running different pass patterns, breaking from the line of scrimmage and making his cuts. ... Safety Ken Hamlin, who missed the preseason opener after taking a shot to the head during a drill last week, returned to practice Monday. ... OL Jason Hilliard, who played in the Arena Football League this season, signed with the Cowboys. He has spent time in the NFL with Green Bay, the New York Giants and St. Louis.



## Obituaries

### Amanda Ryals Barber



Amanda Ryals Barber, 28, of Big Spring died on Friday, Aug. 10, 2007, in an Odessa hospital. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2007, at the Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel with the Rev. R.T. Havener, pastor at First Assembly of God, officiating.

The family will receive friends from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

She was born on May 26, 1979, in Midland. Amanda liked sports, drawing, listening to music and coloring with her daughter. She especially enjoyed visiting with her friends and family. She was a member of First Assembly of God.

*Paid obituary*

### Georgia Cros

Georgia Cross, 76, of Big Spring, died Sunday, August 12, 2007, at a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 15, 2007, at the Midway Baptist Church with the Rev. Jim Binnix, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends Tuesday from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

She was born Sept. 13, 1930, in Lamesa and married Ronald Cross on July 14, 1956 in Big Spring. Georgia owned a cafe for 13 years and then worked at Newsom's Grocery for 20 years. She was a member of Midway Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Ronald Cross of Big Spring; one son and daughter-in-law, Kelley and Debbie Cross of Lubbock; two daughters and one son-in-law, Sheryl Eubank of Bossier City, La., and Gwen and Sam Farmer of Milton, Fla.; one sister, Earlene Brooks of Snyder; six grandchildren; and three great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to the Midway Baptist Church Memorial Fund, 6200 South Service Road 120, Big Spring 79720.

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

### Mabel Wilson

Mabel Wilson, 77, of Big Spring died Monday, Aug. 13, 2007, at Mountain View Lodge. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Take Note

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

• **A FUND HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR THE FAMILY OF ALBERT "BERT" CARRILLO**, who was killed in a traffic accident near Ft. Stockton Saturday. The fund has been set up at the Big Spring Education Employees Credit Union to help offset burial expenses. The Credit Union is located at 1110 Benton. Call 263-8393 for more information.

• **A FUND HAS BEEN CREATED** to help Garland and Malynda Helmstetler raise the \$25,000 needed for medical treatment that the family's insurance will not cover. Malynda, director of Mobile Meals, has been diagnosed with breast cancer that cannot be treated by radiation and chemotherapy. Doctors have told the family she should begin treatment on Aug. 1 so that the cancer does not spread to other organs. Donations may be made payable to Malynda's Cancer Fund at the Federal Employees Credit Union located on FM 700.

• **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.

• **ALL CREATURES SANCTUARY AND RESCUE** has an account set up with Big Spring Salvage at 3608 N. Highway 87 for all types of metals and aluminum cans. See John Kimberly, manager, or Cruz Rodriguez, metal specialist, to make your donations. Please tell them that your donations are for All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue. The sanctuary is also still taking weight circles off of all Purina Brand Dog Foods. Send your Purina Weight Circles to A.C.S. & R. at P.O. Box 871, Coahoma 79511. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue has an account also set up with Howard County Feed and Supply at 701 E. Second St. for donations of coastal or grass hay for a rescue horse.

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## Police blotter

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

- **ANDY LEE CUELLAR**, 22, of Midland, was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **MICHAEL HERNANDEZ JR.**, 39, of 604 N.E. Ninth Street, was arrested Sunday on charges of public intoxication and resisting arrest.
- **CYNTHIA ANN MORELION**, 43, of 508 N.W. Fifth Street, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **DARDEN LEE WILLIAMS**, 47, of Lubbock, was arrested Monday on a parole warrant.
- **DAVID RIOS**, 68, of 1615 Hunter, was arrested Monday on a Tom Green County warrant.
- **THEFT** was reported:
  - in the 1300 block of Fourth Street.
  - in the 1200 block of 11th Place.
- **POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - TWO OUNCES OR LESS IN A DRUG FREE ZONE** was reported in the 1000 block of State.
- **FORGERY** was reported in the 1200 block of Gregg Street.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 200 block of Marcy.

## Sheriff's report

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having xx inmates at the time of this report.
- **JOSEPH MICHAEL COOK**, 29, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a warrant for hindering secured creditors.
  - **ANDY LEE CUELLAR**, 22, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of bondsman off bond for driving while license invalid and driving while license invalid.
  - **MARTHA MARTINEZ**, 44, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of theft by check and bail jumping - failure to appear.
  - **TEKIA "KOKO" WILLIAMS**, 24, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and bondsman off bond for stealing/receiving stolen checks.
  - **ALISHA GAY MCGEE**, 29, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of bondsman off bond for failure to identify, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, possession of a dangerous drug, bondsman off bond on a motion to revoke probation for bail jumping - failure to appear, bondsman off bond for resisting arrest, search or transportation and bondsman off bond for failure to identify - giving false information.
  - **CHRISTENE MICHELLE BEAM**, 26, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.
  - **TONY MONROE GAMBLE**, 40, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while license invalid.
  - **MICHAEL RAY HERNANDEZ**, 39, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of resisting arrest, search or transportation.
  - **LILIAN CHAVEZ**, 27, was arrested Monday by DPS on charges of driving while license invalid and possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
  - **KYLE REECE HALE**, 21, was arrested Monday by DPS on charges of driving while license invalid and no insurance.
  - **MANUEL ROMERO LOZANO III**, 34, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of bondsman off bond for unlawfully carrying a weapon.

## Weather

Tonight...Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 60s. Southeast winds around 10 mph becoming light and variable.

Wednesday...Sunny. Highs in the mid 90s. Light and variable winds becoming southeast around 10 mph in the afternoon.

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

Thursday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s.

Friday...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s.

Friday night...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows around 70.

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

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## Bulletin Board

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

**TODAY**

- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- The Powwow Committee of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church annex, 809 Scurry, or the fellowship hall at 810 Scurry. Call Robert Downing at 263-3255 for information.

**WEDNESDAY**

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Senior Circle meets at 10:30 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.
- Senior Circle meets at 11 a.m. in the Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.
- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
- Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third St.

**THURSDAY**

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.
- Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association meets at 5:30 p.m. in the RSVP office at 501 Rannels.
- League of United Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information, contact John Ybarra at 264-1628. The public is invited.
- American Legion Post 506 meets at 6 p.m. Call 263-2084 for more information.
- Rackley-Swords 379, Vietnam Veterans of America meets at 7 p.m. in the Sparenburg Building, 309 S. Main St.

## Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transferred to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transferred to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 600 block of N.W. Eighth Street. One person was transferred to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 500 block of Birdwell Lane. One person was transferred to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 600 block of N.W. Seventh Street. One person was transferred to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1300 block of 18th Street. One person was transferred to SMMC.

## Lottery

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 1-9-11-15-17.  
Number matching five of five: 2.  
Prize per winner: \$13,271.  
Winning tickets sold in: Dallas and Houston.

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 1-14-16-26. Bonus Ball: 5.  
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: none.

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-7-0.

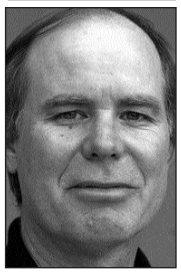
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# Elusive Vick can't avoid prison

Right about now, Michael Vick would probably gladly trade a year or two out of football for a chance to rid himself of dogfighting charges. He was never going to play this season anyway, not if Roger Goodell, Arthur Blank and thousands of animal rights activists had anything to say about it.



TIM DAHLBERG

The question now becomes whether Vick will ever play in the NFL again, and even the bravest Las Vegas bookie wouldn't offer odds on that happening.

Hard to imagine Blank or any other NFL owner would be willing to hire a quarterback who is now the poster child for animal abusers everywhere. It's even harder to imagine how the home fans would feel about an alleged puppy killer leading their offense.

Not that it much matters

anymore. Because Vick has a lot more to worry about than whether he'll ever play for money on a Sunday again.

Finding a way to stay out of prison is now his No. 1 concern.

The news that two more of his co-defendants will go to court this week to enter plea bargains in the dogfighting case that ensnared Vick is the worst news yet for the man who allegedly not only financed "Bad Newz Kennels" but was actively involved in disposing of dogs who were unfortunate enough not to be major championship material.

It wasn't even a month ago that Vick and three others were indicted on charges they ran a dog fighting ring. Now he stands alone, his three co-defendants now seemingly more than eager to tell all to get their own sentences reduced.

His lawyers still talk bravely about a Nov. 26 trial. But the noose is tightening, just as it did around the necks of some dogs who never had a chance.

The New York Times quoted

a source Tuesday as saying Vick's attorneys have been given a few more days to decide whether he should enter a guilty plea. They're playing hardball because if Vick doesn't agree, he could face even more charges in a superseding indictment the government says it plans to bring in the case later this month.

That indictment would likely include even more gory details, though it's hard to imagine much worse than the stomach-turning tales of blood and death in the initial charges.

Vick got rich by making tacklers miss him. But, even with expensive attorneys at his side, it's hard to see how he's going to escape from the government's grasp.

He's basically left with two choices, neither of them very appetizing: Plead guilty and hope for less than the five years in the prison he could get, or go to trial, listen to his former buddies tell all, and risk even more prison time.

He might have been willing to take his chances at trial

against the testimony of one of his co-defendants. But now all three can be expected to occupy the witness stand if Vick goes ahead with a trial.

And to think that only a few months ago all Vick had to worry about was a funny-smelling water bottle at the airport and a few one-fingered salutes to fans.

The case against Vick has, in fact, moved with amazing quickness. It was just in April that investigators were searching the Virginia estate he owned where the dog fighting operation was allegedly headquartered, and just a month ago that he was indicted.

Now all of his co-defendants are making deals, tongues are beginning to wag, and prison cells are being prepared.

There's little doubt the feds are making an example out of Vick to send a message that they have little tolerance with an activity that is still reportedly popular in certain rural areas of the south and in the hip hop culture. He's not the first athlete to face charges associated with dog fighting —

the NBA's Qyntel Woods pleaded guilty in January 2005 to animal abuse and former NFL player LeShon Johnson has faced charges — but he is certainly the highest profile.

Vick was once the face of the Atlanta Falcons, a brilliant if sometimes erratic quarterback who was rewarded with a \$130 million contract a few years back. Now he's the face of another so-called sport, where dogs are groomed to fight to the death and the ones who don't perform are put to death.

His endorsements are gone, and his career is almost certainly over.

Millions of people who have never met him hate him, and now even his posse is deserting him.

He's cornered in a pit of his own making, with no escape in sight.

Like the dogs found on his estate, he doesn't have much fight left.

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## ASTROS

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adjustment," Lane said. "I feel like I'm having good at-bats and I'm always confident that I can get a big hit, and it's worked out a few times."

The Dodgers avoided the shutout on Rafael Furcal's sacrifice fly in the fifth.

Houston led 1-0 in the fourth on Chris Burke's RBI groundout.

Dodgers third baseman Nomar Garciaparra got ejected for the first time in his 12-year career in the bottom of the inning for arguing a called third strike by umpire Tom Hallion.

"There's a first time for everything," Garciaparra

said. "I thought the ball might have fallen off the plate. We argued and had a disagreement. I was respectful to him and he was respectful to me."

Los Angeles manager Grady Little came on the field to talk to Hallion, while first base coach Mariano Duncan wrapped his arms around Garciaparra and attempted to lead him back toward the dugout.

Garciaparra continued shouting and pointed his bat at Hallion while taking a few steps toward the umpire, who then tossed him.

Notes: Pierre stole his 46th base of the season, most by a Dodger since Eric Young swiped 51 in 1999.

## Texans' Johnson hopes to play up to potential

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Travis Johnson was heralded as an all-around defensive lineman when the Houston Texans drafted him 16th in 2005.

He was supposed to be strong, explosive and as tough a pass rusher as he was against the run.

But with two disappointing seasons behind him, Johnson has yet to live up to that potential and it might be time to wonder if he ever will.

Johnson had 26 tackles and a sack in 15 games as a rookie while struggling to adjust to former coach Dom Capers' 3-4 defense

after playing in a 4-3 system at Florida State.

Coach Gary Kubiak said last year in mini-camp that he was the player who had the most work to do before training camp began. It appeared that the talk worked as Johnson arrived at camp 20 pounds lighter, with a new attitude and excited to be back in a 4-3 scheme.

Unfortunately it didn't translate into more success in 2006 and Johnson managed just 11 tackles in nine games, eight of which he started. He spent the last seven weeks of the season on the injured reserve.

Johnson was outper-

formed last season by Anthony Maddox who was signed from the practice squad and finished with 37 tackles, two sacks and forced a fumble which he returned for a touchdown.

The 6-foot-3, 305-pound Johnson said he's prepared for 2007.

"A lot of us got stuff to prove," Johnson said. "Really you just want to go out there with a chip on your shoulder and prove everybody wrong and prove you are the right person for the job and you belong here."

He has more and tougher competition now in 20-year-old rookie tackle Amobi Okoye, the 10th

pick in this year's draft. Okoye has already gained the starting job, with Johnson as his backup.

Competition is something Johnson said he won't shy away from.

"Competition helps us all out," he said. "It makes us all better. If you were the only person in the world, you'd be sorry because there wouldn't be anybody to push you, wouldn't be anybody to motivate you and to learn from. So, that's just how it is out here."

Though he didn't have any tackles, Kubiak was pleased with Johnson's preseason opener against the Bears on Saturday.

## CLUB

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deserve the support of the community," he said. "So the club's goal this year is to raise more excitement about Big Spring athletics than there has ever been."

Stiles went on to comment about how hard the players have to work in order to maintain their status as students and athletes.

"These kids put in long hours every day during the school year. They go to class, then they go and workout or go to practice and then stay up late doing homework. They

have to be very dedicated to be good student athletes," he explained. "These kids deserve the support of our community. It shouldn't be something they necessarily have to earn though. It should be something the community gives them regardless of what type of season they're having."

With a new coaching regime comes a new coaching philosophy. First-year athletic director Mike Ritchey has adopted the slogan "Count Me In" for the athletic program. Stiles says that the booster club wants to take that slogan to the next level within the community.

"Count Me In" is the slogan for the athletic program that Coach Ritchey has adopted. Now, we as a booster club want to take that slogan to the next level and say 'Count Us In,'" he said. "The football team needs to know that they have the community's support."

Part of the club's plan to increase spirit and pride is to get local businesses involved. Stiles and company want visiting teams to know that the whole community is in support of the football team whenever they pass through the town.

"We want businesses to show their support by

painting their windows black and gold. We're going to have a contest each week where we will award the business that shows the most spirit," he said. "The booster club is going to get out there and encourage anyone we can to get spirit up."

"The spirit has always been in this town," Stiles continued, "but we want there to be more of a public display of it this year."

It all starts with the excitement of the Quarterback Club, though. Stiles knows that it is their eagerness that needs to rub off on the rest of the community.

"The excitement has already started with the

athletes and the coaching staff and it has carried over to the booster club," he said. "We have a good bunch of kids on this team this year. There's just something in the air that this can be the year of the Steer. Now we just want to take the excitement brewing within the athletes, coaches and

booster club and get it out into the community. We know the spirit is there. We just hope to stimulate it a little more."

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## BRIEFS

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to get a first glimpse at this year's Steer football teams.

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**BY HOLIDAY MATHIS** "Hellooo ... is anyone out there?" Like Jonah in the whale, our big-talking Mercury-in-Leo voices may be temporarily swallowed up into the humongous belly of Neptune. Fortunately, the moon in Virgo floats a line above water, a reminder to stick to useful questions like: "Hmmm, how can I most effectively use this time in the whale?"



**HOLIDAY MATHIS**

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Ask yourself what you'd be doing if it weren't for being caught up in so many complications. The answer inspires you to make your life easier. There are a hundred ways to do this — make a difference by choosing just one.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). A bunch of "have-tos" creep up on you. Get them finished quickly, and you'll have time to make a truly enriching connection tonight. Family appreciates all you do.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Your emotional range is a rainbow of possibilities. Explore and enjoy the different gradients. Sort through and distinguish where you really are, and lavish in the moment of that feeling, unlike any other.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). The planets align to help you be disciplined

about practicing tolerance. Regularly accepting things and people as they are benefits not only your attitude and relationships, but your health, too.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You're developing inner toughness. Remember, you have ample resources available to you. Whenever you feel like giving up the cause, call on your supportive friends to rally around you.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You've no complaints. Well, you could think of some if you chose to focus in that way, but who has time for the negativity? You're on your way to setting a record — see how long you can go without a single whine.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Just being generally breezy is your gift to the world now. Friends are sweetly affected by your sunshine. You're the antidote for any disappointment your partner experiences.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Relationships may hit rocky ground, which can ultimately cement the bonds of love. Home in on all the things you have in common. And instead of seeing where you differ, see how you agree.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Where there's drama, you get involved. You're not about to shy away from the heat of the moment. When things get intense, you feel more alive, whole and powerful.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-

Jan. 19). You take responsibility for your loved ones, defending them with your considerable faculties. The gesture means a lot, even if it doesn't feel like you're making a difference.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Once you figure out what you don't want, you're on your feet and running. But to where? Even if you don't yet know where you're going, you're determined to break a speed record getting there.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Character work is never wasted work. And today it pays off in a nice way. Your gleaming reputation precedes you, making it easy for you to establish rapport with the people you'd like to get to know.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "I was born on June 26, 1954. I'm attracted to a woman who is in a three-year on-and-off relationship. By on and off, I mean one week they're together, the next she's calling me and we're going out — until he calls and apologizes. We've been seeing each other for five months now, but only a few days a week. Common sense would say to get out of this situation, but I really enjoy being with this woman. Her birthday is Oct. 23, 1952. What does my future look like with her?"

Love-struck Cancer, you're deceiving yourself about this woman. She's using you. And by continuing to call, she's encouraging false hope

for a future together. You're ensnared by this siren's lullaby. Save yourself. You've thrown common sense out the window and have fallen into an unfortunately common doomed-relationship pattern — the kind that keeps lovebirds from finding their true love by wasting precious time and energy on dead-end romance. If you were meant to be together, you'd recognize it fairly instantly and mutually. And she'd dignify you by being your one and only. Don't play third wheel. Love triangles never work.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Halle Berry may be a fiery diva onscreen, but deep down she's a soulful water maiden. With Venus, Mars and Jupiter in Cancer, her public Leo sun fires are stoked through private acts of self-nurturing and by paying careful attention to her personal needs. Time spent at the beach, cooking healthy meals and canoodling with her sweetie all make Berry happy.

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**Annie's Mailbox®: Advice for those in need**

Dear Annie: My wife and I have been married for 40 years. Along the way, we raised three children and survived family crises, financial difficulties and medical trauma. The problem? My wife is, and always has been, a serial cheater.

Less than a year into our marriage, I found scraps of paper with other men's phone numbers. After the birth of our first child, she began an affair with a co-worker. She would attend parties, returning home at 3 a.m. with her undies in her purse. I even caught her several times in compromising situations. Our third child was conceived during this time, and I still don't know if I'm the father.

During her affairs, my wife avoided sex with me, using excuses such as a lack of libido due to medications, urinary tract infections, too tired, not in the mood, etc. She would initiate a fight so she could storm out of the house to "cool down," when, in actuality, she met up with her lover (whom she was also cheating on).

When confronted with her lack of fidelity, she insisted I was crazy. After 10 years, I finally filed for divorce, but when my lawyers said there was little chance I'd get custody of the kids, I moved back home to provide stability for the children.

The children have since grown and moved on, but my wife and I remain prisoners of inertia, now in our 60s and facing retirement. I think about how she threw my love away and destroyed my trust and respect, and it would have been kinder if she had put a gun to my head. So, Annie, should I spend my final years with someone who needs me but doesn't love me? Should I tell our youngest to get a paternity test? I've been



**KATHY MITCHELL  
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cheated out of more than love. I have been cheated out of life. Should I — Stay or Go?

Dear Stay or Go: Some hurts are hard to forgive. We don't recommend a paternity test unless your child has some medical issues that require genetic information. Meanwhile, do you want to find common ground with your wife and stick it out? That might be possible if the two of you get counseling. But if you are still miserable, you deserve to find happiness without her. Good luck to you.

Dear Annie: When you go to a friend's dance recital or play, are you supposed to bring flowers or some other small token to congratulate them on all of their hard work? What about when you go to a friend's art exhibit? Is it appropriate to come empty-handed? — Inquiring about Proper Procedures

Dear Proper: You are not required to bring flowers or gifts to a friend's recital, play or art exhibit. However, if you want to acknowledge their efforts by presenting them with flowers or small gifts, it is perfectly appropriate to do so, and sweet as well.

Dear Annie: I laughed when I read the letter from "Need a Handyman in Dallas," whose husband never finished projects and wouldn't let her hire someone. My husband is just like that. My long suffering

finally paid off. He went to Singapore on an extended assignment and comes home periodically for a week or so. I miss him, of course, but I have really enjoyed the freedom to hire someone to mow the grass, wash the windows and paint inside and out.

He's due home for good in less than a week. He'll be surprised to see fresh paint and new carpeting, although I once bought new furniture and it took him two days to notice that I had "rearranged the living room." I rearranged it right out to the curb for pick-up.

I agree that she should hire people to finish these projects. After all, it's her home, too. To be fair, I must give her husband points for spending the time with the kids instead. My husband was always at work. — Happy Homemaker in Vermont

Dear Vermont: Sounds like you've found a solution that works for you. Maybe it will free up some extra time for his family.

Dear Annie: I have been happily married to the woman of my dreams for two years. My question concerns my ex, "Julie." We dated on and off for quite some time, and she was a huge part of my life for eight years prior to meeting my wife. When I became engaged, Julie didn't take the news well, and we didn't speak for a long time. She always thought we would get married, and for a time, so did I.

Recently, Julie and I got reacquainted through a mutual friend and have begun talking on the phone and e-mailing. My wife is aware of these conversations — I keep nothing from her. But I question whether or not talking to Julie is the proper thing.

Julie knows so much about me and we shared so much of our past, it feels really nice to have that connection. As long

as I make my wife aware of what's going on, is it OK to maintain contact, or am I just asking for trouble? In all honesty, if the roles were reversed, I can't say I'd be too happy with my wife communicating with an old boyfriend. — Needing Guidance in the South

Dear Need Guidance: If the conversations are not too personal, if Julie isn't looking to get back together, if you aren't using the contact to flirt, and if your wife is always welcome to look at the messages and listen to the phone calls, then it's OK. Examine your motives thoroughly and ask your wife how she feels about it. As long as you can honestly say it's only friendship, you're fine, but if it ever starts to feel like something else, we trust you will put a stop to it immediately.

Dear Annie: The letter from "Worried All the Time" was all too familiar. I, too, suffered from persistent thoughts of terrible things happening to my children. After some research and mental health counseling, I discovered I have obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD).

I urge "Worried" to seek help from a qualified mental health professional to determine if this could be her problem. Medication and/or therapy can greatly improve her quality of life. More information can be found at [ocfoundation.org](http://ocfoundation.org). — Used to Be Worried All the Time Down South

Dear Used to Be Worried: These days, it can be difficult to distinguish between parents who are obsessively worried and those who are simply dealing with dangerous and unpredictable times. The inability to control one's obsessions is a good indicator that professional help is needed.

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**SHERIFF**

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agenda items and minutes from commissioners court this year, and there is no mention of the removal of any positions from my budget, and it is required that they be listed in the minutes. It's part of open records, and that's what I'm basing this on. They are choosing to ignore that and say those (positions) were eliminated, and I'm going to stand firm on what's on record. So, in essence, they are now telling me to eliminate four-and-a-half positions from the sheriff's office."

County Auditor Jackie Olson confirmed the removal of the two positions had been made in a previous meeting, but had

not been documented in the court's minutes.

"He's correct, the removal of those positions is not in the minutes," said Olson. "I'm not completely sure why. I'm not sure how detailed the clerk keeps those records."

Walker said the cuts will translate into a decrease in services to county residents.

"I think that's unreasonable," said Walker firmly. "I have two departments. The first is the jail, which has minimum requirements set by the state, and then I have the law enforcement budget, which is your deputies, investigators, dispatchers and clerks. I've offered the two-and-a-half positions from the jail budget and I can't take any more from there or we will violate minimum standards.

So the rest is going to have to come from the law enforcement side.

"They (county commissioners) are asking me to do something that will prevent me from doing what I was elected to do, and that's to provide service to the community as a law enforcement agency. Eliminating those positions will definitely effect the service provided by this department, and that's what I'm trying to avoid."

Commissioners also informed County Clerk Donna Wright that her office would also be taking a personnel cut, with instructions for her to eliminate one full-time position.

Commissioners have already approved a number of budgetary cuts for the coming fiscal year that will translate into

jobs being eliminated from the county's roster, including two full-time positions and one part-time position at the county library, two full-time and one part-time position from the county's road and bridge department, one full-time and one part-time position from the maintenance department and a single part-time position with the District Clerk's office.

The total number of layoffs expected as a result of the budgetary cuts, as proposed by the commissioners court, comes to six part-time positions and eight full-time positions.

According to Barr and the commissioners, declining fund balances — coupled with the immense expense of closing and reopening the county jail due to state

mandate — have thrown the county into fiscal turmoil.

The county jail was shut down by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards in November after it failed to meet several life-safety criteria, forcing county commissioners to not only fund repairs to the facility totaling more than

\$250,000, but also to shoulder the expense of housing inmates in other county jails, an expense Barr described as "tremendous."

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**COUNTY**

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"If commissioners had decided to go above the proposed rate of 42.3974 cents, it could have triggered a rollback election," said Olson. "That would have required a petition from the citizens, and if the election had succeeded, it would have

forced the court to go with the rollback rate."

The additional 8 percent the rollback rate provides over the effective rate is expected to net the county an estimated \$580,000, according to Olson.

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**MINORITY**

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with, and some I'm not so happy with. I'm very happy with the recent statistics released that shows small business growth of 12 to 13 percent last year. And it's impressive to see a growth rate of 17 to 18 percent among Hispanic business owners and 18 to 19 percent among African American business owners."

And while Neugebauer is happy to see healthy growth rates in small business, he said another rate has him very worried.

"The dropout rates at schools in the district is alarming, and the number of dropouts that are minority students is as well," said Neugebauer. "It doesn't take long to see how close the dropout rate is to the incarceration rate in this country. They are almost parallel."

"What are we doing wrong? What should we be doing different? We sit down in Washington,

D.C., and make education policy, and we need to figure out how to best spend those funds. A lot of time, in the Capitol, the idea is just to throw money at a problem until it goes away, but I feel like we need to better concentrate how we're spending that money."

Neugebauer said many of the District 19 citizens he's spoken to over the past several months have said the government needs to take a better look at how the funding can and needs to be used in the individual communities.

"They say we need to look at the investment in the local community, and that one-size-fits-all isn't the answer," said Neugebauer. "I'm hearing that the state and local levels need to take federal dollars and do better things with them."

Local retiree and community activist Clarence Hartfield Jr. said he feels the federal government needs to do a better job of seeing to it funds make it down to the end user — students and communi-

ties, and have teachers "teaching job skills, not teaching tests."

"The feds need to do more funding instead of just telling the school districts what to do," said Hartfield. "You don't see it come down to the local level."

Neugebauer said strings attached to many of the funds provided by President George W. Bush's No Child Left Behind program can make it hard for school districts to utilize the funding.

"I've seen money left over in the program because schools opt out because there are so many strings and restrictions on the funding," said Neugebauer. "There are a lot of really good schools in District 19, but for many of the other schools in the state and nation, the quality of education is a very serious problem."

Raul Marquez, a member of the Moore Development board of directors and director of KBYG Radio, said a great deal of the problem comes

from a lack of suitable role models in the schools.

"We need more role models at the junior high level," said Marquez. "We need people who understand what's going on before the kids go off the deep end. It's just not a priority anymore."

Lucy Flores, an employee with Citizen's Federal Credit Union who is involved with church outreach programs, said there are plenty of adults willing to be role models for the children, but they lack a piece of paper that says they are qualified to do so.

"Where I lose all of my kids is at the high school level," said Flores. "However, I can't go into the high school and counsel because I don't have a degree in it. Some of us are willing, but we simply don't have the required degree."

John Ybarra, executive assistant with the Big Spring Federal Correctional Institution and president of the local chapter of LULAC (League of United Latin

American Citizens), said he feels the problem begins in the home.

"The question is, how do you get the family back to being a family again?" Ybarra told Neugebauer. "Not every child is going to be called to go to college, and we need to focus those children more on the Job Corps."

Neugebauer said most European nations have developed a system that helps distinguish between the students who will be going on to a higher education and those who need to train in job skills.

"When I was growing up, one of my close friends and I went to Texas Tech together, and he decided college wasn't the right path for him," said Neugebauer. "So he went back and began

training in the heating and air conditioning trade, and now he owns his own company.

"As much as I hate to use the Europeans as an example of anything, they have a system by which area the students want to go into, and there's no prejudice one way or another, whether they go to college or learn a trade. And it's those kind of people who are going to be the small business owners of tomorrow, and they really do make up an important part of the nation."

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**SCHOOLS**

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dents can receive their schedules and meet their teachers from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Aug. 23, school officials said.

Students will need to have their information packets filled out by that time. Packets can be picked up at the junior high office, or downloaded from the school district Web site.

For more information, contact CJHS at 394-4615.

Forsan Junior High School seventh and eighth graders will receive their schedules from 8 a.m. until noon and 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. Thursday, officials said.

Orientation and registration of FJHS sixth graders will be held from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. Aug. 23.

Coahoma Elementary students can meet their teachers between 5:30

p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Aug. 23, officials announced. Students need to bring their supplies to their classes at this time.

For more information, contact the school at 394-4323.

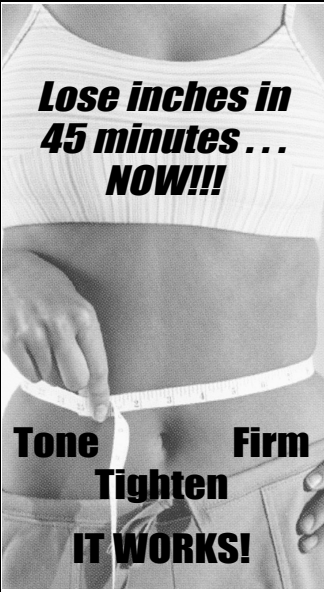
Elbow Elementary will hold its "New Year Party" from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Aug. 23. Students can meet their teachers and drop off supplies at that time.

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**RECALL**

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It was the latest blow to the toy industry, which has had a string of recalled products from China. With more than 80 percent of toys sold worldwide made in China, toy sellers are nervous that shoppers will shy away from their products.

The recall involving lead paint was Mattel's second in two weeks. Earlier this month, consumers were warned about 1.5 million Chinese-made toys that contain lead paint.

"There is no excuse for lead to be found in toys entering this country," Nord said. "It's totally unacceptable and it needs to stop."

Toys recalled Tuesday include 253,000 "Sarge" cars, because the surface paint could contain lead levels in excess of federal standard. The 2 1/2-inch, 1-inch high car looks like a military jeep.

Also recalled were 345,000 Batman and "One Piece" action figures, 683,000 Barbie and

Tanner play sets and 1 million Doggie Day Care play sets.

In full-page ads Tuesday in *The New York Times* and other newspapers, Mattel said it was "one of the most trusted names with parents" and was "working extremely hard to address your concerns and continue creating safe, entertaining toys for

you and your children."

The Consumer Product Safety Commission, which negotiated details of Mattel's recalls, reported that since its recall of Polly Pockets play sets in Nov. 11, three children had been injured by swallowing more than one magnet. All three suffered intestinal perforations that required surgery.

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## OUR VIEWS

# Library needs our donations for book sale

**H**elp! That's the call from the Friends of the Library, as they seek donations of books in good condition for their annual book sale in September.

Friends of the Library is a non-profit organization that provides supplemental support for the Howard County Library, giving the facility resources outside the budget provided by county commissioners.

That financial support is perhaps more important now than ever before in the wake of the commissioners court's recent budget cutting measures that will result in staffing cuts in a number of departments, including the library.

The Friends of the Library has helped financially support the library's summer reading program for children in addition to other projects. However, that kind of support that depends on the generosity of Howard Countians.

If you have books you can donate to the organization's sale, simply go by the Howard County Library and leave them during regular business hours, Monday through Friday. And if at all possible, it would help if donors box their books.

Howard County Librarian Hollis McCright said the group is looking for "nice, used books." That means books being donated need to be in good condition. What's more, the organization is asking that people not donate Reader's Digest condensed books, National Geographic or other magazines.

In addition, anyone wishing to join the Friends of the Library — dues are just \$5 a year. Meetings are held at noon on the third Thursday of each month.

For more information about the book sale or any of the library's programs, call 264-2260.

This year's book sale will be held the weekend of Sept. 14-16 in the library's basement and we hope readers will take that opportunity to add to their personal libraries.

They'll not only be enriching their lives, but the lives of others as well.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

*May we not forget that we are Yours, Lord, in the midst of earthly trials.*

Amen

# Time to ask questions, get answers

**I**n a strange sense, we're a lot like lemmings, trotting faithfully to the sea with the petrochemical companies and local gasoline retailers — with wide, psuedo-caring smiles plastered across their non-descript faces — quietly directing us to our fiscal demise.

I suppose I should start at the beginning, but that would take forever. Let's start with my most recent trip to San Angelo.

The band I play in was performing — on a Thursday, no less — at Graham's Central Station in San Angelo, and as I made sure I had all my gear packed into my car, I stared blankly at the gas gauge. I had about a half-tank, more than enough to get me where I would be going, but I'd most likely be coasting home on vapors.

So I was faced with a simple dilemma: Do I go ahead and fuel up before I leave, or wait until I get to San Angelo and take a chance on paying higher gas prices?

Since I've apparently developed an aversion to getting gasoline — most likely caused by the constant shock I experience every time I fuel up thanks to gasoline prices that would make even former Enron executives blush — I opted to wait, hopefully extending the amount of time before I'd be forced to endure the shameless sticker shock again.

I'm not sure, but I may be a candidate for therapy thanks to gas prices. I'll have to look into that idea.

And so, I headed down the road, thinking less about gas prices and

more about the show that lay ahead. What I found in San Angelo, however, was simply unbelievable.

While most Big Springers are breathing something of a minor sigh of relief since gas prices have dropped below the \$3 mark, seemingly stuck at \$2.86 — the lowest price I've seen at the time of this report — drivers in San Angelo are paying \$2.61 a gallon.

Let's get that out there again for the cheap seats. Gas in San Angelo was \$2.61 a gallon.

That's a 25-cent difference between two cities a little more than an hour apart, and I'll remind you that — at least to my knowledge — San Angelo does not have a refinery in its back yard.

And, with that in mind, I began my endless pondering on the long drive back as to how — and why — gas prices are so much higher in Big Spring.

Is it the distance the gasoline has to be shipped? Obviously not, since our local 7-Eleven stores — which are notorious for being some of the highest priced pumps in Big Spring — are owned and operated by Alon USA, making the distance from the refinery to the pump only a few miles.

Is it simply the market prices, as the retailers pass through the difference in costs? I seriously doubt this theory for the simple fact local retailers would be purchasing their gasoline from the same suppliers as San Angelo. Right?

With both of those theories falling flat on their collective faces, that leaves but one simple answer: Price gouging from local retailers.

I know, it's an ugly word, and it certainly draws upon some less-than-nice memories since the government has had to step in and flex its regulatory muscles in this

city before. And God knows I could be wrong, but am I?

We all watch the dance between local retailers. We've all seen the same pattern.

The 7-Eleven pumps, along with some of the other high-dollar sellers, pretty much set the bar, and then the "discount" retailers — like HEB and Murphy USA — come in and cut approximately 10-cents off that price. And there you have the basic formula retailers are working by, at least from my perspective.

Hey, maybe I'm wrong. Maybe there's no real conspiracy to bilk local residents out of their hard-earned cash by jacking up the price of gas. Maybe the popular notion that price fixing is going on in our little hamlet is merely an unfounded hypothesis that should be filed neatly next to the Big Bang Theory and the idea warm Pepsi cures everything from nerves to a sour stomach.

Maybe, just maybe, we should stop asking so many questions and just accept the price of gasoline for what it is, standing doe-eyed at the pumps as the petrochemical industry reports record profits and then has the nerve to tell us it's not a result of elevated — that's a fancy way of saying overpriced, by the way — gas prices.

Maybe. Or maybe we need to start asking some tough questions right here, in our own backyards, and not back down until we get something that at least resembles an explanation.

I don't know about everyone else out there, but I'd certainly like to know.

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# Don't throw our economy under bus with a no-match immigration policy

**T**he suggestion that the Bush Administration would throw our economy under the bus with a new "no-match" immigration policy that forces employers to choose between criminal penalties and illegal racial discrimination is troubling. It suggests that the administration hasn't given nearly enough thought to the severe damage this new policy will inflict on U.S. and Texas businesses.

No-match is the name given to a letter sent to millions of employers and employees each year informing them that there is a discrepancy between the records kept by the Social Security Administration (SSA) and the social security number submitted on an employee's Form W-2. Up to now the no-match letter has been a request to correct the problem so that social security wages can be credited to the right employee.

The new Bush Administration policy, which has been held in abeyance while the Senate tried and failed at comprehensive immigration reform, is expected to be made public in the coming days. It would provide Immigration and Customs Enforcement — an agency of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security — with authority to pursue employers with criminal penalties for failure to act on no-match letters.

Employers who receive no-match letters are understandably confused. Discrepancies between workers' names and social security numbers often result from clerical errors or name changes due to marriage or divorce. Because these types of errors have nothing to do with immigration or work authorization, an employer cannot assume that receipt of a no-match

letter implies anything about the employee's legal status. In fact, the letter itself stresses that it makes no statement about immigration status.

As if the impending confusion were not enough, ICE has stepped up its enforcement and is using no-match letters as a way to establish immigration violations. As Associated Press Correspondent Gamboa reported this week, ICE officials promised enforcement that "is going to be tough and aggressive," with "more worksite cases. And no more excuses."

The new regulation is expected to promise a "safe harbor" for employers if they follow certain procedures for dealing with no-match letters. ICE notes, however, that even if an employer follows the safe-harbor procedures, it would not preclude a finding that an employer had "actual" knowledge that an employee was legally unauthorized to work.

Beyond confusing, the implementation of the rule will be mysterious. Employers are not notified of every mismatched record. The SSA only notifies employers that have mismatched information on more than 10 W-2 forms, and only if the total number of mismatched forms is more than one-half percent of the total forms presented by the employer. Businesses could be liable for mismatches of which they have no knowledge.

The new rule presents employers with a dilemma of threatened prosecution by ICE versus potential violation of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, which protects all workers regardless of immigration status from discrimination in employment.

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the federal agency responsible for enforcing federal equal employment opportunity laws, says the regulation "may create circumstances in which employers have incentives to take actions that violate" the Civil Rights Act by failing to pro-

tect workers from employment discrimination regardless of citizenship or work authorization status.

Some businesses will do all they can to avoid the draconian choice. Employers will seek protection from prosecution by terminating employment potentially upwards to 750,000 jobs. Most employers will do all they can to replace the terminated workers, but the question is: where will they find them? Texas unemployment is lower than it has been in more 30 years and the Dallas Federal Reserve Bank says that employers are already holding back on expansion because of the lack of workers.

The unfilled jobs will have real consequences. American citizens can lose their jobs as well. Meals in restaurants will go uncooked and unserved. Beds in hotel rooms will go unmade. Farms and ranches will lose the hands that help feed our people. The engines of economic growth will cool. No-match workers and their families will fall brutally victim to the dysfunction of Congress and bureaucracy run amuck.

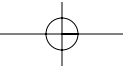
The no-match regulation will wreak destruction on employers' loyalty to their workers, encourage an illegal underground economy and do unspeakable harm to the American economy as businesses lose workers and can't find or won't risk hiring replacements.

Why? Because a polarized Congress is unable to compromise on the critical issue of fixing a failed immigration system.

If Congress can't find the resolve to act on bipartisan immigration reform, the least they can do is clean up the mess their breakdown has left behind.

Fixing the no-match mess should be the first place they start.

Bill Hammond is president of the Texas Association of Business and a board member of Texas Employers for Immigration Reform.





# New book looks at maverick West Texan Clayton Williams

By **KELLEY SHANNON**

AP Political Writer

AUSTIN — Wildcatter, rancher, multimillionaire and more, West Texas businessman Clayton Williams may be best known for his run for governor in a campaign sunk by his gaffes.

The 1990 governor's race was his to lose. And that's what he did, propelling liberal Democrat oppo-

nent Ann Richards to the state's top office. The Republican's outrageous remarks and multiple missteps are considered the textbook for how not to wage a political campaign.

"If the Lord wanted me to be governor, he wouldn't have brought in that storm," Williams says of the comments that lost him votes and drew international attention to the

race dubbed "Claytie and the Lady."

A new authorized biography, "Claytie," by Texas author and former Associated Press correspondent Mike Cochran, chronicles not only Williams' brief political career, but also his highs and lows in the oil and gas industry, cattle ranching and the communications business. It portrays him as more clever and

caring than his ham-handed campaign might allow.

Open and natural, for better or worse, are descriptions often given of Williams, and the book coming out this month casts his story as "the roller-coaster life of a Texas wildcatter." Cochran calls Williams a "remarkably unsophisticated and charmingly flawed West Texan."

"Yes, indeed, with Clayton Williams Jr., what you see is what you get, and then some, for he is many things to many people, which is part of his magnetism, part of his enigma," he writes.

The book suggests Williams' 1990 loss set the stage for George W. Bush to launch his bid for the presidency. Had Williams won, businessman Bush probably wouldn't have

run for governor in 1994, when he defeated Richards, and wouldn't have had the platform to run for president.

Williams commissioned the biography, published by Texas A&M Press. Cochran said "Claytie" is based on multiple interviews with Williams and 200 others who know him, worked with him or watched him closely through the years.

## RYAN

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the most important jobs there is.

Teachers make a difference in the lives of their students. Whether it is coaxing the reluctant reader, inspiring the math wiz, or nurturing the dreamer's creativity, good teachers love working with children and enjoy the connections that come with being an educator.

One cannot succeed as an educator without a kind and generous heart because the work of the teacher does not end with the close of the school day. The after hours of a teacher require more than grad-

ing papers, planning lessons, or learning a new subject or instructional method.

Teachers are role models. Young children delight in seeing their teachers in the grocery store, public library, or at a community event. Even middle and high-school age children gain a sense of grounding when they know that their teachers are part of the world outside of school.

How a teacher lives and plays in the community matters to students. To think that one of their teachers heard their speech, saw them in the park, or witnessed their great performance on the athletic field or stage provides our students with

connections that can last a lifetime.

Because of this, we should give teachers the status, support and recognition they genuinely deserve. One of the greatest ways we, as parents, can support and show our appreciation to teachers is by being actively involved in our child's education all year long.

We should establish a good working relationship with teachers early in the school year. We should talk to our child's teachers on a regular basis, not just at scheduled parent-teacher conferences. We should find out how we can help with homework assignments and reinforce at home what is being taught in the classroom.

By being an involved parent, we are not only assisting our children but we are showing our respect and appreciation for our child's teachers and the school.

When we establish open communication and good working relations, great things get accomplished for students.

We know that teachers play a critical role in the lives of our children. We also know that it takes a lot to give a lot. Patience, understanding and kindness are constantly required to nurture a class full of young minds and personalities.

Teachers also play a very important role in promoting self-discipline in our children and in establishing guidelines

and rules for participating in a classroom or group. Their guidance helps our children develop social skills and become competent in group situations. That's why it's important for us, as parents, to remember the little, often overlooked qualities that make teachers such special people in our children's lives.

Let's be sure to tell teachers how much we appreciate them. A little

gesture can make a huge difference. When parents take time to thank teachers, it makes both the parents and teachers feel good about working together.

And when parents and teachers work together, student achievement soars!

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

## KITE

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only cleaned classrooms, but kept a watchful eye on the campus.

Sometime later he noticed the boys again. By the time he reached the front doors, it was too late. As he ran toward them, the teenager and his friend knew they had been caught. The person who said hello to them every day during the school year was getting red faced with anger. "Give me

that gun," he ordered the boy. "Look what you've done to that poor bird."

Flopping on the ground, the Mississippi kite struggled to escape. One of its long gray wings was stained with blood. Sheepishly, the teen handed him the rifle.

"What are you going to do?" asked the younger boy.

"Report you." When the game warden called, he asked if we could come and pick up the bird. He requested any veterinary expenses and a report on the

extent of injury. "We have a pretty good judge up here," he said.

As Art and I drove to the northwest, we did not expect a good outcome. Damage to the bird's wing was so severe the kite required euthanasia.

Calling the game warden weeks later, we learned that the accumulation of fines included carrying a firearm and shooting it on public school property, hunting without a license, hunting out of season, using a firearm within the city limits and killing a feder-

ally and state protected wild, migratory bird.

No longer would the Mississippi kite grace the sky of a West Texas city. The summer guest from Argentina, with its nearly three-foot wingspan, could glide no more.

A community, however, was awakened to the natural value of this summer hawk through the local media, while the young man's family struggled to pay the \$881.50 in fines.

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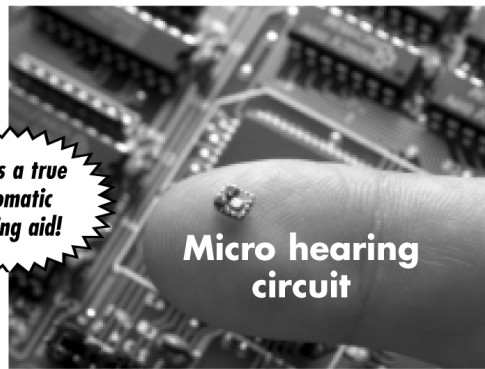
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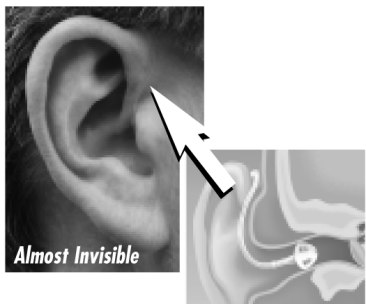
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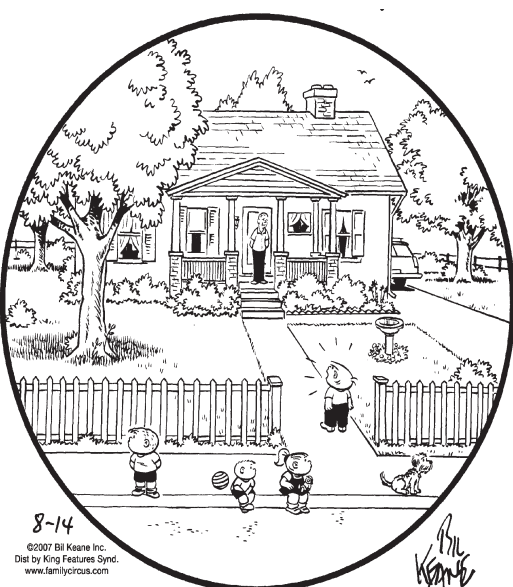
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11:PM :30	The Insider Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)	Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)	La Hora de la Risa	King of the Hill Malcolm-Mid.	Letterman Late Late	¡Al Rojo Vivo!	Late Night: Friends (CC)	Sex and-City Friends (CC)	Joe McGee Biblical Israel	Sign Off	Dirty Jobs (CC)	Movie: Young Frankenstein	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	Without a Trace (CC)	Hell Date The Sive	Replacements Kim Possible	NASCAR Now 2007 World Series of Poker	The Bronx Is Burning (CC)	Eureka (CC)
12:AM :30	Live (CC) News (CC)	Extra (CC) Express Media	Salome (SS)	Malcolm-Mid. My Wife-Kids	Show The Insider	Programa	Conan O'Brien News	Friends (CC) Movie: After	Update/Israel J.R. Church	"	Dirty Jobs (CC)	"	Star Trek: Voyager	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	Movie: Getting Played (CC)	Emperor New American Drgn	Series of Poker 2007 World	SportsCenter (CC)	Twilight Zone Twilight Zone

DENNIS THE MENACE



"YOU'RE RIGHT, MARTHA. HE IS A SMALL WONDER. I WONDER HOW ANYONE THAT SMALL CAN BE SO IRRITATING!"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Granddad, 'bout what time does your ice-cream man usually get here?"

HAGAR



HERE'S SOMETHING I BET YOU DIDN'T KNOW, HAGAR... WHAT?

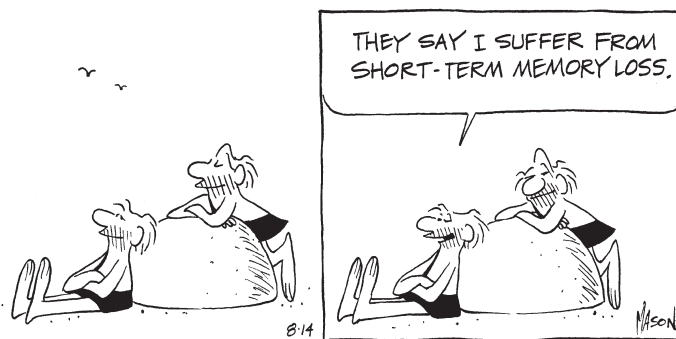


WHALES ARE ACTUALLY MAMMALS

BC



THEY SAY I SUFFER FROM SHORT-TERM MEMORY LOSS.



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WIZARD OF ID



YOU'VE BEEN NAMED CUSTOMER OF THE MONTH

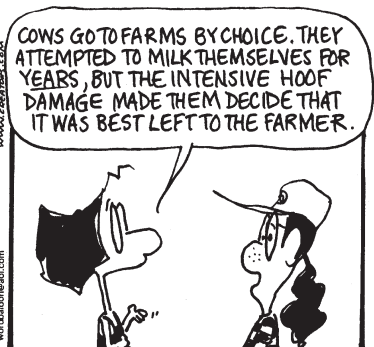


A GIFT CERTIFICATE TO A HALFWAY HOUSE

AGNES



SHOOT... I CAN'T FREE THE MONKEYS IF I CAN'T FIND ANY MONKEYS.

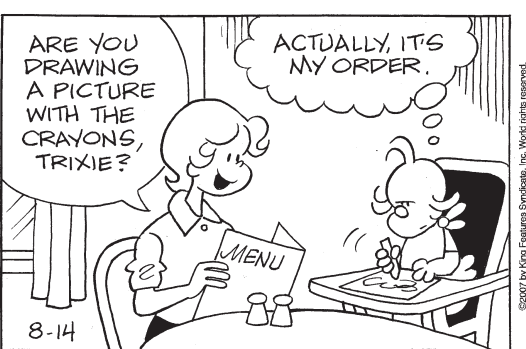


COWS GO TO FARMS BY CHOICE. THEY ATTEMPTED TO MILK THEMSELVES FOR YEARS, BUT THE INTENSIVE HOOF DAMAGE MADE THEM DECIDE THAT IT WAS BEST LEFT TO THE FARMER.

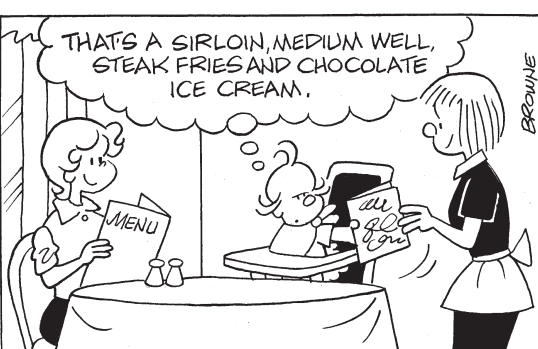


FREEING COWS WOULD BE QUITE A DISSERVICE TO THEM.

HI AND LOIS

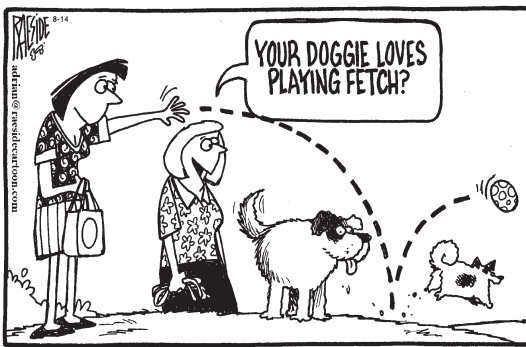


ARE YOU DRAWING A PICTURE WITH THE CRAYONS, TRIXIE?

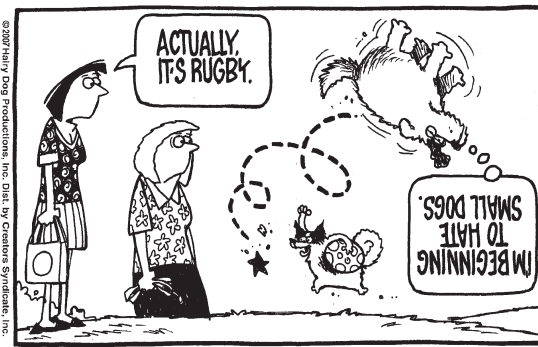


THAT'S A SIRLOIN, MEDIUM WELL, STEAK FRIES AND CHOCOLATE ICE CREAM.

THE OTHER COAST

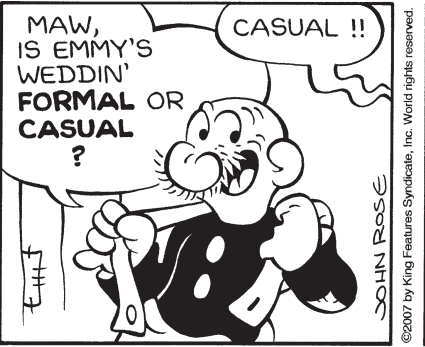


YOUR DOGGIE LOVES PLAYING FETCH?



ACTUALLY, IT'S RUGBY.

SNUFFY SMITH

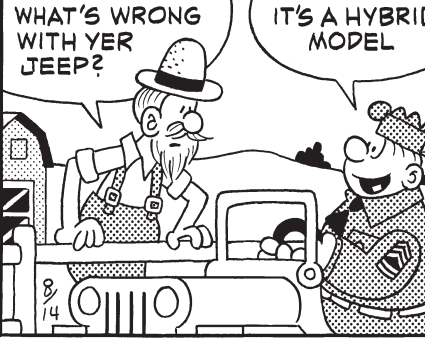


MAW, IS EMMY'S WEDDIN' FORMAL OR CASUAL?

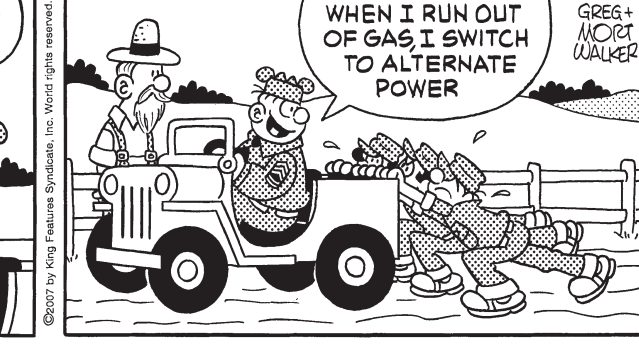


GOOD !! I HATE TO ASK YA TO SEW ON A BUTTON AT TH' LAST MINUTE !!

BETLE BAILEY

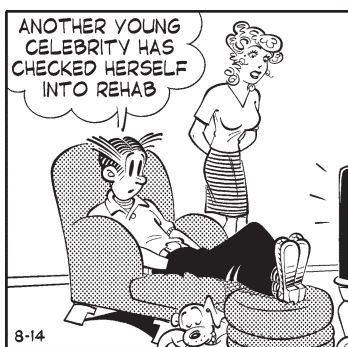


WHAT'S WRONG WITH YER JEEP?

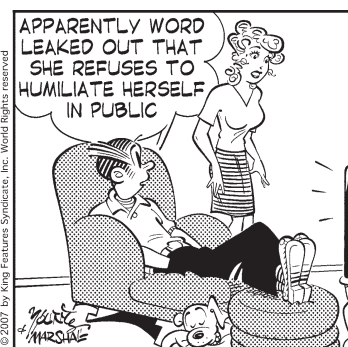


IT'S A HYBRID MODEL

BLONDIE



ANOTHER YOUNG CELEBRITY HAS CHECKED HERSELF INTO REHAB.



APPARENTLY WORD LEAKED OUT THAT SHE REFUSES TO HUMILIATE HERSELF IN PUBLIC.



IT'S A WHOLE NEW WORLD SEEMS TO BE

This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Aug. 14, the 226th day of 2007. There are 139 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 14, 1945, President Harry Truman announced that Japan had surrendered unconditionally, ending World War II.

In 1848, the Oregon Territory was created.

In 1900, international forces, including U.S. Marines, entered Beijing to put down the Boxer Rebellion, which was aimed at purging China of foreign influence.

In 1917, China declared war on Germany and Austria during World War I.

In 1935, President Franklin Roosevelt signed the Social Security Act into law.

In 1947, Pakistan became independent of British rule.

In 1969, British troops

went to Northern Ireland to intervene in sectarian violence between Protestants and Roman Catholics.

In 1973, the U.S. bombing of Cambodia came to a halt.

In 1980, workers went on strike at the Lenin Shipyard in Gdansk, Poland, in a job action that resulted in the creation of the Solidarity labor movement.

In 1981, Pope John Paul II left a Rome hospital, three months after being wounded in an attempt on his life.

In 2003, a huge blackout hit the northeastern United States and part of Canada; 50 million people lost power.

Today's Birthdays: Pulitzer Prize-winning author Russell Baker is 82. Singer Buddy Greco is 81. Actress Alice Ghostley is 81. Singer Dash Crofts is 67. Rock singer David Crosby is 66. Country singer Connie Smith is 66. Former jockey Robyn Smith Astaire is 63. Comedian-actor Steve Martin is 62. Actress Susan Saint James is 61. Singer-musician Larry Graham is 61. Actor Antonio Fargas is 61. Author Danielle Steel is 60. "Far Side" cartoonist

Gary Larson is 57. Rock singer-musician Terry Adams (NRBQ) is 57. Actor Carl Lumbly is 56. Film composer James Horner is 54. Actress Jackie Harry is 51. Actress Marcia Gay Harden is 48. Former basketball player Earvin "Magic" Johnson is 48. Singer Sarah Brightman is 47. Actress Susan Olsen is 46. Rock musician Keith Howland (Chicago) is 43. Actress Emmanuelle Beart is 42. Actress Halle Berry is 41. Actress Catherine Bell is 39. Rock musician Kevin Cadogan is 37. Actor Scott Michael Campbell is 36. Actress Lalanya Masters is 35.

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Answer to previous puzzle

TANG	SALEM	SMOG
ALOE	TREAD	HERO
LIST	AMASS	OMEN
KEYSTROKE	LOOSE	
WORRY	DEER	
SAFETY	SAIDYES	
ORATE	BEADS	LIP
DIM	TOLLS	ADO
ASI	TOAST	LONER
SELLOUT	DESERT	
YEAR	CARAT	
ANTED	HUMAN	RACE
LAIR	SOPUP	TILLS
MIME	POISE	CLAP
SLED	ADDED	HYMN

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|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>ACROSS</b>                         | 68 Martial art                | 10 Frequently            | 41 Secure, as              |
| 1 At the ___ time (simultaneously)    | 69 ___ days (long ago)        | 11 Binder with rings     | 42 Conversation starter    |
| 5 Generous one                        | 70 Otherwise                  | 12 Soak (up)             | 43 Massage                 |
| 10 Additionally                       | 71 Hang around                | 13 Approvals             | 48 Feeling of regret       |
| 14 Overhead transportation            | 72 Dandelions, for example    | 21 180 degrees from WSW  | 50 Concluding part         |
| 15 ___ acids (protein building block) | 73 Hairdresser's bottles      | 22 Like the Vikings      | 51 Lathered                |
| 16 "Now see here!"                    |                               | 26 Dishwasher cycle      | 54 No longer fresh         |
| 17 Very mean one                      | <b>DOWN</b>                   | 27 Overact               | 56 Florence's country      |
| 18 Gales, for example                 | 1 Have in inventory           | 29 Pub beverage          | 57 Taste or smell          |
| 19 Clumsy one's remark                | 2 Bicker                      | 30 Student's quarters    | 58 Double-curve letters    |
| 20 Newspaper features                 | 3 Tie the knot                | 31 Less chancy           | 60 Ruse                    |
| 23 Enter, as data                     | 4 Food Network chef           | 33 List-shortening abbr. | 61 On the ___ (separately) |
| 24 Twosome                            | 5 Daybreak                    | 34 Give testimony        | 62 Pre-owned               |
| 25 Poetic "before"                    | 6 Leave out                   | 35 Wee                   | 63 Homes for hogs          |
| 28 Is ahead                           | 7 Highest digit               | 36 Fast-food order       | 64 Nightclothes, for short |
| 32 Early round, briefly               | 8 How new videos are released | 38 Something forbidden   | 65 Unconscious             |
| 34 Gateway Arch city: Abbr.           | 9 Revolted                    |                          |                            |
| 37 Bank offering                      |                               |                          |                            |
| 39 Courtroom worker                   |                               |                          |                            |
| 40 Newspaper feature                  |                               |                          |                            |
| 44 Very strange                       |                               |                          |                            |
| 45 Bistro handout                     |                               |                          |                            |
| 46 Lawyer's charge                    |                               |                          |                            |
| 47 Well-behaved kids                  |                               |                          |                            |
| 49 After-bath wraps                   |                               |                          |                            |
| 52 Sandwich bread                     |                               |                          |                            |
| 53 ___ Angeles                        |                               |                          |                            |
| 55 Din                                |                               |                          |                            |
| 59 Newspaper features                 |                               |                          |                            |
| 64 Man-made place to swim             |                               |                          |                            |
| 66 Uplift                             |                               |                          |                            |
| 67 Vessels for frying                 |                               |                          |                            |

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