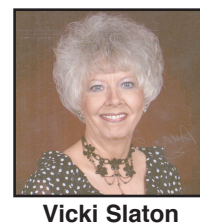




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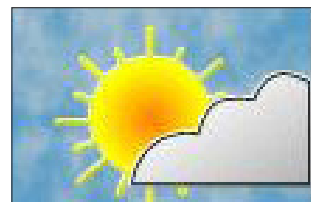
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Masons tab top teacher

Bauer's Chancy named instructor of the year

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

Like the people say, it takes a special teacher to teach special education.

Sharon Chancy, a special education instructor at Bauer Elementary, was chosen as the Big Spring Independent School District's Teacher of the Year by the local Masonic Staked Plains Lodge Wednesday afternoon.

This marks the fifth year the local Masons have honored a BSISD teacher, and the first year an instructor from Bauer won the award.

"The way I look at it, it takes a special teacher to teach special ed," said Bo Clawson of the Masonic Lodge. "There were three people on the selection committee ... and all three picked (Chancy)."

Chancy is finishing her 19th year as a teacher, all with BSISD. She spent her first three years at now-closed College Heights Elementary, then moved to Bauer.

"This is just a total surprise," she said of the award. "I just feel very honored, very

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
Sharon Chancy, left, a special education instructor at Bauer Elementary, was named Teacher of the Year by the Big Spring Staked Plains Masonic Lodge Wednesday afternoon. She is shown receiving the award from Mason Bo Clawson.

Murder probe

Police follow leads in May 4 double killing

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

Police officials say investigations are ongoing in the May 4 shooting that claimed the lives of two Big Spring residents, but no arrests have been made.

"This is an ongoing investigation, so there's not really a lot I can tell you at this point," said Lt. Terry Chamness, speaking for the Big Spring Police Department. "We are actively looking for suspects at this time, and there are people of interest that we have brought in

and questioned. However, no arrests have been made in connection with the shooting at this time."

Valerie Garcia, 20, and Michael Cardona, 21, both of Big Spring, were pronounced dead at Scenic Mountain Medical Center shortly after a shooting was reported at 905 E. 16th St. at 9:38 p.m. Sunday, May 4. According to police reports, Garcia was pregnant at the time of her death.

Also injured in the shooting were an unidentified 3-year-old girl, 19-year-old

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'Dr. Doom' leaving TP&WD

McKinney takes post with A&M-Corpus Christi

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

After nearly 25 years with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Coahoma native Larry McKinney will be leaving his beloved legacy as the agency's "Dr. Doom" to take over the reigns of Harte Research Institute at Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi.

Having earned the nickname thanks to his candid, outspoken nature as TP&WD director of coastal fisheries and senior director of aquatic resources, where he championed endangered and threatened species and served as a propo-

"Larry has been a friend, a mentor and a trusted advisor to many of us in the conservation field, and we wish him all the best ..."

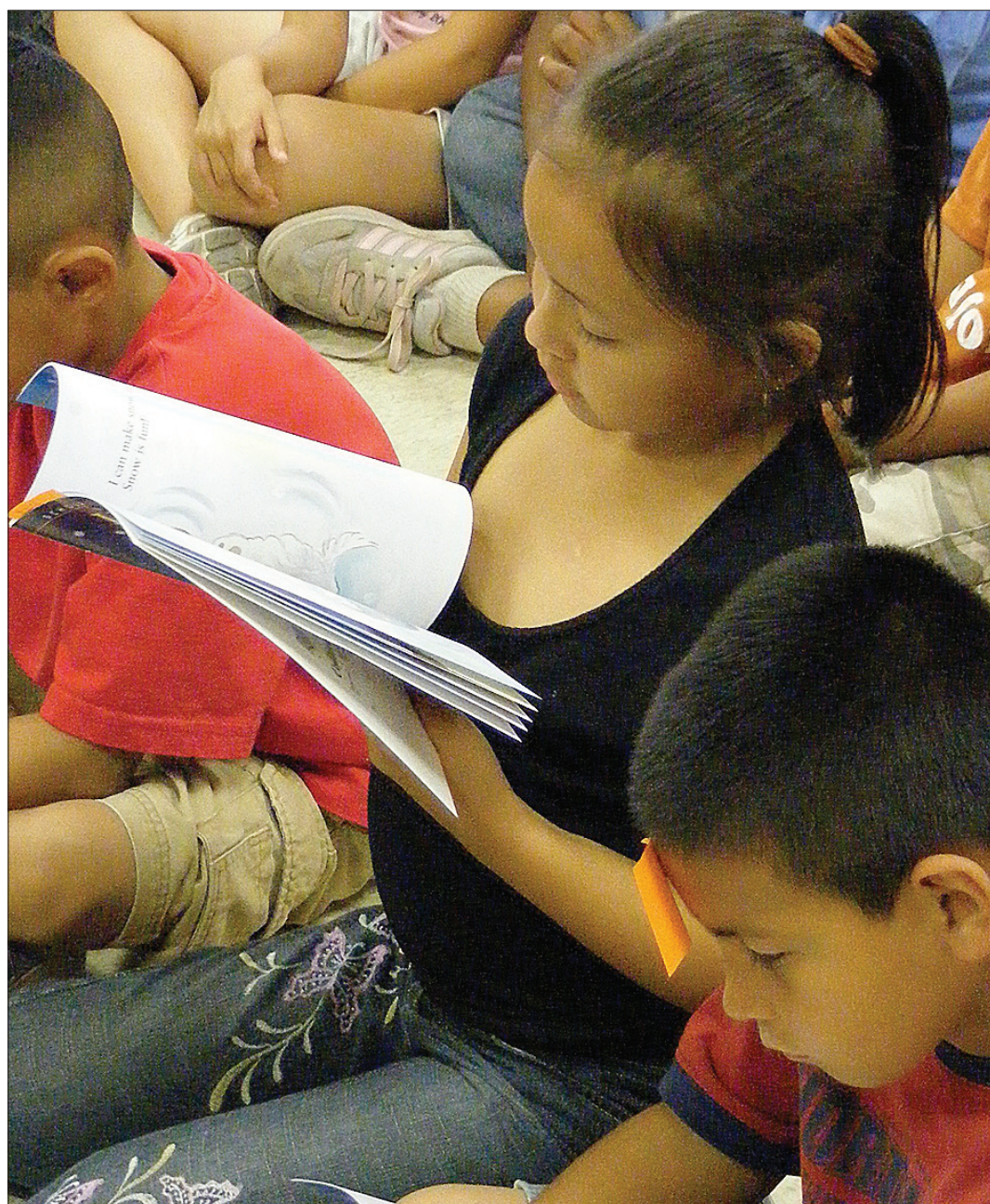
Carter Smith
TP&WD executive director

nent for water resource conservation, McKinney will be taking over the studies of the Gulf of Mexico for the Harte Research Institute.

"When we started in 1985, environmental review of water permits and consideration for fish and wildlife did not exist," said McKinney. "Today every water permit includes such consideration and the passage of SB-1, SB-2 — and especially SB-3 — will put into place the policy framework that if adopted by the legislature will assure water for fish and wildlife on a statewide basis."

As director of TP&W's coastal fishery division, McKinney — the son of Howard County's own

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
Marcy Elementary student Yesica Mendez looks at the book given to her by members of the Big Spring/Howard County Retired Teachers Association Wednesday afternoon. Group members gave books to all first-graders in Howard and Glasscock counties this month.

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Flying Thunder to visit Hangar 25

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

The Hangar 25 Air Museum will be getting some very distinguished guests Sunday, June 1, as the facility will provide a two-hour layover for the Flying Thunder Vietnam-era helicopters from the Wings and Rotors Air Museum in Murrieta, Calif.

Meghan Bias, director of the Hangar 25 Museum, said she and the facility's staff and administration are proud to be a

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IN BRIEF

Big Spring High schedules Spring Sports Banquet

Big Spring High School's Spring Sports Banquet has been scheduled for 6 p.m. today at the high school cafeteria.

Tickets are \$10 and can be bought at from Kay Cook at the Athletic Training Center or at the door.

Anyone with questions can call Denise Carillo at 816-1685.

Lady Steers Ragball Tourney starts Saturday

The Big Spring Lady Steers Softball Boosters are sponsoring a ragball tournament at Lady Steer Field Saturday and Sunday.

Five girls and five boys make up a team and cost is \$10 a person to play.

Registration is at 5:30 p.m. Friday at the field. First game is scheduled for 9 a.m. Saturday.

Howard County Youth Horseman Club playdays

The Howard County Youth Horseman Club has scheduled the first playday of its Second Belt Buckle Series for 5 p.m. Saturday.

The public is invited to participate or just be spectators.

Three playdays make up a series and a person must be a part of the HCYHC to earn points toward a belt buckle.

An annual \$25 fee purchases a family membership, although non-members are welcome to compete.

There are five events — exhibition barrels, poles, straight barrels, flags and goat tying — for age groups ranging from six and under to adults.

Playday fees are \$2 per event for members of the HCYHC and \$4 for non-members.

Each event is held at the HCYHC's facility on Longshore Road just off the Garden City Highway.

Howard College girls' basketball camps scheduled

Howard College women's basketball head coach Earl Diddle is holding three girls' basketball camps for three different age groups this summer.

The Little Hawk Camp is for girls in kindergarten through third grade and is set for June 2-5 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The Individual Day Camp is for fourth through eighth graders and also takes place June 2-5 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Finally, the Shooting and Position Camp for seventh through 12th graders will be held June 16-19 from 9 a.m. to noon each day.

For more information, call Diddle at 264-5043 or Eric Rodewald at 816-4327.

Call 263-7331, ext. 237, to submit a sports brief or e-mail sports@bigspringherald.com.

6 Steers named to all-district team

By JONATHAN HULL
Herald Sports Editor

Improvements were obvious from the 2008 version of the Big Spring Steers baseball team when compared to last year's squad.

Evidence of strides being made in the right direction is visible in the all-district team which was released earlier this week.

Receiving the biggest honor for the Steers from the the District 4-4A coaches was John Benavides, who was named the league's Newcomer of the Year. First-team selections were outfielder Matt Ritchey and utility player Lance Gross. Making the second team was third baseman Jeremy Solis, shortstop Nathan Doport and outfielder Martin Yanez, giving Big Spring six athletes on the all-star team. That's large improvement after receiving just one nomination last year.

"Hopefully seeing an increase in the amount of kids who made the team shows we've improved a lot," Big Spring Head Coach Burt Otto said. "We're still a little disappointed with not picking up a win in district play, but we made big strides and competed well. We

expect to win more next year."

Benavides shared the newcomer award with Frenship's Tyler Lloyd. The Big Spring junior batted .330 for the year with four doubles and eight RBIs. He also played several positions, including pitcher, catcher and right field.

"John had a pretty decent batting average and I know they coaches from Lubbock Estacado were very impressed with him," Otto said. "Any time you can play two or more positions well then you're going to have a chance to contribute a lot."

Gross was one of just two seniors on the Steers' roster this season with outfielder Jordan Herrod being the other. He was also Big Spring's only all-district selection last year.

Gross batted .380 with two doubles, a triple and eight RBIs. More importantly, he provided sound senior leadership for the Steers.

"Lance was a good leader for us this season," commented Otto. "He did a great job leading by example, showing he was willing to play any position.

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HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull

Big Spring Steers pitcher Matt Ritchey throws in baseball action from earlier this season. Ritchey was one of six Steers named to the District 4-4A all-district team, receiving first-team honors.

Kilpatrick, Garcia named MVPs of 5-2A



HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull

Coahoma Bulldogs first baseman Casey Kilpatrick swings at a pitch in baseball playoffs action from earlier this season. Kilpatrick was named District 5-2A's Offensive MVP earlier this week.

Six other Bulldogs receive all-district recognitions

By JONATHAN HULL
Herald Sports Editor

COAHOMA — Every team in every sport has one or two most valuable players.

Apparently, the MVPs in Coahoma stand out more than most as two Bulldogs' baseball players were received MVP status from the District 5-2A's coaches.

Senior Casey Kilpatrick was named the league's Offensive MVP, while junior Donnie Garcia was honored as the Defensive MVP.

Six other Bulldogs received all-district recognition with juniors P.J. Daylong and Corey Roberts, sophomore Chance Hart and freshman Adrian Amaro receiving first-team honors while sophomores Ray Gutierrez and Josh Paniagua were named to the second team.

Kilpatrick was the only senior on the 2008 version of the Bulldogs and Head Coach Brad Harman had plenty to say about his clean-up hitter.

"Casey has the best work ethic

of any player I have ever coached," Harman said. "We're not just losing a great hitter. We're losing a great leader who was a very good all-around baseball player. He pitched well and played fantastic defense at first base."

Kilpatrick led the team with 46 RBIs and batted .402. He had 11 extra-base hits, including three home runs. He also posted a 6-1 record on the mound.

Garcia received the district's most notable defensive award for his work behind the plate at catcher. Only two runners stole second successfully off Garcia this season.

"Donnie was great for us defensively, but he had a very good offensive year, too," Harman said. "Teams have started to pitch around him. He only had one at-bat in the playoffs because Ballinger and Blanco both pitched around him. Blanco finally pitched to him in his last at-bat and he hit a double."

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Lakers rally past Spurs, take Game 1, 89-85

By KEN PETERS
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — Even Spurs coach Gregg Popovich knew the Lakers' Kobe Bryant was just bidding his time.

"Kobe, he was doing a trust-his-teammates thing in the first half," Popovich said. "He was checking it all out and seeing where his territory was going to be. In the second half, he went to work."

With just two points on 1-of-3 shooting at halftime, Bryant scored 27 in the second Wednesday night to rally Los Angeles to an 89-85 victory over San Antonio in the opening game of the Western Conference finals.

"I just tried to see the flow of the game, tried to manage the game," Bryant said of the first two quarters. "I can get it off any time, and in the second half, I did that.

"I know I can make that push

and I knew once I did, I could get the game back under control, get it under 10 where we knew we could be in striking distance," he added.

The Lakers had trailed 65-45 early in the third quarter.

Bryant went 10-of-18 in the second half, including a 10-foot jumper for an 87-85 lead with 24 seconds left. He finished with nine assists and five rebounds.

Pau Gasol had 19 points and seven rebounds for the Lakers, who will try to make it two in a row over the defending NBA champions when the series resumes Friday night at Staples Center.

Tim Duncan led the Spurs with 30 points, 18 rebounds and four blocked shots. Tony Parker had 18 points, 10 rebounds and six assists.

The Spurs went stone cold in the fourth quarter, going 3-of-21,

including 1-of-9 from 3-point range as they were outscored 24-13. Manu Ginobili missed all three of his shots in the fourth, finished the game 3-of-13 and had 10 points.

"They started hitting some shots, all the obvious stuff, and we continued to attack but we couldn't get anything to fall at that point," Duncan said. "Obviously, they're a very good team in the fourth quarter, especially with Kobe."

Asked if it was an especially tough loss because of wasting the big lead, Duncan said, "You have to win four games, so losses are losses. Obviously, we were up 20 and we hoped to put that one away and put them on their heels, but we didn't. We have to recover. We have to come out next game and get that one."

Popovich, asked if he was worried about any carryover to Game

2, smiled and said, "Well, sure. Coaches worry about everything. We've got to dig down deep, forget about this and figure out a way to come back just as aggressively as we (played) the first three quarters."

The Lakers are 7-0 at home in the postseason, and have won 13 straight games at Staples Center overall.

Bryant made his go-ahead jumper after two free throws by Ginobili with 1:22 remaining and a follow shot by Duncan with 41 seconds left tied it at 85. After Bryant's basket, Ginobili missed a 3-pointer and the Lakers' Sasha Vujacic made two free throws with 7.3 seconds.

"We almost gave up home-court advantage to a great effort by the Spurs," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said. "That was a big comeback.

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Obituaries

Jerry Kinman

Jerry Kinman, 83, of Big Spring went to be with her Lord Wednesday, May 21, 2008. Graveside services will be 2 p.m. Friday, May 23, 2008, at Trinity Memorial Park.

Jerry was born Aug. 11, 1924, to V.L. and Loraine (Choate) Shafer in Oklahoma.

She grew up in Oklahoma and moved to Midland as a young lady. Jerry worked for over 30 years at Herman's Restaurant in Big Spring.

Jerry is survived by two daughters, Jane Bland and husband Bud of Purdy, Mo., and Yvonne Hale and husband Rocky of Big Spring; five grandchildren, Scotty Bland of Big Spring, Kevin Bland and Chrissy Bland, both of Purdy, Mo., Melissa Hale of Midland and Brian Hale of Big Spring; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Dick Lee Pace on July 8, 1986; and one sister, Waldean Kent.

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

Paid obituary

Virginia Marion

Virginia Marion, 95, longtime resident of Big Spring, passed away May 15, 2008, in Ennis.

She is survived by her children, Gloria Marion Turner and Elix Calvin Marion.

Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Friday, May 23, 2008, at Mt. Bethel Baptist Church, and 630 N.W. Fourth St. in Big Spring. The funeral service will follow at the church at 11 a.m.

Services provided by Golden Gate Funeral Home of Dallas.

George B. Sanborn Jr.

George B. Sanborn Jr., 73, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, May 20, 2008, in a local nursing home. Graveside funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 24, 2008, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Elwin Collom, pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church, officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Friday from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

He was born Aug. 7, 1934, in Plymouth, N.H., and married Lyda May Axtens Dec. 29, 1973, in Big Spring.

He served in the United States Navy. Mr. Sanborn worked as a truck driver for J.H. Walker Trucking Company in Houston for many years. He came to Big Spring in 1972 from the Corpus Christi area.

Survivors include his wife, Lyda May Sanborn of Big Spring; two daughters and sons-in-law, Alma and Leroy Walker and Wanda and Bill King, all of Big Spring; one son and daughter-in-law, Jack and Sharon Birdwell of Big Spring; eight grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one sister; a grandson and a great-grandson.

The family suggests memorials to Alzheimer's Association — Greater West Texas Chapter, 4400 N. Big Spring, Suite C-32, Midland 79705 or to American Diabetes Association — Midland Office, 3001 N. Big Spring, Midland 79705.

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Gloria Ussery

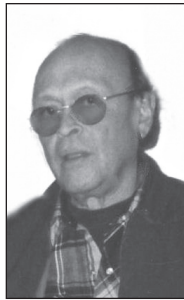
Gloria Ussery, 51, of Big Spring died Tuesday, May 20, 2008, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She was born Feb. 6, 1957, in Big Spring to Mary and William Row. She worked at West Texas Centers of MHMR. She was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and was a member of Midway Baptist Church.

She is survived by her companion: Charles Ussery of Big Spring; two daughters: Misty Ussery and Mandy Haggard, both of Big Spring; and three grandchildren.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Felipe 'Phillip' Anguiano Jr.



Felipe "Phillip" Anguiano Jr., 68, of Big Spring died Monday, May 19, 2008, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center. Private family services will be held at a later date.

He was born May 6, 1940, in Coahoma to Enedina and Felipe Anguiano Sr. He graduated from Sindy Lanier High School in San Antonio in 1959. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and was a cook. He moved to Big Spring in 1959 and married Frances Billmeier on Feb. 27, 1978, in Big Spring. He retired from the Veterans Administration Medical Center in 1983.

He is survived by his wife, Frances Anguiano of Big Spring; one son: Felipe Anguiano, III of Colorado City; and two sisters, Nina Anguiano Granado of Big Spring and Mary Lou Salazar of Dallas.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by four brothers, George Anguiano, Dimas Anguiano Sr., John Anguiano and Joe Anguiano; and one daughter, Mary Ann Anguiano.

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Martin T. Staggs

Martin T. Staggs, 91, of Big Spring, died Thursday, May 22, 2008, in a local nursing home. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Police blotter

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

- **EDUARDO MARES**, 21, of Seminole, was arrested Wednesday on a local warrant.
- **KATHERINE DAWN RIOS**, 18, address not provided, was arrested Thursday on a charge of possession of marijuana — two ounces or less.
- **ANDREA LEEANN HILARIO**, 21, of 2403 Rannels, was arrested Thursday on two local citations.
- **SALLY ARGUELLO**, 22, of 611 Rigley, was arrested Thursday on three local *capias* warrants.
- **FRAUDULENT USE/POSSESSION OF IDENTIFYING INFORMATION** was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.

Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 62 inmates at the time of this report.

- **DANIEL RIOS**, 22, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of bail jumping and failure to appear (two counts).
- **FREDDY RODRIGUEZ JR.**, 20, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance and resisting arrest, search or transportation.
- **DEBRA RENEE SHAEFFER**, 39, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass of a habitation/shelter center.
- **RENE AUCES JR.**, 28, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated — open container, second offense.

Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3900 block of Gail Highway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 500 block of N. Johnson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 300 block of E. 17th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 100 block of N.E. Ninth Street. Service refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 700 block of E. 14th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 700 block of E. 13th Street. Service refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of Donley. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 800 block of W. Eighth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

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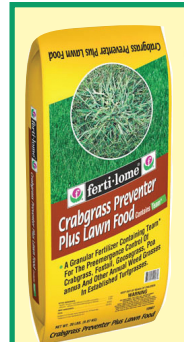
615 Settles 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.

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Bulletin Board

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TODAY
• 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.

FRIDAY
• Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.

• AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
• Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
• Dance at the Senior Center, 1901 Simler, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

SATURDAY
• Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

MONDAY
• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

• The Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at the Dorothy Lamb meeting room in the Howard County Library.
• Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

TUESDAY
• Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.
• 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.
• Free blood pressure screenings from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., provided by InHome Care.
• 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.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 26-31-38-39-44-49. Number matching six of six: Zero.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 2-3-21-24-34. Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-3-7-8. Sum It Up: 23.

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He played more positions in the field than any other player on the team."

This is the third all-district team Ritchey has made this season after being selected as a first-team tight end in football and a second-team post in basketball.

Ritchey, a sophomore, led the Steers in batting average (.480) and RBIs (14). His batting average is the highest amongst the all-district selections. Ritchey was also Big Spring's ace pitcher, usually pitching in the Steers' first game of the week.

"If you could say we had an ace, then it was Matt,"

Otto said. "We didn't necessarily have a pitcher that stood out among the rest, but Matt usually got on the mound first. He was a big bat for us and someone we knew we could count on."

Every coach has a player who wasn't named to the first team, but believes should have been honored with the selection.

That player for Otto is Solis.

"It's an honor to be selected to the second team, but Jeremy deserved a first-team nod," Otto said. "We'd be much worse without Jeremy. I don't even want to think where this team would be without him. His hitting was outstanding, especially in district play."

The junior third baseman batted .420, had a home run, a triple, three doubles and 11 RBIs.

Joining Solis on the second team was the Steers' junior shortstop Doporto. Doporto played much of the season with a shoulder injury, but still produced solid numbers, batting .300 and knocking in nine runs.

"We're not disappointed with Nathan's season at all despite playing injured," noted Otto. "If his arm hadn't been hurt, then he would've pitched a lot more. Nathan always hit the ball hard. We could always count on him to put the ball in play."

Lastly, Yanez, a sophomore, provided the Steers with a speedy lead off hit-

ter. He batted .360 and had two doubles and six RBIs.

"Martin's speed stands out the most," Otto said. "Opposing teams knew about his speed and he put a lot of pressure on defenses when he was up to bat or on base."

Five of Big Spring's six all-district selections return next season, giving Otto a lot of hope for continued improvement.

"I'm really looking forward to next year. I'm excited. The other coaches are excited and so are the players," Otto said. "We've seen what we're capable of and now it's just a matter of putting it together. The foundation is in place. Now we've just got to work from there."

BULLDOGS

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Garcia walked more than any other Bulldog and struck out just eight times. He led the team with .468 batting average and 10 doubles.

Daylong was Coahoma's lead off hitter this season and proved to be a catalyst for the Bulldogs' offense with his ability to get on base.

Daylong batted .410 with 15 extra-base hits. He led the team with 20 stolen bases. This is his third time to be selected to the first team.

One of the ways Daylong scored runs was by stealing home — a feat he accomplished more than once this season.

"A few of our players practice stealing home, but P.J. gets in position to do it most often and is very successful at it," Harman said. "He just gets a great jump off third and times it well."

Roberts picked up his second selection to the all-district team with his play at the plate and in the outfield. He batted .380 and tied for the team lead with four homers. He led the team with 15 doubles and tied for second with 19 stolen bases.

Hart was also selected to the all-district team for the second time using a .371 batting average and 31 RBIs to earn the honor. He also finished with an 8-1 record on the mound, picking up his only loss of the season to Blanco in Coahoma's final game.

Amaro simply continues a tradition of great freshman performances in Coahoma. Daylong and Garcia were each all-district selections as freshmen and have made the squad in each of their subsequent years. Harman says Amaro has that same potential.

"Our expectations are very high for Adrian," Harman said. "He's only going to get stronger and

gain better bat speed. He's quick in the outfield too and covers a lot of ground. The sky is the limit for him."

Amaro tied for the team lead with four home runs and had the second highest slugging percentage at .659 while batting .389. He made only one error playing center field and also filled in at catcher when Garcia was on the mound.

The only player to be named to the team as a pitcher was Gutierrez, who finished the season with a 6-2 record and a 2.68 ERA.

"I thought our whole team was represented well on the all-district team, but I thought Ray was a first-team baseball player," Harman said. "He does so many different things that it probably hurt him. He's played in the outfield, at second and shortstop in the infield and pitches. Playing so many positions probably hurt him because it took votes away from him at

each position."

Gutierrez batted .392 with two homers and stole 19-of-20 bases. He committed only two errors combined at all the positions he played.

This was Paniagua's first season with the varsity and he didn't see consistent playing time until the season was three or four games into the district schedule. He batted .300 and Harman noted Paniagua's solid glove and arm in the outfield.

Adding further promise to the future of Bulldogs' baseball was the honorable mention of three more underclassmen — sophomores Adrian Abrego and Jake Owens and freshman Dakota Griffith.

"We hate to lose Casey, but hopefully this team learned a lot from his leadership and work ethic," Harman said. "We expect to be a lot better next season. Winning district and moving past the second round of the playoffs should be expected."

WEST

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We were deep in the hole, there was no doubt about it."

The Lakers hadn't played since Friday, when they beat Utah to make the conference finals for the first time in four years. The Spurs advanced by winning at New Orleans three nights later, and their flight from Louisiana to Los Angeles was delayed several hours, so they

didn't arrive at their hotel in suburban Santa Monica until Tuesday morning around 9 a.m.

Still, they insisted fatigue

was no factor in the loss. "No one gives any excuse," Parker said. "We were in pretty good shape, had a great lead. We had a

great chance to win the game."

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

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♥ 9 5 2
♦ A Q 7
♠ Q 10

WEST
♦ 9 7 3 2
♥ A K J 10
♦ 10 8 4
♠ 9 5

EAST
♦ J 4
♥ 7 6 3
♦ 6 5 2
♠ A 8 7 4 3

SOUTH
♦ A 6
♥ Q 8 4
♦ K J 9 3
♠ K J 6 2

The bidding:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 2 NT Pass
3 NT

Opening lead — ace of hearts.
In most circles, the opening lead of an ace against a notrump contract shows a nearly solid suit missing only one honor, and asks partner to play that honor on the ace if he holds it.

One purpose of dropping the honor is to clarify its location for the opening leader; another purpose is to unblock the suit so that it can be run. If the leader's partner does not have the honor, he gives count instead, playing his lowest card with an odd number of cards in the suit, and starting a high-low with an even number.

Consider this deal where East played the heart three on his partner's ace at trick one. Since the deuce was in dummy, it was easy for West to place East with three low hearts and South with the Q-x-x. West now had to decide how to try to reach his partner's hand.

West reasoned that if East had the ace of spades, he would surely gain the lead before declarer could make the contract. The only way South could score nine tricks without a spade trick would be if he held nine cards in the minors, theoretically impossible on the bidding. It was therefore pointless to lead a spade.

West further reasoned that if declarer needed a diamond finesse to score nine tricks, East would win with the king and make the killing heart return. A diamond shift was therefore also without merit.

And so, by elimination, West found the necessary club shift that quickly set the contract after East took the ace and returned a heart. In shifting to the club, West was guarding against the possibility that declarer might have the ace of spades and four diamonds to the king — as he actually did — and was duly rewarded for his incisive thinking.

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THUNDER

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part of the “flying exhibit’s” post-Memorial Day trek.
“Everyone knows about the annual Memorial Day Rolling Thunder’s Ride to the Wall, where all the motorcycle riders travel to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington,

D.C.,” said Bias. “This year they are being joined along the route by Wings and Rotors Air Museum’s historic Vietnam era helicopters.
“Officials with the Wings and Rotors Museum contacted us and wanted to know if they could stop off at hangar 25 on the way back from the memorial in Washington, D.C. We told them we couldn’t be hap-

pier to have them.”
Bias said three to four of the restored, fully operational and combat-certified Vietnam era helicopters – three UH-1 “Hueys” and an OH-58 Kiowa — are expected to land behind the museum at approximately 1 p.m.
“We’re not sure if there is going to be three or four helicopters yet,” said Bias. “While they are here, they

want to talk to people and tell them about the aircraft, and said they are especially looking forward to meeting the veterans from the area.”
Bias said area residents planning to check out the display may want to put on their “television faces.”
For more information on the program, contact the museum at 264-1999.

Obama begins search for his vice president

By **NEDRA PICKLER**
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON—Likely Democratic nominee Barack Obama has begun a top-secret search for a running mate, fresh signs that the general election campaign is well under way and the primary race against Hillary Rodham Clinton is basically over.

Obama has asked former Fannie Mae CEO Jim Johnson to begin vetting potential vice presidential picks, Democratic officials said Thursday.

Johnson did the same job for Democratic nominees John Kerry in 2004 and Walter Mondale in 1984.

The Democratic officials spoke on a condition of anonymity about a process that the campaign wants to keep quiet.

Vice presidential searches are usually closely held secrets, but Obama campaign officials say the effort is being handled by a particularly tight circle of advisers.

The campaign did not want to discuss the effort because they are still engaged in a fading primary campaign against Hillary Rodham Clinton, with three primaries left in Puerto Rico, South Dakota and Montana. The voting ends June 3.

Obama has repeatedly declined to discuss possible running mates while the primary is ongoing.

“We’re not commenting about this process,” said Obama spokesman Bill Burton.

But they are taking behind-the-scenes steps to move toward the general election campaign, with just 61 delegates needed to clinch the nomination according to the latest Associated Press count.

Obama has 1,965 delegates to Clinton’s 1,780, with 2,026 required to secure the party’s nod under Democratic National Committee rules.

The Obama campaign is rapidly adding to its campaign staff, both at the headquarters and in general election swing states. Obama has been traveling to some of those battlegrounds — Missouri, Michigan, Iowa and Florida in the last nine days — while the campaign is registering voters across the country for the November vote. And top Obama organizer Paul Tewes is in discussions to take over the Democratic National Committee.

It’s all part of an effort to lay the groundwork for an aggressive kickoff to a general election campaign. Republican John McCain has a head start and has been building his effort for several months since the GOP primary race wrapped up in early March.

McCain is hosting at least three Republicans mentioned as potential vice presidential running mates at his Sedona, Ariz., home this weekend — Florida Gov. Charlie Crist, Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal and former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney.

A top aide said it’s a social event with more than two dozen guests not meant for veep vetting.

MCKINNEY

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Don McKinney — led the development of programs to address aquatic vegetation management, invasive species, shrimp aquaculture and disease management, vehicle traffic in river beds, paddling trails and offshore aquaculture.

According to officials with TP&W, McKinney also oversaw the development of the State Wetlands Plan and the Seagrass Conservation Plan and was able to accelerate and will soon bring a conclusion to the shrimp license buyback program, which has been hailed as the fundamental conservation tool in maintaining the health and productivity of the state’s recreational fisheries.

“Texas is the only state with a significant salt water angler population

that has seen positive increases in numbers during the last five years, showing a 25-percent gain,” said McKinney. “Florida and California saw an 18-percent drop over that time and all other Gulf states declined sharply.

“Not only that, our anglers are fishing twice as much and the economic benefits to Texas include the creation of more than 5,000 jobs during that time. The action we have taken — including regional regulations and the continued emphasis on ecosystem management — has put our fisheries in their best condition in the last 30 years.”

Carter Smith, TP&W executive director, said McKinney will be greatly missed by the state agency.

“All of us at Texas Parks and Wildlife will miss Dr. McKinney’s extraordinary leadership, scientific ac-

men, vision and conservation ethic while serving as director of coastal fisheries,” said Smith. “During his nearly 25-year tenure with the agency, he has been at the forefront of innovative conservation efforts to protect our seagrass meadows, to insure adequate freshwater inflows into our bays and estuaries, to enhance our sport fisheries and to conserve our unique fish and wildlife resources along the Texas coast.

“Larry has been a friend, a mentor and a trusted advisor to many of us in the conservation field, and we wish him all the best as he assumes this critically important leadership role at the Harte Institute.”

McKinney earned his doctorate from Texas A&M University in 1976 and is a recognized authority on the habitats of amphipod crustaceans in the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea. In 1976, McKinney

was a Smithsonian Fellow and from 1977 until 1980 he was a research associate and instructor at Texas A&M University in Galveston.

Created in 2000, the Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies is an endowed and developing research institute that supports and advances the long-term sustainable use and conservation of the Gulf through support from the United States, Mexico and Cuba.

The institute was endowed by Edward H. Harte, philanthropist and former publisher of the *Corpus Christi Caller-Times*.

“One of the big issues we’re going to have to deal with in the Gulf is climate change,” said McKinney on taking the new position. “It has social impact, as well as economic impact. That’s one area I’m certain we’ll be looking at.”

MURDER

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Philp Martinez, 21-year-old Daniel Rios and 21-year-old David Rios. According to Everett, the 3-year-old suffered a leg wound and was treated at the emergency room at Scenic Mountain Medical Center and released.

According to police investigators, a dark-colored Ford pickup was seen leaving the scene of the shooting.

Earnesto Trevino, 24, of Lubbock was arrested late Thursday night by law enforcement officials in the eastern portion of Midland and charged with deadly conduct - discharge of a firearm for his alleged involvement in a May 3 shooting near Cantu Hydraulics, according to police officials. No one was injured in the May 3 shoot-

ing.
Trevino — along with James Cole, 18, of Lamesa — were identified by law enforcement officials last week as “persons of interest” in the case.

Cole — who answers to the nickname “Blitz” — is described as a white male, 5 feet, 8 inches in height and weighing 140 pounds, with brown hair, brown eyes and a “Blitz” tattoo on his neck, and is still being sought for questioning in the case, according to Chamness.

Chamness said it’s unclear at this time when an arrest may be made in the double-homicide.

“I simply can’t speculate on that,” said Chamness.

In the meantime, however, Chamness said the number of reports of deadly conduct/discharge of a firearm in the city have fallen over the past couple of weeks, a welcome reprieve to the recent

onslaught of reports received since the beginning of 2008.

“It’s hard to say why the number of shootings has slowed down,” said Chamness. “I suppose the most reasonable idea is the two factions — the Latin Kings and the members of the Rios family — are not making themselves as available to one another as in the past. In the end, however, that’s really just a guess out of the blue. There’s no way to tell at this point.”

Chamness said the May 4 shooting — along with a slew of other shootings currently being investigated — are all connected to a dispute over drug turf.

“This is all about drug territory,” said Chamness. “There’s an ongoing dispute over drug territory between the Rios family and the Latin Kings. That’s what’s at the heart of these

shootings.”

Howard County District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson said his office will examine the evidence before deciding whether the shooting should be prosecuted as a capital murder.

“It certainly appears to have the merits necessary for capital murder, but until the details of the investigation are turned over to us its hard to say for sure,” said Wilkerson. “Anything at this point would purely be speculation.”

Anyone with information regarding the murder investigation or the whereabouts of Cole is encouraged to contact the Big Spring Police Department at 264-2550 or Big Spring Area Crimestoppers at 263-TIPS (8477) or 264-TIPS (8477).

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232.

TEACHER

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blessed.”
She is concluding her first year as a special education instructor.

“I wanted the challenge,” she said. “We knew special education was about to change ... These are my kids. I like to work with at-risk kids.”

Her principal says Chancy is very deserving of the award.

“She loves kids and she wants them to succeed,” Wenda Christopher said. “She wanted ... to move over to special education this

year and I was scared that if I didn’t let her, she’d leave.”

Chancy warns prospective teachers not to expect great monetary awards from the profession.

“You’ll never get rich,” she said, “but there’s nothing better than watching kids succeed.”

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com



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By Eddy Pitchford

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OUR VIEWS

Symphony seeks a few good voices

The Big Spring Symphony Chorus is looking for a few good voices. Well, maybe more than a few. The Chorus is set to begin rehearsals for its performance at Pops in the Park 2008.

Dr. Keith Graumann, conductor of the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra and Chorus, has announced rehearsal times will be 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on four consecutive Tuesdays — June 10, 17 and 24, as well as July 1 — in the First United Methodist Church's choral rehearsal room. Rehearsals will be upstairs and chorus members should enter from the west side of the building.

"We have another wonderful patriotic program planned again this year," Graumann noted. "The chorus always plays a huge part in the program, particularly the patriotic ceremony."

Linda Lindell will accompany the chorus during rehearsals again this year, and Graumann said those interested in joining the chorus are encouraged to be there for the first rehearsal on Tuesday night.

"New members are very welcome to participate," Graumann said. "This is a very good time for those who have wanted to participate but could not commit the time required during the regular concert season to be a part of what has become a Big Spring tradition."

With only four rehearsals, however, Graumann says the chorus will have to "work hard to prepare the music," but will "have a lot of fun as well."

We encourage those in our community with vocal talents to consider joining the chorus this summer and help make the 2008 Pops in the Park celebration something special for all of us.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

You, Lord, can turn the unexpected to our favor.
Amen

Barak Obama over the top

Based on Barack Obama's hysterical, paranoid reaction to President Bush's remarks to the Israeli Knesset condemning the practice of appeasing terrorists, one might infer Obama was lying in wait for just such an opportunity to capture some national security street cred.

After all, Democrats begin any presidential race with a national security credibility deficit, and this one should be no different, notwithstanding the unpopularity of the Iraq war. Democrats like to think they gained congressional seats in 2006 because of the war, but a better read is that Republicans did themselves in through reckless spending, scandals and other abandonment of conservative principles.

Despite his puffed-up posturing, Obama probably recognizes this, as well. Otherwise, why would he have lashed out so nastily at both Mr. Bush (and Sen. McCain) for assuring our closest Middle Eastern ally that we would stand by it?

Obama was so sure Bush's remarks were aimed at him that he shed his nice-guy facade and gave the nation a little glimpse of his inner anger. For those who insist Obama is all sweet and light, I challenge you to listen to his tantrums in response to the president's non-attack.

Obama shouted: "I'm a strong believer in bipartisan foreign policy, but that cause is not served with dishonest, divisive attacks of the sort that we've seen out of George Bush and John McCain over the last couple days. They aren't telling you the truth."

Let me ask you: Where does Barack Obama get off proclaiming

himself the high arbiter of civility and bipartisanship while he is engaged in a sputtering tirade of abject incivility and partisanship? Obama apparently expects us to assess his civility not on the basis of his conduct, but solely on the strength of his distorted self-description.

Like so many other liberals, Obama exempts himself from behavioral accountability through identification with liberal policies, which confer upon him the irrefutable presumption that he is kind and compassionate.

But those not subject to the self-deluding spell of liberalism or Obamaphilia will not be fooled by such hypocrisy.

They will judge Obama's claim to civility not on his self-elevating but empty words, but on his self-damning, nasty ones.

Obama's joining with other Democrats to bear false witness against President Bush is a perfect example of the type of incivility for which he disingenuously excoriates President Bush.

Obama also decried the president's remarks as "exactly the kind of appalling attack that's divided our country and alienated us from the rest of the world."

No, Sen. Obama, what have divided this country and alienated us from the rest of the world are the nonstop Democratic assaults against President Bush — assaults that you not only did not condemn as uncivil, dishonest and divisive but also have embraced and echoed.

What has placed America in a falsely negative light to the world is the Democratic chorus of lies that President Bush misled us into war in Iraq; that he is responsible for the killing of hundreds of thousands of Iraqi civilians; that the United States is torturing and otherwise violating the "rights" of our enemy prisoners at Guantanamo Bay; that this very detention center

is comparable to a Soviet Gulag or Nazi prison camp; that the Bush government is spying on its own citizens; that America, because of its corporate greed, refuses to lead the world against apocalyptic global warming; and that the heartland of America is inhabited by jingoistic, imperialistic, intolerant, homophobic, xenophobic, racist and reality-challenged Bible-thumpers.

President Bush is not guilty of leveling a partisan attack against Barack Obama in Israel. But if he were to change course after seven long years on the receiving end and start returning cheap shots at Democrats, say, at the rate of 10 per day for the remainder of his term, he still would be behind Democrats in this department by a sizeable multiple. Truly, it amazes me how civil, composed and un-reciprocal President Bush has been in the face of this incessant barrage of partisan vitriol.

Shame on Barack Obama for falsely accusing the president of behavior he and his party have perfected through meticulous practice. Shame on him for pretending that he offers bipartisanship when his actual record is one of extreme liberalism and is strikingly bereft of aisle crossing or compromise. Shame on him for defining bipartisanship and civility, in effect, as acquiescing to his dictates.

Obama likens his own foreign policy approach to that of Presidents Kennedy and Reagan, but reality places him closer to George McGovern or Michael Dukakis. But there is a method to his madness. He has assumed the offense against his Republican rivals to divert our attention from his demonstrable lack of toughness in the war on terror.

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Hazy thinking on medical marijuana

To those with family members who rely on medical marijuana to relieve chronic pain, the federal government's crusade against the use of the drug is an outrage. According to a 2005 Gallup poll, 78 percent of Americans support allowing doctors to prescribe medical marijuana. Yet only one of the three major presidential candidates, Sen. Barack Obama, is calling for needed change in federal policy by stopping federal raids in the 12 states that have passed laws legalizing medicinal use of marijuana.



DEBRA
SAUNDERS

In my 20s, I had expected my generation to understand the futility of Big Government drug laws. Au contraire — now in power, my generation imposes prohibitions on people who are seriously ill and in pain. Bill Clinton's administration went after doctors who recommended marijuana. Under George W. Bush, federal authorities have raided medical marijuana suppliers.

As the San Francisco Chronicle's Bob Egelko reported Monday, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton has spoken out against Drug Enforcement Administration raids on medical marijuana clubs. But last month in an interview with the Willamette Week in Oregon, Clinton would not say whether she would stop the raids, only that medical-marijuana raids "would not be a high priority."

Sen. John McCain opposes medical marijuana use. But on the campaign trail last year, he said that medical marijuana was an issue for states to decide and he pledged to do "everything in my power" to keep a seriously ill patient who used medicinal marijuana from being arrested.

"I gotta say, I'm not sure what happened to the Straight Talk Express on this one," quipped Marijuana Policy Project spokesman Bruce Mirken.

As a self-styled straight-talking maverick, McCain should rethink his position on medical marijuana use.

Of course, he is free to personally oppose it, but as a conservative, he should support the right of states to buck a heavy-handed federal mandate. As a human being, he should respect the right of sick people, and their doctors, to avail themselves of a drug that relieves nausea, pain and discomfort and stimulates the appetite of cancer patients on chemotherapy.

McCain spokesperson Crystal Benton cited the American Medical Association's recommendation that marijuana remain a Schedule I drug — with "no accepted medical use" under the Controlled Substances Act — until and unless studies, heretofore essentially barred by Washington politicians, establish medical uses. Be it noted, the AMA, like other medical groups, advocates more research on marijuana's potential treatments.

The American College of Physicians also wants more research. In the meantime, the

group has called for reclassification of marijuana, "given the scientific evidence regarding marijuana's safety and efficacy in some clinical conditions." That is, let doctors and patients — not government — decide what works for them.

Obama's position is not as clear as some advocates might prefer. Spokesman Ben LaBolt noted that Obama supports having the Food and Drug Administration regulate marijuana for medical use — a bad idea and a surefire way to bureaucratize and corporatize what has been a grassroots enterprise.

What about real and dangerous abuses, such as dealers who are running criminal enterprises disguised as cannabis dispensaries? LaBolt answered that Obama "believes that states and local governments are best positioned to strike the balance between making sure that these policies are not abused for recreational drug use and making sure that doctors and their patients can safely access pain relief."

As for McCain, he would do well to heed the words of economist and conservative icon Milton Friedman, who before his death told Forbes, "There is no logical basis for the prohibition of marijuana."

And: "It's absolutely disgraceful to think of picking up a 22-year-old for smoking pot. More disgraceful is the denial of marijuana for medical purposes."

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KITT debut: Great week to test drive the Shelby Mustang GT500

First of all, the Shelby Mustang GT500 draws a lot of attention all on its own.

Add to that NBC's recent premier of the new "Knight Rider" movie, starring the new Shelby Mustang GT500KR, and I spent much of my week-long test drive fielding questions. I was beginning to feel more like a press agent than an auto writer.

The movie is a remake of the popular television series which ran from 1982-1986 starring David Hasselhoff and his high-tech futuristic car with artificial intelligence — which happened to be based on the Pontiac Trans Am.

In the new movie pilot, the Knight Industries Three Thousand (KITT) also revolves around a high-tech, futuristic car with artificial intelligence, only this time it is based on the 540-horsepower Shelby Mustang GT500KR — which, by the way, stands for King of

the Road. It's purely coincidence that "Knight Rider" shares the same initials.

Needless to say, everyone wanted to talk about the car — and the movie.

"Neal, can the GT500 really do all the stuff that KITT did in the movie?"

Well, no.

The GT500 is a phenomenal car, but this is a fictional TV movie that NBC may develop into a series this fall.

"Neal, having driven the GT500, what was the most unrealistic thing in

the 'Knight Rider' movie?"

I actually had to think about that one.

The first thing that came to mind was the crash scene where an SUV slammed into the side of KITT — which escaped unscathed while the SUV was totaled.

That was totally TV. Don't try that at home. Then I thought, that's just part of Hollywood magic — like being able to morph the car's colors using nanotechnology, or having a car that can



The star of the new NBC "Knight Rider" movie (at right) is based on the 540-horsepower Ford Shelby Mustang GT500KR (above). The movie, which recently premiered, is a remake of the popular television series from the 1980s. NBC is considering making the new movie into a series for this fall's lineup.

hack into any computer in the world.

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But back to the question. What I thought was the most unrealistic part of the movie was the chase scene on the twisty roads around Mullholland Canyon near Los Angeles. In the movie, KITT was being pursued by the bad guys driving a Ford Edge crossover.

While I'm a fan of the Edge (and have highly recommended it in this column), there is absolutely no way on earth it could keep up with the 500-horsepower GT500 —

let alone a GT500KR.

The GT500 is lightning on wheels.

I could understand all of the TV special effects. They were pretty neat — even if they did stretch the bounds of reality.

But an Edge keeping up with a GT500KR on a mountain road — no way. It could never happen.

While the talk and the car's notoriety continues, I have to admit that I had fun being part of the spotlight.

Based on the buzz that I received during my one-week test drive, Ford hit a homerun with product placement landing the lead role in the "Knight Rider" movie.

If NBC ultimately makes the show into a series, Ford will be getting a lot of mileage out of its starring role — especially if it turns out to be as popular as the original series.



And yes, I also had a blast driving the car. If you get a chance to take one for a spin, you won't want to miss the opportunity.

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Our vitality has weight and heft today, as Saturn lingers



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around the sun in Gemini, giving substance to limitations. Day-to-day living got you down? Is hardship camping on the front door of happiness? We may not have easy answers, but Saturn has patience, fortitude and an ability to streamline a more effective response to what ails us.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There's a difference between thinking about something and thinking it through. You realize that the purpose of the thought process is to wind up at an actionable place. Don't let theories entangle you. Make a move.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Every group has a mission, although many such missions are unstated. For instance, the neighbors may get together to build a sense of community. That's a mission you can, and will, get behind.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Doubt casts insidious shadows -- the kind that turn an otherwise idyllic picture into a dim and displeasing little mess. When you envision your future, get the lighting right by eliminating doubt completely.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The universe isn't punishing you, although it feels like you've been sent to "time out" to reflect on your recent activities. Try not to think in terms of good or bad. Instead, notice what is working

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

for you and what isn't.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You approach your work with a sense of wonder. Even if you've already been there, done that a million times, it's never been done today. This day is completely unique and all outcomes prove it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're not into moving around just to look busy. You'll move when there's a mighty good reason to do so. Strong ideas motivate you. If the idea is big enough, it comes with its own structure -- a kind of map for completion.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're sensing the undercurrents that pervade a conversation. If you act on the subtle knowledge you're getting, some may consider you paranoid. Later, the same people will call you a genius.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Part of you wants to sell out and blend in because it's painful not to be fully appreciated. Give the rest of the world more time to notice and understand you. Amplify your weirdness and keep going.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-

Dec. 21). Be kind to that familiar face in the mirror. That's the person who's been there for you all along and will stick it out to the end. Give up a little more love and respect to this faithful old friend.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You like the freedom of not having to answer to anyone. And yet, you also need feedback to remind you of your relevance. You can ask for comments without feeling beholden to using them.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The best romance is a friendship, all dolled up. If you wouldn't be friends with someone, but somehow you love this person still, this is a fine day to come to your senses and either figure out how to be friends or leave.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your job is to find your lost bliss -- reconnect with the playful, selfish, childlike part of you. A family issue may have been holding you back. You now pinpoint the problem and face it head on.

ASTROLOGICAL QUES-

TIONS: "I met an individual in May 2007 while vacationing in the Caribbean. We corresponded for months, but on my last visit, an odd thing happened. We dined and then he caused emotional pain for me for no reason and sent me home. No reason, except perhaps his own guilt from the death his wife of 26 years death in May 2007. I think of him often and wonder what happened. He is an Aries and I am a Libra. Can you shed light on this mystery and relieve me of self-imposed guilt?"

Unless you suspect other reasons, I'd assume the obvious -- he's grieving. If you're wondering what you might've done differently, or could've possibly done to offend an Aries, better to contemplate a blade of grass. It probably has nothing to do with you. Aries men have their own line of logic. I'm curious about your guilt. What do you have to feel guilty about? Libra, you tend to second guess and over-think yourself right out of a sane response -- like contacting him to clarify the

situation. Write a letter, call him up. He may not want to continue the relationship, but reaching out gives you peace of mind.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: It was only a matter of time before Jewel went country. Geminis can flow with the current, and it's through trying on what's popular how she discovers what she's truly born to do. She may be more folk than pop today, but with both Mercury and the sun in this double-bodied sign, one musical style will never define her. Pulling together a combination of musical influences fits her sun sign beautifully.

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Annie's Mailbox ®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: My husband and I recently turned 60 and celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary. We both work full time.

Lately, a lovely young woman whom my husband considers "just a friend" has been visiting him at his place of business and calling frequently on his cell phone. She confides in him about her rocky relationship with her boyfriend, cries on his shoulder when things don't work out, and has even had him drive her to various doctor appointments. She has family in town, so I don't understand her need to involve him so much in her life. She is very needy and a real drama queen, but evidently my husband likes it.

I think this behavior is inappropriate and could lead to something more serious. My husband says he is like a father to her. We have a grown daughter and son, and he never took this much interest in them. Should I be worrying? -- Redding, Calif.

Dear Redding: Probably. Your husband has made himself very vulnerable to this young woman, and she is exploiting it. He enjoys being the hero, especially since the heroine is so young and pretty, but this situation is a powder keg. He may believe he has no interest in a more intimate relationship, but it wouldn't take much for her to convince him otherwise. Tell him to get out of Fantasyland before he does something he deeply regrets.

Dear Annie: I am a nice guy, mid-50s and reasonably handsome. I work hard for my money and by no stretch of the imagination consider myself wealthy. Which brings me to the reason for this letter.

I have been divorced 10 years, and during that time I have been fixed up by friends and met women from dating services. Simply put, I have been hoping to find that special someone. It's fun to meet women even if we don't "click." However, I cannot continue my hunt for love while picking up the tab every time.

You would do your readers (male and female) a service if you would encourage them to share the cost of the first date. Ladies, please show some class and insist on splitting expenses when you meet a guy for lunch, din-



KATHY MITCHELL
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ner or an evening out.

I'm trying to be honest here, so don't shoot the messenger. Unless you are a young, hot supermodel, don't expect a free lunch. Great-looking women can get away with persuading men to part with all their money, but not everyone. I'm old enough to look beyond appearance, but you need to use some common sense. If you have a great sense of humor, are well read and can carry on a stimulating conversation, I would love to meet you. However, I have reached the point that I will not take a chance on a blind date, dropping 30 or 40 bucks on someone I may discover I don't intend to see again. -- Tired of Paying

Dear Tired: We can understand why you don't want to spring for every first date, and we agree that women should offer to split the bill. It is especially important for women not to give the impression that they are beholden in any way because some men misinterpret a free meal as a down payment on sex. Instead of risking an expensive lunch or dinner, meet for coffee. Even a \$7 latte shouldn't break the bank, and either party can cut the date short without feeling guilty.

Dear Annie: In response to all the suggestions for what to call a man and a woman living together without the benefit of marriage, I'm surprised your readers didn't offer the following: "shack-mates." The word is derived, of course, from the once popular expression "shacking up." -- California

Dear California: The derivation makes perfect sense, but the word reminds us of two beach bums sharing a hut. In London.

Dear Annie: I will be 40 this year and really want to celebrate this milestone in my life. In the past, my

husband has told me he needs plenty of notice to plan something special for my birthday, but we've never done much. I don't require a lot to be happy, but this time I wanted to go all out.

Six months before my birthday, I asked him to plan a party for me. He said he thought it was a great idea and would take care of it.

Well, Annie, it's only one week until the big day and he hasn't done a thing. He hasn't planned any kind of party or even thought about it. I am crushed. It's as if he wrote on the walls of our house in bold letters, "YOU DON'T MATTER."

I never ask this man for anything. I am the cheerleader, the cook, the laundress and the nurse. I love my husband more than life itself, so why has he done this to me? I get only one 40th birthday. I wasn't asking for an elaborate event, just 30 people or so, with something to eat, a cake and maybe balloons. Our daughters were more than willing to help him, but he never got the ball rolling.

If I want the party now, I'd have to plan it myself. I am so hurt that I told him he ought to treat my birthday like any other day because that's what it will feel like to me. Am I wrong? Should I make my own plans with friends and just leave him at home? I don't know what to do. -- Doesn't Matter Anymore

Dear Doesn't Matter: If you are the "cheerleader, cook, laundress and nurse," your husband likely had no idea what to do or where to begin. He was overwhelmed by the need to make it special -- so he procrastinated and now you've both given up.

Unless he's planning to surprise you, your expectations may have been unrealistic. He needed guidance. Do something less grand for this birthday and plan a party for your 45th. Be sure to give him a guest list and some practical suggestions.

Dear Annie: Are you supposed to tip the wait staff on the total bill, including the sales tax, or on the amount before the sales tax is added? My feeling is that the sales tax has nothing to do with the quality of service and there's no reason to include it when figuring the tip. What do you say? -- Still Hungry

Dear Hungry: A tip should be a percentage

(usually 15-20 percent) of the bill before sales tax is added. Some people who can't manage decimals have found that doubling the tax often gives them a similar figure, but that depends on your local taxes. Please don't stiff the staff.

Dear Annie: Thank you for your compassionate response to "Frustrated Mom," whose daughter, "Celia," suffers from neurotic excoriation, also known as Compulsive Skin Picking or CSP -- a disorder that is widely misunderstood. It also is deeply humiliating, so seeing your educated and helpful response was a breath of fresh air.

As an adult who has struggled with CSP since my early teens, I've heard everything from "Why don't you just stop?" to insensitive comments like "What's wrong with your skin?" I have many friends who were thrilled to see your on-target response to Celia's symptoms, as well as your suggestion for contacting the Obsessive Compulsive Foundation, an organization that has been a godsend for so many.

I strongly encourage Mom to persevere in finding help for her daughter. Celia needs it more than she will ever admit, even if she resists at every turn. Also, that daughter should be grateful her mother is so open-minded and willing. Many wish they were as fortunate. -- I'm Picky, Too, in Fargo, N.D.

Dear Fargo: Many readers wrote to say how relieved they were to discover they are not alone with this condition and, like you, offered words of support.

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► News in brief

Oil climbs to record above \$135 a barrel on supply worries, weak dollar

(AP) — Oil prices rose above \$135 a barrel for the first time Thursday, with supply worries, global demand and an ever weakening U.S. dollar driving crude futures up.

The world's top energy watchdog is preparing a sharp downward revision of its oil-supply forecast, according to a report in The Wall Street Journal reported.

Light, sweet crude for July delivery rose as high as \$135.09 before falling back slightly. By midday in Europe, the contract stood at \$134.37 a barrel in electronic trade on the New York Mercantile Exchange, up \$1.20 on Wednesday's close of \$133.17.

That settlement price, up \$4.19 on Tuesday's close, marked NYMEX crude's largest one-day price advance since March 26.

Meanwhile, July Brent crude on the ICE Futures exchange in London also reached a new record of \$135.13 a barrel Thursday. By midday in Europe, it had retreated to \$134.35, a gain of \$1.65 on its Wednesday close.

"Simply put, this is a market you cannot afford to be short in," said U.S. analyst and trader Stephen Schork about Brent futures in his Schork Report.

With gas and oil prices setting new records nearly every day, analysts have begun to wonder what might stop prices from rising. There are technical signals in the futures market, including price differences between near-term and longer-term contracts, that crude may soon fall. But with demand for oil growing in the developing world, and little end in sight to supply problems in producing countries such as Nigeria, few analysts are willing to call an end to crude's rally.

China says death toll in quake exceeds 51,000, as it appeals for more tents

BEICHUAN, China (AP) — China said the toll of dead and missing from last week's powerful earthquake jumped to more than 80,000, while the government appealed Thursday for millions of tents to shelter homeless survivors.

The confirmed number of dead rose nearly 10,000 from the day before to 51,151, Cabinet spokesman Guo Weimin told a news conference. Another 29,328 people remained missing and nearly 300,000 were hurt in the May 12 quake centered in Sichuan province, he said.

The disaster left 5 million people homeless and leveled more than 80 percent of the buildings in some remote towns and villages areas near the epicenter. In bigger cities whole apartment blocks collapsed or are now too dangerous to live in because of damage and worries

about aftershocks.

"We need more than 3.3 million tents," Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang told reporters, adding that 400,000 tents have already been delivered. It was the second call for tents from China in recent days.

"We hope and welcome international assistance in this regard. We hope the international community can give priority in providing tents," he said.

Democrats planning a farm bill redo Thursday, after printing gaffe

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats are picking up the pieces after an embarrassing technical gaffe that delayed a triumphant rejection of President Bush's veto of a massive farm bill.

Members from both parties hoped to bring the \$290 billion bill, which includes election-year subsidies for farmers and food stamps for the poor, back to their districts over Memorial Day. But that is looking less likely now that the legislation will have to be passed all over again due to a printing error.

The House voted overwhelmingly, 316-108, on Wednesday to override Bush's veto of the legislation earlier in the day.

The Senate then was expected to follow suit quickly, but action stalled after the discovery that a 34-page section of the bill had been omitted from the printed bill sent to the White House. That means Bush vetoed a different bill from the one Congress passed, raising questions that the eventual law would be unconstitutional.

In order to avoid a partisan dustup, House Democrats hoped to pass the entire bill, again, on Thursday under expedited rules usually reserved for noncontroversial legislation, and the Senate was expected to follow suit. The correct version would then be sent to Bush under a new bill number for another expected veto.

Kennedy's cancer has Massachusetts thinking: Who will succeed the senator?

WASHINGTON (AP) — People in Massachusetts suddenly are thinking the unthinkable: Who possibly could succeed Sen. Edward Kennedy, patriarch of the famed political family that has dominated the state for more than four decades?

The news about Kennedy's cancerous brain tumor has led to quiet speculation about whether he may try to handpick a successor, possibly paving the way for a relative to take over his seat.

The prospect of Kennedy's eventual departure also has touched off a scramble involving Massachusetts con-

gressmen and others.

Kennedy, 76, is not up for re-election until 2012. But his medical condition has people wondering if he might resign before then or decline to run for another term. Given Kennedy's stature in the Democratic-dominated state, it's a sensitive topic that few in politics are willing to talk about publicly.

"There will be great respect and delicacy, of course," said Tufts University political science professor Jeffrey Berry.

Top Iraq generals defend plan to pause troop reductions to preserve security gains

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. must be careful not to withdraw forces from Iraq too quickly because security gains could be lost, warn the nation's top two war generals.

The position of Gen. David Petraeus, nominated to assume control of U.S. forces in the Middle East, and Lt. Gen. Raymond Odierno, picked to replace Petraeus as the top commander in Iraq, all but guarantees that some 140,000 troops will be committed in Iraq for the remainder of the year.

The nominations, if approved by the Senate as expected, would keep the administration on its present course in Iraq and hand the next administration a pair of combat-tested commanders who have relentlessly defended President Bush's decision last year to build up troop levels rather than wind down the war.

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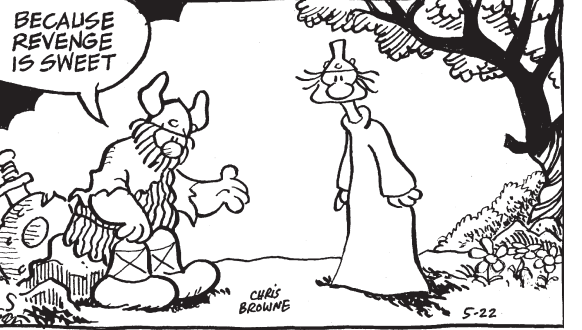
"How many socks do I need to wear Daddy's shoes?"

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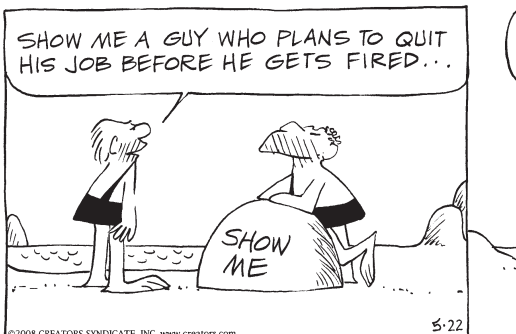
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BECAUSE REVENGE IS SWEET

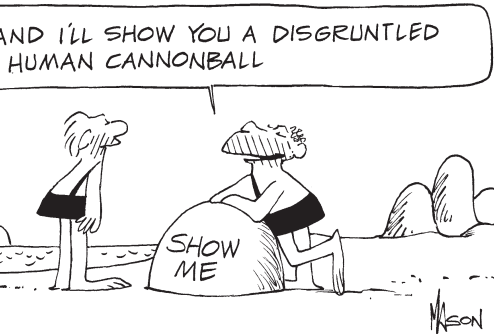


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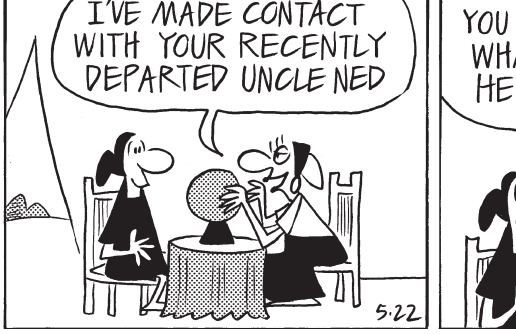


SHOW ME A GUY WHO PLANS TO QUIT HIS JOB BEFORE HE GETS FIRED...

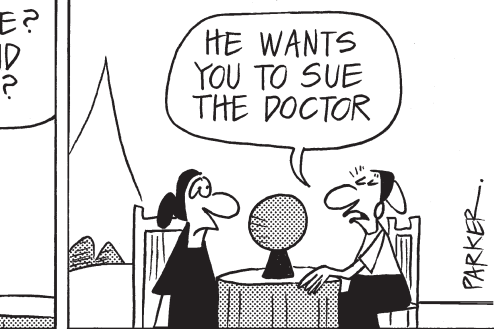


... AND I'LL SHOW YOU A DISGRUNTLED HUMAN CANNONBALL

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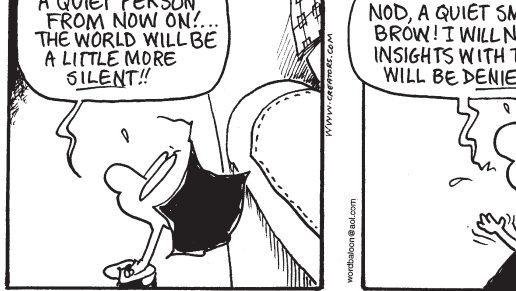


I'VE MADE CONTACT WITH YOUR RECENTLY DEPARTED UNCLE NED



HE WANTS YOU TO SUE THE DOCTOR

AGNES



I AM GOING TO BE A QUIET PERSON FROM NOW ON!...

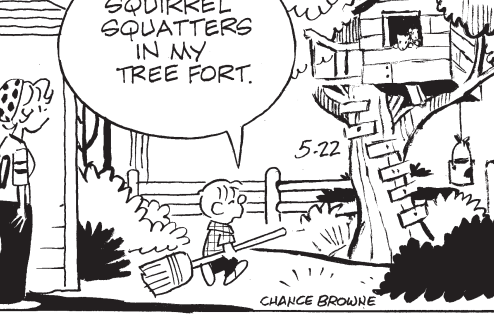


THE WORLD WILL ONLY GET A QUICK NOD, A QUIET SMILE OR A FURROWED BROW!

HI AND LOIS

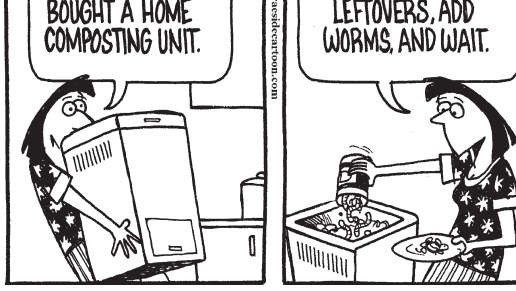


I'VE GOT A SPRING CLEANING MESS, TOO.



SQUIRREL SQUATTERS IN MY TREE FORT.

THE OTHER COAST



LOOK, TOULOUSE, I BOUGHT A HOME COMPOSTING UNIT.



PUT IN ALL OUR KITCHEN LEFTOVERS, ADD WORMS, AND WAIT.

SNUFFY SMITH



I DECLARE, GRAMPY PRITCHART, YOU SHORE CUT A DASHIN' FIGGER !!



WOMEN...THEY ALWAYS SAY JEST A LIL' TOO MUCH !!

BETLE BAILEY

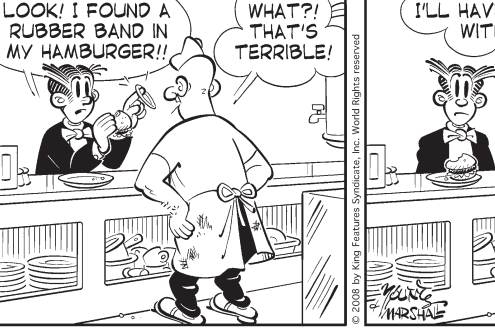


YOU SAID YOU'D MAKE ME A BROWN SUGAR PEACH RUM CAKE

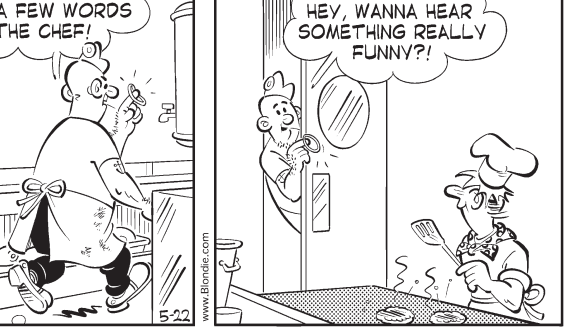


IT WAS DELICIOUS!

BLONDIE



LOOK! I FOUND A RUBBER BAND IN MY HAMBURGER!!



HEY, WANNA HEAR SOMETHING REALLY FUNNY?!

This Date In History

Today is Thursday, May 22, the 143rd day of 2008. There are 223 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 22, 1968, the nuclear-powered U.S. submarine Scorpion, with 99 men aboard, sank in the Atlantic Ocean. (The remains of the sub were later found on the ocean floor 400 miles southwest of the Azores.)

On this date:

In 1813, composer Richard Wagner was born in Leipzig, Germany.

In 1868, a major train robbery took place near Marshfield, Ind., as members of the Reno gang made off with \$96,000 in loot.

In 1907, actor-director Laurence Olivier was born in Dorking, Surrey, England.

In 1939, the foreign ministers of Germany and Italy, Joachim von Ribbentrop and Galeazzo Ciano, signed a "Pact of Steel" committing the two countries to a military alliance.

In 1947, the Truman Doctrine was enacted as Congress appropri-

ated military and economic aid for Greece and Turkey.

In 1969, the lunar module of Apollo 10 flew to within nine miles of the moon's surface in a dress rehearsal for the first lunar landing.

In 1972, President Nixon began a visit to the Soviet Union, during which he and Kremlin leaders signed the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty.

In 1972, the island nation of Ceylon became the republic of Sri Lanka.

In 1979, Canadians voted in parliamentary elections that put the Progressive Conservatives in power, ending the 11-year tenure of Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau.

In 1992, after a reign lasting nearly 30 years, Johnny Carson hosted NBC's "Tonight Show" for the last time.

One year ago: British prosecutors accused former KGB agent Andrei Lugovoi of murder in the radioactive poisoning of Alexander Litvinenko. (Russia, however, has refused to extradite Lugovoi.)

Today's Birthdays: Movie reviewer Judith Crist is 86. Singer Charles Aznavour is 84. Actor Michael Constantine is 81. Conductor Peter Nero is 74. Actor-director Richard Benjamin is 70.

Answer to previous puzzle

CAST	DAMS	RABIN
ODOR	AREA	AWAKE
MOLE	MANY	RAGED
BRONCO	BUSTER	
SENDIN	ALEPHS	
	REB	BUY
	UPIN	POKE
	NIPTING	THEBUD
	INIT	OLEG
	DEC	EEL
	EDSELS	PLASMA
	FLEET	TWOODMAC
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	POLAR	OPRY
	AMITY	SEEM
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Newsday Crossword

ASTRONOMY 101 by Robert H. Wolfe
Edited by Stanley Newman
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- ACROSS
- 1 South American range
 - 6 Ticket part
 - 10 Strikebreaker
 - 14 Make madras, maybe
 - 15 Nation on the Pacific
 - 16 Food in a shell
 - 17 Approach evening
 - 18 Make Time
 - 19 Projectiles
 - 20 Key subject
 - 23 Whirlpool
 - 24 Actor Holm
 - 25 Not open (to)
 - 29 Place to stay
 - 30 Set
 - 33 Shave down
 - 34 Gone by
 - 37 Friend of Alfalfa
 - 39 Theme-restaurant chain
 - 42 Dweeb
 - 43 Jazz great Fitzgerald
 - 44 Tying material
 - 45 Before
 - 46 Activate
 - 48 Writes some verse
 - 50 Took in
 - 51 Bear's home
 - 53 Dreyfuss film of '88
 - 61 Former Kampala kingpin
 - 62 Name on elevators
 - 63 Burning
- DOWN
- 1 Hole punchers
 - 2 With no ice
 - 3 Information
 - 4 Always
 - 5 Feels intuitively
 - 6 Use up
 - 7 Presidential nickname
 - 8 Exodus author
 - 9 Interrupt a conversation
 - 10 Sully
 - 11 A summer place
 - 12 Highest point
 - 13 Catcalls
 - 21 Highly skilled
 - 22 Singer Travis
 - 25 Cobbler ingredient
 - 26 Gallantry
 - 27 Rub out
 - 28 M. Descartes
 - 29 "___ never work!"
 - 30 Aisle walker
 - 31 Run off for romance
 - 32 Stows
 - 35 Attention getter
 - 36 Our sun
 - 38 Out of order
 - 40 Muse of poetry
 - 41 Insect stage
 - 47 Take back
 - 49 Miami paper
 - 50 Building extension
 - 51 News source of old
 - 52 Church sections
 - 53 Nearby orb
 - 54 Leave out
 - 55 Slick
 - 56 Italian erupter
 - 57 At a distance
 - 58 Prepare peppers, perhaps
 - 59 Mined minerals
 - 60 Half the checkers

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