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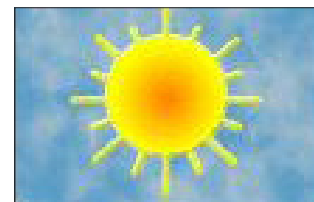
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## Citizens speak out on city ADA issues

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

Deficiencies at the Comanche Trail Amphitheater and Municipal Auditorium were just a few of the concerns brought to the city of Big Spring's ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) Advisory Committee Monday night, as the group moves forward with a plan to address problems with city facilities.

Bill Noonan, an architect and engineer with Parkhill Smith & Cooper — the firm contracted by the city to develop a plan to address the municipality's ADA shortcomings — along with members of the committee, fielded questions and listened to suggestions from citizens during the special Town Hall Meeting in the city's council chambers.

"Part of the preparations for the transition plan is to hold some town hall meetings, and this meeting tonight is the first of them," said Noonan. "There won't be any motions or votes made this evening. This is really just a question and answer session to gather input from the citizens."

City Attorney Linda Sjogren



HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins

**Retired Bauer-Magnet teacher Susan Dawes addresses Big Spring's ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) Advisory Committee Monday night during a special meeting designed to give local residents a chance to weigh in on the effort currently under way to bring city facilities into compliance with federal**

briefly went over the transition plan for curb ramps in the city, as well as the transition plan for the upcoming study on city facilities, saying the curb ramps identified as being out of compliance by the Federal Highway Administration

would take the highest priority.

"Title 2 of the ADA requires that local governments ensure all are able to participate in programs, services or activities, and this is

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## Dry climate, fireworks mix draw concerns

*Judge says difference between 96- and 112-bed jail is just a 'fudge factor'*

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

According to local officials, Howard County residents could be sitting on a powder keg going into the July 4 holiday, as county commissioners were unable to take action on a fireworks ban Monday morning, thanks to a new state law.

"I talked to the Forest Service this morning and our drought index is 530," County Judge Mark Barr told commissioners Monday. "We have to be at 575 before we can enact this prohibition, and that's set by the state legislature. It doesn't have anything to do with the local county government or anything like that. We have to abide by what the legislature says. "This was a big deal

**"We could lose a lot of property — and even some lives — if these fireworks get out of hand. So please be very, very careful."**



—County Judge Mark Barr

last year during the legislative session, and I think they hit on it in the newspaper how much stroke the fireworks people have."

The court did grant Barr the authority to sign the

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## Heflin opponent says district needs a 'conservative voice'

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

Isaac Castro believes a conservative district deserves a conservative voice in Austin.

Castro, an attorney from Hamlin who is running on the Republican ticket to unseat first-term state representative Joe Heflin, was in Big Spring last week introducing himself to voters.

At a Saturday reception in Greg's Grill, Castro portrayed himself as a conservative alternative to Heflin, the Crosbyton Democrat who claimed the District 85 seat in 2006.

"Our district has a predomi-

nantly conservative ideology and our district deserves a conservative voice in the legislature," Castro said. "We haven't had that in many years ... and I will be that conservative voice."

To unseat Heflin, Castro is hoping at least part of the 2006 election plays out again — two years ago, Howard County went heavily for Republican Jim Landroop.

"There is a solid, conservative base in the southern part of this district," he said. "Big Spring and Howard County are certainly a cornerstone of the district for a Republican candidate."

But Castro left no doubt he plans to campaign heavily throughout the district.

"This district has a lot of Republicans and conservatives in all its regions," Castro said. "We will not discount any county, by any means. We will campaign in every county this year."

While many observers considered Heflin's narrow victory in 2006 an upset, Castro sees it differently.

"This is the district (Democrat and former Texas House Speaker) Pete Laney represent-

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

**Isaac Castro, the Republican candidate in this year's District 85 state legislature election, greets a well-wisher at a reception for the Hamlin attorney at Greg's Grill in the Big Spring Mall Saturday afternoon.**

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### Tomatoes pulled

CHICAGO (AP) — Federal officials hunted for the source of a 16-state salmonella outbreak linked to three types of raw tomatoes, while the list of supermarkets and restaurants yanking those varieties from shelves and dishes grew.

McDonald's, Wal-Mart, Burger King, Kroger, Outback Steakhouse, Winn-Dixie and Taco Bell were among the companies that voluntarily withdrew red plum, red Roma or round red tomatoes unless they were grown in certain states and countries.

The FDA is investigating the source of the outbreak, a spokesman said.

### New privy a lifesaver

BATAVIA, Ohio (AP) — An ailing, retired farmer who refused to give up his outhouse after authorities declared it to be a public nuisance finally got a new one.

Elbert "Lew" Preston, 79, stood his ground long enough for a nonprofit group to come to his aid and build him a sturdy new outhouse with a waste tank underneath.

"There she is," Preston said as he showed off the new outbuilding. "She's a lifesaver."

"It's too nice and complicated to be an outhouse," Preston said. "I call it a privy."

### Grammy winners reception

A reception honoring local residents Gracie Acosta and John Ontiveros will be held today at 6:30 p.m. in the Hall Center for the Arts, on the Howard College Campus. Both Acosta and Ontiveros recently received a Grammy for their contributions to the recent album from three-time Grammy Award winning Tejano artist and band Little Joe y La Familia.

Ontiveros graduated from Big Spring High School in 2003; Howard College in 2004 and Angelo State University in 2007 with a music major. Acosta graduated from BSHS in 2004 and Howard College in 2006.

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### IN BRIEF

#### 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 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.

#### Baseball Skills Camp

Baseball coach Burt Otto will conduct a Baseball Skills Camp starting June 16 and running through June 19. There will be two sessions. First through fourth graders participate from 1-3 p.m. at a field to be announced and fifth through eighth graders take Steer Field from 3-5 p.m.

Cost is \$25 with an optional \$10 T-shirt fee.

#### Softball Skills Camp

Coaches John Sparks and Jennifer Reyes lend their services for a Softball Skills Camp June 16-19 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Lady Steers Field.

The camp is for first through eighth graders and costs \$25 with an optional \$10 T-shirt fee.

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.

#### Coahoma sets date for baseball skills camp

Coahoma's Head Baseball Coach Brad Harman has announced the dates for his annual Bulldogs Baseball Camp. The camp will be held from June 16 through June 19 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each day at the Bulldogs baseball field.

The camp is for ages six and up and costs \$75. Contact Harman at 816-3258 with any questions.

#### BSGSA holding 5th Annual Co-ed Ragball Tourney

The Big Spring Girls Softball Association will have its 5th Annual Co-ed Ragball Tournament June 20-22 at the Roy Anderson Complex.

Cost is \$110 per team with an eight-game guarantee.

Register at the complex between 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. June 20th. Games start at 7 p.m. on the same date.

For more information contact Rodney Jones at 213-3750.

Call at 263-7331 to submit a sports brief.

# Rangers' rotation in shambles

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON — The Texas Rangers' rotation is set up perfectly for the start of their trip this week: Kevin Millwood in the opener, followed by Vicente Padilla.

Exactly how it was drawn up in spring training.

After their top two starters, though, it's a toss-up on who might be pitching, or what kind of

performance to expect.

"Sometimes we'll be like, what's going on?" closer C.J. Wilson said. "That's just part of baseball. That's why we have a 40-man roster."

The Rangers have already used 22 pitchers, and they could use their 10th starter during the trip this week to Kansas City and the New York Mets. That depends on what they decide to do to fill the spot of Sidney Ponson (4-1), the

resurgent right-hander who was stunningly designated for assignment Friday because of what general manager Jon Daniels called disruptive behavior.

Behind Millwood (4-3) and Padilla (7-3), everything has changed since the start spring training. The other three starters — Jason Jennings, Brandon McCarthy and left-hander Kason Gabbard — aren't even on the active roster.

Jennings made only six starts before another season-ending surgery on his problematic right elbow. McCarthy has been on the disabled list because of forearm inflammation and is only now throwing on flat ground. Gabbard is back in the minor leagues.

"Adversity is something that happens in baseball. These guys have learned how to deal with

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## The team with no fear, or losses



The Big Spring Girls Softball Association team the Dare Devils finished the year in the 14U division undefeated, winning the city tournament in the process. The Dare Devils are: (bottom row, left to right) Alexandra Medina, Alexia Rawls, Threasa Turner, Penelope Baggett, Kaylee Roberts, Stevie Wilson and Laurie Pineda. (Top row) Gabi Torres, Gina Torres, Brandy Wilson, Coach Marian Buzbee, Ashley Buzbee, Coach Alicia Buzbee and Ashlyn Mitchell.

Courtesy photo

## Texans' Williams driving for more

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Mario Williams was drafted by the Houston Texans because they considered the defensive end a can't-miss prospect with a rare combination of size, speed and athleticism.

What they couldn't know then was how he'd respond once he experienced NFL success. After his breakout 14-sack season Houston is seeing that it has only increased his drive to show that last year was simply a sampling of just how good he can be.

"I just know what I did wasn't good enough for me," Williams said in an

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## 600! Griffey Jr. reaches milestone

By CHARLIE MCCARTHY

For The Associated Press

MIAMI — Ken Griffey Jr. insisted he never dreamed of joining baseball's ultimate group of power hitters when he reached the majors 19 years ago.

"My father hit 152 home runs, and that's who I wanted to be like," said Griffey, who hit his 600th career homer Monday night to join Barry Bonds, Hank Aaron, Babe Ruth, Willie Mays and Sammy Sosa as the only players to do so.

Griffey connected off Mark Hendrickson in the first inning of the Cincinnati Reds' 9-4 victory over the Florida Marlins. The 38-year-old slugger hit a 3-1 pitch 413 feet into the right-field seats with Jerry Hairston on third and one out.

"I was just trying to get a pitch I could hit and be as patient as possible," Griffey said. "And I was fortunate enough to get a curveball I could drive."

Griffey started the season with 593 home runs despite numerous injuries in recent years — enough to make a lot of people wonder how many homers he could have had if he had stayed relatively healthy.

"No, I don't think about that," Reds manager Dusty Baker said. "I appreciate where he is right now."

In the other NL games Monday, it was: Pittsburgh 5, Arizona 3 and San Francisco 3, Washington 2.

Paul Bako had his first career multihomer game — three-run and two-run shots — and Brandon Phillips added a solo homer in support of Edinson Volquez (9-2).

Griffey ended the game 1-for-4 with a strikeout and an intentional walk. He exited in the middle of the eighth.

Volquez gave up three runs, three hits, five walks and struck out five in six innings.

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AP photo/Wilfredo Lee

Cincinnati Reds slugger Ken Griffey Jr., rounds second base after hitting his 600th career home run during the first inning of an NL baseball game against the Florida Marlins Monday at Dolphin Stadium in Miami.

## NFL to increase random drug testing for T.O.

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Terrell Owens acknowledged Monday having missed a random drug test several weeks ago, blaming it on a "communication problem involving cell phone numbers."

He also said he was in New York last week talking about his absence with league officials the day he agreed to a \$34 million new contract with the Dallas Cowboys.

Owens was not suspended or fined, although he could've been, according to ESPN.com, which

first reported the story, citing NFL, team and player sources. The report also said Owens now could face up to 24 tests per year as part of the league's "reasonable cause" testing program for performance-enhancing drugs.

"I'm not really worried about anything," Owens said Monday afternoon in an interview with The Associated Press. "It's not a big deal. Anything I do is going to grab headlines. I have nothing to hide."

In the rest of the statement, Owens said: "It was openly discussed and cleared up in a meeting that I had at the NFL office

last week. I have been in the NFL for over 12 years and have never had a positive test for substance of any kind. That includes tests that took place as recently as last month. The matter was resolved to everyone's satisfaction last Tuesday."

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones also released a statement in which he referred to the testing issue as "a procedural matter that was resolved last week."

"We were aware of all of the facts prior to Terrell's meeting in New York, and we had no reservations about extending his contract," Jones said. "We make

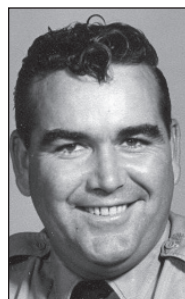
those decisions based upon our knowledge of a player over the course of his entire career. We signed Terrell to the new contract because there are no issues with Terrell."

According to ESPN.com, the phone number Owens gave testers as his primary contact belonged to his agent, Drew Rosenhaus, and that an alternate phone number was answered by a voice mailbox that was full.

For all the outlandish things surrounding Owens in his career, most have stemmed from his flamboyant personality — such as squabbles with coaches.

## Obituaries

### Jack Cottongame



Jack H. Cottongame Sr., 71, of Big Spring, died Sunday, June 8, 2008, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 11, 2008 in Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Capts. Russ and Linda Keeney, Salvation Army, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

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

He was born Sept. 19, 1936, in Dawson and married Peggy Barbee Aug. 10, 1966 in Lamesa.

Mr. Cottongame came to Big Spring at the age of two. He served in the U.S. Navy for four years and had worked as a firefighter with the Big Spring Fire Department for 21 years. He had worked as a crosswalk guard for Big Spring ISD for two years and was a member of the Salvation Army.

Survivors include his wife, Peggy Cottongame of Big Spring; two sons, Jackie Cottongame Jr. and wife, Sanden of Krum, and Gary Snowden and wife, Patricia W. of Big Spring; one sister, Sharon White and husband, Bobby of Big Spring; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces & nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Ray Cottongame; and three sisters, Verna Sue Smith, Geneva Morton and Betty Brumley.

The family suggest memorials to Home Hospice, 111 E. 7th St., Suite A, Big Spring 79720 or to the Salvation Army, 811 W. 5th, Big Spring 79720.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

*Paid obituary*

### Flora Dyer



Flora Lee Dyer, 88, of Big Spring died Sunday, June 8, 2008, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. R. T. Havener, minister of First Assembly of God, officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She was born Jan. 12, 1920, in

Ninnekah, Okla. to Henry Etta and Thomas Lee Williams. She had been a member of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program since 1983. She was a homemaker and was a member of First Assembly of God.

She is survived by one son: Bobby William Dyer of Bluffton, Ohio; two daughters, Connie Sue Chase and Dorathy Ann Fite, both of Big Spring; one sister: Frances Manes of Broken Arrow, Okla.; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandsons.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one grandson: Ulysses Mark Dyer; and 11 brothers and sisters.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

### Oscar Barraza Sr.



Oscar Barraza Sr., 63, of Big Spring, died Sunday, June 8, 2008, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Vigil Services will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with the Rev. Ariel Lagunilla officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

He was born July 30, 1944, in Juarez, Mexico to Refugio and Bernardo Barraza. He moved to Big Spring more than 30 years ago from Roswell, N.M. He was a diesel mechanic at Dawson Geophysical in Midland, retiring in 1994 because of ill health.

He was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife, Bertha Barraza of Big Spring; three sons, Edgar Barraza and his wife Sophia and Oscar Barraza, Jr. and his wife Laurie, all of Big Spring, and Leo Barraza and his wife Edna of Fabens; four sisters, Reina Dominguez and Armida Barraza, both of Austin, Martha Garcia of Juarez, Mexico, and Tely Blanca Sierra of El Paso; four brothers, Fernando Barraza of Midland, Vicente Barraza of El Paso, Salvador Barraza of Las Cruces, N.M., and Hector Barraza of Juarez, Mexico; and seven grandchildren.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

### Santos Mendoza Sr.

Santos Mendoza Sr., 80, of Big Spring died Monday, June 09, 2008, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Police blotter

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

- MELISSA FINCHUM, 40, of 1007 E. 14<sup>th</sup> Street, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- ROBERT SANCHEZ, 44, of 429 Westover Road, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- RANDY MIER, 30, transient, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.
- DIANA SANDERS, 47, of 15010 N. County Road 41, was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- JOHN PETER GORDIN, age not provided, of 807 Wyoming, was arrested Monday on a charge of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance.
- JAMES R. DRIVER, 48, of 1404 Virginia, was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- DERRICK YOUNG, 36, of 601 Caylor, was arrested Monday on charges of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less and possession of a controlled substance.
- DAVID TERREL WARD, 18, of 109 10<sup>th</sup> Street, was arrested Monday on a charge of failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- TONY GUZMAN, 45, of 1504 Vines, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of disorderly conduct – fighting.
- JULIAN JORDAN CHAVEZ, 33, of 807 Rosemont, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of disorderly conduct – fighting.
- MICHAEL HAYES, 45, of Port Arthur, was arrested Monday on a local warrant.
- GLENN DANNEY TRAMMELL, 21, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of disorderly conduct – fighting.

Note: Police activity reports were not made available by press time Monday morning for Saturday, June 7, and Sunday, June 8, due to what police officials described as printer difficulties.

## Sheriff's report

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 66 inmates at the time of this report.
- JOANN RODRIGUEZ, 37, was arrested Monday by DPS on charges of no driver's license and no liability insurance.
  - KENYA RAY ROBINSON, 34, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on Brazoria County warrants for issuance of a bad check (four counts), speeding and theft.
  - MARINA CRESCENCIA FAIR, 25, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of failure to identify.
  - ARMONDO AVINA, 26, was arrested Monday by DPS on a Jones County warrant for burglary of a vehicle.
  - WILDA LANGFORD, 48, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for theft.
  - ERIC HOWARD LANSPEY, 52, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance (three counts) and manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance in a drug free zone.
  - PATRICK G. MUNOZ, 18, was arrested Tuesday by DPS on a Bexar County warrant for motion to revoke probation.
  - ERIC ANTHONY VALENCIA, 23, was arrested Tuesday by DPS on a charge of failure to appear for violation of bond – family violence/assault/stalking.

## Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 7-15-19-28-31.

Number matching five of five: 4.

Prize per winner: \$6,406.

Winning tickets sold in: Conroe, San Antonio, Waxahachie, Amarillo.

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 2-9-11-28. Bonus Ball: 8.

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order:0-4-7-7. Sum It Up: 18.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order:1-3-3. Sum It Up: 7.

## 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.

## Your Local Weather

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## Fire/EMS


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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 3900 block of Hamilton. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the 181 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 200 block of Ramsey. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2600 block of Dow. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2600 block of Cindy Lane. Service refused.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 3600 block of Hamilton. Service refused.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the 181 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- GRASS FIRE was reported in the area of the city compost facility.

## Take Note

• 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.



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# Bears waive Benson after second arrest

By **ANDREW SELIGMAN**

AP Sports Writer

LAKE FOREST, Ill. — The Chicago Bears thought Cedric Benson would be their next great running back. He'll instead go down as one of their biggest disappointments.

The Bears waived Benson on Monday after his second alcohol-related arrest in a month, ending a rocky three-season tenure in which he failed to live up to expectations after starring at Texas.

"Cedric displayed a pattern of behavior we will not tolerate," general manager Jerry Angelo said in a statement. "As I said this past weekend, you have to protect your job. Everyone in this organization is held account-

able for their actions."

The troubled running back, who didn't participate in organized team activities Monday after telling the Chicago Tribune he would, issued an apology through sports attorney David Cornwell while maintaining his innocence.

"I apologize for making the poor decision to drink and drive during the early morning of Saturday, June 7th," Benson said in a statement. "Given the incident last month, it was a particularly bad decision. I have no excuse for this lack of judgment. Though I strongly believe that I am not guilty of any crime, I realize that the public and the Bears organization hold me to higher standard. Though my local attorneys will continue to

work hard to prove my innocence, I confess to using poor judgment. Please accept my deepest apology."

The Bears had already made it clear they were losing patience with Benson when they drafted Tulane's Matt Forte in the second round in April.

Three ineffective, injury-plagued years during which Benson at times annoyed teammates with blunt comments left management looking for another running back. And that was before the recent brushes with the law.

"When individual priorities overshadow team goals, we suffer the consequences as a team," Angelo said. "Those who fail to understand the importance of 'team' will not play for the

Chicago Bears."

Benson's rocky relationship with the Bears took a turn for the worse when he was arrested on a drunken driving charge in Austin, Texas, early Saturday after failing a field sobriety test. The former first-round draft pick was released on bond.

He was also arrested May 5 and charged with boating while intoxicated and resisting arrest on a lake near Austin. Both cases are pending.

Benson's agent Eugene Parker did not return calls seeking comment, but his attorney, Sam Bassett in Austin, said Monday he was disappointed the Bears waived Benson so quickly. Although Bassett said he believes Benson to be innocent of DWI, "he knows he made a mistake

going out drinking and driving."

Bassett said Saturday that the former Texas star had a few drinks with dinner, but didn't think he was intoxicated, although he acknowledged his client would "probably be in trouble with his team."

Benson was pulled over for running a red light and refused to take a breath test or provide blood samples Saturday, Austin police spokeswoman Veneza Aguinaga said.

Bassett, however, said Benson thought the light was yellow when he went through around 2 a.m. but stopped immediately when police appeared, and he added that Benson told him he wasn't speeding or driving recklessly.

## WILLIAMS

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interview with The Associated Press. "Every year you've got to say: 'I've got room to improve. I've got to improve.' So that's how I see it."

Williams doesn't think of his progress in statistical terms but rather in how much his play can help the team. If there were a slogan for his mature, new attitude it would likely be something like "Never satisfied."

Ask him what kind of production would be good enough for him and get this response: "It never will be. It can't be. If I was ever at the point where I said it was good enough, then I wouldn't or shouldn't be playing."

Williams was dominant late last season, getting 10 sacks in the past seven games. His improvement has carried over into this spring. Teammates and coaches have raved about his

work ethic and skills in Houston's offseason workouts, which wrapped up Monday.

"Mario's picked up right where he left off at the end of the season," defensive end Anthony Weaver said. "He's a monster out there. It's not a matter of if they can stop him. It's about him stopping himself."

Williams always had the physical skills necessary for success in this league, but in the more than two years since he was the No. 1 overall pick in the 2006 draft he's developed the mindset and maturity integral in long-term success.

"I like the maturity, I guess I should say and how he's handling himself right now," coach Gary Kubiak said. "There's not a lot of distractions going on. He's just playing ball and he's got his mind in the right place and I think that those are good things."

He acknowledges that he's grown up a lot since he was

drafted. He said he's stopped doing "a lot of stuff" without getting into specifics, possibly a nod to the video that surfaced on the internet before last season that featured him speeding down a North Carolina highway in a Lamborghini.

"I never did anything really bizarre, but it was just the little stuff," he said. "I really have focused in on football. Not that I didn't before. But there was always a little of this and a little of that, but now everything I do is football. Everything."

It seems unlikely that a 23-year-old multimillionaire leads such a dull existence off the field, but Williams insists it's true.

"I haven't been anywhere," he said. "I haven't been on vacation. I haven't done anything. It's not that I'm getting old and boring. My personality is that I just like relaxing and hanging out."

With this shift in Williams comes a feeling of responsibility

to become more of a leader on defense. Williams will likely never be a vocal leader, but he hopes to lead by example. Williams is the marquee player on a defense that includes fellow first-round picks Amobi Okoye and Travis Johnson on the line as well as 2006 Defensive Rookie of the Year DeMeco Ryans.

"I just try to go hard every play and that's what I want everyone to do," he said. "I just want everyone to be accountable. If we're accountable to one another I think we'll be fine."

Williams was disappointed with not being voted to the Pro Bowl last season despite tying for third most sacks in the league. But the sting of that was nothing compared to the abuse he took in the press and from fans as a rookie after the Texans passed on Vince Young and Reggie Bush to get him. Thick skin, he learned, is a necessity in the NFL.

"If last year taught me any-

thing it showed me that you can't satisfy everybody," he said. "You had people my rookie year saying I needed to get more sacks. Then I get sacks and I don't go. I just learned not to worry about it. You can't try to sit there and satisfy people. You can't ever win."

"My only concern is to help this organization and play for this team."

Notes: The Texans released QB Quinn Gray and T Jordan Black on Monday. ... Houston continues talks with free agent LB Rosevelt Colvin, who visited the team last week. ... The Texans are still trying to determine if T Charles Spencer will be able to play this season. Spencer, who hasn't played since breaking his leg in September 2006, is continuing his rehabilitation but did not participate in team drills during offseason practices. Team officials will likely decide before training camp if Spencer has a future with the team.

## RANGERS

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it," manager Ron Washington said. "We've just got to go out there and try to perform."

The Rangers (32-33) broke even on a 10-game homestand, their longest of the season so far. But it included a six-game stretch in which they gave up 60 runs, and Texas relievers threw more than 100 pitches in three consecutive games.

"We've seen a little bit of everything," reliever Eddie Guardado said. "We're going to run into some bad times. A month and a half ago, we were running scoreless innings and everything was

great. ... We've got to bear down, dig deep inside and see what we're about."

The Rangers got a needed break Monday with only their second day off in the past 24. Their game Tuesday night at Kansas City starts a stretch with 18 of 24 games on the road.

"We're all looking forward to the recharge day," Wilson said.

Millwood and Padilla have altered the rotation, too. Both were away from the team for personal reasons last week during the first three games against Cleveland, when the Rangers allowed 35 runs.

Uncertainty in the rotation has certainly been taxing on the bullpen.

Rangers relievers have thrown

a major league-high 235 innings — an average of 3 2-3 per game — and their 156 runs allowed are 39 more than any other team. Extra work, especially the last week, got relievers out of synch. "It takes a toll," Guardado said.

"A lot of guys have been asked this homestand to throw more than normal, more pitches or more innings," Wilson said. "The better the starters are, the better the team is. That's all there is to it."

For now, Millwood and Padilla are followed by Scott Feldman (1-2) and rookie right-hander Doug Mathis (2-1), who won the homestand finale. But Texas still has to pick a replacement for Ponson.

Gabbard could be ready to return from Triple-A Oklahoma. Right-hander Eric Hurley, the Rangers' first-round draft pick four years ago, could get his first major league chance. But he's 2-5 with a 5.30 ERA in 13 minor league starts this season.

Luis Mendoza (0-2) is still trying to rebuild his strength in the minors after right shoulder inflammation put him on the DL.

Left-hander Matt Harrison, who came from Atlanta in the Mark Teixeira trade last summer, has made only one Triple-A start and likely isn't ready.

Ponson pitched on three days' rest for the first time in his 11-year career Wednesday. The right-hander reacted angrily

after being removed after four innings, then was livid when told Friday his next start would be pushed back a day.

There were reports on the team's Web site that Ponson was already on notice after creating a disturbance at a hotel bar in Florida during the previous trip. During the past five years, Ponson changed teams six times and was arrested twice on DUI charges in Baltimore.

"I'm not in closed doors, but they knew what they were getting when they signed the guy," Guardado said. "I will tell you this, that he never did cause any distraction in this clubhouse. ... They made that decision, and we've got to live with it and move on."

## GRIFFEY

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Hairston left the game in the middle of the first after suffering a fractured left thumb when stealing second.

Hendrickson (7-4) allowed six runs — five earned — and five hits in 2 1-3 innings. Mike Jacobs homered for the Marlins.

But the night belonged to Griffey.

"We saw 400 the other day with (Atlanta's) Chipper (Jones) and 600 today," Marlins left fielder Luis Gonzalez said. "It's not the side you want to be on."

Baker said Griffey told him on Sunday he would hit No. 600. Hairston said the slugger told him the same thing before Monday night's game.

"I say a lot things," Griffey, said with a smile.

In the last year of his contract with Cincinnati, Griffey sounded like someone who isn't thinking of retirement yet.

"I enjoy baseball and as long as I can go out there and help a team win I'll do it," he said.

Griffey, whose previous homer came May 31, wasn't surprised No. 600 happened away from home.

"Pretty much everybody knows my track record," said Griffey, who hit his 400th and 500th home runs on the road, too.

Among those in the dug-out who greeted the slugger after his historic home run was Griffey's 14-year-old son, Trey.

"As a father, I'm more excited about what he does than what I do," Griffey said.

For people skeptical of that nonchalant attitude, Griffey explained he got it from his father, who played 19 seasons in the majors. Father and son were teammates in Seattle for two seasons.

"He just told me as a kid, 'Don't get too high, don't get too low — just be yourself,'" Griffey said. "I think that's the one thing I take pride of."

Now, he also can take pride in having 448 more home runs than Ken Sr.

### Pirates 5, Diamondbacks 3

Pittsburgh took advantage of a rattled Randy Johnson and a reversed home run call to beat visiting Arizona.

Johnson (4-3) limited the Pirates to six singles and struck out three in 5 2-3 innings but was hurt by three errors — including one by himself.

Zach Duke (4-4) gave up two runs, including one Mark Reynolds homer and nearly another, in six-plus innings. Matt Capps pitched the ninth for his 15th save in as many chances.

The Diamondbacks for

### Giants 3, Nationals 2

For the second straight day, visiting San Francisco

took advantage in the fifth inning against a starter making a one-game visit from Triple-A Columbus. Consecutive hits by Ray

Durham, Randy Winn and Bengie Molina chased Tyler Clippard (0-1) in the Giants' victory. Matt Cain (3-4) allowed

one run and eight hits over 6 1-3 innings to get his first victory since May 13.

The Giants outscored the Nats, 22-4, in the series.

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**FIRE**

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ban — which would outlaw any missile or rocket

style firework with a fin or stick attached to it — into law if the drought index rises to the required 575 in the next few days.

“They (the state legislature) enacted this fire

index, and it has to be at 575, so we can’t take any formal action on it today,” said Barr. “However, I would ask that the court allow me to have the authority to put this (fireworks prohibition) in place by June 13. We have to have it done no later than June 13. After that, we’re just too late no matter what the drought index is.

“I would like to express a real concern about this. We had several fires in the county just yesterday (Sunday), and if we don’t have this ban on these fireworks, it’s going to get a lot worse. I’d like for everyone to be very conscious of our conditions right now. We could lose a lot of property — and even some lives — if these fireworks get out of hand. So please be very, very careful.”

Volunteer Fire Chief Tommy Sullivan said the index requirement and subsequent lack of a fireworks ban could spell disaster for the county during the holiday.

“That’s leaves us in a world of trouble,” said Sullivan firmly. “What we’re going to have to do is rely on enforcement. You

can’t shoot these (fireworks) from the roadways or from property that’s not yours. In the midst of this we’re going to have to have a higher level of enforcement because it’s so volatile right now.

“We responded to seven calls, just on Sunday. A train started four of them at one time. It’s just so volatile out there right now. The fuel out there is just so dry, and a little bit is going to do us in. People think these fireworks — whether it’s bottle rockets or just firecrackers — aren’t a big deal, but they are wrong.”

If the county is unable to enact a ban on the sticked and finned fireworks, Sullivan said the only hope to stave off a deadly slew of fires will be to strictly enforce the law.

“We’re going to have to get out there and write tickets,” said Sullivan. “I’m pushing hard for that. And it’s not worth a ticket or someone losing their life out there because of these fireworks. You can go to Pops in the Park and enjoy the fireworks there in a controlled situation, plus you can save a lot of money you’d spend at the

fireworks stand. There are millions of dollars spent every year on fireworks just to blow them up and leave trash lying around.

“Even if we did get the ban in place in time, I’m projecting 80 to 90 runs for the firefighters just from Friday, July 4, through that Sunday because it’s a holiday weekend. That’s going to extend the fireworks, so we’re looking at a very high run-rate that weekend, and we pray to God we keep them all small. However, the potential for a big one certainly is there.”

Also during Monday’s meeting, Barr said his office has received several calls from county residents concerned by a story published in the Sunday, June 8, edition of the *Herald* that referred to the new county jail currently being constructed as a 112-bed jail, instead of a 96-bed facility.

The \$11.57 million facility, which had been referred to in the past as a 96-bed jail, had always been intended to house 112 beds, according to Barr, in hopes of utilizing the facility to its fullest.

“I’ve gotten several calls

about a 112-bed jail. I believe that’s how it was in the paper Sunday,” said Barr. “That was never a change. That was put into the design of the building to make sure we could house the full 96 (inmates). State Jail Standards has a deal in there where you have to have a 10 percent cushion, so if we had kept it at 96 we would only be able to house 87 (inmates).

“Every new jail that is being built has this fudge factor — I’ll call it a fudge factor — and that’s why it’s 112-beds, so we can house the full 96 (inmates). Nothing has ever changed about that. That was in the design from the very beginning. That’s all that is, and I want to put that to rest.”

The 16-bed difference was brought to light recently by Commissioners Jerry Kilgore and Bill Crooker, who mentioned the 112-bed capacity during the May 12 meeting of the court.

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**ADA**

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the city council’s way of trying to get this in compliance and the transition plan into place so we can reach that goal,” said Sjogren. “We were required to do an evaluation on our facilities and services back in 1992, and have had that plan on file for quite some time. We updated it in 2007 and we’re in the process of doing further evaluations. We would like to get your input on any city-owned facilities that you’ve encountered barriers to access or are aware of such barriers.”

Several citizens spoke during the meeting, the first of whom was city resident Susan Dawes, a retired teacher who said the women’s restrooms at the Municipal Auditorium leave plenty to be desired.

“There aren’t enough bathrooms at the municipal auditorium,” said

Dawes. “If there are any considerations made to change what is there, then it needs to comply (with the ADA), and rightly so. I think we have a beautiful auditorium and much has been done to try to keep it that way.

“I guess my concern is with the accessibility to buildings, and if any changes are made to the structure that it not do anything to change the beauty of the tile work that’s in the foyer and lobby of the building, and that it not do anything to change the appearance of the exterior of the building. It’s a shame there are people who can’t come to activities at the auditorium because they can’t get in the building, so I’m all in favor of making whatever changes are necessary to make it accessible.”

Instead of making suggestions or pointing out problems with accessibility, local resident Steve Campbell was more interested in what the city is

doing to possibly tap into state funds for the project.

“I’m so glad to see all of you so serious about the subject we’re here tonight (to discuss),” said Campbell. “I know there’s state money to help in beautification areas and I’m just wondering if that has been investigated or if anyone has talked to someone from the state?”

“With the curb ramps, I’m sure you have it prioritized where you’re going to start, for example the HEB area or the housing area St. Mary’s has there,” he said, speaking of the Canterbury retirement facilities located in the 1600 and 1700 block of Lancaster. “What I’d like to hear is what the city has done so far. Everyone has questions, but my big question is what has happened so far? What is everybody thinking right now?”

Local resident Judy Durham also addressed the committee, stressing the challenges she faces at city facilities because she

is confined to a wheelchair.

“The incline of the ramp outside the auditorium is too steep,” said Durham. “Even getting from the floor up to the top, I have to have help. And even if I got there, I couldn’t get through the doors. Also, going into City Hall the door opens outward and it sends you back down the ramp when you come in. That needs to be fixed. If the wind catches that (door), I’m down off that 8-foot deal if I don’t have my brakes set.”

Noonan said his firm, along with the committee, will be looking at each city-owned facility — including the Auditorium and City Hall — before the transition plan is complete.

“All of those areas — the auditorium and access into City Hall — will be part of the facilities transition plan,” said Noonan. “PSC and myself will be evaluating them. What we like to do is go through the inventory of the buildings

**CASTRO**

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ed for many years ... and when he picked his successor and backed him the way he did, I would have to say Jim Landtroop was the underdog.”

Because of the Laney legacy, Castro foresees a tough fight leading up to November.

“It’s going to be a tough race,” he conceded. “I’m running against an incumbent and essentially running against his predecessor, too ... It’s going to be a

tight race, no question.”

Castro identified several key issues in this year’s election.

- Education — “Public education needs to be adequately funded and that always seems to be a struggle for the legislature every two years,” he said. “That issue is very near and dear to my heart. I was one of 12 children whose parents didn’t have any education and 11 of us attended college. We knew education is the key to progressing economically in West Texas and elsewhere.”
- Illegal immigration —

“This issue became such a major problem for state and local governments because the federal government didn’t enforce the immigration law for several years,” he said. “This is something we will have to address.”

• Voter fraud — “Reducing voter fraud will be a major issue this year,” Castro said. “This is an issue that needs to be revisited by the legislature.”

• Agriculture — “I grew up on the farm near Old Glory, so farming and ranching has been a part of my life since I was a

young boy,” he said. “Agriculture is absolutely critical to West Texas, as well as other districts.”

• Fiscal restraint — “We always have to make sure we make the best use of the people’s money,” he said. “Every tax dollar needs to be spent wisely and I intend to do everything in my power to do just that.”

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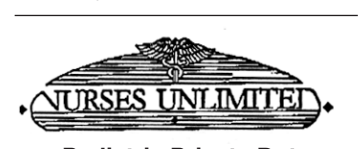
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## OUR VIEWS

## Let's all do our part in ridding the 'bag blight'

Plastic grocery bags, considered a convenience by many shoppers have become nothing short of an eyesore ... a blight on the landscape of virtually every community in the land.

That is especially true here in West Texas, where ever-present winds whip them out of trash dumpsters to blow across the countryside until they lodge themselves in mesquite trees and other thorny plants.

And that is especially troubling for some of us, because we realize the beauty of our West Texas landscape is unique in nature. Ours is, for lack of a better description, a desert landscape. While definitely beautiful, it is without question somewhat barren — there are few lakes, no towering trees and no expanses of green grassland in West Texas.

That sparseness means any blight is much more apparent than it might be in other locales.

And that is why we here at the Herald applaud the efforts of the Keep Big Spring Beautiful membership and Wal-Mart for the effort they collectively made Saturday by giving away more than 200 cloth grocery bags to customers for trading in five plastic bags from previous visits to stores.

Obviously the distribution of 200 bags makes only a small dent in the problem, but clearly it is an excellent start. The same can be said about the Earth Day effort the local H-E-B supermarket made in which it offered cloth grocery bags to those who redeemed old plastic bags.

Again, nobody thinks the few hundred bags given away during these promotions will in themselves solve the problem, but using these bags should make us realize they make excellent sense. While not permanent — cloth does, over time, wear out — they will provide several years of service and can carry a great deal more than plastic bags.

That alone, we believe, is reason enough for those of us who can to pay a few dollars to purchase the bags and use them.

That's right, making sure we use them is the key. And that means training ourselves to pick them up and bring them with us to the store. They don't do any good stashed under the sink or tucked away in the corner of your pantry.

It's really not all that difficult. After all, Americans have done something similar before.

KBSB spokesperson Pat Simmons reminded us of that Saturday when she said an old school chum that received one of the tote bags given away at Wal-Mart told her, "Pat, I remember my grandmother taking her bag with her to the grocery shop way back when..."

Then she added, "And during World War II, we had to take our paper bags back to the store when buying groceries. Otherwise, you were left with the dilemma of getting your goods home."

"We've come a long way since then in a lot of ways," she added, "but there's still a lot we can learn from our past experience."

Indeed.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

You, Lord, are by all means a fantastic experience.

Amen

## Murphy's Law when it's multiplied

That "whooshing" sound you hear has nothing to do with the wind. Rather, it is the collective wheeze of school superintendents exhaling at the same time. (Please, no insensitive questions about whether it's hot air!)

These CEOs, and bunches of others in the educational enterprise, figure that foul-ups of the 2007-2008 school year now are in their rearview mirrors.

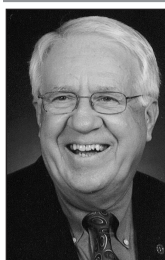
Such stalwarts are beaten down by end-of-year turbulence that strikes liken to waves beating against the rocks.

Most of them fully believe that the law attributed to Edward Murphy — the one explaining that whatever can go wrong, will — still applies. They figure that annually in May, this Murphy guy deputizes additional gremlins, assigning them specific tasks. They are to loosen lug nuts on the wheels of well-greased educational wagons, causing them, of course, to fall off. It is then that veteran educators — often secretly, but sometimes openly — interrupt their weeping with chest-pounding "Why me, Lord?" gestures.

Board members share their pain. Theirs, however, is to set policy. In theory, the school year unfolds according to their written plan. Key word is "theory." Sometimes, best-laid plans turn to mush.

When gremlins are at work, board members may stare directly at the superintendent, asking, "What did they teach you to do in graduate school when you face situations like this?" (Length and glare of gaze usually depend on how many years remain on said superintendent's contract.)

The harried "supe," in so many words, responds: "In graduate school, they taught us NEVER to get into situations like this."

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Two examples of gremlins at work — 180 degrees and about that many miles apart — are Grapevine-Colleyville ISD in the Metroplex and tiny Lueders-Avoca, a consolidated rural school in West Texas.

The former had too many valedictorians, and the latter nary a one. Officials cited commitment to policy in both cases. In Grapevine, the student who finished with the highest GPA in school history completed her pilgrimage in three years. The rules call for four years, so at graduation, there were dual honors — one for the winner who completed the four-year track and the other who finished in three.

Out west, there were just five graduates, but again, rules got in the way, so no valedictory or salutatory speeches were made there on graduation night.

There were some other oddities. In Hermleigh, all seven seniors were males.

And in Abilene, they promoted school attendance in elementary and middle school grades with an end-of-school drawing. There were 48 names in the bucket; that's how many kids missed two days or fewer. The big prize was a \$10,000 certificate toward the purchase of a car. The winner? Fifth-grader Dakota Fortune.

But he was absent for the drawing, choosing baseball practice instead. Luckily, his grandmother/guardian showed up to claim his prize by proxy.

Graduation ceremonies rarely make the Guinness Book of World Records, but one in Fort Worth did.

At North Crowley High School, they were seeing double — and even triple — as 10 sets of twins and one of triplets received diplomas.

Reckon any of them switched places in lines to intentionally get the wrong diplomas?

Akin to the military's long-standing tradition of recruits being sent in search of keys to the parade grounds, some schools have similar traditions to ease the pain of end-of-school woes.

One is Forsan, near Big Spring in West Texas. Theirs is a close-knit bunch, and the school is known for academic and athletic excellence.

They laugh at themselves annually when the winners of "Green Apple Awards" are announced.

Often popping up is the name of Bob Fishback, 26-year veteran who is technology director.

Much-loved and something of a "do-everything" sort of guy, he's also a fellow of keen wit.

Someone said if he hadn't landed in education, he might have been a circus clown or court jester.

One Friday, he fine-tuned the computer in the office of first-year nurse, Michelle Couch. Before Fishback hustled off to lunch, a gremlin came along, and sat down by his side.

Bob shook hands with the visitor, then hastened back to the keyboard to send an IFM (instant FAKE message) to teacher Carrie Averette. In effect, he informed her that several students were victims of tick infestation. Just to be safe, the mock-message indicated that ears of kindergarten and first-grade teachers would be inspected the following week. Carrie was asked to show up at 7:30 a.m. Monday in the nurse's office.

Monday?

She, along with fellow teachers Tracy Newton and Ellie Miller, marched into the nurse's office a few minutes later, demanding to have their ears examined right then. Nurse Couch, of course, didn't know what they were talking about.

Superintendent Randy Johnson gave "Tick or Treat" Green Apple Awards to the trio. With summer at hand, Forsan school folks are certain that Fishback already is plotting more escapades in 2008-2009

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## Raids lead U.S. to a moral, legal crisis

Postville, Iowa, has been turned into a ghost town.

Nearly a third of its residents, mostly undocumented workers from Guatemala and Mexico, sit in jail convicted of identity crimes or awaiting deportation. Hundreds more hide in fear. Their children, too scared to go to school, have left the town's classrooms nearly empty. For this, Postville should thank their local police, the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency (ICE), and a failed immigration policy.

Aided by local law enforcement, ICE arrested 389 workers during the largest single-site immigration raid in U.S. history at the Postville meatpacking plant, the area's major employer. In an unprecedented move, ICE criminally charged 302 of these workers with aggravated ID theft and/or using false social security numbers. Within days, ICE resolved their fate: 297 men and women pled guilty and were sentenced to prison and subsequent deportation. Only a few await criminal trials or immigration hearings.

Postville is one of the latest in a series of immigration raids that have intensified in the past three years. These raids are leading our nation to a moral, legal and humanitarian crisis.

ICE's heavy handed enforcement against undocumented workers in the wake of failed immigration reform is shameful. Under current immigration laws, no more than 10,000 of the backlogged visas for unskilled workers and 66,000 temporary visas for seasonal workers are available each year. In contrast, an estimated 2,000 persons cross the Southwest border into the U.S.

daily and an estimated 12 million undocumented persons live in the U.S.

Global economic realities push willing workers out of their nations, where they have no means to earn even a subsistence living and pull them into low wage jobs in the U.S., where the lack of labor protection leaves them vulnerable to exploitation. U.S. employers and we as consumers benefit from their cheap labor, but these workers and their families bear the brunt of a broken immigration system.

Few employers face civil and criminal sanctions for violating immigration and labor laws. So far, no one from Postville plant has been charged despite overwhelming evidence that the company helped workers procure false documents, paid substandard wages, failed to pay overtime, and seriously mistreated its workers. All the while, Congress continues to kill proposals granting even temporary legal status to agricultural workers, while doling out large subsidies to U.S. farmers without regard to their effect on future migration of rural workers from developing nations into the U.S.

Legally speaking, ICE and federal prosecutors overstepped their powers when they criminally charged the workers. Congress specifically exempted from prosecution workers who use false Social Security numbers to engage in otherwise lawful conduct, such as to procure jobs.

This unprecedented criminalization of undocumented workers also has not been accompanied by a comparable infusion of constitutional guarantees in the handling of these cases. ICE conducted the investigation leading to the Postville raid with easy access to immigration databases and employee documents. ICE then executed the raid with easily-procured administrative, not criminal, war-

rants.

Thus, the protection of stricter Fourth Amendment search and seizure, Fifth Amendment due process, and Sixth Amendment right to counsel constitutional guarantees available to most criminal defendants were unavailable to these workers. Nearly all waived any rights they might have had under extreme prosecutorial pressure. The uncharacteristic speed and efficiency of the Postville raid left workers without adequate opportunity to consult with defense counsel, and none or few had access to immigration lawyers to learn about the immigration consequences of their pleas.

The involvement of local law enforcement in these raids is also worrisome. Distrust of police keeps many immigrants from reporting crime. This increases their vulnerability as victims. Moreover, the drain on limited resources from these additional responsibilities on local police takes away from their primary duties as community caretakers.

The courts must be vigilant in protecting the rights of workers and their families and insist on stricter constitutional guarantees when criminal charges are involved.

These raids should be halted immediately. The prospect of future raids should certainly create a sense of urgency for the U.S. to adopt immigration policies that allows employers to hire migrant workers, and include strong labor protections that offer a path to legalization for workers and their families. If workers are legal, we are all better off.

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Seemingly vulnerable and defenseless, the young barn owl was placed with another. Both became a handful of sharp beaks and talons in captivity. Protected by both federal and state law, the nestlings during the night are capable of eating numerous mice provided by their attentive parents.

**Parent's Corner:**

## Things aren't what they seem

Often things aren't what they seem which means we need to really be careful when assessing the activities around us. Such was the case in the following story.

The other day I was grocery shopping and noticed an old man who was grocery shopping with his grandson. The toddler

was very disruptive, screaming and yelling at the top of his lungs. I was amazed to see the old gentleman, as he walked up and down the aisles, speaking in a very soft voice.

I listened closely as he whispered over and over

again, "We are almost done, Albert, life will get better, Albert!"

As he approached the checkout stand he carefully brushed the toddler's tears from his eyes and

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RYAN

**Bird Poop:**

## Young man realizes baby owl's no pet

"Warm that up for you?" she asked the young man. Looking up, he recognized his mother's life-long friend.

"Yeah, sure," he answered.

While pouring his coffee, the waitress noticed he had hardly touched his breakfast. For the young man to ignore food indicated to her that something was wrong. Several times a week he had the same breakfast. Wolfing down short stacks, fried eggs and sausage had become a routine.

Appearing to be lost in thought, the young man didn't even muster a smile. "Mind if I visit on

my break?" He nodded without looking up.

Sliding into the booth across from him, she asked, "How's the oil patch?" Barely audible, his response was a dejected "OK, I guess."

Although the hours were long, the work hard, dirty and dangerous, the

oil fields offered him an opportunity for good money. For weeks, he had told her about the rough-necks and his foreman.

Having known him since he was in diapers, she knew something was bothering him. Often, he had confided in her, because there were just

some things you didn't tell your mother.

"What's wrong, honey," was her next question.

Elbows on the table, head in hands, he finally answered, "I did a stupid thing." Reaching across the table to touch his arm,

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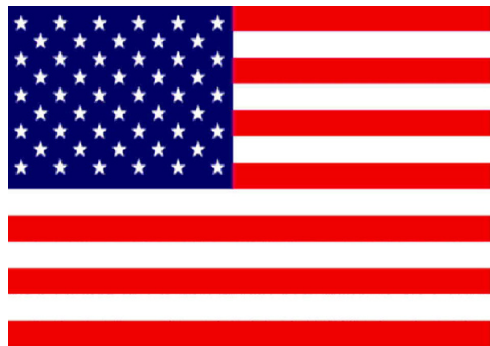
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  - Bicycle
  - Motorcycle
  - Riding Club
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**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You show up where you're needed, and you lend a bright idea when asked. This isn't something you question or even think about. It's a logical response to the whirling microcosm in which you find yourself.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Not everything is worth the asking price. Yet there are certain things in life one would prefer not to live without. You'll find such items at a fair cost now, and how you'll use them is priceless.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You're certainly on a path, though it may not have a particular order or make sense to anyone but you. You don't have to explain yourself, Ai even to yourself. Just keep picking up the next thread and following it.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Oh, there you go, thinking again. Spiritually wise people might say it's impossible to uncover all the gifts you're meant to give by using your head. Trust your innate sensibilities and your next step is obvious.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Everyone's atwitter, talking about your future. Are they qualified to manage your destiny? Of course not. The ideas you hear are merely contributions to the brainstorm from which you choose what you really want.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You kindly make yourself indispensable to others, though hardly expecting the recognition that comes with your supreme competence. Maybe the glory isn't even a perk, but you graciously accept it as such.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The feedback you're receiving sounds a lot like white noise. If you can step back and look for the harmonious

components and the positive intention underlying all the opinions, you hear the melody.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It's hard to please those who refuse to be pleased. Though they'll give you good reason to try, you would be wise to recognize the futility in this and please yourself instead.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your advice is sought, you deliver it well and yet they remain on the fence. Forget it. Detach. Move on. You have something far more compelling to do than to sway public opinion.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're deep in the trenches of a work project, clearly honing your skills in the process. Share your enthusiasm with experienced folk who've successfully been there, done that. They'll give you more to chew on.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You wouldn't say your attraction to a most fascinating person is waning, Ai more like recalibrating. Beyond seeing new sides of them, you're noticing new things about yourself in relation to them. Juicy!

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). It's said all our ancestors are still alive, inside ourself. Remember the people you call wacky, who at least partially inform you who you are now. You may find yourself saying today, oh, that's where that came from!

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "I was born July 22, 1966. My guy is Feb. 26, 1973. We are both, admittedly, under a great deal of stress from outside sources. I have a big decision to make, and would like to know if this relationship has long-term potential. I care for him deeply, but his reactions in this time of stress are lacking and

just don't make me feel safe or content." Asking Pisces to be the model of consistency and support, in the middle of distress, is like asking a jellyfish to leave the ocean for dry land. Sure, he could morph into what you want him to be, but you don't want a stress ball — you want a partner, right? I know it's hard not to hang your future together on his varied reactions, Cancer, but this isn't the time. I'm afraid the pressure will only create more stress. There's too much up in the air. Give him space to work it out and by summer's end he'll have more emotional stability. Till then, pull on your self-reliance and it'll surely rub off. And when you need reassurance, his compassion is available anytime — which is why you love him.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Does Gemini Natalie Portman lead a double life? She's a movie star and an academic, Ai she's co-authored several scientific papers. Natalie was assigned an Erdos-Bacon number (a scoring system linking academia to entertainment). By degrees of separation, she's more strongly linked to the mathematician Paul Erdos (seven points) than Kevin Bacon (two). Random, but interesting!

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

Dear Annie: My mother is scheduled to visit me in a few months. Mom always feels the need to rearrange my closets and cabinets and scrub my floors. After her last visit, she told my ex-husband that my house is "disgusting." She regularly points out my flaws, such as

weight gain and blotchy skin, and says my children are rude and irresponsible. I have told Mom that I appreciate her help and advice, but such comments hurt me. I am aware of my weaknesses — after all, I am 41, with a full-time job and three children, so my house is not spotless and I've gained a little weight. But my children are very well behaved and have great manners. And I particularly don't like her having discussions about me with my abusive ex-husband.

Before I see my mother, I am confident and secure, but after, I feel defeated and unsure about my parenting skills. My parents were divorced when I was an infant, and my father raised me. Mom is now happily married to a wonderful man, and I have suggested to her that she limit her obsessive behavior to her own life. Am I too sensitive? Should I get a hotel room for Mom when she visits, since my house is too filthy for her? Is she just too overbearing and controlling? The one good thing that comes from Mom's behavior is that I am learning how not to treat my adult children. — Learning a Lesson in Minnesota

Dear Learning: This isn't

about your flaws. It's about your mother's fear that she was an inadequate parent because your father raised you. She's trying to cover her insecurities by being demanding and overly critical in those areas where she worries she should have done a better job. Of course, this doesn't excuse her domineering behavior. Ignore as much of her criticism as you can, suggest she get counseling, and if you'd prefer she stay in a hotel, that works, too.

Dear Annie: Many of the neighborhood teenagers come to our street to play. They believe every single yard is their playground. They throw trash all over the place and destroy flowers and gardens. Several of us have dogs, and they drive the animals crazy. I've asked them nicely to find somewhere else to play and they ignore me. Their parents are nowhere in sight. In fact, we don't know who the parents are. Also, bicycles and several other items have been disappearing lately. We can't even buy lawn furniture for fear it, too, will disappear. What can I do besides call the police every time they step foot in our yard? — Garden Snakes in Pennsylvania

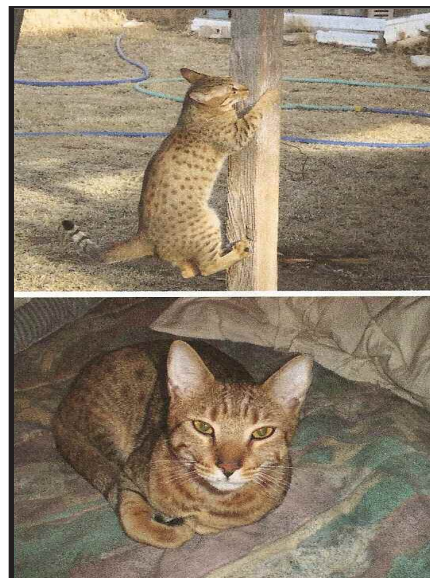
Dear Garden: If you have a neighborhood watch, homeowners association or other community organization, report the problem. Also consider putting a fence around your yard or a lock on an existing gate, so it is less accessible. And by all means, let the teens know you will call the police each and every time. It may be the only way to deter these adolescent vandals.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column.  
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He is very special to our family.  
Please if you see him or can catch him call me anytime at (208) 641-9138 or Email at Mrcoit@hotmail.com.  
**Thank you! Please help.**



Enter the Big Spring Herald's Reader's Choice Poll by filling out this questionnaire.

Drop off your completed entry form at the Big Spring Herald, 710 Scurry, or mail it to us at PO Box 1431, to be received by **Wednesday, June 11, 2008** by 5 p.m. Late entries will be disqualified.

The winners of each category will be revealed to the public in our upcoming special section "The Reader's Choice" to be published on Sunday, June 29, 2008.

Thank you for your participation, but please hurry! The deadline is coming soon! Only ballots clipped from the newspaper will be accepted.

# MAXIMUM 10 VOTES! (PER PAGE)

## Dining/Restaurants

- Barbecue \_\_\_\_\_
- Burritos \_\_\_\_\_
- Chicken \_\_\_\_\_
- Chinese \_\_\_\_\_
- Coldest Beer \_\_\_\_\_
- Donuts \_\_\_\_\_
- Fish \_\_\_\_\_
- French Fries \_\_\_\_\_
- Hamburgers \_\_\_\_\_
- Margaritas \_\_\_\_\_
- Mexican Food \_\_\_\_\_
- Pizza \_\_\_\_\_
- Sandwiches \_\_\_\_\_
- Steaks \_\_\_\_\_

## Grocery Stores

- Deli \_\_\_\_\_
- Meats \_\_\_\_\_
- Produce \_\_\_\_\_

## Businesses

- Abstract/Title Co. \_\_\_\_\_
- Animal Hospital \_\_\_\_\_
- Apartments \_\_\_\_\_
- Appliances \_\_\_\_\_
- Auto Garage \_\_\_\_\_
- Auto Glass \_\_\_\_\_
- Auto Parts \_\_\_\_\_
- Auto Dealer \_\_\_\_\_
- Bail Bond \_\_\_\_\_
- Bakery \_\_\_\_\_
- Bank ATM \_\_\_\_\_
- Bank Drive Thru \_\_\_\_\_
- Bank Hours \_\_\_\_\_
- Bar \_\_\_\_\_
- Barber Shop \_\_\_\_\_
- Beauty Salon \_\_\_\_\_
- Boutique \_\_\_\_\_
- Carpet \_\_\_\_\_
- Cellular Dealer \_\_\_\_\_
- College \_\_\_\_\_

## Businesses

- Collision \_\_\_\_\_
- Construction \_\_\_\_\_
- Crop Insurance \_\_\_\_\_
- Credit Union \_\_\_\_\_
- Dance Hall \_\_\_\_\_
- Day Care \_\_\_\_\_
- Drinking Water Co. \_\_\_\_\_
- Dry Cleaning \_\_\_\_\_
- Farm Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Fencing Company \_\_\_\_\_
- Florist \_\_\_\_\_
- Furniture Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Gift Shop \_\_\_\_\_
- Hardware Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Health Food Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Hearing Aid Ctr. \_\_\_\_\_
- Heating/Cooling Service \_\_\_\_\_
- Home Health Care \_\_\_\_\_
- Hospice \_\_\_\_\_
- Internet Provider \_\_\_\_\_
- Jewelry Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Landscaping \_\_\_\_\_
- Liquor Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Medical Supply \_\_\_\_\_
- Mortgage Company \_\_\_\_\_
- Museum \_\_\_\_\_
- Nail Salon \_\_\_\_\_
- Nursery \_\_\_\_\_
- Paint Dealer \_\_\_\_\_
- Pest Control \_\_\_\_\_
- Pharmacy \_\_\_\_\_
- Plumbing Service \_\_\_\_\_
- Real Estate Agency \_\_\_\_\_
- Retirement Home \_\_\_\_\_
- Roofing Company \_\_\_\_\_
- R.V. Dealership \_\_\_\_\_
- Siding Dealer \_\_\_\_\_
- Tattoo Parlor \_\_\_\_\_
- Television Dealer \_\_\_\_\_
- Tire Dealer \_\_\_\_\_

## Businesses

- Travel Agency \_\_\_\_\_
- Work Out Facility \_\_\_\_\_

## People

- Attorney \_\_\_\_\_
- Auctioneer \_\_\_\_\_
- Teller \_\_\_\_\_
- at \_\_\_\_\_
- Chiropractor \_\_\_\_\_
- City Employee \_\_\_\_\_
- Customer Service \_\_\_\_\_
- CNA \_\_\_\_\_
- at \_\_\_\_\_
- Dentist \_\_\_\_\_
- Doctor \_\_\_\_\_
- EMT \_\_\_\_\_
- Financial Advisor \_\_\_\_\_
- Fire Fighter \_\_\_\_\_
- Insurance Agent \_\_\_\_\_
- at \_\_\_\_\_
- LVN \_\_\_\_\_
- at \_\_\_\_\_
- Massage Therapist \_\_\_\_\_
- Ophthalmologist \_\_\_\_\_
- Pastor \_\_\_\_\_
- at \_\_\_\_\_
- Pediatrician \_\_\_\_\_
- Pharmacist \_\_\_\_\_
- at \_\_\_\_\_
- Physical Therapist \_\_\_\_\_
- at \_\_\_\_\_
- Police Officer \_\_\_\_\_
- Real Estate Agent \_\_\_\_\_
- RN \_\_\_\_\_
- at \_\_\_\_\_

# THANKS FOR VOTING!

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5 :PM	News	News	Locura	Simpsons	News	Noticias	News	Friends	Scrivner	News	Cash Cab	Murder by Numbers, Michael Pitt	CSI: Crime Scn	Law & Order	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live	Life De	NASCAR	SportsCenter
6 :PM	ABC	ABC	Noticiero	King-Hill	CBS	Noticiero	NBC	Raymond	Uri Harel	Business	Cash Cab		CSI: Crime Scn	Law & Order		Life De	Burning	
7 :PM	News	Jeopardy!	Yo Amo a Juan	Simpsons	News	12 Cora-zones	News	Raymond	Dr. Young	News-Lehrer	Made		CSI: Crime Scn	Law & Order	The Boot	Movie: A Goofy Movie	WNBA Basketball: Sun at Lynx	NFL Live
8 :PM	Entertain	Fortune		Two Men	Entertain	Millionaire	Raymond	Hagee		Made			CSI: Crime Scn	Law & Order				Series of Poker
9 :PM	Kimmel	Kimmel	Diablo-Guapos	Moment-Truth	NCIS	La Traicion	Moments	Fam. Guy	Israel	Nova (DVS)	Deadliest Catch	Movie: Hope Floats, Gena Rowlands	CSI: Crime Scn	Law & Order	Movie: The Wash, George Wallace	Wizards	Soccer: Euro 2008 -- Russia vs. Spain	Series of Poker
10 :PM	NBA	NBA	Fuego en la Sangre	Hell's Kitchen	48 Hours Mystery	Victoria	Law & Order: SVU	Fam. Guy	Light of the Southwest	Frontline (DVS)	Deadliest Catch		CSI: Crime Scn	Law & Order	Iron Ring	Wizards	Baseball Tonight	
11 :PM	NBA Basketball: Finals Game 3 -- Celtics at Lakers	NBA Basketball: Finals Game 3 -- Celtics at Lakers	Aqui y Ahora	TMZ	Without a Trace	Pecados Ajenos	Law & Order: SVU	Office	Sex & Miller	Israel	Charlie Rose	Movie: Raising Helen, Joan Cusack	CSI: NY	Cold Case	Movie: Get Rich or Die Tryin', Walter Alza	Suite Life	Arm	SportsCenter
12 :AM	News	News	Noticiero	Two Men	Late Show	Titulares	Tonight Show	Sex & Miller	Ministerio-Vida	Smiley Smiley	Deadliest Catch		CSI: Crime Scn	Without a Trace	Movie: The Wash, George Wallace	Montana	Arm	
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### DENNIS THE MENACE

6-10

"IF YOU DO FIND A DUST BUNNY, I DIDN'T LET HIM IN, HONEST."

### THE FAMILY CIRCUS

6-10

"It fell on the floor and got some floor on it."

### HAGAR

6-10

I LIKED IT BETTER BEFORE THINGS GOT SO HIGHLY ORGANIZED!

### BC

6-10

HOW COME YOUR PLAYERS WEAR SUNGLASSES DURING NIGHT GAMES?

IT MAKES THEM HARDER TO IDENTIFY COMING OUT OF THE STADIUM.

### BLONDIE

6-10

NOW, YOU'RE GOING TO CLEAN UP THE KITCHEN, RIGHT, DEAR?

SURE, I SAID I WOULD...

WHERE DO WE KEEP THE DISH TOWELS, HONEY?

WHAT DO YOU USE TO CLEAN OFF THE COUNTERS?

YOU NEED TO SHOW ME HOW TO USE THE DISHWASHER, TOO.

COOKIE!!!

### WIZARD OF ID

6-10

WHAT'S FOR SUPPER, BLANCH?

BLACKENED SWORDFISH

WHAT'S THE OCCASION?

THERE WAS A SMALL FIRE AT THE AQUARIUM

### AGNES

6-10

I'M WRITING AN OPRAH BOOK.

A BOOK ABOUT OPRAH?

NO... A BOOK TO GET ME ON HER SHOW TO TALK ABOUT MY BOOK.

WHAT'S IT ABOUT?

HOPE AND LOVE AND JUNK LIKE THAT. I WANTED TO WRITE ABOUT PONIES, BUT I DON'T KNOW IF SHE LIKES PONIES.

MAYBE THEY COULD BE HOPEFUL PONIES.

### HI AND LOIS

6-10

DOES THIS HOUSE HAVE FLOOD INSURANCE?

IT'S NOT NEAR ANY WATER.

HAVE YOU SEEN THE DOCUMENTARIES ABOUT GLOBAL WARMING?

### THE OTHER COAST

6-10

NOTHING I CAN DO, MA'AM. HE'S AN ENDANGERED SPECIES.

### SNUFFY SMITH

6-10

IN 'TRISTIN' RUG PATTERN, EL !! WHAT'S IT CALLED?

"SLOPPY HUSBAND" !!

### BEEBLE BAILEY

6-10

SARGE'S FAVORITE COLOR IS OLIVE DRAB

YEAH, AND HIS FAVORITE FOOD IS HASH

AND HIS FAVORITE TIME OF DAY IS REVELLE

I HATE IT WHEN THEY TALK BEHIND MY BACK AND DON'T SAY ANYTHING I CAN GET MAD AT

### This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, June 10, the 162nd day of 2008. There are 204 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On June 10, 1935, Alcoholics Anonymous was founded in Akron, Ohio.

On this date: In 1865, the Richard Wagner opera "Tristan and Isolde" premiered in Munich, Germany. In 1907, 11 men in five cars set out from the French embassy in Beijing on a race to Paris. (Prince Scipione Borghese of Italy was the first to arrive in the French capital two months later.) In 1940, Italy declared war on France and Britain; Canada declared war on Italy. In 1942, the Gestapo massacred 173 male residents of Lidice, Czechoslovakia, in retaliation for the killing of a Nazi official. In 1964, the Senate voted to limit further debate on a proposed civil rights bill, shutting off a filibuster by Southern states. In 1967, the Middle East War ended as Israel and Syria agreed to observe a United Nations-mediated cease-fire.

Today's Birthdays: Britain's Prince Philip is 87. Columnist Nat Hentoff is 83. Actor-director Lionel Jeffries is 82. Author Maurice Sendak is 80. Attorney F. Lee Bailey is 75. Actress Alexandra Stewart is 69. Singer Shirley Alston Reeves (The Shirelles) is 67. Actor Jurgen Prochnow is 67. Media commentator Jeff Greenfield is 65. Country singer-songwriter Thom Schuyler is 56. Former Sen. John Edwards is 55. Actor Andrew Stevens is 53. Singer Barrington Henderson is 52. Former New York Gov. Eliot Spitzer is 49. Rock musician Kim Deal is 47. Singer Maxi Priest is 47. Actress Gina Gershon is 46. Actress Jeanne Tripplehorn is 45. Rock musician Jimmy Chamberlin is 44. Actress Kate Flannery is 44. Model-actress Elizabeth Hurley is 43. Rock musician Joey Santiago is 43. Actor Doug McKean is 42. Rock musician Emma Anderson is 41. Country musician Brian Hofeldt (The Derrailers) is 41. Rapper The D.O.C. is 40. Rock singer Mike Doughty is 38. Rhythm-and-blues singer JoJo is 37. Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal is 37. Rhythm-and-blues singer Faith Evans is 35. Actor Hugh Dancy is 33. Rhythm-and-blues singer Lemisha Grinstead (702) is 30. Actor DJ Qualls is 30. Actor Shane West is 30. Singer Hoku is 27. Actress Leelee Sobieski is 26. Olympic gold medal figure skater Tara Lipinski is 26.

### Newsday Crossword

YELLOW ALERT by Gail Grabowski  
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ACROSS

1 Turnpike charges

6 Lost traction

10 Make preparations

14 Farewell, in France

15 Residence

16 Italian coin

17 Slightly sour candies

19 Just (slightly)

20 Psychic letters

21 Ooze slowly

22 Withdraw officially

24 Road curve

25 Netlike material

26 Attacks, as a fly

28 Touches affectionately

32 Long-necked birds

33 How much to pay

34 Late-night TV host

35 Volcanic output

36 Big commotion

37 Notion

38 Prayer ending

39 Unlock

40 Mischievous one

41 Extraordinary events

43 Extremely small

44 Participates in an auction

45 Some soda containers

46 Lure into a crime

49 Fearless

50 Top playing card

53 Foal's father

54 Fruity toast topping

57 "Not guilty" is one

58 Low in fat

59 Elaborate meal

60 Must have

61 Droops

62 Transportation charges

6 Make confetti out of

7 Airshow stunt

8 Mischievous one

9 Menu course

10 Canned fruits

11 Service-station grease job

12 Desertlike

13 Brief letter

18 Cozy rooms

23 Opposite of WNW

24 Fruit-flavored loaf

25 Bricklayer

26 Hindu guru

27 Be indecisive

28 Secret writings

29 Coupe cousin

30 Foe

31 Wash-up need

32 Shut forcefully

33 Superheroes' garments

39 Friends since high school

40 Farewell party, e.g.

42 Spy org.

43 Bath-powder ingredient

45 Nickels and dimes

46 TV sports channel

47 Cairo's river

48 Family-history diagram

49 Boast

50 Partially open

51 Beer purchase

52 CPR specialists

55 Pod vegetable

56 Pokoe, for instance

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# Serial killer Elmer Wayne Henley wrestles with his crimes

By **MONICA RHOR**

Associated Press Writer

TENNESSEE COLONY — Elmer Wayne Henley, his once-long hair now cropped closely and flecked with gray, shakes his head three times.

"No. No. No," he mutters softly, as his ice-blue eyes study the artist's renderings of three unidentified murder victims. "I don't recognize any of these people."

Henley, who turned 52 in May, sits behind a glass divider in the

visiting room at the Michael Unit, a Texas prison set amid cow pastures and sprawling ranches about an hour south of Dallas.

Henley is serving six life sentences with little chance of parole for his role in the torture and murder of 27 young boys in the early 1970s — at the time, the worst mass murder in the country's history.

The three faces he studies are artists' renderings of the only victims who still remain unidentified, three decades after they

were killed by Dean Corll, a Houston electric company worker, and his two teenage accomplices, Henley and David Owen Brooks.

The teenager who led police to the bodies of the murdered boys has become a weathered middle-aged man who has spent the last 35 years inside the walls of prison cells, and expects to end his life there.

But that eagerness to reveal everything he knows, to somehow atone for his crimes by holding nothing back, still lin-

gers.

He wants badly to impress that upon a visitor, to show that he would identify the last victims if he could.

"If you don't want to live a lie any longer, you quit lying and there are only two things you can do if you don't want to lie. You can refuse to answer or you can tell the truth," said Henley. "I told the truth. In order to do all I could do. It's not much, but that was the most I could do to put things right."

So, in the days after Corll was

killed, Henley named the victims he could remember. He told investigators how Corll recruited him and Brooks to find boys for a "white slavery" ring. How he later stumbled upon Corll torturing one of the victims.

"He told me he had killed the last one and was gonna rape and kill this one and that I was already involved in murder," recounted Henley. "I dithered a long time and allowed myself to essentially be run by Corll. It took those 15 to 17 months to get out."

## OWL

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she encouraged him to "spit it out."

When he told her he had bought a bird from a man who came by the rig, she was slightly miffed. "If you're sucker enough to buy a bird, that means that guy is just gonna go get another one."

"I know, I know," was all he could say to her warning.

"How long have you had it? Where's the bird now?" she queried. "Since last night. It's out in the truck." Wanting to know if he had fed it was the question that finally had him talking to her. He told her the bird was supposed to eat mice. How he was going to buy or trap food for his new pet had

never been considered.

Trying to control her temper, the waitress asked how long it had been since the bird had eaten. "I don't know," came a muffled reply. When she asked him what kind of bird he had bought, she discovered he had purchased a baby barn owl for \$13.

"Well, what are you going to do about it?" Shrugging his shoulders and saying he didn't know what to do, the young man asked if she knew anybody that could help. Since she did, the waitress told her friend's son to finish his meal while she placed a call.

Returning to the table, the waitress said it would be about 15 minutes. "Will you give her the bird for me?" he asked. Looking squarely into his face, she let him know it takes a lot

of mistakes, sometimes, before you can call yourself grown-up. "You think you're an adult. Well, you're going to meet the woman I called. You are going to explain just what happened."

As I approached the restaurant, I had to wait for the heavy traffic to pass on U.S. Highway 87. Finally, an opening gave me the chance to cross and park on the north side of the building. The truck described by the waitress was obvious. The familiar red clay and caliche had splattered and dried on the sides and under the wheel wells.

Passing through the front entrance, I spotted the waitress whom I had known for a while. Across from her was a man who appeared to be in his early 20s. Upon motioning to her, they both rose and

followed me to the truck.

After hearing his story, I asked to see the owl. The moment he touched an oil soaked box, the hissing began.

Turning to the waitress, he told her that was the reason he didn't bring it inside.

Nestled in old rags and screaming defensively at the three of us, the downy, partially feathered nestling stood, then sat

back on its rump to present talons to anyone who tried to touch it. "You wanted that for a pet?" asked the waitress. Sheepishly, the young man said he didn't know what he was getting.

Placing bird, box and screams inside my vehicle, I showed the young man how ravenous an owl can be. Swallowing whole the baby mice I had brought, the nestling

devoured them readily.

Relieved that the owl was no longer his responsibility, the young man smiled and said how grateful he was.

As he and his mentor headed back inside, the gangly young man put his arm around her shoulder. It was thanks enough.

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## RYAN

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again whispered, "Try not to cry, Albert, we will be home soon."

The toddler continued to cry as the old gentleman was attempting to pay the cashier. I stood there in amazement at the man's patience when a young woman in line immediately behind him said, "Sir, I think it is wonderful to notice how sweet you are being to little Albert."

The old man looked up, blinked his eyes a couple of times and said, "Thank you, Miss, this is my grandson. His name is John. I'm Albert!"

Another such story that has a moral different than we expect is this: Several years ago, when an ice cream sundae was much less expensive than it is today, a 10-year-old boy entered a hotel coffee shop and sat at a table. The waitress put a glass of water in front of him.

"How much is an ice cream sundae?" he asked. "Fifty cents," replied the waitress.

The little boy pulled his hand out of his pocket and studied the coins in it. "Well, how much is a plain dish of ice cream?" he inquired.

By now more people were waiting for a table and the waitress was

growing impatient.

"Thirty-five cents," she brusquely replied.

The little boy again counted his coins. "I'll have the plain ice cream," he said.

The waitress brought the ice cream, put the bill on the table and walked away. The boy finished the ice cream, paid the cashier his 35 cents and left. When the waitress came back, she began to cry as she wiped down the table.

There, placed neatly beside the empty dish, were two nickels and five pennies. She then understood that he would have liked to have had the sundae but he couldn't, because he had to have enough left to leave her a tip.

I guess we could say that we never know someone until we understand the choices they make. We place people in categories to make the world more understandable then the world surprises us. That's the mystery of life.

We can have fewer surprises if we seek to understand the underlying motives of others.

Problems seldom exist at the level at which they are expressed, which means we cannot not see things as they are; we see them as we think they are.

If we want insights into why people do what they do, we must discover their unstated motives and uncover what they feel but are not saying. We live in a complex world and life is a bit more complicated than what it was when Popeye used to say, "I yam what I yam and dat's all that I yam!"

So, as George Carlin says, "Remember to say a kind word to that little one who looks up to you in awe, because that little person will soon grow up and leave your side."

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