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Knockout!

Battle of Bands to hit auditorium crowd Saturday

By LYNDEL MOODY

Herald Staff Writer

The Knockout Battle of the Bands returns to Big Spring Saturday when six young bands vie for the title.

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"We are so excited about the Knockout Battle of the Bands coming this weekend," said Jim Koerber, president of Scars Entertainment. "We have worked hard this past few months seeking out talent throughout Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, finding bands that



door.

we believe will best represent this contest."

The "curtain" goes up at 6 p.m. at the Spring Big Auditorium. Doors open at

5 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and available at Cowbovs Steakhouse, any band member or at the

"The Knockout Battle of the Bands prize packet

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A Big Spring firefighter returns to his truck after crews responded to a fire call at Big Spring State Hospital late Tuesday morning. No injuries and only light damage was reported in the fire.

Electrical fire doused at state hospital

Herald Staff Report

A short in a fluorescent lighting system caused a fire that forced the evacuation of an acute care ward at Big Spring State Hospital Tuesday morning.

No injuries or major damage were reported the fire, which was extinguished quickly, hospital officials said.

The fire started about 11 a.m. when the ballast of a fluorescent unit shorted and caught fire in the female acute psychiatric services unit, BSSH Superintendent Ed Moughon said.

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Noreiga makes stop here



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Rick Noriega, Democratic candidate for the U.S. Senate, speaks to a group of supporters during a brief visit to Big Spring Tuesday afternoon. Noriega will face Republican incumbent John Cornyn in the November general election.

Squeeze is on: BSISD faces capped state aid

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

For the past few years, budget time at Big Spring Independent School District has been almost like Christmas in June.

Those days are over.

Capped state aid to school districts and soaring fuel costs will force school trustees to consider a few belt-tightening measures when they meet for their annual budget workshop at 5:15 p.m. Thursday in the high school board room.

When state legislators reformed school financing 2006, the resulting increase in state aid to districts allowed BSISD officials to finance several big-ticket items — such as

"... while people are paying more in taxes. all they're

doing is easing the burden on the state."

> -Sandra Waggoner, BSISD chief financial officer

upgrading an aging school bus fleet and modernizing computer technology they had been forced to put aside for several years.

While dire financial times have not hit BSISD, neither will officials be looking at a large surplus of funds.

Chief Financial Officer Sandra Waggoner said the district's new budget will feature more than \$28 million in expenditures, a decrease of about \$200,000 from the previous year.

The major reason for the expenditure decrease is that the state has capped its aid to local districts at \$4,554 per student —the same rate paid in 2005-2006. Therefore. the only way BSISD will receive increased state aid in the future is if the district attracts more students — and officials are not budgeting for that possibility, Waggoner said.

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Movie Night returning to Big Spring

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Coming soon to amphitheater near you movie night.

Movie watching under the stars may be in Big Spring's future as the City Council gave tentative approval during its Tuesday meeting to KPEJ-TV to host a Movie Night event at the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater.

Hawkins, account executive for the Odessabased television station, said the first of hopefully several movie nights is scheduled for Aug. 7.

The city regularly held movie night at the amphitheater as part of the annual Splash-In Memorial Day celebration, but has gotten

out of the cinema business in recent vears.

The particular movie to be shown will be decided by the council in the next few weeks, but Hawkins promised it would be family-friendly. No R-rated movies will be shown. Show time would be at dusk.

"We've already held a movie night in Midland and Odessa and we've had absolutely no problems," he said. "It's nothing but good, clean family

entertainment." Arrangements for the event will be handled through the TV station and Hawkins hopes to have local non-profit groups handle concessions. Cleanup afterward, he promised, would be "no problem."

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SPRING HERALD

Do you have an interesting sports item or story idea? Call Jonathan Hull at 263-7331, Ext. 237. Email results to: sports@bigspringherald.com

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Howard rodeo team finishes 10th at CNFR

Brevik, Curtis place sixth overall in team roping

By Eric C. Rodewald

Special to the Herald

CASPER, Wyo. — While most here in Big Spring were enjoying the town's own major rodeo event last weekend, three athletes from Howard College were attempting to win a national championship in the sport.

Despite having just three athletes in attendance, the Howard College Men's Rodeo Team placed 10th at the College National Finals Rodeo. However, only two Hawks registered points with header Calvin Brevik and heeler KC Curtis scoring all 165 points in the team roping competition, finishing sixth overall in the average.

Brevik and Curtis were second in the first-go with a 5.9, 27th in the second-go with a 20.0 and fifth in the third-go with a 5.6, qualifying for Saturday's short round.

Howard Head Coach Greg Kernick said despite the high time in the second-go, Brevik's previous experience heeling paid off in keeping their national title hopes alive.

Brevik initially missed as the header, but Curtis picked up the slack and roped the steer's head, while Brevik came back around and heeled the steer, completing the ride and receiving a score for the round.

"Calvin has heeled in high school and at other venues, so his experience and skill really paid off when it counted," Kernick said. "It was huge that they had the savvy to record a time since a no time takes vou completely out of the running."

In the short round on Saturday, which only the top 12 teams overall qualify for, the Howard

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From left: Howard College's Cody Samora, Calvin Brevik and KC Curtis each qualified for the College National Finals Rodeo that ended Saturday in Casper, Wyom, Brevik and Curtis scored all 165 of Howard's team points with a sixth place finish in the team roping event. Samore finished 22nd in the bull riding.

Steers fall to Lee in pair of 7-on-7 games



HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull

Big Spring Steers quarterback Matt Ritchey throws a pass in a 7-on-7 game against Midland Lee at Blankenship Field Tuesday night. The Steers lost a pair of games, dropping their record to 5-2-1 for the season.

Rebels hand Big Spring first losses of summer season

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

There really isn't such a thing as an offseason anymore at any level of sports, including high school.

Preparation for the next season begins almost immediately and for many skill position players, linebackers and defensive backs the final stage of training, before two-a-days start in August is 7-on-7 football.

Big Spring's Steers are no exception and what had been a very successful summer of play suffered a setback Tuesday night at Blankenship Field.

The Steers lost their first game of the season to Midland Lee, dropping both games of a doubleheader 34-29 and 34-12. This after blowing out the Rebels on their home turf last week.

"Last week we beat those guys 39-13 and I think we thought we were going to come back here with a home crowd and handle them," Steers Head Coach Phillip Ritchey said.

There are no running plays in 7-on-7. Essentially, the game is played like a school-yard game of onehand touch. There's also no punting or kicking.

Each offense starts a drive at its opponents' 40-yard line and has three plays to make 10 yards for a first down, except for when the offense drives inside the 10. Then, the offense has four downs to on a two-point conversion get the ball in the end zone.

Touchdowns are worth six points. Extra points come in two varieties. The first is a one-point attempt from the 3-yard line. The second is a two-point try from the 10.

Game 1 saw the two squads battle back and Lee, however, there was changes. seven lead However, Lee was able to score last, giving the Rebels a 34-29 victory. The Rebels trailed 29-26 late in the second half after Matt Ritchey, starting at quarterback in place of Tyler Tannehill who recently had knee surgery, threw his fourth touchdown of the game.

However, the Rebels connected on a deep slant and outraced the Steers to the end zone for the game-winning touchdown.

Big Spring had led by eight points early in the game as Ritchey and Sidney Parker connected for two scores after the Steers had fallen behind 7-0. The two touchdowns gave Big Spring a 15-7 advantage at halftime.

Lee scored on the first play of the second half and then picked off Ritchey in the Steers' first possession of the half and capitalized with another touchdown, giving them a 19-15 advantage. However, Ritchey connected with Tavian Parnell to answer Lee's score, and then connected See STEERS, Page 3B

pass from the 10-yard line, placing the Steers ahead, 23-19.

However, Lee scored on the first play of their next possession with a fade pass down the right sideline and added a 2-point conversion for a 26-23 lead.

Game 2 was all Midland one encouraging sight for the Steers as Tannehill took some snaps and threw one touchdown.

"That's the first time Tyler has been on the field since having surgery on his knee," noted Ritchey. "It's encouraging to see. It's hard for him to really step into his throws with that knee brace on, but he did good. Except for when he tried to chase down the guy he threw an interception to. I thought about stepping in front of him and making sure he didn't do anything stupid."

Tannehill methodically took the Steers inside the 10. but threw an errant pass on a slant that a Lee defender took the distance for six points.

Big Spring's only other score came with them down 27-6 when a tip ball was snatched out of the air by Martin Yanez, who returned it for a score.

Big Spring attempts to get back on the winning path at 8 p.m. Thursday when Coahoma pays a visit to Blankenship

Fresno State's big offensive night forces Game 3

By ERIC OLSON

AP Sports Writer

OMAHA, Neb. — Fresno State kept its amazing postseason run alive Tuesday night thanks to an offensive performance that was nothing short of, well, amazing.

After spotting Georgia a fiverun lead in the third inning, Fresno State struck for 15 runs over the next three innings for a 19-10 victory in Game 2 of the College World Series finals.

Tommy Mendonca put Fresno State in front with his recordtying fourth home run of the CWS in his team's six-run third inning.

The Bulldogs from Fresno State (46-31) and Bulldogs from Georgia (45-24-1) will meet in Game 3 on Wednesday night to determine college baseball's top

Fresno State scored five runs in the fourth and four more in the fifth to trip up a Georgia team that appeared on the verge of sweeping through the CWS to its second national title and first since 1990.

Fresno State wouldn't let its

incredible season end that way. not on this night. Rather, the Bulldogs scored the most runs against a Georgia team since Tennessee's 19-12 win in the 2001 CWS - 435 games ago.

Before Tuesday, Fresno State hadn't come back from more than four runs down to win a game this season.

Known as the "Wonderdogs" around here, Fresno State displayed more of the moxie that has carried them further than any No. 4 regional seed had gone before.

Fresno State batted around in the third inning and sent 10 to the plate in the fourth. Mendonca's three-run homer put the Bulldogs ahead 6-5, and Steve Susdorf's two-run shot in the fifth made it 15-6.

The six-run third wasn't even Fresno State's most productive inning of the CWS. It had a seven-run outburst against Rice in the fourth inning of a 17-5 victo-

Georgia, which rallied for four eighth-inning runs to Fresno State 7-6 in Game 1 of the finals,

jumped on Justin Miller.

Miller, who lasted four innings and got a no-decision in a 5-3 win over North Carolina earlier in the CWS, lasted only 2 2-3 innings.

Three of Georgia's first four batters singled. Rich Poythress drove in a run, and after Matt Cerione was intentionally walked to load the bases, Joey Lewis hit a two-run single up the middle. Poythress' sacrifice fly in the second and David

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Obituaries

Larry Riggins

Larry Riggins, 58, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, June 24, 2008 in an Odessa hospice facility. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Janie Reeder

Janie Reeder, 101, of Chester, Conn., formerly of Big Spring died Thursday, June 19, 2008, in Chester, Conn. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Take Note

- The Big Spring Mall will be sponsoring a blood drive Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. All donors are needed. Everyone gets a opportunity to win a Vegas Trip for two. All donors gets a Vegas T-shirt.
- June is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month. Any group that would like to see a program on the topic can contact Bill Birrell at 263-0659. He has an 18-minute American Cancer Society VCR tape edited by Sidney Poitier.
- Ex-Students Homecoming at Forsan High School will be held Aug. 2. For more information, contact Jimmy Anderson at Professional Pharmacy at 267-2546 or at his residence, 267-6143.
- · 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.
- Bring joy and kindness to others by becoming a Compass Hospice volunteer. Help those at the end of life's journey. Make a difference in someone's life. Call 263-5999 to begin your journey.
- All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue has an account set up with Big Spring Salvage at 3608 N. Hwy. 87 for all types of metals and aluminum cans. Please tell them that your donations are for All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is also still taking weight circles off of all Purina brand dog foods. Send your Purina Weight Circles, to A.C.S. & R. at P.0, 871, Coahoma 79511. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is still accepting old and used cell phones and ink jet cartridges, for drop off locations in Big Spring and Coahoma. Call Melanie at 267-7387
- Christ Community Fellowship is collecting infant car seats and carriers. These are given to new mothers who cannot afford them. To donate your old or new car seats and carriers, call Karen Allen at 263-3517 or leave a message at Christ Community Fellowship, 263-love. All donations are appreciated.
- New Life Ministries Church of God In Christ is holding a soup kitchen every second and fourth Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 204 N.W. 10th. The meal is free. Call 264-0771 for more information.

Support Groups

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until

SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

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



Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- RONALD LEE SIMONEK, 53, 3611 Hamilton, was arrested for two warrants and charged with driving while license invalid/driving while intoxicated.
- WANDA BROWN, 35, 538 Westover, was arrested on one citation and a charge of possession of dangerous
- ARMANDO SALCIDO, 28. Fabens, was arrested on two citations.
- JACE MINCE, 18, 7602 South Service Road I-20, was arrested on a charge of possession of dangerous drugs.
- DANIEL VIERA, 20, 1900 MLK, as arrested on a war-
- JOE KEITH RUBARTS, 29, Stanton, was arrested on charges of driving while license invalid and driving while intoxicated.
- DONA BYERLEY, 43, 1303 E 19, was arrested on charges of public intoxication and possession of dangerous drugs. • MANON RAJBHANDARI, 30, 1002 N Gregg, was
- arrested on charges of possession of marijuana in a drug • ROBERT SANCHEZ, 44, 429 Westover, was arrested
- on a charge of public intoxication.
- ERNEST CLARK, 68, 4000 W Highway 80, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication. CHANCE LANG, 39, 4200 Hamilton, was arrested on
- a charge of a family violence. • JOSUE PONCE, 38, 2625 Langley, was arrested on a
- charge of public intoxication.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 1900 block of Highway 87. ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was
- reported in the 1300 block of 19. ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was
- reported in the 4200 block of Muir. • BURGLARY OF HABITATION was reported in the
- 1400 block of 11. • BURGLARY OF VEHICLE was reported in the 1000
- block of Stadium. • CRIMINAL MISCHEIF was reported in the 1400
- block of Dixie. • DELIVERY OF MARIJUANA IN A DRUG FREE
- ZONE was reported in the 1000 block of Gregg.
- POSSESSION OF DANGEROUS DRUGS was reported in the 1300 block of 19.
- POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA IN A DRUG FREE ZONE was reported in the 1000 block of Gregg.
 - THEFT was reported in the 200 block of FM 700.

Sheriff's report

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

- RONALD LEE SIMONEK, 53, was transferred by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended.
- JOE KEITH RUBARTS III, 29, was transferred by the BSPD on charges of driving while license invalid and driving while intoxicated.
- DANIEL MONTEZ VIERA, JR., 20, was transferred by the BSPD on a charge of criminal mischeif.
- WANDA HERON BROWN, 35, was transferred by the BSPD on a charge of possession of dangerous
- SARAH NICOLE DUNLAP, 23, was arrested on a ondsman off bond warrant
- MICHAEL DEWAYNE RENTERIA, 38, was transferred by the BSPD on a charge of issuance of a bad check.
- SAUL GONZALES, 23, was arrested on motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana.
- IAN CONNON BOYLES, 20, was arrested on a charge of of miscellaneous class c driving while license inval-

Lottery

The jackpot in the multistate Mega Millions lottery drawing grew to \$34 million Wednesday.

None of the tickets sold for Tuesday's \$25 million drawing matched all five lotto numbers and the Mega Ball. The next drawing will be Friday.

The winning numbers from Tuesday's drawing were: 10, 22, 36, 50 and 53. The Mega Ball number was 39.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 15-18-25-26-27. Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-6-2-1. Sum It Up: 15.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 8-3-4. Sum It Up: 15.

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• 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.

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.
- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant. Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at
- the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Dance at the Senior Center, 1901 Simler, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Fire/EMS

- PUBLIC SERVICE was reported on the 1500 block of Avion, and service was refused.
- MEDICAL was reported on the 1500 block of Main, and service was refused.
- PUBLIC SERVICE was reported on the 2900 block of W 7th, and service was refused.
- TRAUMA was reported on the 2500 block of S. Gregg, and one person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of Caylor, and one person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of W Highway 87, and one person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Johnson, and one person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 500 block of Westover.
- and one person was transported to SMMC. • TRAUMA was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway, and one person was transported to SMMC.
- STRUCTURE FIRE was reported in the 1900 block of W Highway 87 but was only a smoke scare.
- GRASS FIRE was reported in the 2600 block of S Gregg and was extinguished.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson, and one person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2700 block of W Highway 80, and one person was transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of Kindle,
- and one person was transported to SMMC. • TRAUMA was reported in the 1400 block of N
- Highway 87, and one person was transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL was reported in the 2500 block of March Circle, and one person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N Highway 87, and one person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Vines,
- and one person was transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of W
- Highway 87, and one person was transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL was reported in the 8100 block of I-20, and one person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Kentucky. and one person was transported to SMMC.

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Sandlot boys

softball team raising funds

The Big Spring Sandlot boys softball team is on a quest to reach the Youth Slow Pitch World Series in Fayetteville, Ark., and is asking for the assistance of the community.

The team is holding a carwash at Advance Auto Parts starting at 8 a.m. Saturday.

They will also be selling burritos, and there will also be opportunities to win prizes such as a hydraulic jack, battery charger and tickets to Schlitterbahn.

If you want to just give a donation, call Ben Flores at 816-1262 or Diane at 264-0353.

C. G. A. sets scholarship tournament

The Chicano Golf Association is holding their 18th annual scholarship tournament Saturday and Sunday at the Big Spring Country Club.

The format is a two-person scramble and cost is \$75 per player. Mulligans can be bought for \$5 a piece.

Bob Brock Ford is sponsoring Hole No. 3 Saturday with any participant that hits a hole-in-one receiving a 2008 vehicle.

All proceeds for the tournament goes to a scholarship fund for local students.

For more information, call Sammy Reyna at 267-5627 or Gilbert Rodriguez at (432) 853-5504.

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Berkman leads Astros over Texas

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Lance Berkman isn't quite ready to proclaim the Astros are in the process of turning things around, even after they won two straight for the first time in a month.

"I guess that remains to be seen," Berkman said after Houston's 4-3 victory over the Texas Rangers on Tuesday night gave them three wins in their last 12 games.

Berkman had a two-run homer among his two hits to break out of a three-game hitless streak for Houston, which had to hold on in the ninth.

Ramon Vazquez hit a two-run homer to right field with one out off closer Jose Valverde to cut the lead to 4-3, but Valverde struck out Chris Shelton and Ian Kinsler for his 19th save.

The Astros led 2-1 before Berkman's homer off Joaquin Benoit that landed in the bullpen in right field and scored Miguel Tejada in the eighth inning. Berkman was 0-for-9 in the weekend series with Tampa Bay, his first series this season without a hit.

Berkman broke his skid with a double in the second inning and tied it at 1 when he scored on a single by Ty Wigginton.

"I felt pretty good in Tampa," he said. "Baseball's a funny sport. I've yet to be able to explain why things like that happen, but I'll take two hits tonight.'

Humberto Quintero's first RBI of the season, a double in the second inning that rolled into the left-field corner, scored Wigginton and gave Houston a 2-1 lead.

The Rangers had a chance to take the lead in the eighth inning after a walk by Michael Young and a single by Brandon Boggs. Houston replaced Doug Brocail with Valverde and Young and Boggs had a double steal with Marlon Byrd batting.



Houston Astros first baseman Lance Berkman watches his two-run homer in the eighth inning against the Texas Rangers in a MLB game Tuesday in Houston. The Astros won 4-3.

But Valverde struck out Byrd to get out of the inning before Berkman stretched the lead with his 21st homer.

David Murphy's double to center field with one out in the seventh inning chased Astros starter Brian Moehler (4-3). He was replaced by Wesley Wright, who walked Jarrod Saltalamacchia.

Wright got out of the inning after Vazquez grounded into a forceout and Carlos Lee snagged Milton Bradlev's fly to left field.

Moehler had retired seven in a row before he walked Frank Catalanotto in the fourth inning. Young grounded into a double play before Josh Hamilton struck out for the third out.

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Moehler allowed five hits and one run with five strikeouts.

"He's been really, really good for us," manager Cecil Cooper said. "He had been real effective. Moehler was just outstanding to hold them to one run."

Hamilton was replaced by Boggs in the bottom of the fifth inning and the team said he had inflammation in his left knee. Hamilton. who leads the majors with 76 RBIs. was 0-for-2 on Tuesday and is dayto-day.

Rangers manager Ron Washington said a doctor examined Hamilton's knee and there was no structural damage.

"He just came in after his last at bat and said he felt something back there," Washington said. "We just didn't want to take any chances. He said it felt a little tight."

Hamilton had two operations on that knee in 2006 and said he believes he injured it last week making a diving catch against Atlanta.

"I felt it in Washington, but it just bothered me when I sprinted," he said of the weekend series against the Nationals. "It didn't bother me when I jogged. I didn't feel it again until I stepped on the top step of the dugout to go out for my first at bat."

Moehler allowed two singles before walking Young to load the bases in the sixth inning. He pitched out of trouble when Michael Bourn caught a flyball to center field by Boggs for the third 011t.

Kinsler doubled and scored on a single by Young in the first inning to give Texas a 1-0 lead.

Byrd made an impressive runsaving catch in the sixth inning when he sprinted to the right center field wall to grab a fly from Wigginton with runners at first and second.

Rangers starter Eric Hurley (0-1) failed to get his first win in his

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Fed likely to keep interest rates unchanged but employ tough talk about inflation threats

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke and his colleagues are updating Teddy Roosevelt's admonition to speak softly and carry a big

The Fed policymakers are starting to raise their voices while brandishing the stick even though they don't appear ready to use it.

Wednesday, it is widely expected that the central bank will express more concerns about inflation and in that way signal that rate increases could be on the way.

However, at the same time, private economists are widely in agreement that the Fed will not actually start raising interest rates, given how weak the economy is at

"The Fed is caught between a rock and a hard place,"

When the Fed concludes a two-day meeting on said Sung Won Sohn, an economics professor at California State University, "The economy seems to be slipping into a recession at the same time that inflation is getting worse."

> There was more bad news Tuesday when the Conference Board reported that its gauge of consumer sentiment dropped in June to the lowest reading in 16 years as soaring gas prices, rising unemployment and sinking home values continued to batter Americans.

Texas AgriLIFE Extension Service to offer food manager certification course

Statistics indicate that foodborne illness continues to be a health issue in the United States. Each year, 1 in 4 Americans will become sick, 1 in 1,000 will become hospitalized, and 5,000 will die due to a foodborne illness.

During a past legislative session, a statute was amended that allowed the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to require each food establishment to have one certified food manager.

Recently, the Texas Board of Health adopted rules to implement this statute. Many of you have already received a letter from the Texas Department of State Health Services regarding this. Under these new

rules, each food establishment permitted by the Texas Department of State Health

Services must have one certified food manager. New food manager certificates will be valid for 5 years.

Texas AgriLIFE Extension Service, Howard County, is offering a food manager certification training course. This program will be offered for \$89 July 15 and 16 at the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main

St. in Big Spring. Cost includes training, materials, and the state food manager certification examination. Registration deadline is July 2.

This program is designed to not only prepare foodservice managers to pass the certification examination; it will provide valuable education regarding the safe handling of food. Almost 50 cents of every dollar Americans

spend on food is spent on meals prepared away from home. Therefore, careful attention to food safety will help keep customers safe and satisfied.

Foodborne illnesses are estimated to cost thousands of dollars in lost wages, insurance, and medical bills. With these statistics, knowledge of how to prevent foodborne illness is essential. The benefits of

improved food safety include: ·Increased customer satisfaction ·Improved relationships with health officials

·Prevention of bad publicity and law suits due to foodborne illness

By attending the course, foodservice managers will learn

·identifying potentially

hazardous foods and common errors in food handling ·preventing contamination and cross-contamination of food

·teaching and encouraging personal hygiene for employees ·complying with government regulations

·maintaining clean utensils, equipment and surroundings ·controlling pests

Foodborne illnesses can be prevented by following simple food safety practices.

For more information about the Food Manager Certification Training course of the Texas AgriLIFE Extension Service, called "Food Safety: It's Our Business," call Kandy K. McWhorter at 432 264-2237.

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Several units from the Big Spring Fire Department responded, but hospital workers had the fire effectively extinguished before rescue workers arrived, Moughon said.

The psychiatric unit houses 48 female patients, but all but 15 of those were in classes at the time of the fire, he noted. The remainder were evacuated without incident.

Workers were repairing the damage immediately after the incident.

BANDS

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is equivalent to about \$7,500 and includes cash, recording opportunities, merchandise, equipment from our sponsors like The Guitar Center, Chili's food while they're out on the road — Wal-Mart gasoline to help pay for their gas while they're traveling. This is an incredible prize package."

Each of the six featured bands — Ashes to Eternity, Barabbas, The Great Divorce, The Lost Concept Save the Stereo and Greater is He — were chosen from a lengthy process, Koerber said.

"We went out in a preliminary round and found

about four bands," he have a reason to rejoice. "Then we explained. pulled in one band as a wild card and we pulled in one band chosen by the fans from on-line voting."

Each band will play three songs before a panel of judges who will then rate the group on a set of criteria, Koerber said.

Saturday's concert will be an opportunity for these bands to not only increase their fan base and name recognition but also a chance to catch the eye of industry executives.

"We have producers and industry executives from Nashville who will be flying in for this event to check on all these bands," Koerber said. "This is an incredible. opportunity."

Band members are taking time out of their nationwide tour to headline the concert, playing a 30-minute set while judges tabulate scores.

"They have always been part of the Knockout Battle of the Bands," said Koerber, who is also the band's manager. "They were our first winner four years ago. So they are very encouraging and want to give hope to up-and-coming artists. The band wants these artists to know 'hey, work hard. You can get out here and do this thing."

Supporting these young musicians is a major reason for this contest, incredible Koerber said.

> "It's great for these artists," he said. "We want to he said.

give them a sense of hope. We want to encourage them. If you you have a passion, a love for music, then work at it and your dreams can come true. To what level? I don't know. I don't know what your dreams are ... I can't create the dream but if you work hard anything is possible.'

Most the bands play in the Christian-rock genre or play positive music, Koerber said, lending to a family oriented event.

"I can't tell you the faith of every band member of every band but we have strict guidelines — the music will be positive, it will be clean cut, it will be for the family, it will be uplifting, it will be motivating, nothing negative,'

that this is a Christian we're trying to achieve event."

With the eyes of music industry executives focused on the event, Koerber is calling on the community to help make the concert successful.

"This event is for Big Spring," Koerber said. "It's great for our kids and gives them an opportunity to come out and be apart of something positive. These Nashville executives are watching what we're doing throughout this event. It's a great opportunity for Big Spring and I really, really hope that Big Spring can see that, to see the vision

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Also, the amount of state aid a district receives is inversely proportional to the amount of money it collects locally. With district's estimated appraisals surpassing \$1 billion this year, that means fewer state dollars reaching BSISD, noted.

"In the past two years, appraisals have gone way up," she said. "People are paying more on

the property taxes, but the more local revenue increases, the less state revenue we receive, almost on a dollar-for-dollar basis. So while people are paying more in taxes, all they're doing is easing the burden on the state."

Another dark cloud gathering over the budget process is the rising cost of fuel. Local officials are budgeting \$160,000 for fuel costs in the new budget, a 30 percent increase from last vear.

a corresponding increase in state aid means local officials will have to forego several projects tentatively planned for the coming year. Renovations of the high school parking lot and Blankenship Field track, for example, will likely be put off for the near future. Waggoner said.

Another minus, she said, is that plans for additional staff — mostly teacher's aides and technology department personnel will probably postponed.

All is not doom and gloom Increased costs without financially, however. The new budget does allow for pay increases for teachers,

clerks, aides and auxiliary personnel, as well as two buses, Waggoner new said.

"And the budget will be balanced," she said. "Planned revenues are \$335,000 more than expenditures right now, but the board has extra items to look at (Thursday), so I don't expect to see that high a surplus when we're finished."

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permission from the city. Selected Well-Fargo Bank as the depository for city funds. Wells-Fargo was selected over State National Bank and First

Bank of West Texas. Approved an agreement with Cornell Corrections in which the Big Spring Police Department would provide drug-detecting canine services to the prison.

 Approvedacontractwith Jack Birdwell to continue providing concessions at the municipal golf course.

· Reappointed council member Jo Ann Staulcup to the Convention and Visitors Bureau Board.

 Gave final approval to an ordinance allowing swimming in Comanche Trail Lake for specific

events, such as a planned mini-triathlon.

· Gave final approval to an ordinance providing for tax exemptions or abatements for property designated as historic by the state or city.

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Witten earns degree 5 years into NFL career

By BETH RUCKER

Associated Press Writer

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Jason Witten admits there were a few times he thought about blowing off his commitment to earning an undergraduate degree.

The Dallas Cowboys tight end was about 25 hours shy of graduating when he opted to leave Tennessee early to enter the 2003 NFL draft. Five years later, he's about to earn a bachelor's degree in sports management.

"At first I didn't see the light at the end of the tunnel," Witten said at an appearance Tuesday at Tennessee. "I could only take a couple of courses at a time. At the same time, I knew what I

Dozens of college players declare for the NFL draft with eligibility still remaining and many of those do so without

earning their degree.

The early exit of a studentathlete without a degree negatively affects his or her program's Academic Progress Report rating with the NCAA.

The APR measures eligibility and retention of student athletes for every program at every Division I school. Programs risk losing scholarships and other restrictions if their athletes aren't in good academic standing or graduating.

But by graduating late, Witten is improving Tennessee's APR.

"If they left early and come back to graduate, we can get a point back on the back end," said Fernandez West, associate director of Tennessee's Thornton Athletics Student Life Center. which was created to help Volunteer athletes with academics.

Witten, 26, began working See WITTEN, Page 4B

toward his degree three years ago with the help of the school's Renewing Academic Commitment program, which provides former student-athletes help with course scheduling, tutoring, advising and other services.

In the past six years, about 20 athletes have returned to receive their degrees through the

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The game serves as sort homecoming Bulldogs coach Kennedy, who spent close to two decades coaching at Big Spring.

However, he's only watching for the sidelines and doesn't really get to do any of the actual coaching because of guidelines laid out by UIL.

Same goes for Ritchey, whose brother and former head coach Mike is handling the reins of the Steers this summer.

According to the Steers'

new athletic director, the couple games we strictly benefits of the 7-on-7 season are obvious.

"The biggest benefit is that it's giving these guys something to do," Ritchey said. "They're throwing, catching and running. Everything you'd want these guys to do in football besides contact offensively and defensively. It's good to have competition and keep these guys in a competitive mode so when they put on the pads it's not something that they have to turn on again.

"It helps a lot with continuing to learn what is still a new system," he continued. "We have wrist bands and also a playbook out on the field. The first used the book. Each game we're getting away from the book and picking up more of the plays."

Saturday the Steers attempt to earn a trip to Austin for the 7-on-7 state championship at a West Texas tournament played at Odessa Permian. To receive a bid to state, Big Spring must either win its four-team pool at Permian or finish behind a team that has already clinched a berth in the state tourney.

The Steers are grouped with Permian A, Permian B and El Paso Socorro. Permian A has already punched its ticket to Austin so the Steers are either looking to win their pool or finish second behind Permian's top squad.

"We're going to be grouped with two 5A teams in Permian and Socorro probably and then Permian's junior varsity,"

good test for us.

"We're going to be short a few guys because of church camp, which is a good reason to miss someued. "If we can just qualify *e-mailing him at sports*@

noted Ritchey. "It will be a everybody there for that and we'll look a bit more polished."

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HOWARD

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pair finished fourth after suffering a five second penalty for a score of 10.1.

Without the penalty, Brevik and Curtis would have had the second fastest run of the CNFR with a 5.1 and finished fourth in the final overall team roping standings.

If the College National Finals Rodeo is the Super Bowl of college rodeo, then Saturday's short round is the NFL's equivalent to the Pro Bowl, as the nation's most talented get an opportunity to showcase their talent on the biggest stage possible.

"Any time you make it to Saturday it is special," Kernick proudly stated. "It was definitely mission accomplished for Calvin and KC."

Also competing for Howard was bull rider

ished 22nd out of 38 riders. Samora scored a 63 in the first-go for 12th place in the round, but was unable to stay on for eight seconds in his other two rides.

According to Kernick, Samora didn't have the greatest bull in the first-go to record a better score.

"Cody could have elected a re-ride, but he knew the bull and it wouldn't have been much better if he could have staved on." Kernick said. "Once you have one down, there is no guarantee that you would make it eight seconds on the re-ride, so you would rather have one down than not."

Kernick said Samora's bull in the thirdgo really bucked, and if he would have been able to complete the ride it would have propelled him into the top seven and qualified for the short round.

In what was one of the most successful season's in Kernick's nine-vear ten-Cody Samora, who fin- ure in Big Spring, he said

the rodeo program at Howard is fortunate to have so much support.

"It is almost overwhelming to me and our program that we have so much support from the community and the college," Kernick said. "Not every program is as fortunate as we are."

Despite Casper being so far away and not very realistic for fans to make the trip, he was most appreciative of one fan that did make the trip.

"To have Howard College President Dr. (Cheryl) Sparks make the trip to Casper and support us that really means a lot to me, but more importantly it meant a lot to Calvin, KC and Cody," Kernick said. "It shows how special the people are here at Howard."

> All three athletes will be returning to rodeo for Howard College next sea-





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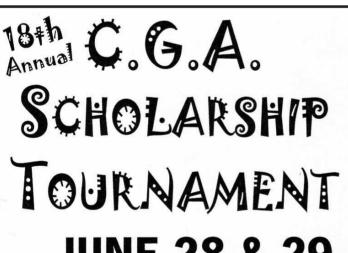
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OTHER VIEWS

Gasoline prices hitting home, and elsewhere, too

oaring fuel costs haven't only caused demagoguery in Congress, they've also resulted in a touch of irony in the Bush administration. Federal officials are cutting back on trips to study climate change because of the high cost of fuel to run the boats.

Many leading scientists blame the burning of fossil fuel as a major contributor to global warming. Canceling the research voyages leaves us short of information about the effects of global warming on ocean life, but it saves fuel costs and sends fewer emissions into the atmosphere.

According to The Associated Press, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has canceled four trips and is cutting others short because of gas prices. NOAA faces a \$1.7 million budget deficit because of rising fuel costs.

Two trips in the Gulf of Mexico and two off the Alaskan coast to study the effects of climate change on certain ecosystems have been scratched this year.

Neither Democrats nor Republicans have the market cornered on gasoline demagoguery while they engage in the search for blame rather than a serious search for practical solutions to the rising cost of energy.

So, we get nonsense. First, it was the Democrats who wanted to hit oil companies with a soundsgood windfall profits tax proposal that died a richly deserved death in the U.S. Senate.

Not to be outdone in the sounds-good department, Republicans are talking up what a gallon of gasoline cost last year before Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Democrats took control of the House. It was \$2.80 or so a gallon for regular unleaded.

It is not a valid comparison because the price of gasoline doesn't hinge on which party runs either the Congress or the White House. But if it were a valid comparison, what does it mean that in February 2000, when Democrat Bill Clinton was president, a gallon of premium gasoline cost \$1.58?

By the way, people complained then that gasoline prices were through the roof. Remember?

While Sen. Barack Obama has captivated many in the United States with his promise of change, voters in a small Romanian town demonstrated they are dead against change. By a margin of 23 votes, they elected as their mayor a man who had passed away, the British newspaper The Guardian reports.

Neculai Ivascu, 57, had been mayor in Voinesti for 18 years but died of liver disease shortly after the polls opened Sunday. Still, he had no problem defeating challenger Ghoerghe Dobrescu.

Election officials declared Dobrescu the town's mayor, but some townsfolk won't let the matter rest. They want a new vote.

Said one local resident: "I know he died, but I don't want change."

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

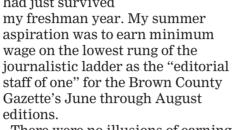
We will know when to bail out of a situation, Lord, when we trust in You. Amen

All the news that fits, we print

t is with a sense of trepidation that the subject is broached at all. Maybe it's akin to moths being drawn to fatal flames or criminals returning to crime scenes. This admitted, I introduce this week's topic — watermelons and recipes. They've gotten me into considerable trouble in the past, and here I go, diving headfirst into

diving headfirst into controversy's inviting pool.

As Sister Maria sang with the von Trapp Family Singers (remember "Sound of Music?"), let's just start at the very beginning, a very fine place to start. I, a mere collegian, had just survived



There were no illusions of earning national, state or even countywide writing laurels. My prayer was that the inked-up back shop guy and I could put out a paper each Thursday. Usually, it was 8-12 pages, and every word in the news space came from my standard Underwood typewriter that nearly always needed a new ribbon. Also, the "x" and "q" keys were always sticking. (My theory was that it was from lack of use, since most words didn't require these letters.)

Whatever came in the front door, despite often being of dubious news value, was appealing to me, particularly if only minimal editing or re-writing were needed. After writing all the copy, proofing the ads and getting engravings made for pictures, my editorial assignment was finished for a few hours until the press rolled. Then, I rolled up my sleeves, folded the papers by hand, activated the addressograph gizmo (becoming an ink-stained wretch in the process), slapped on mailing labels and dropped the Gazettes at the post office.

With school out, many of our usual news sources dried up, and for that first summer issue, a farmer brought in the biggest watermelon he'd ever grown. In fact, it was the biggest one he'd ever seen in the county.

Would we like a picture? Of course

we would. (The thought occurred that he just might leave the melon. He didn't.) In the next issue, we ran a picture of Farmer Brown proudly displaying "the county's biggest watermelon."

It wasn't. The day after the paper came out, his neighbor came in with a still larger melon, and yes, he expected a photo, too. Same thing the following week. You get the drift.

In one issue we devoted an entire page to several farmers, all vowing to have grown the biggest melons. (One guy brought in "the smallest melon," claiming it was lost in a crease on the palm of his hand. "I don't see it," I said. "I told you it was small," he answered.)

While we obviously erred in suggesting that ultimate melons had been grown, one cardinal rule was followed: We made every effort to spell the farmers' names right. Now, almost a half-century later, I smile when examining some newspapers that may feature two or three pages of snapshots — like the ones we used to fill extra pages in the school annuals — without a single person being identified. I figure they don't have much else to run, or have no melon pictures to fill space.

On the recipe front, I take great pride in this very column to announce to readers across Texas an important new recipe that may not revolutionize breakfast menus, but then again, it may. (Recipes made me sick in my early days of journalism. I had a hard time "getting them right." One long ago issue included a recipe calling for a "supful" of flour. A woman called in, saying she had heard of "sips" but not "sups." I told her there were four "sips" in a "sup," and never heard from her again. Maybe her husband came in from the field, wondering if we really meant "CUPful," which, of course, we did.)

Again, apologies for digression. My wonderful new recipe, born of necessity, may extend both marriages and life spans.

Wives — typically the collectors, filers and regular users of recipes — are ecstatic when hubbies offer to help out with the cooking. My culinary offerings have been limited to grilling outdoors and preparing tuna salad indoors — until now!

Our grandson Ben, who's into this counting thing at age two- so far, in

English only-laughs when he counts Poppy's recipes — two! Now, he screams "three!" when he invades my recipe file.

my recipe file.

Dreams abound. This new recipe could land me on Emeril's Cooking Show. If Julia Childs calls, she'll just have to take a number.

There could be interviews for food pages, product endorsements and heaven knows what other culinary fame lies ahead.

OK, you've waited long enough. Here it is (drum roll, please):

Follow recipe carefully. Get out pan and ingredients usually used in making cinnamon toast. (Bread, butter, sugar and cinnamon; use conventional oven only, 'cause microwaves shoot goop all over the place)

Return sugar to cupboard; use marshmallow cream instead. (That's what I did, except I had no sugar to put back. We were out of sugar.) Butter the bread lightly; cover it with marshmallow cream generously. It is hard to use too much. Then, apply cinnamon gingerly (or is it ginger cinnamonly?).• Toast until you see the tiny beads of cinnamon rippling across the sea of bubbling marshmallow.

Magnifique! It is a melt in your mouth delight. Look out, Krispy Kreme. My new homemade delight — yet to have a "catchy" name — may challenge your supremacy.

Clip and file. This marvelous new recipe will be re-printed in this column from time to time, but not just because one or two people want it. It may appear no more than annually. Realizing that you may have favorite recipes — or may even be a champion watermelon farmer — I offer this advice: Share the recipes and "melon whopper stories" with your friends. Do not — I repeat, do not-send them to me. I don't expect to wade further into the recipe waters; they are fraught with unknown dangers.

And I no longer have authority to run pictures of the biggest watermelons ever!

• Because of possible catastrophic cooking outcomes, please omit all references to "ginger" above.

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Ogallala critical water source

any angry landowners have contacted us about a plan that, contrary to good public policy, will negatively impact property rights of rural Texans from Roberts to Jack County. The brand new Roberts County Fresh Water Supply District No. 1, acting as an alter ego of businessman T. Boone Pickens and Mesa Power Pampa, LLC, has launched a private venture that may force landowners across 11 counties to submit to the power of eminent domain so they can pump water from the shrinking Ogallala Aquifer and sell windgenerated electricity. This new governmental entity is composed of only five people, all employees or associates of Mr. Pickens. Mesa is Mr. Pickens' private company – he controls the various corporate shells identified with this project in filings with the Public Utility Commission.

Mr. Pickens' plan is to sell 200,000 acre feet of the Ogallala each year to the Metroplex, even though the plan has not been embraced by water policy planners as an economically viable solution to the Metroplex's future water needs. Such an extensive extraction of water from this area of the Ogallala Aquifer will have a negative effect on natural spring flows and on the Panhandle and West Texas communities that rely on this resource for their future existence.

Enabling the wind part of this project is a last-minute House amendment last year that allows a fresh water supply district to host transmission lines from wind energy projects on its rights-of-way or easements. This amendment lets Mr. Pickens' personal fresh water



SEN. ROBERT DUNCAN



SEN. KEL SELIGER

supply district develop right-of-way to build the transmission lines for wind-generated energy he intends to sell. This component of the plan also taps the emotions of those who support development of wind energy resources in the Panhandle (as we do).

Many believe that if they oppose Mr. Pickens' supply district's Ogallala-to-Metroplex water project, they will miss out on wind energy opportunities. That is not true.

The fact is, Mr. Pickens isn't the only one seeking to develop wind energy. He's just the only one who personally owns a governmental entity (a new freshwater supply district) to obtain the right-of-way for him.

There is an undeniable demand growing for renewable energy. Wind power is coming to Texas and it will be developed in the Panhandle and West Texas, regardless of whether Mr. Pickens' latest venture succeeds. To transport the much-needed renewable energy to the rest of the state and nation, companies will construct transmission lines. Mesa Power is proposing one transmission line, but it isn't the only proposal.

Within the next few weeks, the PUC will complete its Competitive Renewable Energy Zones (CREZs) proceeding, consistent with the public policy priority of efficient and orderly development of wind energy. A transmission route will be selected to carry wind energy to the state's energy grid. Since this process began in 2006, more than a hundred people have filed comments with the PUC, and 85 parties, Mesa among them, have participated in this process.

The Panhandle and West Texas have a long history of helping our neighbors. Our cotton, grain, beef and oil have clothed, fed and moved Texans for generations, and we're proud of that heritage. While we look forward to developing renewable energy to be purchased by our neighbors, we cannot give up an important future source of water for our region – nor are we required to do so. The Ogallala is not "surplus" water; it is a critical source of water for future generations who choose to settle and raise their families in the Panhandle and West Texas.

We are working with our colleagues in the Legislature to develop long term solutions for water and wind resources. We intend to address the issues raised by this poorly conceived project. Water is not like oil; it is like blood — life-sustaining.

Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, serves 46 Panhandle and West Texas counties in the Texas Senate. Sen. Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, represents 26 counties from the Panhandle to the Permian Basin.

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third major league start. The rookie did get his first hit with a single in the sixth. He allowed six hits and two runs in six innings.

Notes: Murphy, born in Houston, made his Minute

Maid Park debut Tuesday. ... 2B David Newhan entered for the Astros in the eighth inning after joining the team from Triple-A Round Rock earlier in the day. His contract was purchased to take the roster spot left open when Kaz Matsui was placed on the disabled

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Renewing Academic Commitment program.

Witten said like most football players, he dreamed of playing in the NFL and jumped at the opportunity after catching 39 passes for 493 yards and five touchdowns and being named All-SEC as a junior in 2002.

Witten never struggled academically: he was an academic All-SEC selec-

tion in 2002 as well. He said the final 25 hours were tough, though, as he completed correspondence courses in the spring semesters after the NFL season was over.

"I can definitely see how guys get sidetracked. You're busy, there's a lot of stress, you've got to produce day in and day out," he said. "On top of that, you're making good money so your priorities get changed.

"Ultimately, it's got to be something that's driven within you," he said.

Woods undergoes surgery

By DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

Tiger Woods had reconstructive surgery on his left knee Tuesday in Utah to repair a torn ligament, and doctors said it was "highly unlikely" there would be any long-term effects.

It was the second time in 10 weeks Woods had surgery on his knee, this time on his anterior cruciate ligament.

CWS

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Thomas' RBI single in the third finished off Miller.

Miller's teammates, however, were just about to get started after being held to one hit the first two innings by Georgia starter Nick Montgomery.

Steve Detwiler singled

"We were confident career." going into this surgery, and I am pleased with the results," Dr. Thomas D. Rosenberg said in a statement released by IMG, Woods' management company.

"There were no surprises during the procedure. and as we have said, with the proper rehabilitation and training, it is highly unlikely that Mr. Woods will have any long-term effects as it relates to his

and scored on a wild pitch for Fresno State's first run and Susdorf followed with a bases-loaded, two-run single to chase Montgomery.

After Stephen Dodson (5-5) got Alan Ahmady to Mendonca fly out, launched a first-pitch homer into the middle of the bleachers in right field. his 19th, for the lead. Mendonca joined seven

The surgery came one week after Woods went 91 holes at Torrey Pines to win the U.S. Open in a playoffoverRoccoMediate, revealing later that he also had a double stress fracture in his left tibia.

The surgery, performed by Rosenberg and Dr. Vernon J. Cooley in Park City, was the fourth time Woods has had surgery on his left knee. He had a benign tumor removed in

others who have hit four homers in a CWS.

In the fourth, Danny Muno hit a two-run triple, Erik Wetzel an RBI single and Ryan Overland a tworun single on a fly misplayed by Georgia left fielder Lyle Allen.

In the fifth, Gavin Hedstrom hit a run-scoring double and Wetzel drove in a run on a groundout before Susdorf hit his

1994, and he had benign cysts removed in 2002, along with fluid around the ACL.

Woods said he tore his ACL while jogging last year after the British Open, but tried to make it through the end of this season without surgery. Two days after his runnerup finish at the Masters. he had surgery to clean out cartilage in his left knee.

second homer of the CWS and 13th of the season.

Holden Sprague (6-2), who relieved Miller, held Georgia to one run on four singles and a double the nextthree innings. Georgia scored four runs against Sprague in the seventh to pull within five runs, but Fresno State responded with three more runs in the bottom half.

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- **Physical Abuse** Inflicting, or threatening to inflict, physical pain or injury on a vulnerable elder, or depriving them of a basic need.
- **Emotional Abuse** Inflicting mental pain, anguish, or distress on an elder person through
- verbal or nonverbal acts. **Sexual Abuse** - Non-consensual sexual contact of any kind.
- **Exploitation** Illegal taking, misuse, or concealment of funds, property, or assets of a vulnerable elder.
- **Neglect** Refusal or failure by those responsible to provide food, shelter, health care or protection for a vulnerable elder.
- **Abandonment** The desertion of a vulnerable elder by anyone who has assumed the responsibility for care or custody of that person.

Although there are variations across the country, in most states there are several laws that address criminal penalties for various types of elder abuse. Laws vary state to state. Some states have increased penalties for those who victimize older adults. Increasingly, across the country, law enforcement officers and prosecutors are trained on elder abuse and ways to use criminal and civil laws to bring abusers to justice.

Each one of us has a responsibility to keep vulnerable elders safe from harm. The laws in most states require helping professions in the front lines -- such as doctors and home health providers -- to report suspected abuse or neglect. These professionals are called mandated reporters. Under the laws of eight states, "any person" is required to report a suspicion of mistreatment

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Abuse of a senior who is not in a health care facility can be reported to Adult Protective Services at (800) 252-5400.

If the victim is in a nursing home or assisted living facility, or is in his or her home and relies on a home health provider, call the Texas Department of State Health Services at (800) 458-9858.

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Laura on Life: Not a leader nor a follower

'm not the kind of person who could ever be considered a leader. In fact, I'm the kind of person who wanders around thinking about all the things I should be doing instead of thinking about what's happening now. When my mind finally pops into the

here and now for a fraction of a second, I'm always wondering "What's going on?" At the same time. I'm not a very good follower,

LAURA **S**NYDER either.

Because, if I don't ever know what's going on, chances are I zoned out when instructions were being given on how to follow as well.

I've done my stint in the PTA of my older boys' elementary school. I've screwed up the decorations for the talent show and bungled the accounting for fundraisers. I've taken the heat for various boondoggles

created during my many years as a PTA member. I've done my time. Enough is enough. It's someone else's turn now.

No one was more surprised than I was when I was elected treasurer of our Toastmasters Club last year. I thought, "They're letting me take care of the money? Are they insane?" But, well, there were only about five people in attendance that night, and I was the only one left. So I got the job. All year long, the president of the group has been trying to bottle-feed me the various nuances of our dues schedule and the art of pro-rating. I'm almost positive there will be more people in attendance this year on election day, if only to elect a new treasurer.

I'm one of the founding mothers, you might say, of my bunco group. But I'm also a fringe member because I never know what's going on. We have theme nights like Tropical, or Christmas, or Mexican night and everyone dresses and brings food to match the theme. It's a good thing that I have good friends in

that group, because there are many times when I might have shown up in my flannel jammies for "Pajama Party" night, when the theme was actually "Hawaiian Luau" night. It would've been extremely difficult to limbo in my Sylvester the Cat nightgown.

So, I'm not a leader of any kind, unless you're counting the bad kind, but following doesn't seem to be my forte either. So what am I? I suppose I am a bunco groupie. It's the only thing that fits.

My daughter started Girl Scouts this year. It's a good way to get away from her four brothers

and spend some much needed girl-time doing girl things with other girls. That's why it's called Girl Scouts. I figure it's only a matter of time before someone says the Girl Scouts is discriminating because it won't let their child — who loves dolls, kittens and jewelry ioin, just because he is a boy.

For now, however, Girl Scouts is a haven for my daughter and thank goodness for that. I like to go with her because, well, she and I are in the same boat. After being in a houseful of boys and men. it is very comforting to be steeped in the sisterhood

of like-minded girls that is cookies I'll have stashed the Girl Scouts.

I came to only two meetings and already I've been designated as the "Cookie Mom." I will be in charge of keeping track of the ordering and selling of Girl Scout cookies for this troop. My incompetence will probably show itself in the amount of cookies I'll have to buy because of an extra zero I will mistakenly put on the order.

My garage will be the neighborhood Mecca for cookies. Kids, total strangers, invited by other strangers, will be migrating to my garage for years just to eat all the

there. I'll have to put my foot down here, though, and insist that if you're coming to an impromptu cookie party in my garage, it's BYOM (Bring Your Own Milk).

I'm not a leader, people! I'm not a follower either! Apparently, all it takes for one to be voted into a position of responsibility is to simply show up.

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Solving a Defensive Problem

North dealer. Both sides vulnerable ♠ A 10 7 5 **4**82 The bidding: South 1 ♥ North Ĕast West Pass

Opening lead — king of clubs Declarer certainly does not have a monopoly on counting out a hand. In most cases, a defender has just as good a chance of figuring out the distribution of the outstanding cards.

Pass

Pass

Take this deal where West was able to work out the winning defense at a critical juncture in the play. West led the K-A and another club, ruffed by declarer. South cashed the ace of hearts, revealing the bad trump split, and then led a diamond to the ace

After playing a heart to the king, declarer ruffed the queen of diamonds in dummy, East following with the deuce and four on the two rounds of diamonds to indicate an

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odd number of cards in the suit. West was then given his trump trick and, since he had no more hearts or clubs, had to choose between returning a spade or a diamond.

Although West could not be absolutely certain, it appeared from the fall of the cards and declarer's manner of play that South had no more diamonds left at this point. If so, a diamond return would present South with a ruff-and-discard

West should return a spade. But if he does, he hands declarer the contract. If West leads the jack, South wins with dummy's king and then finesses East for the queen. If West tries a low spade instead, declarer takes East's queen with the ace and picks up West's jack on the next round.

But if West returns a diamond, deliberately conceding a ruff-and-discard, South eventually has to lose a spade for down one. How can West know this? By counting out the hand.

At the point where West wins the heart queen, he knows that declarer started with five hearts, two clubs and two diamonds. This leaves South with four spades. If these include the A-Q, there is no hope, so West must assume East has a spade honor.

If East has the ace or Q-10-x, it doesn't matter what West does. But if East has the Q-x-x, a spade return is disastrous, while a diamond return, though it yields a ruff-and-discard. leaves declarer helpless.

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• In "Undiscovered" (B WIN D) Debra Winger first appeared in films in the 1980s and 1990s, now she lives a life that is not "reality TV". In "Undiscovered" she tells vou how to survive life.

•"Unbridled Cowboy" (B FUS J) is the story of Joseph Fussell, born in Tyler in 1879. He was the son of a cowboy and

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Fussell trekked most of the Southwest and worked as a cowboy, livery stable operator and at any other jobs he could find. When he was a ranch hand in northern Mexico, he barely escaped the fate of his American friend who died at the bottom of a well.

Fussell worked as an undercover Texas Ranger before beginning his railroad career. He married at age 27, and he and his wife, Mary, had two children. He lived in Arizona working as vardmaster and librarian for the Santa Fe Railroad and became politically active with compelling letters to politicians and

newspapers.

After retiring from the Santa Fe in 1945, Fussell moved to Alhambra, Calif., to be near his daughter and family.

With little formal training, Fussell wrote his riveting memoir about real life in the West at the turn of the century. He died in 1957.

History

• "One Hundred Days: Napoleon's Road to Waterloo" (944.05 SCH A) The Library has received this donation from some kind soul.

Alan Schom doesn't think very highly of Napoleon, but he nevertheless has written an engrossing account of the little Corsican's escape from Elba, return to power and defeat at Waterloo. (This period

actually lasted a bit longer than 100 days, but who's counting?).

Bonaparte, in Schom's view, was a despot who placed nepotistic interests ahead of national ones. He was plainly not good for the country he ruled. But his military skills were exceptional and he may have carried off a victory on the Belgian fields if his underlings hadn't bungled their duties. Schom breaks no new historical ground with "One Hundred Days," but he tells his tale well. —review found on Amazon.com.

Mystery

"A Prisoner of Birth" by Jeffrey Archer. This is the story very reminiscent of "The Count of Monte

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News in brief

Defense attorney claims media coverage biased

DALLAS (AP) — An East Texas newspaper acknowledged Tuesday that a reporter covering a trial of a child sex club dated the prosecutor until five months ago, an allegation the defense team is using to seek a change of venue for the trial.

A Tyler television news station whose reporter is also accused of having a personal relationship with Smith County Assistant District Attorney Joe Murphy called the allegation "pure slander."

State District Judge Jack Skeen Jr. issued a gag order Tuesday in the trial of Patrick Kelly, who is accused of helping run an East Texas swinger's group that forced children as young as 5 to perform sex shows.

Thad Davidson, Kelly's attorney, wants Tyler Morning Telegraph reporter Casey Knaupp and KLTV reporter Danielle Capper to testify Monday at a hearing in which Davidson will seek to move the trial out of Smith County. Davidson contends that coverage by Knaupp and Capper has been biased because of their personal relationships with Murphy, and that their stories in turn biased the prospective jury pool.

The newspaper and television station said they will seek to quash the subpoenas at a hearing scheduled for Friday.

Key teen witness in sect case denies Texas' claims

SAN ANGELO (AP) — A 16-year-old girl is a key witness in the state's effort to pursue criminal charges against members of her polygamist sect, even though she denies investigators' claims that she was abused.

The girl, a daughter of the sect's jailed prophet, says she's never been married and doesn't have a baby. She denies church elders are influencing her and wants to fire her lawyer. The state may not be able to prove her alleged abuse happened in Texas.

A court filing shows that the girl has been subpoenaed to appear before a grand jury Wednesday, the day the panel convenes in Schleicher County, home of a

west Texas ranch run by the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Her attorney, Natalie Malonis, was also subpoenaed, according to Tim Edwards, an attorney for the girl's mother who is trying to have Malonis removed from the case.

The Associated Press does not usually identify alleged victims of sex abuse.

It's unclear who else will testify. Grand jury proceedings are secret and the Attorney General's office, which is handling the prosecution, has declined to comment. The criminal case follows state child welfare officials' ill-fated April seizure of more than 400 children at the Yearning For Zion Ranch in Eldorado.

Jurors ready to consider Air Force rape case

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — By all accounts Col. Samuel Lofton III was a star in the Air Force — a professional, demanding officer who, in less than three years, led his 82nd Training Group to be the best of the four such groups at Sheppard Air Force Base.

The attractive, friendly colonel was often seen chatting with people in his building and around the base. When he was removed from his post about a year ago amid an investigation into misuse of his government travel card, rumors of inappropriate behavior turned into something else when some women went to the Office of Special Investigations.

Now his 27-year military career hangs in the balance as a jury will decide Wednesday whether he assaulted and raped a civilian worker, assaulted a second one and made sexually suggestive comments toward a third woman on the base.

The military jury of seven men and two women was to start deliberating after closing arguments. The verdict does not have to be unanimous; two-thirds must agree.

The two civilian workers described in detail, sometimes with difficulty, how he forcibly kissed and molested them each of them on two separate occasions. A high-ranking enlisted member testified that Lofton made repeated sexually

suggestive comments to her, called her at home and even asked where she lived. The defense tried to disprove the allegations during the two-day trial, at which Lofton did not testify.

Texas governor trying to slash ethanol production

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas Gov. Rick Perry, supported by livestock producers concerned about rising feed prices. stepped up his effort Tuesday to pressure the federal government to cut ethanol production requirements in half.

The Republican governor told a roomful of mostly supporters at the National Press Club that requiring increases in ethanol production and uses of it as motor fuel is "no longer a good idea. It's hurting America. It's hurting our families."

Perry is one of a number of politicians and others who have been calling for a reversal of the Renewable Fuel Standard that Congress approved last year. Opponents of the standard say the push to turn more corn into ethanol is raising food prices and the cost of feed for livestock.

The clamor has elevated as flooding of delivered another jolt to already higher

grain prices.

There are fears that the corn crop, which had risen because of higher demand from developing countries and U.S. ethanol producers, could be smaller because of the floods.

Matt Hartwig, spokesman for the Renewable Fuels Association, said it is too early to speculate on the corn crop. He said farmers are already replanting, and increased global production also should help.

Couple slain, teenage son wounded in home invasion

PASADENA (AP) — Police are looking for a male suspect after an overnight home invasion that left a Pasadena couple dead and their teenage son wounded.

Police identify the dead couple as Leo Garza Sr. and Milagro Vanegas, both of whom were 53. Their bodies were found in the master bedroom of their home.

Police spokesmen say 16-year-old Leo Gomez Jr. apparently walked into the house during the attack just after 7 p.m. Tuesday when he was shot. All had been shot in the head.

The boy was airlifted to Memorial corn and soybean fields in the Midwest Hermann Hospital, where he was in critical condition.



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Cristo." Four upper-crust friends from Cambridge University known as the Musketeers conspire to frame Danny Cartwright, an illiterate London East Ender, for the murder of Danny's oldest friend and brother-in-law to be, Bernie Wilson.

The outcome of the intriguing trial, which pits a relatively novice defense lawyer against a skilled prosecutor, is a 22-year sentence for Danny. In maximumsecurity Belmarsh prison, Danny is lucky enough to share a cell with Sir Nicholas Moncrieff, the book's Abbé Faria figure, who teaches him to read and write.

In a trick familiar to those who know their Dumas, Danny escapes by impersonating Moncrieff and hatches an intricate scheme to punish the Musketeers and clear his name. While Archer doesn't explore



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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

The moon spends the majority of the day in dreamy Pisces before entering the waking state of Aries. Everything that eventually happens comes from the dream. You see the potential early in the day and if you continue to tend to it, the potential is realized. In the live version, your experience may feel different than you thought it would.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Silent power is not having to say everything you think. Holding opinions back shows restraint, maturity and intelligence. Your subtle approach is appreciated by classy people.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your plan for the future might not have been conscious, but now it's unfolding and you realize that it was a plan, nonetheless. You've saved the best for last in some regard. Now you get to enjoy it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're noticing how everything moves, and also noticing that it doesn't necessarily move forward. Just as planets in retrograde give the illusion of going backward, progress sometimes looks like regression.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Stellar opportunities drop from out of the blue. The only thing that can keep you back is a historical precedent set by you. Perform a physical act of symbolic meaning geared toward starting fresh.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You can procrastinate no longer. Identify any action you take that leads you away from your goal as "dangerous." Tonight, you're an astute observer of life. Consider using your findings to create art.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Life is always in flux, although it's not always as obvious a state as it is right now. Your personal expansion is a process, not having to do with one decision, but a series of small, inspiring CATE, INC.

events.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Not every battle is won through aggression. Sometimes all you have to do is ask for what you want and it's willingly given. Tonight, examine the role that feminine energy plays in your life.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Enthusiasm is the key ingredient to motivate your team. Be the morale booster. Show up in the center of the action -- that's where you're needed. Keep a high profile and stay positive

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You can't change other people, only your reaction to them. Use your best manners with everyone you come across. Being available for the unexpected gets you a lucrative opportunity.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Whatever or whomever youid like to add to your life is within the realm of possibility. Clearly define this request to the universe, keeping in mind that you'll probably get exactly what or whom you ask for.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Good taste is admired by those who share it. If activities feel draining, something is wrong. Figure it out. The only way to come out ahead is to put your health first.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Everything you do is in fast motion. You get right to the point. Extra work will be offered to you. You can use this to advance career interests. Tonight, you don't have to spend much extra to get from here to there in style.

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Annie's Mailbox •

niece, "Jane," has suffered from low self-esteem and depression since she was 14. She is currently seeing a psychiatrist and taking medication for attention deficit disorder. She is "wired" on this drug. She accomplishes her assignments at her job, but sometimes takes more medication than the amount prescribed and then runs out before renewal time. When she is not on the drug, she becomes almost comatose. She'll sleep for days and cannot be easily awakened. Then she loses her job because when she doesn't show up for days, she is

fired. My sister worries herself sick about Jane and doesn't know what to do. Jane resents any suggestion of help and just says she wants to die. She has seen several psychologists and psychiatrists. Two said she was bipolar and another said she's not. Manic depression runs in our family.

My sister and brother-inlaw are physically, emotionally and financially drained. Is there a support group to help them cope with their illness? daughter's Concerned Aunt

Dear Aunt: First, your sister should call Jane's current psychiatrist (or whoever is prescribing this medication) and describe Jane's overmedication and comatose reaction. The doctor will want to have this information. In the meantime, suggest they contact the Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance (dbsalliance.org) at 1-800-826-3632. Someone there should be able to help.

Dear Annie: I want you to meet the most stupid woman in the world: me.

My 37-year-old son, his girlfriend and their 14-yearold daughter all live with my husband and me. Maybe once in a blue moon my son might give me some money toward the heating bill. His girlfriend doesn't work, so she cannot help out.

My husband is 78 and retired. I'm 65 and don't know who would feed these people if I stopped working. I can hear you shaking your head from here. The reason I put up with this is my granddaughter. I love her more

Dear Annie: My 28-year-old than life, and I think these two freeloaders know it, so I am being held hostage emotionally.

Please let me offer some advice to any mother out there. Don't do it. It may seem cruel to tell your child when he comes home with a pregnant girlfriend to make the best of it and be responsible for his own life. But believe me, it is worse to grow old, regretting the day you let them in. -- Old, Stupid and Tired

Dear Tired: We don't think you are stupid. We think you are compassionate and willing to make sacrifices for your family. It is difficult to tell your children to fend for themselves when there is a grandchild at stake. Now that your granddaughter is a teenager, however, it's time to get your life back. Tell your son he needs to find his own place. (You can offer to let your granddaughter stay if you wish.) Add that you plan to retire soon and may sell the house, so he should consider his options now.

Dear Annie: This is in response to "Still in the Closet," the 50-something gay man who is married and now has met a nice young man.

I am 59 years old and gay. I followed through with what my parents wanted and got married and had children. But I got tired of the hypocrisy and the double

Annie, had I known the hell I would be going through, I would have come out 20 years earlier. At the age of 47, it was harder for my mother to accept, especially since I had married and produced two children. I believe it would have been easier for her if she'd never had the impression that I was straight. After 17 years, I left my wife and children. Tell "Still" to square himself away with his family before he thinks of fooling around. -- Out and Proud

Dear Out and Proud: We agree and hope he has the courage to be honest with himself and his family.

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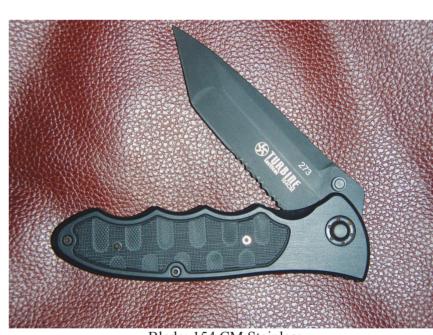
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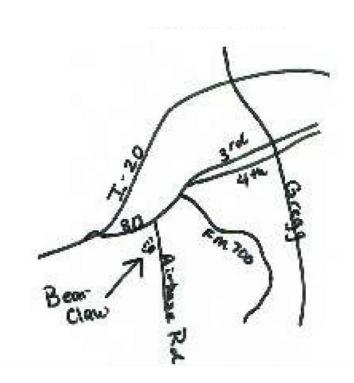
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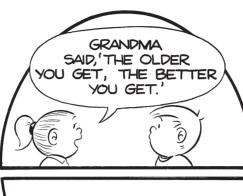
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"DENNIS, TAKE OFF "I'M NOT WEARIN' ANY." THOSE MUDDY CLOTHES!"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS





"Not if you're a banana."

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A WOMAN SPIN LIKE THAT WITHOUT A POLE!

WIZARD OF ID







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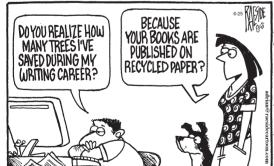
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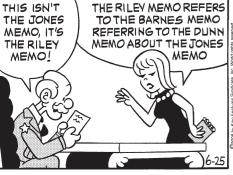


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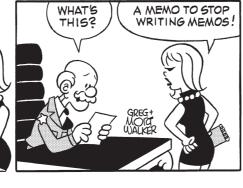




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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, June 25, the 177th day of 2008. There are 189 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On June 25, 1950, war broke out in Korea as forces from the communist North invaded the South. On this date:

In 1788, the state of Virginia ratified the U.S. Constitution.

In 1807, Napoleon I of France and Russian Czar Alexander I met near Tilsit to discuss terms for ending war between their empires.

In 1876, Lt. Col. George A. Custer and his Seventh Cavalry were wiped out by Sioux and Cheyenne Indians in the Battle of the Little Bighorn in Montana.

In 1906, architect Stanford White was shot to death atop New York's Madison Square Garden, which he had designed, by millionaire Harry K. Thaw, the jealous husband of Evelyn Nesbit (Thaw was acquitted of murder by reason of insanity).

In 1938, the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 was enacted.

In 1942, some 1,000 British Royal

Air Force bombers raided Bremen, Germany, during World War II.

In 1958, a four-day dedication of the Mackinac Bridge linking Michigan's upper and lower peninsulas began, even though the bridge had been open to traffic since November 1957.

In 1962, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Engel v. Vitale, ruled that recital of a state-sponsored prayer in New York State public schools was unconstitutional.

In 1973, former White House Counsel John W. Dean began testifying before the Senate Watergate Committee.

In 1996, a truck bomb killed 19 Americans and injured hundreds at a U.S. military housing complex in Saudi Arabia.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director Sidney Lumet is 84. Actress June Lockhart is 83. Rhythm-andblues singer Eddie Floyd is 73. Actress Barbara Montgomery is 69. Basketball Hall-of-Famer Willis Reed is 66. Writer-producerdirector Gary David Goldberg is 64. Singer Carly Simon is 63. Rock musician Allen Lanier (Blue Oyster Cult) is 62. Rock musician Ian McDonald (Foreigner: King Crimson) is 62. Actor-director Michael Lembeck is 60. TV personality Phyllis George is 59. Rock singer Tim Finn is 56. Rock musician David Paich (Toto) is 54. Actor Michael Sabatino is 53. Actorwriter-director Ricky Gervais is 47. Actor John Benjamin Hickey is 45. Rock singer George Michael is 45. Actress Erica Gimpel is 44. Basketball player Dikembe Mutombo is 42. Rapper-producer Richie Rich is 41. Rapper Candyman is 40. Contemporary Christian musician Sean Kelly (Sixpence None the Richer) is 37. Actress Angela Kinsey (TV: "The Office") is 37. Rock musician Mike Kroeger (Nickelback) is 36. Actress Linda Cardellini is 33. Actress Busy Philipps is 29.

Thought for Today: "It is not depravity that afflicts the human race so much as a general lack of intelligence." — Agnes Repplier, American writer and social critic (1858-1950).

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Answer to previous puzzle

Newsday Crossword

62 Talk up

Baker

64 Leaves the

narrow

65 Use acid

for art

67 "Beat it!"

68 Benefit

66 Indian pole

DOWN

1 California

screen

7 Devour

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4 Italian wine

5 Golf accessory

6 Caribbean and

8 Sound system

Mediterranean

2 Forward pass

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straight and

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- marshmallows 14 Man of the
- hour

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- **18** Diminish
- 19 Impressionist Claude
- 20 Marvel Comics character
- Father author
- 24 Juicy fruit 25 Race in a
- grand slalom
- offering
- 29 Like a fox 31 Raising Cain
- 33 Mythical
- 35 Stable staple
- scenario 41 Parched
- peck
- 48 the season . . ."
- home
- 54 Crooner Vic
- Sleep" singer 58 Mandel of Deal
- **61** Sicilian
- volcano

ON THE TABLE by Randall J. Hartman Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- 9 Drink with
- 15 Butcher's stock
- 16 Gussy up
- showcase

- 23 Honor Thy

- 28 Microbrewery
- captive
- **36** Hypothetical meltdown
- 42 Place for a
- 43 Actress Redgrave
- 47 Long. crosser
- 51 CPR expert 52 Hernando's
- 56 "Talking in Your
- or No Deal

- 9 Paparazzo's 38 Stanley Cup
 - device
- 10 Aroma 11 Debate side
- **12** Gold source
- **13** Picnic pest 21 Ruhr Valley
- city
- **22** Dévotee 25 Line of
- stitches
- **26** Shakespearean title
- character
- **27** Form 1040
- publisher
- "No question!" 3 Protective auto 30

 - 32 Ripped off
 - 33 Lie low **34** The Big Apple:
 - 36 Pull an

37 Clue

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- all-nighter
- Abbr.
- of ten 40 Price twice **41** Pa. or Mass., in DC

org.

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- 44 Roller-coaster reaction
- **45** For example 46 Size up
- 48 Honda rival 49 Fortunate
- 50 Do a slow burn **53** Room at the top
- 55 Perth pals
- **56** Refer to **57** Tolstoy
- character 58 Something to
- tip or check 59 Lennon's love
- 60 Clever one

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