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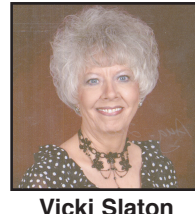
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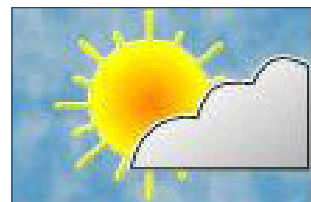
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'Freedom isn't free'

VMC ceremony honors America's fallen heroes

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Freedom is not free. That was the point local local businessman John Freeman, a member of the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial Committee, attempted to drive home Monday morning during a Memorial Day Service that featured more than 1,000 motorcyclists from all over the Permian Basin. "For those of you that do not know, 2.6 million young men and women served in the Vietnam conflict. Of that, 58,000 gave their lives," said Freeman. "Eventually the harsh words from home and the memories

have faded, but their legacy has not, and will not. Freedom is not free. "When you're younger, it's hard to realize and appreciate what you have. It's hard to understand how blessed you are to wake up everyday and already have the world by the tail, simply because you are an American. As you get older you begin to realize the good things in life are not accidents. Indeed, the really good things are the exceptions to the chaos and disappointment that often characterize this temporal world. The truly great things in life don't just happen, See **VMC**, page 3A



HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins

Clockwise from top, a rider participating in the annual Ride to Remember shows off his patriotism as more than 1,000 cyclists arrived at the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial Monday morning; local businessman and VMC board member John Freeman reminds those attending the Memorial Day Service freedom is not free; and a local Native American chief performs a smudging ceremony at the new All-Veterans Monument at the Vietnam Memorial.



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Officials in China rush to evacuate 80,000

By **AUDRA ANG**
Associated Press Writer
MIANYANG, China — Chinese officials rushed Tuesday to evacuate another 80,000 people in the path of potential floodwaters building up behind a quake-spawned dam as soldiers carved a channel to try to drain away the threat. The official Xinhua News Agency reported emergency

workers would try to complete the evacuation by midnight Tuesday, taking the number of people moved out of the threatened valley to almost 160,000, from more than 30 townships. The Tangjiashan lake in northern Sichuan province, formed when a massive landslide blocked a river, is one of dozens of fragile dams created during the earthquake that pose a new destructive threat

in the disaster zone. Soldiers hauled explosives through the mountains to reach the area, and the official Chinese Daily said Tuesday on its Web site they were "preparing to dynamite the barrier." State television showed live footage of heavy earth-moving equipment being used to carve out a 200-yard channel to drain the water. "We are prepared to get rid of the trees by chopping and

explosion. After that, the second batch of equipment will be moved in," Liu Ning, chief engineer at the Ministry of Water Resources, was quoted as saying on CCTV. The lake is swelling behind a landslide near Beichuan, one of the towns hit hardest by the May 12 tremor that devastated Sichuan. The number of deaths from See **CHINA**, page 3A

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IN BRIEF

Bulldogettes get 2 p.m. slot in Thursday's semis

Coahoma's Bulldogettes (32-9) play their Class 2A state semifinal softball game against Sadler S&S Consolidated's Lady Rams (31-4) at 2 p.m. Thursday at McCombs Field in Austin. The other 2A semifinal pits Big Sandy Harmony's Lady Eagles (37-9) against East Bernard's Brahmarettes (28-4-1) at 4:30 p.m. Thursday.

The winners of these two games will meet in the finals at 11 p.m. Saturday.

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.

BSHS schedules start of several summer camps

The school year may be over soon, but Big Spring High School's athletic department will be keeping itself busy with the start of several summer programs and camps.

Camp of Champs

The Camp of Champs is a weight conditioning program that begins June 2 and runs through June 19.

Fourth and fifth graders lift from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Monday through Thursday.

Sixth and Seventh graders occupy the weight room in the ATC from 11 a.m. to noon on the same days.

Cost is \$25 per person and \$10 for T-shirt.

Boys Basketball Skills Camp

From June 2 to June 5, Steers basketball coach Marc Morris will conduct a skills camp for second through eighth graders at the junior high.

Second through fifth graders will have their session from 9 a.m. to noon.

Boys in grades 6-8 take the court from 1-4 p.m.

Cost is \$25 a person and \$10 for a T-shirt.

Volleyball Skills Camp

Girls going into grades first through eighth can participate in the Volleyball Skills Camp coordinated by Lady Steers coach Amanda Whitaker June 2-5 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

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Odom, Lakers look to get back on track

By ELIZABETH WHITE

Associated Press Writer

SAN ANTONIO — Lamar Odom had a sleepless night after the Lakers' Game 3 loss to the San Antonio Spurs.

Pau Gasol said it's always hard to get shut eye after a tough loss and Derek Fisher said he slept "decent enough."

Los Angeles coach Phil Jackson wasn't surprised.

"I like players to get their rest, there's no doubt," Jackson said Monday. "But any time you have a game of that importance and you don't play well, you're upset.

It's bothersome."

Bothered might be an understatement for Odom.

"I got to the point where I couldn't make a shot," said Odom, who went 2-of-11 from the field and finished with seven points on Sunday. "But then I got to the free throw line and I wasn't making free throws. That can't happen."

Odom, who hit just 3-of-8 from the foul line, wasn't alone in his struggles in the 103-84 loss. Fisher scored just two points on 1-of-4 shooting and Gasol fared somewhat better, going 7-of-18 for 15 points.

"A little bit indecisive, not aggressive enough finishing," Gasol said of his offensive performance. "I didn't finish strong enough. I was just kind of floating a few shots and they weren't going in."

The Lakers hold a 2-1 advantage in the Western Conference finals. Game 4 of the best-of-seven series is Tuesday in San Antonio.

Jackson said he's "comfortable we can get Lamar back on track."

"Once it gets going bad for him, there's a lot of times he can't turn his game around in the course of the night," Jackson said. "So

that's one of the things we keep talking about, finding a way to recapture your ball game even though things haven't gone well for you early."

While league MVP Kobe Bryant may be as close to a one-man team as there is — his four fourth-quarter 3-pointers got the Lakers as close as 12 late in Game 3 — more help from Odom, Gasol and Fisher could go a long way toward the Lakers stealing one in San Antonio.

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Kazmir leads Rays over Rangers

Rays hold best record in majors, Rangers fail to eclipse .500 mark

The Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Scott Kazmir won his fourth straight start, striking out 10 in seven innings to lead the AL East-leading Tampa Bay Rays over the Texas Rangers 7-3 Monday night.

Eric Hinske hit a three-run homer for the Rays, who have won 16 of their last 17 home games and at 31-20 have the best record in the major leagues. Tampa Bay is just the second team — joining the 1903 New York Giants — to have the best mark on Memorial Day after finishing with the worst record in the big leagues the previous season (66-96).

While Tampa Bay is 11 games over .500 for the first time, the Rays drew an announced crowd of just 12,174 for the holiday game.

Kazmir (4-1) retired his first 10 batters, seven on strikeouts, before Michael Young singled to center with one out in the fourth. Kazmir allowed one run and three hits, striking out the side in the first and third innings. He has given up two runs over 26 innings during his winning streak.

Rangers center fielder Josh Hamilton, taken by the Rays with the first overall pick in the 1999 amateur draft, went 0-for-4 in his first game at Tropicana Field. Hamilton is in his second major league season after overcoming injuries and addictions to cocaine and alcohol that kept him off the field from 2003-05.

When he was introduced, Hamilton received a standing ovation and a few boos.

Sidney Ponson (3-1) gave up five runs and 12 hits in five innings for Texas, which is 19-11 since

April 25. Ian Kinsler had three RBIs, including a two-run homer.

Run-scoring singles by Carlos Pena in the first and B.J. Upton in the fourth put the Rays ahead 2-0, and Hinske homered in the fifth.

Tampa Bay had at least two hits in each of the first six innings, and went 6-for-14 with runners in the scoring position during the stretch. Dioner Navarro hit an RBI double in the sixth, and Upton had a sacrifice fly one inning later.

Kinsler had a sixth-inning sacrifice fly and added a two-run shot in the ninth against Gary Glover.

Notes: @ Rangers INF Hank Blalock (right wrist carpal tunnel syndrome) was to return to Texas for an examination Tuesday. He will miss the series with Tampa Bay. ... Pena had a ground-rule double in the third when his fly ball landed and stayed on an overhanging catwalk. ... Texas RHP Luis Mendoza (blister) allowed five runs and six hits over two innings in a rehab start for Triple-A Oklahoma.

Orioles 6, Yankees 1

At Baltimore, Garrett Olson pitched seven innings of three-hit ball, Nick Markakis went 3-for-4 with a home run and the Orioles ended the Yankees' five-game winning streak.

Aubrey Huff also homered for the Orioles, who snapped a five-game skid that began with successive defeats in New York. Markakis is 9-for-11 with two doubles and a homer against Darrell Rasner (3-1), who gave up one

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AP photo/Steve Nesius

Texas Rangers starter Sidney Ponson kicks the mound after walking Tampa Bay Rays first baseman Carlos Pena during the fourth inning of an AL baseball game Monday in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Pistons even series at 2, top Celts 94-75



AP photo/Tony Dejak

Detroit Pistons center Rasheed Wallace (36) puts up a shot between Boston Celtics forwards Kendrick Perkins and P.J. Brown (93) during the second quarter of Game 3 of the NBA Eastern Conference finals Saturday in Auburn Hills, Mich.

By LARRY LAGE

AP Sports Writer

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Antonio McDyess is relieved he didn't retire when his knees and career were in shambles.

The Detroit Pistons are, too.

Playing his best playoff game in perhaps a decade, McDyess had 21 points and 16 rebounds to lift Detroit to a 94-75 series-evening win over the Boston Celtics on Monday night in Game 4 of the Eastern Conference finals.

McDyess' banged-up left knee limited him to 10 games during the 2001-02 season in Denver, none the next and just 42 the following season with New York and Phoenix.

The former All-Star and Olympian was tired of rehabbing his left knee after one too many surgeries. McDyess told his agent, Andy Miller, he wanted to buy out of his contract at least twice during the 2003-04 season.

But he didn't, and Pistons president of basketball operations Joe Dumars, looking for an affordable replacement for Mehmet Okur, liked what he saw in McDyess.

"No one can understand where I'm coming from when I felt how I felt at that part of my career when I felt like it was over," McDyess said. "I mean, I was laying in the bed thinking, 'Hey, this is going to be it.'"

"And now, I've just reinvented myself coming to this team. Joe gave me an opportunity, and I just try to take full advantage of every second."

The 33-year-old power forward often plays with the most energy on a team that traditionally peaks and flops depending on whether its up, even or behind in a series.

"You only have so many opportunities, and they're limited, especially for

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Obituaries

Darrell Turner,

Darrell Turner, 59, of Big Spring died Sunday, May 25, 2008, at her residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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.

- **MARK ANTHONY MCBETH**, 22, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of probation violation/theft.
- **RICKEY EARL HOKES**, 47, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated – second offense.
- **LAURA ANN MARQUEZ**, 28, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of theft by check.
- **BILLY WAYNE ALDRIDGE**, 48, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of criminal mischief.
- **JUANITA JANIE PEREZ**, 43, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance (two counts).
- **JAMIE WAYNE DOTSON**, 24, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on charges of theft by check (three counts), issuance of a bad check (five counts), bondsman off bond for driving while license invalid with a previous conviction and violation of a promise to appear.
- **PATRICK TERRALL KESLER**, 29, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for possession of a controlled substance.
- **CARL EARL WAYCOTT**, 58, was arrested Saturday by DPS on charges of driving while intoxicated – second offense and evading arrest/detention with a vehicle.
- **CARLOS O. VARGAS**, 26, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- **JOSE LUIS MEDINA**, 31, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of public intoxication.
- **JESUS DIAZ AGUIRRE**, 24, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of no driver's license.
- **DONALD FREDERICK ALLEN JR.**, 31, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **JUAN MANUEL GONZALEZ**, 30, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **JONATHAN MANUEL BENAVIDES**, 17, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of racing on highway.
- **RICHARD KAEGAN HUNT**, 17, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of racing on highway.
- **CODY JAMES NALL**, 24, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- **WILLIAM JOSEPH VOWELL**, 21, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **JOSE DOLORES FRANCO JR.**, 35, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of accident involving damage to a vehicle.
- **JOSEPH EDWARD OLVERA**, 21, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a motion to revoke probation for burglary of a habitation.
- **CHANCE ALLEN PERRYMAN**, 23, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on charges of failure to appear/theft of service and *capias* pro fines for no driver's license and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- **RUBEN BRISENO**, 25, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **ADAM VIERRA**, 24, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **MONICA DIANE SOLIS**, 35, was arrested Sunday by DPS on charges of no driver's license, no insurance and no registration.
- **RAUL RAMIREZ RODRIGUEZ**, 30, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on charges of speeding and violation of a promise to appear.
- **ERIC ARTHUR SOLAND**, 31, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a Gonzales County warrant.
- **KYLE ALLYN BOUCHEY**, 23, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 8-16-17-20-37.
Number matching five of five: 0.

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 1-14-22-34. Bonus Ball: 23.
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 7-1-8-7. Sum It Up: 23.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-8-1. Sum It Up: 15.

Police blotter

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

- **GUS JACOBS**, 50, of 1429 E. Sixth Street, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication and warrants from Stephens and Taylor counties.
- **JANIE GALAVIZ**, 41, of 503 S. Johnson, was arrested Monday on charges of driving while intoxicated – second offense and driving while license invalid – enhanced.
- **DONALD CERVANTES**, 35, of 1211 Lloyd, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **FLORENCIO CARRILLO**, 18, of 1600 Kentucky Way, was arrested Monday on charges of minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage – third or more offense and possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- **CHRISTOPHER HUDGINS**, 20, of 10995 S. U.S. Highway 67, was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- **THEFT** was reported:
in the 900 block of Willia.
in the 1200 block of 11th Place.
1800 block of Gregg Street.
- **POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA – TWO OUNCES OR LESS** was reported in the 1200 block of Sixth Street.
- **POSSESSION OF A DANGEROUS DRUG** was reported in the 1200 block of Sixth Street.
- **DEADLY CONDUCT/DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM** was reported in the 700 block of Goliad.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1900 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 1900 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 1900 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.
- **ASSAULT BY CONTACT** was reported in the 700 block of Lorilla.

Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3000 block of Abilene. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 500 block of Main Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 800 block of W. Marcy. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1000 block of Stadium. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 600 block of Tubb Loop Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1200 block of Center Point Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2600 block of Chanute. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1100 block of Barnes. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1800 block of E. FM 700. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1100 block of N. Gregg Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near the intersection of Lockhart and W. Third Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 500 block of the Interstate Highway 20 N. Service Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 900 block of Father Delaney. Service refused.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1600 block of E. 11th Place. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported near the 171 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20. Two people were transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 500 block of Birdwell Lane. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2700 block of Larry. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2600 block of Chanute. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 4100 block of Muir. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 300 block of Tulane. Service refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 700 block of W. Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.

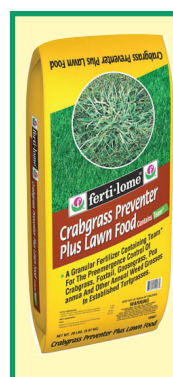
Support Groups

TUESDAY

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

• Life Recovery, a non-denominational Christian group of recovering alcoholics and addicts, meets at 7 p.m. at the St. Paul Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall.

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



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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

• 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.
• Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
• Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
• Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY

• Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
• Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.
• 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 about 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Members bring their own lunch. 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.

Take Note

- The Howard County A&M Club is accepting applications from students currently enrolled at Texas A&M University who have been accepted for the fall semester. Students must be Howard County residents and will enroll for at least 12 hours. More information and an application may be found on the club Web site at <http://bondwebs.com>
- State Honor Band concert CDs and DVDs are on sale in the Big Spring High School band hall. Prices are \$13 per D, \$30 per DVD or \$40 for both. Limited quantities are available; first-come, first-serve.
- The Howard County Pachyderms (local Republican Club) will have their monthly meeting at the Big Spring Country Club off Driver Road Thursday at noon. Everyone is welcome to hear the guest speaker Jay Lawrence with Texans For Lawsuit Reform. Lunch is buffet style for a nominal fee. Call Melanie Gambrell for more information at 267-7387 or the Big Spring Country Club at 267-8241.
- Mobile Meals needs volunteers to deliver meals Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. The organization delivers approximately 70 meals each day and needs drivers to donate just one hour per week. Mobile Meals also needs back-up volunteers to fill in when regular drivers can't make it. For more information, contact Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.
- Road to Recovery, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call Nancy Koger at 267-7809.
- The purpose of life is a life of purpose. Join Nurses' Hospice of Big Spring volunteer program and become an "Angel" or "Teen Angel" in someone's life today. Come by 1008 E. Third St. or call (432) 517-4073 to register.

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run and five hits in six innings. Hideki Matsui had three of New York's five hits and scored the Yankees' run, on a ninth-inning single by Chad Moeller.

Blue Jays 7,
Royals 2

At Toronto, Shaun Marcum won for the first time in four starts, Gregg Zaun hit a two-run homer and Toronto completed its first four-game sweep of Kansas City.

Marcum (5-3) gave up two runs — one earned — and five hits in 7 1-3 innings, lowering his ERA to 2.64. He struck out six and walked one. The Kansas City, Mo., native is 3-1 with an 1.09

ERA in seven career games against his hometown team.

Brett Tomko (2-6) allowed seven runs — six earned — and eight hits in six innings. He has won once in his past nine starts, his ERA rising to 6.11.

White Sox 6,
Indians 3,
12 innings

At Cleveland, Orlando Cabrera's fourth hit drove in the go-ahead run in the 12th inning and the Chicago White Sox beat Cleveland, handing the Indians their ninth loss in 10 games.

Boone Logan (2-1) pitched a perfect 1 1-3 innings for the win and Bobby Jenks got three outs for his 13th save.

Jenks allowed two singles, then got Jhonny Peralta to hit into a double play and struck out

Franklin Gutierrez to become the second-fastest reliever to notch 100 career saves, doing so in 187 games. Kazuhiro Sasaki did it in 160.

The White Sox won for the 10th time in 12 games and moved 5 1-2 games ahead of the third-place Indians in the AL Central.

Scott Elarton (0-1) took the loss.

Red Sox 5,
Mariners 3

At Seattle, Bartolo Colon showed flashes of his Cy Young days, shutting down Seattle for seven innings, and Dustin Pedroia's RBI ground-rule double scored the go-ahead run as the Red Sox scored four times in the eighth for a win.

David Ortiz added a long homer in the fourth and Manny Ramirez

rattled the outfield wall with a run-scoring single as part of Boston's eighth inning rally, as the Red Sox snapped their seven-game road losing streak, their longest skid away from Fenway Park in nearly seven years.

Meanwhile, Seattle (18-34) dropped its seventh straight and fell 16 games under .500.

Colon (2-0), making just his second start with Boston, needed to be sharp just to keep up with Seattle's Felix Hernandez (2-5), who was brilliant for seven innings, then stumbled in the eighth.

Angels 1,
Tigers 0,
12 innings

At Anaheim, Calif., Detroit's Bobby Seay walked Garret Anderson on four pitches with

the bases loaded and one out in the 12th inning to force home the winning run.

Anderson was the only batter Seay faced after replacing Freddy Dolsi (0-1).

Detroit and its high-priced lineup was shut out for a major league-high eighth time this season. The inconsistent Tigers had scored a total of 54 runs over a five-game stretch before they lost 1-0 to Minnesota on Sunday.

Macier Izturis led off the 12th with a single, and, after Gary Matthews Jr. flied out, Vladimir Guerrero singled to center to advance Izturis to third. Dolsi (0-1) intentionally walked Torii Hunter before Seay came on.

Jose Arredondo (1-0), the fourth Los Angeles pitcher, retired all six batters he faced in the 11th and 12th innings to earn his first major league win.

EAST

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me," he said. "I'm at the end of my career, and I just feel like leaving everything out on the floor."

McDyess did just that, beating the Celtics to loose balls, defending them with strength and quickness and making most of his shots.

"Dice has been our best player in the postseason, and we're all feeding off his energy," teammate and close friend Chauncey Billups said. "You see how hard he is working, and you can't help but play hard."

Playing hard probably won't be a problem for either team or any player during the rest of the

Eastern Conference finals.

Game 5 is Wednesday night in Boston, then the Pistons will host Game 6 on Friday night. If Game 7 is necessary, the Celtics will play it at home Sunday night.

"It's almost like 0-0 again, it's a three-game series," Boston's Ray Allen said. "We've got to protect our home court. We lost the last game at home, and definitely are going to have to win on their court for us to send a message or definitely move on."

The NBA's top-seeded team won its first nine games of the postseason at home before losing Game 2 to Detroit.

The Celtics lost their first six road games until beating the Pistons in Game 3.

Boston's Big Three of Kevin Garnett, Paul Pierce and Allen

combined to miss their first seven shots and finished 11-for-38 from the field.

Allen said it was a disappointing performance from the trio.

"We pride ourselves on making our teammates better and allowing them to make us better," Allen said.

Garnett and Pierce both scored 16 points and Allen had 11.

"They bumped us off spots and were more physical and aggressive all night," Celtics coach Doc Rivers said. "Usually the winner is the team that was more aggressive. They had a no-layup rule and that's why we made it to the line so much."

Richard Hamilton scored 20 points, Rasheed Wallace had 14 and five blocks, and Billups added 10 points, seven assists, two steals and no turnovers.

Reserve Jason Maxiell filled in well when Wallace was in foul trouble by scoring 14 points and playing tough defense on Garnett, notably on a come-from-behind block on a dunk attempt.

"Max made an unbelievable play," Billups said.

Detroit scored the first 10 points of the game and that was the key to the game, according to Garnett.

"Y'all don't know how important beginnings of games are with flow and what you establish," he said.

The Celtics stayed in the game by making 17 of 20 free throws in the first half while Detroit was 5-for-9. Boston had more points from the line (32) than from the field early in the fourth quarter when it pulled to 67-62.

"We didn't play well, but we hung in there by getting to the foul line," Rivers said. "Then, we just couldn't make plays."

Detroit improved to 5-0 in games following losses in the playoffs.

"No one likes it, the way our team personality is," said Pistons coach Saunders, referring to his players' penchant to play their best when down or doubted.

The Celtics fell to 1-7 on the road and 0-6 when trailing after three quarters.

Notes: Boston reserve James Posey had 11 points and Kendrick Perkins scored 10 before fouling out. ... Hamilton has had 20-plus points in 71 playoff games since 2003, trailing only San Antonio's Tim Duncan by two games during the same span.

WEST

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"I don't think they did anything differently," Bryant said of Gasol and Odom's shooting. "I think they just missed a lot that they usually normally make, so you just chalk it up."

Jackson said Fisher simply needs more shots.

"We've got to get six, eight shots for him, in that kind of minutes where he has an oppor-

tunity to help us," Jackson said.

Fisher and Odom also struggled in the Lakers' come-from-behind Game 1 victory. Odom scored eight points on 3-of-12 shooting in the 89-85 win and Fisher had four points while going 1-of-9.

The Lakers shot nearly 43 percent (35-of-82) from the field in Game 3, but the Spurs hit 38-of-74 (51 percent), including 10 3-pointers.

Manu Ginobili hit five 3s and broke out of his shooting slump to lead San Antonio with 30

points off the bench. Bryant led the Lakers with 30.

"Making shots is part of it. And we did a better job of that," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "They (Los Angeles) missed some shots that could have gone in without a doubt."

Offense aside, Tim Duncan said the Spurs always return to their old standby: defense.

"We have to contain them, limit what they do," Duncan said. "They have the best scorer in the league. He can get off in stretches. We have to be able to

contain the rest of their team and understand that defense is what's going to get us over the hump."

Now it's the Lakers trying to get over the hump of Sunday's loss as they look for a Game 4 win — one Bryant said the Lakers want "in the worst way" — to set up the chance to eliminate the defending champions in five games.

Fisher said doing that requires both keeping the Game 3 loss close, and also letting go of it.

"I think you hold on to the fact

that it's very frustrating and very disappointing in the sense that we couldn't give ourselves a chance to win the game," Fisher said. "So you hold on to some of that frustration, some of that resentment that you have for the opponent. You keep that."

"But you let go of the fact that you lost a game. ... You get past that part of it and you keep your focus on the things that will motivate you and help you to win the next game."

BRIEFS

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Cost is \$25 a person and \$10 for a T-shirt.

Summer
Running Camp

Cross country coach Randy Britton will once again be offering his services to a Summer Running Camp.

The camp begins June 4 and runs through July 18, is for all ages and is totally free.

There are two sessions. The first is for runners who can run for at least 45 to 60 minutes without stopping. This session is from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. at various locations throughout the city and Howard County.

The second session is for runners not yet able to run for a long period of time without rest. It starts at 9 a.m. and runs until 10:45 a.m. at Birdwell City Park.

For information or to register for any of the above camps and to learn about a full BSHS summer athletic programs and camps schedule, contact Kay Cook at 264-3662.

BSCC hosting
parent-child
scramble June 7

The Big Spring Country Club is hosting a parent-child, 2-person scramble June 7-8. There is a shotgun start for both days with Saturday's action beginning at 9 a.m. and Sunday's at 1 p.m.

Entry fee is \$80 in the open division and \$40 in the trophy division. A parent may play with more than one child with the fee for the second team being

discounted to half price. Call at 263-7331 to submit a sports brief.



By Steve Becker
Fixed Beyond Repair

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Both sides vulnerable.

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♥ K J 9 8 4

♦ 3

♣ A J 8 6 5

WEST

♠ J

♥ 5 3 2

♦ K 8 7 5 4

♣ K 7 3 2

EAST

♠ A K 8

♥ Q 10 6

♦ Q 10 9 6 2

♣ 10 9

SOUTH

♠ Q 10 9 7 6 5 2

♥ A 7

♦ A J

♣ Q 4

The bidding:

North East South West

Pass Pass 1♠ Pass

1 NT Pass 3♠ Pass

4♠

Opening lead — five of diamonds.

Suppose you were declarer and your trump holding was Q1098xxxx opposite a singleton small card. After leading the singleton from dummy and seeing your right-hand opponent follow low, which card would you play?

Obviously, if the missing cards are divided 2-2, it doesn't matter what you do. But if they are divided 3-1, the correct play is to put up the queen.

This limits declarer's losses to two tricks in the suit if East started

with the A-K-x and West the singleton jack. Against all other 3-1 divisions, declarer must lose three trump tricks regardless of how he plays after East follows low.

This brings us to today's hand, which occurred in the final of the 1998 North American Open Pairs in Reno. South was Fred Gitelman, who has represented Canada many times in international competition. He quickly arrived at four spades as shown, and West led a low diamond.

Gitelman proceeded to make short work of the play. He took East's queen with the ace, ruffed the diamond jack in dummy and led dummy's remaining spade. East followed low smoothly, but Gitelman had no problem finding the winning play — he put up the queen, dropped West's jack, and eventually finished with 11 tricks, losing only the A-K of trumps.

As it turned out, Gitelman received 90 percent of the match-points on the deal, indicating that many others in the field did not know the correct percentage play with this holding and had lost a trick to the singleton jack.

Before leaving the table, East complimented Gitelman for his fine play, but was sorely disappointed when he later discovered that he had received such a poor matchpoint score for being minus 650. I know, because I was East.

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News in brief

Opposition supporters detained in Myanmar; junta expected to rule on detention of activist

YANGON, Myanmar (AP) — Already under fire for its handling of cyclone victims, Myanmar's military regime detained about 20 members of a democracy activist's opposition party Tuesday.

The junta faced a deadline to extend Nobel Peace Prize laureate Aung San Suu Kyi's house arrest for another year or release her. Members of her National League for Democracy were marching from the party's headquarters to her home when riot police shoved the group into a truck.

It was not immediately clear where the truck was headed or exactly how many people were detained.

Some of the detainees wore Suu Kyi T-shirts and others the party uniform, a peach colored jacket, sarong and cone-shaped hat. Thrown into the truck, two members seated by windows unfurled a 2-foot poster of Suu Kyi before being ordered to roll it back up.

As the detentions occurred, Suu Kyi's party called for her immediate release and lashed out at the regime for having rammed through a new constitution via a "sham referendum."

Actor and Oscar-winning director Sydney Pollack dies of cancer at 73 in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Sydney Pollack, the Academy Award-winning director who collaborated with a long list of elite actors on films such as "Out of Africa," "Tootsie," "The Way We Were" and "Absence of Malice," has died. He was 73.

Pollack was diagnosed with cancer about nine months ago and died Monday afternoon, surrounded by family, at his home in Pacific Palisades in Los Angeles, said his publicist, Leslee Dart.

Unlike many other top directors of his era, Pollack was also a film and television actor himself, and he used

this unique position to forge a relationship with Hollywood's elite stars and create some of the most successful films of the 1970s and '80s.

In 1970, "They Shoot Horses, Don't They?," about Great Depression marathon dancers, received nine Oscar nominations, including one for Pollack's direction. He was nominated again for best director for 1982's "Tootsie," starring Dustin Hoffman as a cross-dressing actor and Pollack as his exasperated agent. As director and producer, he won Academy Awards for the 1986 romantic epic "Out of Africa," starring Robert Redford and Meryl Streep, which captured seven Oscars in all.

Last fall, Pollack played law firm boss Marty Bach opposite George Clooney in "Michael Clayton," which he also co-produced and received seven Oscar nominations.

Investigators find security gaps in government counterterrorism program for U.S. ports

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Department of Homeland Security program to strengthen port security has gaps that terrorists could exploit to smuggle weapons of mass destruction in cargo containers, congressional investigators have found.

The report by the Government Accountability Office, being released Tuesday, assesses the Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT), a federal program established after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks to deter a potential terrorist strike via cargo passing through 326 of the nation's airports, seaports and designated land borders.

Under the program, roughly 8,000 importers, port authorities and air, sea and land carriers are granted benefits such as reduced scrutiny of their cargo. In exchange, the companies submit a security plan that must meet U.S. Customs and Border Protection's minimum standards and allow officials to verify their measures are being followed.

VMC

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they require great sacrifice. Freedom is not free."

Freeman said the call for freedom can sometimes get lost amid the goals and desires of Americans, and if that call is not answered by the men and women of the armed forces, Americans could lose one of their greatest national resources.

"The desire for it (freedom) to be in every human heart is the exception in the world, rather than the rule. Freedom does not spontaneously combust. Without those willing to make great sacrifices for freedom, and even die for

it, we would ultimately have peace, but not freedom," said Freeman. "Freedom is not free. Young people don't often feel the need to stop and reflect. They are moving too fast. Life calls, 'Hurry!' It says there is fun to be had and things to be experienced, girls to meet, college degrees to attain, money to make and careers to plan.

"But, ironically, freedom calls our young people back, time and again, to make sacrifices continually required to live with freedom, and if you don't want to defend your freedom, ultimately you won't live with freedom. Freedom is not free."

Freeman said the sacri-

fices made by our country's fighting forces are greatly untold, but as long as there is a need for freedom, there will be men and women to answer that call.

"Untold numbers of the young and old Americans have made the ultimate sacrifice in Afghanistan and Iraq since Sept. 11, 2001. They had dreams, comfort, opportunities and families," said Freeman. "Still more Americans will parish in these conflicts we are fighting, even as we speak. Why do they do it? They don't have to. In fact, they volunteered. They signed up because they love their country and their countrymen. They remember what it

takes to keep this land free. Freedom is not free. We fight because we believe, not that war is good, but that sometimes it is necessary. Our soldiers fight and die not for the glory of war, but for the price of freedom."

Freeman was joined by more than 1,000 motorcyclists Monday morning, all part of the annual Ride to Remember, which made its way from the Permian Basin Memorial at the Midland International Airport to Big Spring Highway 80 and FM 700.

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CHINA

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the quake has climbed further toward an expected toll of 80,000 or more. The Cabinet said Tuesday that 67,183 people were confirmed killed — up by about 2,000 from a day earlier — and 20,790 were still missing.

Also Tuesday, health officials said higher-than-normal rates of stomach pains and fever had been reported among the millions of quake survivors, but that no major disease outbreaks had occurred.

Some 5 million people were left homeless by the quake, and many of them are living in tents or makeshift communities that are clustered throughout the disaster zone.

Qi Xiaoqi, the director of disease prevention at the health ministry, said the quake had knocked out much of the region's health infrastructure, but 12 field hospitals had been erected and tens of thousands of health professionals were working in the zone.

"With the destruction by

the quake, the living and sanitary conditions have worsened for the local population," Qi told reporters in Beijing. "Their physical conditions are weakened (and they are) more vulnerable to disease."

Diseases such as tuberculosis, hepatitis and diarrhea remained a threat, but so far no outbreaks had been reported, he said.

About 1,800 soldiers clambered up mountain paths to reach Tangjiashan with plans to dig and blast their way through the debris and drain the water, Xinhua reported. It did not say when the blasting operation would take place.

The Tangjiashan lake is one of dozens created when the magnitude 7.9 quake sent millions of tons of earth and rock tumbling into some of the region's narrow valleys. Some rising floodwaters have already swallowed villages.

Tangjiashan now holds 34 billion gallons of water and was rising by more than three feet every 24 hours, Liu said.

Xinhua said troops were

working around the clock to remove at least 1.8 million cubic feet of debris to build the channel, which would not be completed before June 5.

Pressure is building behind the dams as rivers and streams feed into the newly formed lakes. Officials fear the loose soil and debris walls of the dams could crumble easily, especially once the water level reaches the top and begins cascading over.

Adding to the threat, thunderstorms were forecast for parts of Sichuan this week — a foretaste of the coming summer rainy season that accounts for more than 70 percent of the two feet of rain that falls on the area each year.

Also in northern Sichuan in Qingchuan county, 1,300 people have been evacuated from Guanzhuang because of landslide worries. Local official Li Guoping said plans were being drawn up to evacuate all 23,000 people in the area if needed.

He said landslides that blocked rivers had formed 10 lakes, but only three

had the potential to be dangerous if there were heavy rains.

"I worry about the start of the rainy season," Li said.

Aftershocks have rumbled across the region since the major quake — including one Tuesday measured by the U.S. Geological Survey at magnitude 5.7 — adding to jitters among survivors and in some cases causing more damage. No damage or injuries were reported from Tuesday's tremor.

A major temblor Sunday knocked down thousands of buildings that had survived the initial quake, and killed eight people.

One quake expert said Tuesday that aftershocks in the area could continue for several months.

"Judging from previous earthquakes of a similar magnitude, this time the aftershocks may last for two or three months," He Yongnian, a former deputy director of China Seismological Bureau, was quoted as saying by Xinhua.

The aftershocks were likely to grow weaker as time passed, he said.

A 2005 GAO report found many of the companies were receiving the reduced cargo scrutiny without the required full vetting by U.S. Customs, a division of DHS.

The agency has since made some improvements, but the new report found that Customs officials still couldn't provide guarantees that companies were in compliance.

General says Russia will counter U.S. missile defense plans but won't build similar shield

MOSCOW (AP) — A top Russian general said Tuesday that the military will take adequate countermeasures in response to U.S. missile defense plans.

Lt. Gen. Yevgeny Buzhinsky told reporters that Russia was thinking about "asymmetrical" steps if the United States deploys missile defense elements in Europe.

He did not give specifics, but said the military does not plan to strengthen the Soviet-era missile defense system protecting Moscow, which was developed in the 1970s.

Buzhinsky added that Russia appreciated U.S. proposals intended to soothe Russian concerns, but said they were not enough to change Moscow's perception that the U.S. system would undermine its security.

Washington has promised to delay activating the planned new sites in Poland and the Czech Republic unless Iran proves itself an imminent threat to Europe. It also offered to let Russian officers monitor the sites to make sure they are not directed against Russia.

"We welcome these proposals as a step in the right direction, the acknowledgment that the Russian concerns are well-grounded," Buzhinsky, who heads the Russian Defense Ministry's international cooperation department, said at a news conference. "But the United States needs to abandon its plans to deploy missile defense components in Europe if it wants to remove Russia's concerns."

Mars lander completes first day on red planet

By ARTHUR H. ROTSTEIN
Associated Press Writer

TUCSON, Ariz. — Fresh images sent back by NASA's Phoenix Mars Lander during its first full day operating in the Martian northern polar region showed most of its science instruments in good health, mission scientists said.

The one snag on the lander occurred when the protective sheath around the trench-digging robotic arm failed to unwrap all the way after touchdown and now covers the arm's elbow joint.

Deputy project scientist Deborah Bass of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory said scientists still planned to start the process of unstowing the arm Tuesday, but it could take an extra day to fully stretch the arm.

Since landing on Mars on Sunday, Phoenix has delighted scientists with

the first-ever peek of the planet's unexplored northern latitudes.

The terrain where Phoenix set its three legs is relatively flat with polygon-shaped patterns in the ground likely caused by the expansion and contraction of underground ice.

Phoenix is on a three-month mission to excavate the soil using its 8-foot-long robotic arm to reach the ice believed to be buried inches to a foot deep.

The lander will study whether the landing site could have supported primitive life, officials related.

Among the things it will look for is whether the ice melted in Mars' history and whether the soil samples contain traces of organic compounds, one of the building blocks of life.

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OUR VIEWS

'Click It or Ticket'
means we must
use our seat belts

A word to the wise is sufficient. It's an adage we're all too familiar with, and that's especially true when it comes to the use of seat belts when we're driving.

If you're one of those people who refuse to wear their seat belts, law enforcement officers are looking exclusively for you.

Running through Sunday, the Texas Department of Transportation is conducting its seventh annual "Click It or Ticket" program — a nationwide campaign developed to force people into compliance with seat belt laws.

It's a program that is working both nationally and locally. In 2002, the usage of seat belts in Texas was around 76 percent. It is now at about 92 percent for Texas drivers, but that number falls off to 87 percent when it comes to front seat passengers. Worse still, that number drops to 79 percent among pickup truck passengers.

Carlos Lopez, director of TxDOT's traffic operations division, says unbuckled passengers in pickups are a serious problem. "Since pickups are twice as likely as passenger vehicles to roll over in a crash, we worry about the safety of people who don't take the simple precaution of buckling up when they're in a truck," he said. "Wearing a safety belt reduces the risk of dying in a pickup rollover crash by as much as 80 percent."

And in Big Spring, where the "Click It or Ticket" program has been in effect for a decade now, police say the effort's result has been fewer injuries and deaths as a result of traffic accidents.

Texas law requires every person sitting in the front seat of a vehicle to be secured by a safety belt, no matter how big or small the vehicle is. The law also states that all children under 17 years old must be secured with a safety belt or in a child safety seat, whether they are sitting in the front or back seat. A child less than 5 years old or less than 36 inches tall must be secured in a child safety seat.

And remember, Big Spring Police Chief Lonnie Smith has long supported a zero-tolerance stance on seat belt violations. So, if you get pulled over for not wearing your seat belt by an officer, you won't be getting a warning.

And with extra officers working the streets and highways throughout the state each day each day of the "Click It or Ticket" program — their whole purpose out there being to look for seat belt violations — it behooves us all to make sure we wear our seat belts and make sure others in our vehicles do the same.

After all, a word to the wise...

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

We feel more at peace with the world, Lord, when we have You.
Amen

Gas tax politics — pretenders' delight

I've always said that there are few things more powerful than a bad idea whose time had come, but I'm beginning to have my doubts.

The bad idea, the very bad idea — the really, truly bad idea — of this Presidential campaign season is the so-called "gas-tax holiday," first proposed by John McCain then echoed by Hillary Clinton. It would lift the 18.4-cent-a-gallon federal tax on gasoline for the summer in the name of giving suffering motorists relief from skyrocketing fuel costs.

As bad ideas go that is at the very top of the list, which is why I, cynic that I am, thought it would carry Sen. Clinton to a rousing victory in Indiana and perhaps even North Carolina.

Flash. It didn't. Not only did it fail to give her a big victory, there is evidence that it helped her lose. Exit interviews in Indiana found that voters dismissed the gas-tax holiday as political pandering and irrelevant to the problem of high fuel costs. In other words, they acted like intelligent voters. Gee, what will they think of next?

Sen. Clinton's opponent, Barack Obama, had argued that the proposed measure was "a gimmick" that would save motorists a quick \$30 over the course of the summer while costing the cash-strapped

highway fund \$9 billion. Voters bought that argument.

I don't expect Ms. Clinton to let the issue go easily, however. With Hillary, nothing is easy.

Clinton says she'd replace the lost tax money by hitting the oil companies with an "excess profits" tax. McCain, who doesn't believe in taxes, says he'd pay for the holiday by cutting out "hundreds of millions of dollars of pork-barrel projects." You know, like bridges, roads and schools.

Actually, the gas-tax holiday is a much worse idea than even Obama let on.

In the first place, good luck in trying to get a tax on the oil companies through Congress. The oil companies own Congress, or enough of it to ensure favorable tax legislation. And as far as McCain's pork-barrel cutting goes, I thought he was going to use that money to finance his tax cuts for rich people. There's only so much pork to go around and, anyway, Congress isn't about to let go of its share of the porker.

In the second place, even if you did get a tax on oil companies, they would certainly pass along the higher tax to consumers, keeping gas prices where they are. We don't have a gas-price police in this country. If we did, there'd be more people in jail. The politicians' rationale for this utterly feckless response to a real national problem was explained with shocking candor by Gov. Charlie Crist of Florida, who is trying to get his state to cut 10 cents from the state's gas tax for two weeks in July. The Republican

Mr. Crist, told the New York Times:

"If experience with such gas tax holidays is any guide, drivers would save less than politicians suggest. But that is not necessarily the point. It's about trying to serve the people and trying to understand and have caring, compassionate hearts for what they're dealing with at the kitchen table."

Oh brother. That's right up there with a doctor saying it's his job is to give his patients sugar pills to convince them he has their best interests at heart and is helping them, even though he's not doing a damn thing for them.

Perhaps the low point in Mrs. Clinton's campaign — which has not lacked for low points — took place just before the Indiana-North Carolina elections. George Stephanopoulos asked her to name a single economist who thought the gas-tax holiday was a good idea.

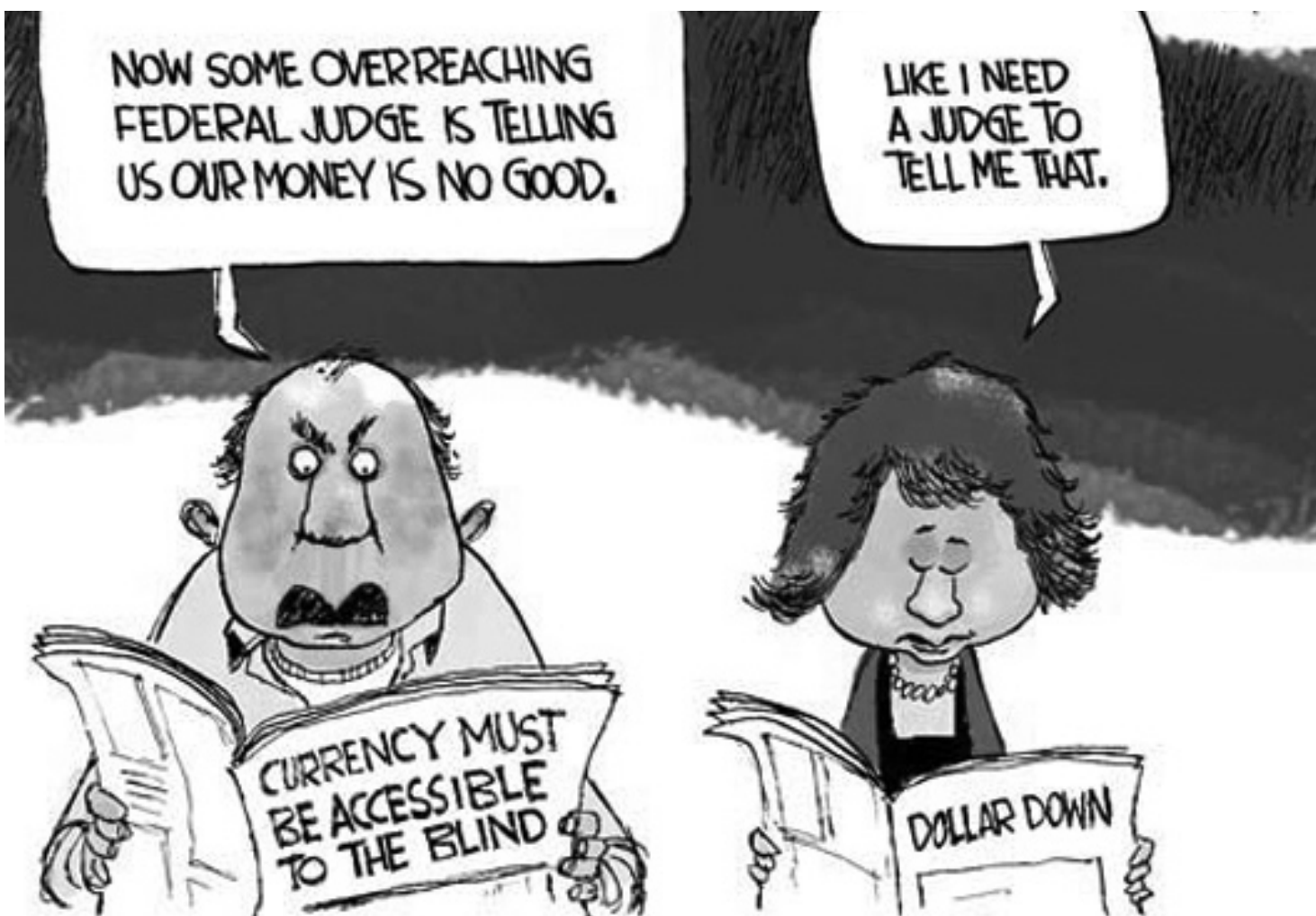
Puffing up like an adder, she answered: "I'm not going to put my lot with economists."

Thus joining a long line of know-nothing Presidential candidates — George Wallace, Ross Perot, George Bush — who scorned "pointy-headed intellectuals."

For all her flaws, I thought she belonged in better company than that.

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The farm subsidy derby

As they sipped their mint juleps at the Kentucky Derby, racehorse owners celebrated securing a new Washington windfall. That's right. With record budget deficits and American families struggling to make ends meet, senators, led by Mitch McConnell, secured \$500 million in depreciation and capital gains tax breaks for racehorse owners in the current farm bill.

Only in Washington, D.C., would people describe horse racing as part of farming. Another one of the more wasteful provisions is hundreds of millions in tax breaks for timber companies. By changing the tax treatment of timber sales and by "modernizing" timber real estate investment trusts, timber companies, such as Weyerhaeuser, will receive a major windfall to the tune of \$435 million over 10 years, according to some reports.

But what does belong in the farm bill is a revamp of subsidy programs that go to millionaires who may or may not be active farmers. Proposed farm bill "reforms" include increasing the annual direct payment to farmers, removing the limits on marketing loans, and promising that the government will buy excess sugar from the already highly subsidized sugar industry. Rather than fixes, these are massive expensive farm bill failures.

Those in farm country are screaming bloody murder at the mention of any reductions in the dollars flowing to agriculture. At a time of record commodity prices and farm incomes we don't know why they need billions in taxpayer

handouts.

A handful of House lawmakers at least tried to minimize the fiscal damage of the next farm bill. Congressmen Jeff Flake (R-Ariz.), Ron Kind (D-Wis.) and Paul Ryan (R-Wis.) urged farm bill negotiators to oppose an increase in annual direct payments, and to adhere to promised budgetary guidelines and fiscal discipline. Direct payments, which are paid out regardless of crop price or even if a crop is grown, cost more than \$5 billion a year.

Meanwhile, here at home and around the world, ethanol, another agricultural beneficiary of federal subsidies and mandates, is raising eyebrows. Ethanol has become a factor in recent food shortages. It's simple supply and demand. Plentiful ethanol subsidies are driving farmers to plant more corn on the limited amount of land suitable for growing food. That means less land for other crops like soybeans and wheat. The smaller supply of food drives prices up.

To its credit, the White House has been consistent in its farm bill demand: fix it or face a veto. So lawmakers who wanted a farm bill had a golden opportunity. Rather than support new tax breaks for horse racing and timber companies and subsidies to millionaire farmers, they could have ended the gravy train for fat cat farmers by not increasing the automatic giveaways in the direct payment system and capping payments to wealthy farmers. With good economic times in farm country, now is the time to create real reform that creates a healthy safety net for the farm communities.

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From the south, the empty buildings were surrounded by open fields with rose colored thistles blooming among yellow wildflowers and spring grasses. With no human activity, insects, rodents and birds had reclaimed the undisturbed growth. Having looked at all the possibilities, she decided on the building with the easiest access.

With time, each thought the decision to relocate

had been a wise one. Except for the wind and an occasional dust storm, both felt as if they had the place to themselves. Although isolated, the hangar offered the space he needed. She liked the security, since no one would notice her comings and goings.

Over a month had passed when one morning she heard a noise on the great expanse that had no grass. A long, slender object would go back and forth over the flat, dark gray surface. After awhile, it went back inside the hangar and the rest of the day was quiet. As long as the thing went back in its hole, she felt safe.

As soon as the man and his crew completed one job, another challenge would arrive. The steady flow of business made their days pass quickly. Only when a delivery was due did they have a chance to stop and talk. Loving what they did was compensation enough.

After telephoning for advice and possible assistance, a male voice mentioned Team Development and the location. "We try to keep a low profile, so I'd appreciate your help," he added. Telling him it

would take us about 20 minutes, I motioned for Art to get our equipment.

On the drive to the old county airport, he was eager to learn about the unusual phone call. "The man said Indy cars! As in racing," I answered. Dumbfounded, we could hardly believe Indianapolis race cars were in the county. Pausing for a moment, I added, "He has what he thinks is a baby hawk."

Walking into the hangar, we entered another world. In front of us were two Indy cars. Long and streamlined, they looked as if they would barely fit us. While two crewmen continued to work, the man gave us a gracious welcome. Leading us over to a workbench filled with tools, he reached for a cardboard box lined with paper towels. Inside was a feathering kestrel.

Pointing toward faded yellow insulation that hung from an opening at the top of the wall, the man explained that the bird had been able to flutter enough to break its fall. Outside, we could see that the roof and the walls did not meet perfectly. This would have enabled birds to use the space and

its insulating qualities for their new families.

"Here's another one," called one of the crew from the hangar. "Just seemed to float right down from up there," he continued. Obviously, the nestlings were anxious to test their wings.

The two daredevils might have siblings, so one of the men climbed a ladder to the opening. Carefully inserting his hand, he could feel two more nestlings hiding inside.

Realizing this was no place for baby birds or ill-tempered parents, the man asked if we would take the young and ensure their safety. Since he had not seen either of the parents, we felt the nestlings' food had been brought to the opening outside. Curiosity had led to the exploration in the other direction and their surprise visit.

With the foursome cradled in a carrier, we thanked the man for helping to assure the kestrels' well-being. Explaining that these small falcons had been fed insects the first week of their lives, we said they were now being given insects and mice several times a day. Even when they left the



Courtesy photo

In anticipation of being fed, four American kestrels eagerly greet their mother. When mature, the male has blue-gray wings, while the female has rufous coloration. Black spotting underneath highlights the male; the female is heavily streaked with brown. Both sexes are graced with black stripes on the side of the head.

nest, their parents would continue feeding them for a week or so until they learned to hunt.

As we started to leave, the man shared with us that he and his crew tune high performance engines that could only be released from their shop after testing on the runways. The isolated location was necessary for scheduling and to keep the curious away.

Admiring his expertise and knowledge of such complicated machines, we promised to keep his unusual secret. Memorial Day races in the future, however, took on a different meaning as we recalled specialized fliers, both on a race track and in the skies.

Bebe McCasland is federally and state licensed to rehabilitate wild birds.

Parent's Corner:

A look at a few 'laws' that seem to plague us all

Remember Murphy's Law? Anything that can go wrong will go wrong at the worst possible moment.

Well, I found a few more of these type laws that usually haunt us that I would like to share with you.

Let's just run through them and you determine whether or not they have been a part of your life.

The Law of Mechanical Repair: After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch.

The Law of the Workshop: Any tool, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible corner.

The Law of Probability: The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.

The Law of the Alibi: If you tell the boss you were late for work because you had a flat tire, the very next morning you will have a flat tire.

The Variation Law: If you change lines (or traffic lanes), the one you were in will start to move faster than the one you moved to (works every time).

The Law of the Bath: When the entire body is totally wet, the telephone will ring.

The Law of Close Encounters: The probability of meeting someone you know increases dramatically when you are at a location where you don't want to be seen.

The Law of the Result: When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, it will (especially your car).

The Law of Bio mechanics: The severity of your itch is inversely proportional to your reach.

The Law of the Theater or stadium: At any event, the people whose seats are furthest from the aisle arrive last.

The Law of the Lockers: If there are only two people in a locker room, they will have adjacent lockers.

The Law of the Carpets: The chances of an open-faced jelly sandwich landing face down on a carpet are directly correlated to the newness and cost of the carpet.

The Law of Location: No matter where you go, there you are.

The Law of Logical Argument: Anything is possible if you don't know what you are talking about.

The Law of the Shoes: If the shoe fits, it's ugly.

The Commercial Law: As soon as you find a product that you really like, they will stop making it. (This one is true every time!)

The Doctors' Law: If you don't feel well, make an appointment to go to the doctor, by the time you get there you'll feel better. If you don't make an appointment, you'll

stay sick.

The Law of Taxation: A tax is a fine for doing well but a fine is a tax for doing wrong.

The Law of Change: Change is inevitable, except from a vending

machine.

The 50-50-90 Law: Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90 percent probability you'll get it wrong.

The Law of Probability:

If all the cars in the world were to be lined up end-to-end, someone would be stupid enough to try to pass them.

The Law of Patience: See **RYAN**, Page 6A



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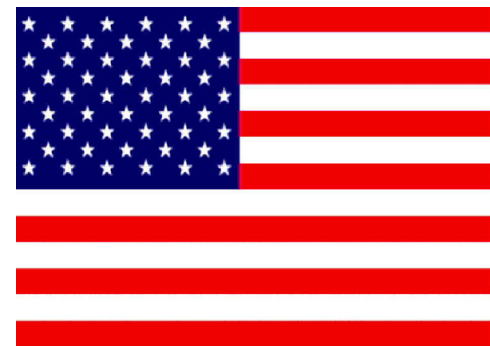
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

If there's a place, a method or a way to experience the stuff of inspiration and enchantment, today's Gemini sun and Pisces moon combo has us looking. Artists call to their muse, seekers to their guru, and travelers to the soul of the world. As mystic Rumi said, "There are hundreds of ways to kiss the ground." There are as many ways to arrive.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your attention is a hot commodity. So when a work-related task, which is neither difficult nor impossible, wants your focus, you have a choice whether or not to give the task your superstar attention, or to delegate.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). When your happiness fluctuates as dramatically as the stock market, it's probably tied up in something outside yourself. Step back and detach so you can once again connect to inner sources of well-being.

GEMINI (May 21-June

21). You are luckily, blissfully out of touch with the status quo. In this case, your blinders serve you well in this blessed state of independence. You focus on what really matters -- bettering your best.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're given power -- more than you're accustomed to, actually. Others will respond quickly to your expert analysis of a situation. Be doubly sure that your advice is for the highest good.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Even though you just put your world in order, you don't mind making changes. You're on a mission to improve, whatever it takes. Capricorn has ideas that excite you to action.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Someone needs your backbone. With all the heavy lifting you've been doing in life, no wonder this person is looking to you. Offer help, but don't carry the whole load this time. Maintain a respectful boundary.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Instead of longing for escape from the workday world, take it: a five-minute breather, a noon-time walk or drawing a bath and letting it transport you to a happy, fluffy cloud that only you inhabit.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You pride yourself more on being a lone-wolf type than one who gets wrapped up in popular opinion. When an associate prickles you, no need to make a fuss or get overly involved. You tuck it away as useful information.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). A great deal of energy frees up because you take back your schedule. The phone calls and e-mails can wait while you give uninterrupted focus to important business.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You may need to ask for what you want over and over, and that's ok with you. If you don't ask, you don't get. Besides, you're even more charming the tenth time you ask for something.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Yes, you're receiving mixed signals from someone. And yet, it's all right because they've already shown you everything you need to know. Now it's a matter of piecing the puzzle together.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You keep wondering how you're doing because the response you get from others is difficult to read.

They'll be more effusive later in the week. For now, your best indicator comes from a bit of soul-searching.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm a Gemini, he's a Pisces. There's a strong connection, even though my Pisces has trust issues with my flirty personality. We have broken up twice because I felt the need to find myself and believe he did, too. Can we find ourselves and then find ourselves with each other?"

Gemini, flirting is simply your way of having a great conversation with the world. Your charm is thus: curious and interested. And when you find yourself in the company of stimulating ideas, faces and places, you find yourself. Ironically, Pisces finds him self there, too, but on an emotional level. So while Pisces is seeking out soul-stirring connection and you're busily connecting with everything and everyone, can you see the challenge? Your similarities can cause changeability as a twosome, but they also accurately reflect your respective needs, which are perfectly reasonable. If you can give Pisces the emotional reassurances he needs, and he can give you the freedom you require, this could work. If neither of you want to do this, you're better off recognizing it sooner than later -- and instead of trying to change one another, find someone who will meet you halfway.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: You don't need an astrologer to tell you Lenny Kravitz has strong vocal chords, but what's up with his lungs? The unfortunate respiratory infections the super-rock-er has had this year have led to show cancellations. Every Sun sign has corresponding body organs (one of Gemini's is the lungs), suggesting we might take special care of the area indicated by the sun sign.

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Photos by Thomas Jenkins



RYAN

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The things that come to those who wait, may be

the things left by those who got there first. Many of these laws we may not have considered but isn't it amazing how true they are? One thing we must keep

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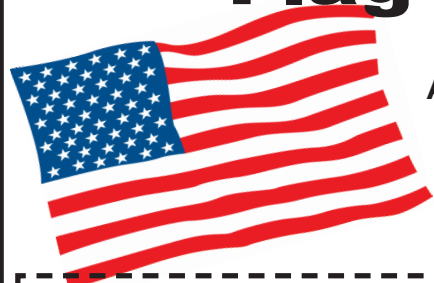
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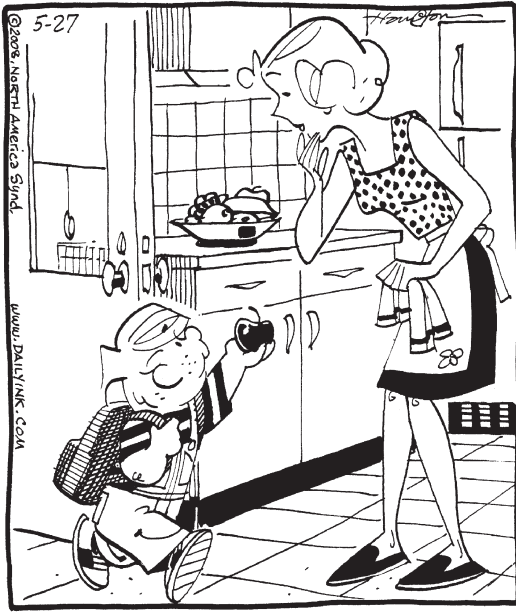


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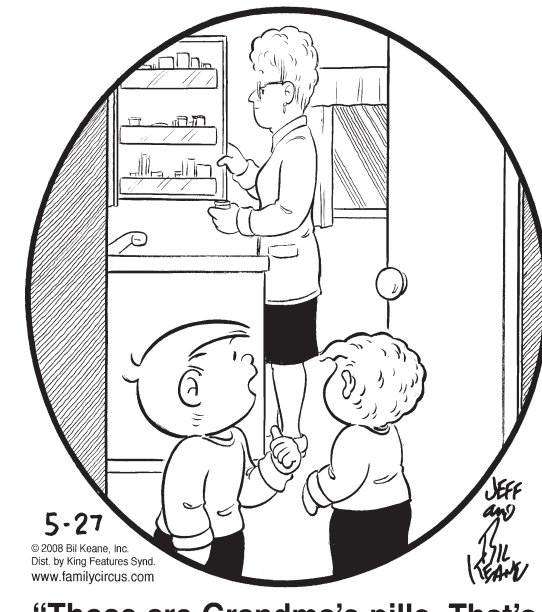
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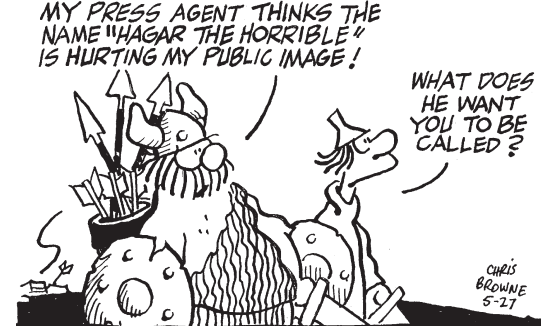
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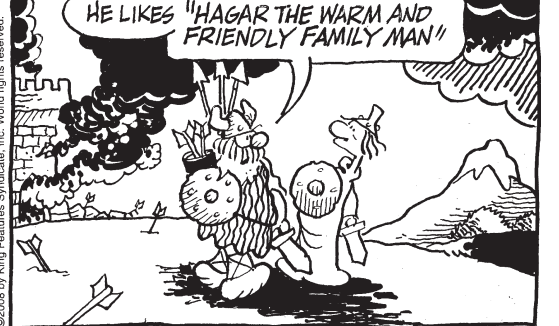


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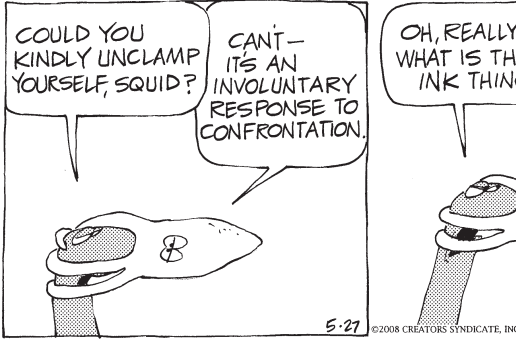


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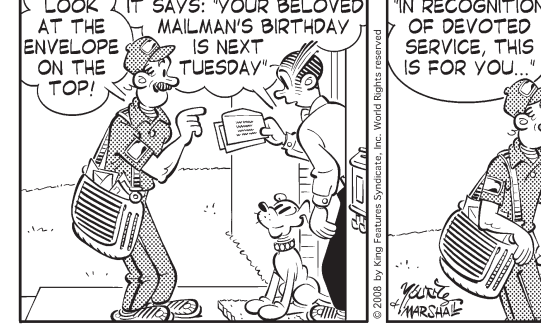


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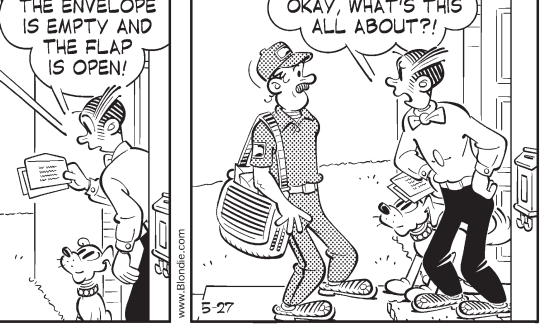


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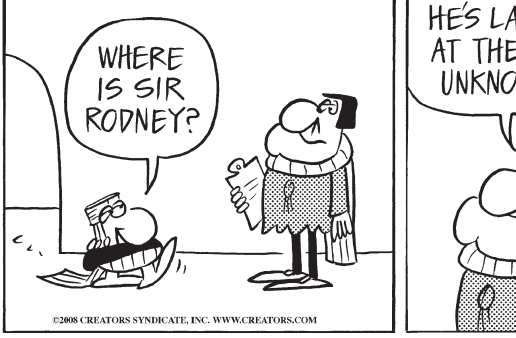


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WIZARD OF ID



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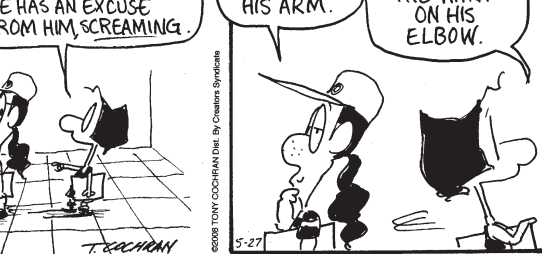


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AGNES

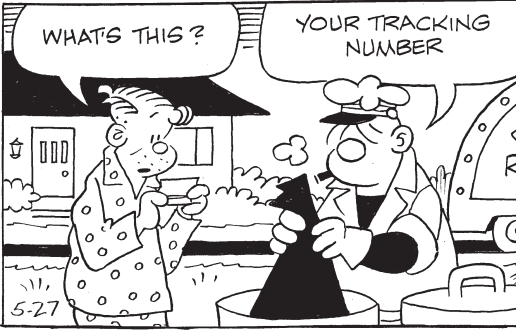


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HI AND LOIS



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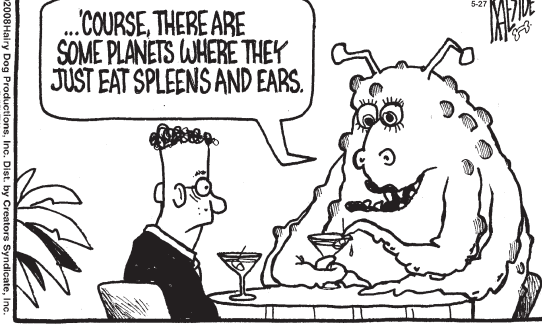


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THE OTHER COAST



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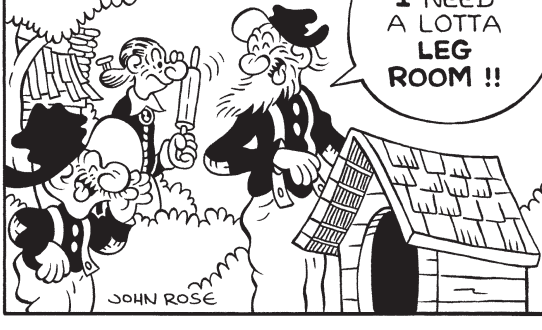


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SNUFFY SMITH

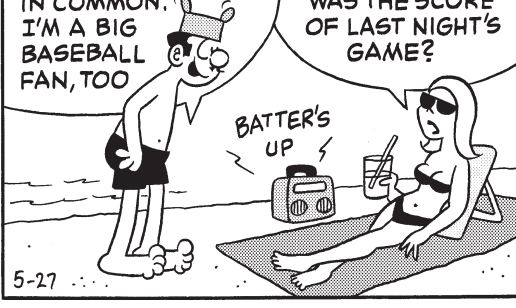


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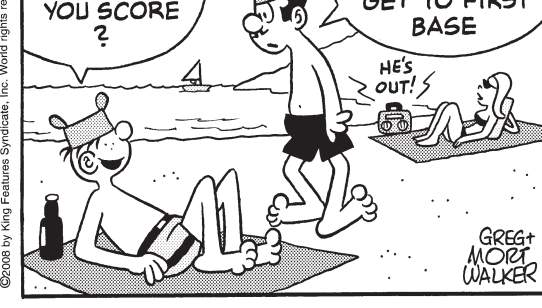


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BETLE BAILEY



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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, May 27, the 148th day of 2008. There are 218 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On May 27, 1937, the newly completed Golden Gate Bridge connecting San Francisco and Marin County, Calif., was opened to pedestrian traffic. (Vehicular traffic began crossing the bridge the next day.) On this date: In 1818, American reformer Amelia Jenks Bloomer, who popularized the garment that bears her name, — "bloomers", — was born in Homer, N.Y. In 1896, 255 people were killed when a tornado struck St. Louis and East St. Louis, Ill. In 1933, Walt Disney's Academy Award-winning animated short "The Three Little Pigs" was first released. In 1935, the Supreme Court, in Schechter Poultry Corporation v. United States, struck down the National Industrial Recovery Act. In 1936, the Cunard liner RMS Queen Mary left England on its maiden voyage to New York. In 1941, amid rising world tensions, President Roosevelt proclaimed an "unlimited national emergency." In 1941, the British navy sank the German battleship Bismarck off France, with a loss of more than 2,100 lives. In 1964, independent India's first prime minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, died. In 1985, in Beijing, representatives of Britain and China exchanged instruments of ratification on the pact returning Hong Kong to the Chinese in 1997. In 1993, five people were killed in a bombing at the Uffizi museum of art in Florence, Italy. Today's Birthdays: Novelist Herman Wouk is 93. Actor Christopher Lee is 86. Former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger is 85. Actress Lee Meriwether is 73. Musician Ramsey Lewis is 73. Actor Louis Gossett Jr. is 72. Rhythm-and-blues singer Raymond Sanders (The Persuasions) is 69. Country singer Don Williams is 69. Actor Bruce Weitz is 65. Singer Cilla Black is 65. Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn. is 64. Singer Bruce Cockburn is 63. Singer-actress Dee Dee Bridgewater is 58. Actor Richard Schiff is 53. Singer Siouxsie Sioux (The Creatures,

Siouxsie and the Banshees) is 51. Rock singer-musician Neil Finn (The Finn Brothers) is 50. Actress Peri Gilpin is 47. Actress Cathy Niles is 47. Comedian Adam Carolla is 44. Actor Todd Bridges is 43. Rock musician Sean Kinney (Alice In Chains) is 42. Actor Dondre Whitfield is 39. Actor Paul Bettany is 37. Rock singer-musician Brian Desveaux (Nine Days) is 37. Country singer Jace Everett is 36. Rapper Andre 3000 (Outkast) is 33. Rapper Jadakiss is 33. TV chef Jamie Oliver is 33. Actor Ethan Dampf is 14. Thought for Today: "Great wisdom is generous; petty wisdom is contentious. Great speech is impassioned, small speech cantankerous." — Chuang-Tzu, Chinese essayist (c.369 B.C.-c.286 B.C.). © 2008 The Associated Press.

Answer to previous puzzle grid with words like WELD, GABS, DWELL, OBOE, ORAL, EERIE, RANG, TIRE, RAISE, DYER, TAKE, BREAK, EWES, PRY, FADE IN, SIT, DIVA, ALE, STALE, EUROS, CATCHONES, BREATH, EMERY, GET IN, TEE, TORY, JET, GIVERS, PAL, EDEN, RESTAURANT, WHILE, ELKS, ACTOR, ASIA, CANE, SHEET, INTL, KNEW, HOWDY, RTES, SEES

Newsday Crossword

PLUG IT IN by Gail Grabowski Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS 1 Bit of a cloud 5 Throws out a fishing line 10 Chooses, with "for" 14 Residence 15 Hollywood award 16 Farm yield 17 GI no-show 18 Dishonest ones 19 Need a rest 20 Genie's residence 22 Secured, as a skate 23 Nickels and quarters 24 Prospector's place 25 So far 28 Four-star officer 31 Ready for customers 32 In the know 34 Top playing card 35 Sermon deliverer: Abbr. 36 Nativity trio 38 Gun lobby org. 39 "Sold out" letters on Broadway 40 Make a speech 41 Matured 42 High-fiber cereal 44 Accentuate 46 Sea slitherers 47 March 17 honoree, for short 49 Was in agreement (with) 51 Metal to recycle 55 Barn's upper level 56 Church singing group 57 Bargain hunter's delight 58 List-ending abbr. 59 Campus buildings 60 Accessories for suits 61 Copenhagen citizen 62 Feel intuitively 63 Vending-machine opening 8 Waterproof covering 9 AARP members 10 Gas-pump rating number 11 Buyer's maximum-to-minimum 12 Pulled apart 13 Went fast 21 Portable bed 22 Tablecloth fabric 24 Insignificant 25 Sculpture subject 26 Musical drama 27 Avid team supporter 28 Chess, for example 29 Farm units 30 Acts as a guide 32 Strong __ ox 33 Freshly painted

13x13 crossword grid with numbers 1-63 indicating starting positions for the clues.