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No new suggestions at public ADA forum

Tempers flare when topic gets off track

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Monday's town hall meeting concerning ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) deficient facilities and walkways failed to draw any new suggestions from local citizens, as the municipality prepares to move forward with its plans to correct problem areas in coming years. "What we're hoping to do by holding these town hall meetings is to get the input from the public as

"With all due respect, I think it's time to put that to bed and move on and talk about what we're trying to address here, which is accessibility and the ADA transition plan."

—Troy Tompkins, city councilman



to what the needs are in the way of accessibility to city facilities, primarily streets and sidewalks, and later on we'll certainly be addressing our city buildings," said Assistant City

Manager Todd Darden. "If you know of a city facility you think needs accessibility addressed, bring that to our attention because it

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HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins

Assistant City Manager Todd Darden, center, explains the city's ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) transition plan to address problem areas while City Attorney Linda Sjogren and Councilman Manuel Ramirez Jr. look on during Monday night's town hall meeting at Bauer Elementary.

Leadership Big Spring applications being accepted

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

It's leadership time. The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce will get its annual Leadership Big Spring course

under way in mid-August, with applications for the year-long session due by July 21.

Debbie ValVerde, executive director for the local Chamber, said the course, which teaches

leadership skills through a series of courses and tasks, has kept its students busy over the last five months.

"I've been with the chamber for 16 years, and this program was

going long before I became a part of it," said ValVerde. "The program itself has been a part of the Big Spring Chamber for at least 25 years, maybe even more.

"The class has evolved over

the years. We've started asking our participants to be a part of the community by going to local government and school board

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AP Photo/Noah Berger

An animal rights protester, who declined to give his name, confronts a neighbor of a University of California professor in Berkeley, Calif. The demonstrators ran from the location after one broke a window at the entomologist's home and another shattered a different neighbor's window. Borrowing the kind of tactics used by anti-abortion demonstrators, animal rights activists are increasingly taking their rage straight to scientists' front doors, harassing and terrorizing researchers and their families in their homes.

'KILLER'

Animal rights protestors torment scientists at home

By **MARCUS WOHLSEN**
Associated Press Writer

BERKELEY, Calif. — In the hills above the University of California's Berkeley campus, nine protestors gathered in front of the home of a toxicology professor, their faces covered with scarves and hoods despite the warm spring weather.

One scrawled "killer" in chalk on the scientist's doorstep, while another hurled insults through a bullhorn and announced, "Your neighbor kills ani-

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—FBI Agent David Strange

mals!" Someone shattered a window.

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increasingly taking their rage straight to scientists' front doors.

Over the past couple of years, more and more researchers who experiment on animals have been harassed and terrorized in their own homes, with weapons that include firebombs, flooding and acid.

Scientists say the vandalism and intimidation threaten not just themselves and their families but the future of medical

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Weather

Tonight, mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday, mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday night, decreasing clouds. A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s. East winds 10 to 15 mph.

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

Gun licenses jump

AUSTIN (AP) — More than 52,000 people in Texas have submitted an application for a first-time concealed handgun license or renewal since the beginning of the year, according to the Texas Department of Public Safety.

That is an almost 5 percent increase over the first six months of 2007, but there's a good chance they'll have a bit of a wait.

The crunch which some say is spurred by concerns about rising crime and uncertainty about future gun laws has created a ballooning backlog of applications for the department.

G-8 endorses plan

RUSUTSU, Japan (AP) — World leaders on Tuesday endorsed halving world emissions of greenhouse gases by 2050, edging forward in the battle against global warming but stopping short of tough, nearer-term targets.

The Group of Eight leading industrial nations — the United States, Japan, Russia, Germany, France, Britain, Canada and Italy — also called on all major economies to join together to stem the potentially dangerous rise in world temperatures.

The G-8 last year pledged to consider the 2050 target.

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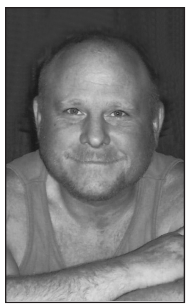
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Obituaries

Timothy Michael Drinkard



Timothy Michael Drinkard, 36, of Austin, formerly of Big Spring died Friday, July 4, 2008, in Austin. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Elwin Collum, pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesday at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Tim was born March 24, 1972, in Big Spring. He was a mechanical instructor at Capitol City Technical School in Austin. He grew up in Big Spring and lived all of his life here until moving to Austin. He was a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church. He loved fishing and antique cars.

Tim is survived by one son, Austin Drinkard of Freeport; one daughter: Candice Mae Drinkard of Big Spring; his mother, Mica Jepson and husband Rob of Shreveport, La.; father, Tim Drinkard of Big Spring; one sister, Sherida Drinkard of Big Spring; one niece, Everely Richardson of Big Spring; grandmother, Janel Robertson of Big Spring; several aunts and uncles, Brenda Hyatt and husband Mark of Big Spring and Sam Robertson of South Orange, N.J. Jane Doane and husband Richard of Eden, Ann Sinclair of Big Spring and Theresa Lauffer of Dallas; cousins, Adam Hyatt of Odessa, Marcus Hyatt and wife Jackie of Big Spring, Sasaha Warrum and husband Ryan of Roanoke, Lawrence Drinkard and Sterling Drinkard of Dallas, Cheston Lane of Big Spring, Troy Doane and wife Stephanie of Scott AFB Ill., and Kori Marra of Harlingen.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Evelyn and Troy Drinkard and Sam Robertson; and one uncle, Arden Drinkard.

Pallbearers will be John Salazar, Kevin White, Charles Wilson, Adam Parks, Rusty Ledford and Ritchie Neeffe.

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

Paid obituary

Jerry Waldner

Jerry Waldner, 56, of Big Spring died Monday, July 7, 2008, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

J. L. Barron

J. L. Barron, 81, of Round Rock, formerly of Forsan died Monday, July 7, 2008, at his residence. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Support Groups

TUESDAY

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

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

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

• Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

• 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.

FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles.

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Police blotter

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

• JOANN LEDESMA, 26, of 2500 Albrook, was arrested Monday on two local warrants and five capias warrants.

• JAMES LYNN PARKER, 28, of 2501 Langley, was arrested Monday on a charge of failure to identify – giving false information.

• MARCOS JOE ANDERSON, 27, of 1605 Sixth Street, was arrested Monday on a local citation.

• ANSELMO H. HILARIO, 53, of 1703 W. Third Street, was arrested Monday on five local warrants and six capias warrants.

• DEBRA RENEE SHAFFER, 39, of 1408 Nolan, was arrested Monday on charges of public intoxication and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• MARY ELLEN VIASANA, 38, of 1405 Benton, was arrested Monday on six local warrants and a HCSO warrant.

• JOSE CRUZ PINON, 24, of 448 Armstrong, was arrested Monday on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• ROBERT TORRES VARGAS, 33, of 1514 E. 17th Street, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.

• THEFT was reported in the 200 block of FM 700.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 800 block of Interstate Highway 20.

• ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 1000 block of Gregg Street.

Note: A complete activity log for Monday was not available from the BSPD at press time.

Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 74 inmates at the time of this report.

• MONICA JONELLE MCGRUDER, 36, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for two counts of failure to identify.

• DEL RAY SCHEIBER, 38, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of violation of parole.

• LONNIE GREEN, 49, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on judgments/sentences for possession of marijuana – two ounces or less and two counts of theft.

• JOSE MANUEL AVINA, 32, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of interfering with an emergency phone call.

• FRANKLIN KYLE CASEY, 47, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of resisting arrest, search or transportation.

• RYAN LEE FORD, 19, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a dangerous drug.

• TIMOTHY MARK DUFFY, 34, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of assault with intent to cause bodily injury – family violence.

• ANTHONY ALAN CAVINESS, 54, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of theft by check.

Fire/EMS

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

• MEDICAL was reported in the 3900 block of Hamilton. Service refused.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 200 block of N.W. Second Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 2600 block of Albrook. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 100 block of W. Eighth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Scurry. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson. One person was transported to SMMC.

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TODAY

• VFW Post 2013 meets at 7 p.m. in the VFW Hall, 500 Driver Road.

• Gospel Singing in the Kentwood Activity Center at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

• The Howard County Sheriff's Posse meets at 7 p.m. at the Sheriff's Posse building on the Andrews Highway. For more information, call Bert Sheppard at 263-4483 or Rose Armstead at 263-2769.

• Order of the Eastern Star No. 67 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

WEDNESDAY

• Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• Free blood pressure screenings from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., provided by InHome Care.

• Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.

• Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge at 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, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• Friends of the Library meets at noon in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

• Big Spring Main Street meets at noon in the Railroad Museum located at Second and Main streets.

• League of United Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. The public is invited.

• American Legion Auxiliary meets at 6 p.m. at 3203 W. Highway 80.

• The Prospector's Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at 606 E. Third St. The public is invited to these meetings. For more information contact Lola Lamb at 263-3340.

• Neighbors and Newcomers Club meets. New members are welcome. Call 263-2005 for more information.

Take Note

• BSHS Class of 1978 30-year reunion is Sept. 12-13. Contact Kent Rice at 870-918-5875 or kent_rice@murphyoilcorp.com

• A medical expense account has been established at Cosden Federal Credit Union for Kody Jackson, who was recently diagnosed with lymphoma in his right knee. He has no medical insurance and must start chemotherapy and radiation treatment as soon as possible. Kody is the son of Susan and Johnny Jackson. For more information, contact Cosden FCU at 264-2600.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 5-15-16-21-31.

Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize per winner: \$27,786.

Winning tickets sold in: Laredo.

The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery: 6-8-31-32. Bonus Ball: 6.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-2-5-6. Sum It Up: 13.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery: 0-9-9. Sum It Up: 18.

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will be in the second phase of our transition study.”

According to City Manager Gary Fuqua, the input the committee has received during two similar town hall meetings during the past month has been helpful, but he and other city officials were hoping for more.

“It’s been very helpful. We’ve been a little disappointed because we wanted more input (from the public) than we received,” said Fuqua. “We hope to take this information and work with our consultant and come up with a really good plan.”

“I think it’s going to be

a continual thing. I don’t think we have a (time) range set, and I feel like it’s going to be an ongoing project for the foreseeable future. Like everything else, there’s never enough money, so we’ll just work it into the budget the best we can. I think the main thing is as we do projects we continue to implement the ADA requirements on those projects, and I think that’s where we’re really going to make the showing.”

Tempers flared during the meeting when discussions — which were aimed at identifying specific locations where curb cuts and ramps are needed, according to city officials — veered off track during comments and questions

from local citizen Aubrey Weaver Jr., who decided to question officials on whether or not the city requires new businesses to install sidewalks.

“With all due respect, I think it’s time to put that to bed and move on and talk about what we’re trying to address here, which is accessibility and the ADA transition plan,” said committee member and Big Spring City Councilman Troy Tompkins. “The transition plan doesn’t have anything to do with requiring a new business to have to put in a sidewalk. That has nothing to do with the transition plan and I’m just trying to stay on task here. What you’re talking about is beyond the scope of what the tran-

sition plan is all about.”

Weaver’s comments were joined by comments and questions from nearly a half-dozen other citizens, but failed to generate any specific locations in need of a curb cut or ramp, a fact Tompkins said is frustrating for him and other members of the committee.

“My understanding of what we’ve been asked to do is to gather input from the community about where the areas of need are located,” said Tompkins. “Part of developing the transition plan is to prioritize the facilities and locations to determine which ones will receive attention first. It’s difficult for the committee to make that happen without input

from the citizens.

“My frustration is from the fact we hear a lot of ancillary comments — talk about where sidewalks are and are not required, where trees are and are not required — and that doesn’t help us identify or prioritize the areas that need to be addressed based on citizen input. We’re not getting the type of input that helps us do our job.”

Accessibility has become a major issue because the city is about to start work on a \$9 million street renovation project in the central part of Big Spring.

“Texas law states that if you pursue major renovation to streets or buildings in a dollar value greater than \$50,000, you must submit that proposal for

ADA approval, then pass an accessibility inspection,” said PSC engineer Bill Noonan.

Darden said work on the street renovation is scheduled to begin in August and last a year. Aside from renovating the roadways, attention will be placed on accessibility features such as curb ramps and “curb cuts” — areas on street intersections specially graded to allow wheelchair access — he said.

And city officials are looking at addressing accessibility beyond the upcoming street project.

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meetings, and we get their input from what they see and what they have gotten out of the meeting. They go on police rides and through the Boy Scouts COPEs Course, and it really bonds the group. They get to know each other better and become a team.”

ValVerde said the program not only teaches its class members how to lead, but how to have a positive impact on the community.

“That’s what this is all about. It takes teamwork to be a leader,” said ValVerde. “You can’t have a room full of chiefs and no Indians. You have to be able to work together toward a common goal, and that takes a great deal of teamwork.”

“Each year we ask them to do a community project, and last year the class put a bench in the Heart of the City Park, similar to the ones Keep Big Spring Beautiful provided for the courthouse square.

“The class had to fund it, whether they got sponsorships or paid for it themselves. It teaches them

how to get out there and get other people and businesses to help support worthwhile projects.

“We’ll be putting a slightly different twist on things this year. We will have different presenters for the Leadership Skills portion of the program,” she added. “To start the class we will have Vicki Stewart, and also working with us is Federal Bureau of Prisons Warden Rodney Chandler, who will be presenting three of the classes this year. We look forward to working with the different speakers and providing a variety of leadership training through the skills portion of the

program.”

With classes set to begin Aug. 14, ValVerde said there are plenty of people in the community who could benefit from the course.

“Applicants must be willing to commit to one full day — the second Thursday of each month — for 10 months,” said ValVerde. “Those persons who have demonstrated management and leadership ability, have shown an interest in community affairs and have time and talent to offer the community are invited to apply.”

“Tuition fee is \$400 for chamber members and \$600 for all oth-

ers. Tuition includes transportation for tours, meals, leadership skills book with binder and information. Applications are available at the Chamber Office, and we will be glad to fax or e-mail it. The deadline for applications is July 21 and the program is limited to 25 participants.”

For more information contact the Chamber office at 263-7641.

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SCIENTISTS

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research. Specialists in such fields as addiction, eyesight and the aging brain have been targeted.

“It used to be everyone was worried about their laboratories being broken into and their data being destroyed, their animals being taken away,” said Jeffrey Kordower, head of the Society for Neuroscience’s animal research committee. “What they’ve decided to do now is make things more personal.”

Accompanying the attacks is increasingly tough talk from activists such as Dr. Jerry Vlasak, a spokesman for the Animal Liberation Front press office. In an interview with The Associated Press, he said he is not encouraging anyone to commit murder, but “if you had to hurt somebody

or intimidate them or kill them, it would be morally justifiable.”

The Washington-based Foundation for Biomedical Research said researchers were harassed or otherwise victimized more than 70 times in 2003, up from just 10 the year before. The number of attacks has held steady or risen ever since, according to the group.

Activists say the escalation in tactics results from a frustration that nonviolent methods have failed to stop what they call the needless torture and killing of animals.

“An animal has as much of a right to life as we do. To take a life without provocation is immoral, it’s violent, there’s no excuse for it,” said Jacob Black, 23, an organizer of demonstrations at the homes of UC Berkeley researchers. “To name and shame these people as morally bank-

rupt individuals in our society is key.”

A Web site aimed at Berkeley lists the names of a dozen researchers and their home, work and e-mail addresses, their photos, and often their home numbers. The roster also includes graphic descriptions of each scientist’s purported work with animals.

“This information is here so that others may pressure these individuals with legal protests — we do not participate in or encourage illegal activity,” the Web site says.

Despite that disclaimer, the late May protest in the Berkeley hills left a window of the toxicology professor’s home shattered along with the window of a neighbor, who sprayed demonstrators with a garden hose to drive them away.

Many scientists are reluctant to discuss the effect these incidents have had on biomedical research. They worry that any sign the attacks are succeeding could just lead to more of the same.

But at least one researcher decided the pressure was too much.

In 2006, activists began besieging the homes of several UCLA professors. Masked protesters converged on scientists’ homes late at night, banging on doors, throwing firecrackers and chanting. “We know where you sleep,” according to court documents.

Threatening calls and e-mails followed. Firebombs were left near homes three times; two failed to go off, while the third charred a front door. One professor’s home was flooded when a garden hose was shoved through a broken window.

During the onslaught, which lasted two years, a UCLA scientist with small children informed protest-

ers he had stopped doing animal research.

“Effective immediately, I am no longer doing animal research,” vision researcher Dario Ringach wrote in an e-mail. “Please don’t bother my family anymore.”

Though no one has been seriously hurt since the jump in home protests, the attacks have drawn the attention of the FBI. The agency has broad authority to investigate animal rights incidents under the Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act of 2006.

“We consider this to be a serious problem, especially when people’s lives are being disrupted,” said agent David Strange, who oversees a domestic counterterrorism squad at the FBI’s Oakland office. “We call it terrorism because it is a violent act violating federal criminal laws that has a political or social motivation to it.”

Six members of a Philadelphia-based organization were sentenced to federal prison after they and the group itself were convicted in 2006 of using a Web site to incite threats, harassment and vandalism against people connected with a company that tests drugs and household products on animals.

But otherwise, few activists have been prosecuted, because of free speech concerns and the movement’s extreme secrecy.

Recently, federal investigators joined a probe into an alleged February assault against the husband of a University of California, Santa Cruz breast-cancer researcher who experiments on mice. Police said masked activists pounded on the family’s front door during a birthday party for their young daughter, and one threw a punch when the husband tried to force them to leave.

Afterward, UC Santa Cruz

Chancellor George Blumenthal backed a proposed state law that would limit activists’ access to public information about animal experiments. Blumenthal called acts against animal researchers “the greatest threat to academic freedom that I’ve seen in the history of this campus.”

Activists say researchers drill holes into the skulls of monkeys and cats in pursuit of esoteric discoveries that will never help anyone.

But scientists say every effort is made to minimize the suffering of animals used in experiments. Rigorous government and university regulations provide detailed protocols for the humane treatment of lab animals. And scientists must show they have exhausted all other options to obtain data before they turn to animals as test subjects.

In Kordower’s work, drugs are used to induce symptoms of Parkinson’s

in monkeys, which are then given experimental treatments. Afterward, the monkeys are anesthetized and killed and their brains dissected. The research, says Kordower, director of neurobiology at Rush University in Chicago, has led to clinical trials for promising genetic therapies to treat Parkinson’s.

Kordower has not faced attacks or protests. University of Utah neuroscientist Audie Leventhal has.

The Animal Liberation Front claimed responsibility for dousing a home owned by Leventhal with glass-eating acid and covering it with animal rights slogans. Leventhal estimated the damage at \$20,000.

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OTHER VIEWS

Vets earned every nickel of G.I. Bill

Forced by Congress, President Bush signed a bill last week that includes a landmark and long overdue expansion of educational benefits for the nation's newest generation of military veterans. It will be expensive, about \$62.8 billion over the next 11 years, but the veterans earned every nickel of it and more.

The bill, whose lead author is a Marine Corps veteran and Democrat from Virginia, Sen. James Webb, applies to all members of the military including National Guard and reserve units who have been on active duty for at least three and up to 36 months since Sept. 11, 2001. Veterans would have up to 15 years to make use of however much of the benefits they have earned.

The principal virtue of the Webb bill is that it goes much further than its predecessor, the Montgomery GI Bill, in covering the cost of higher education for veterans. The new bill will compensate a veteran in college for an amount up to the total of tuition and fees at the most expensive in-state public university in his or her state plus a monthly stipend for housing.

In addition, the bill has an incentive for private universities to trim their higher tuition bills for veterans. And the bill would provide payments for tutors and license and certification tests. A provision backed vigorously by Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, and others will allow a veteran to transfer his or her educational benefits to a spouse or children.

President Bush and many in the Pentagon resisted the generosity of these benefits. There is worry that the expanded benefits will give active duty troops a powerful incentive to leave when their enlistments are up rather than re-enlist and the Army, especially, is already stretched tight because of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. But the House and Senate rightly overrode that retention concern. The greater benefits might attract more qualified recruits to the armed services. Even if they don't, troops who already have volunteered and served shouldn't be played for suckers and told, "Sorry, we can't offer to fully compensate you for your devotion and sacrifice because you might actually want to collect."

The president backed off his administration's resistance to the expanded benefits when Congress, in decisive bipartisan votes, included them in a larger, \$257.5 billion bill to finance the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Webb has argued that the education of our veterans is a cost of war, and he's absolutely right. All sorts of corporations, including some in Texas, have reaped billions of dollars from the war. The small number of Americans willing to actually fight in that war deserve a few billion of their own and the best part is that, in the long run, the nation will benefit from their higher education, too.

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'The disease has exploded'

It was the headline you never wanted to see. For nearly two years, I have started my day by checking in on Leroy Sievers to see how he is doing. His "My Cancer" blog on npr.com has become a family of sorts for people living with cancer, for people taking care of family and friends with cancer, and for anyone who has been touched by the disease or who hasn't.

For two years, since Leroy started writing about the unexpected and awful recurrence of his colon cancer, his blog family has followed the ups and downs of spinal surgery and chemo and radiation therapy, for which pain meds work but cause more problems than they solve. On days when Leroy has been too sick to blog, his partner, Laurie, takes a turn, or his old friend and colleague Ted Koppel keeps us up to date on his progress. It's been going on for so long that you start to take it for granted, or at least I did, that Leroy will be there, will be back, will be holding this family together.

On June 9, he wrote the headline none of us wanted to see. I knew he was going for scans on June 6 — that was "Scan Day, Yet Again." I always get nervous when Leroy has a scan on Friday and the rest of us

have to wait through the weekend to see how it goes. It had been five or six months of dealing with issues relating to his spine, of surgery, of getting in and out of the chair and getting back to walking. Weird how you get used to that. When my friend Judy had lung cancer, we went through a long stretch where we dealt with her blood clots and her leg and the amputation of her leg. It felt like such a triumph that summer when she would leave me and her leg on the beach and go for a long swim that I almost forgot about the cancer. Until it came roaring back. Like Leroy's.

"I have three new tumors in my brain," he wrote that day. "The cancer has fractured part of my pelvic bone, which would explain the pain I've felt for so long. New tumors in my liver, which had been clear up until now. Lungs, ribs, shoulder blade."

What can be done? Not much. Get your affairs in order. Deal with the pain. Eat cupcakes and cookies with the people you love. That's what Leroy's been writing about lately. I spent a lot of time doing that with Judy.

Cancer is sneaky. Just when you think you've found a way to live with it, made your peace with it, adjusted to the new normal — awful though it might be — it comes roaring back. It's not a fight, at least not a fair one.

If it were a fair fight, Leroy would

have won it, and so would my friend Judy, who swam with such gusto in the waters of Cape Cod, while I shivered on the beach waiting to wade in and give her "the leg" when she finished. But it doesn't work that way.

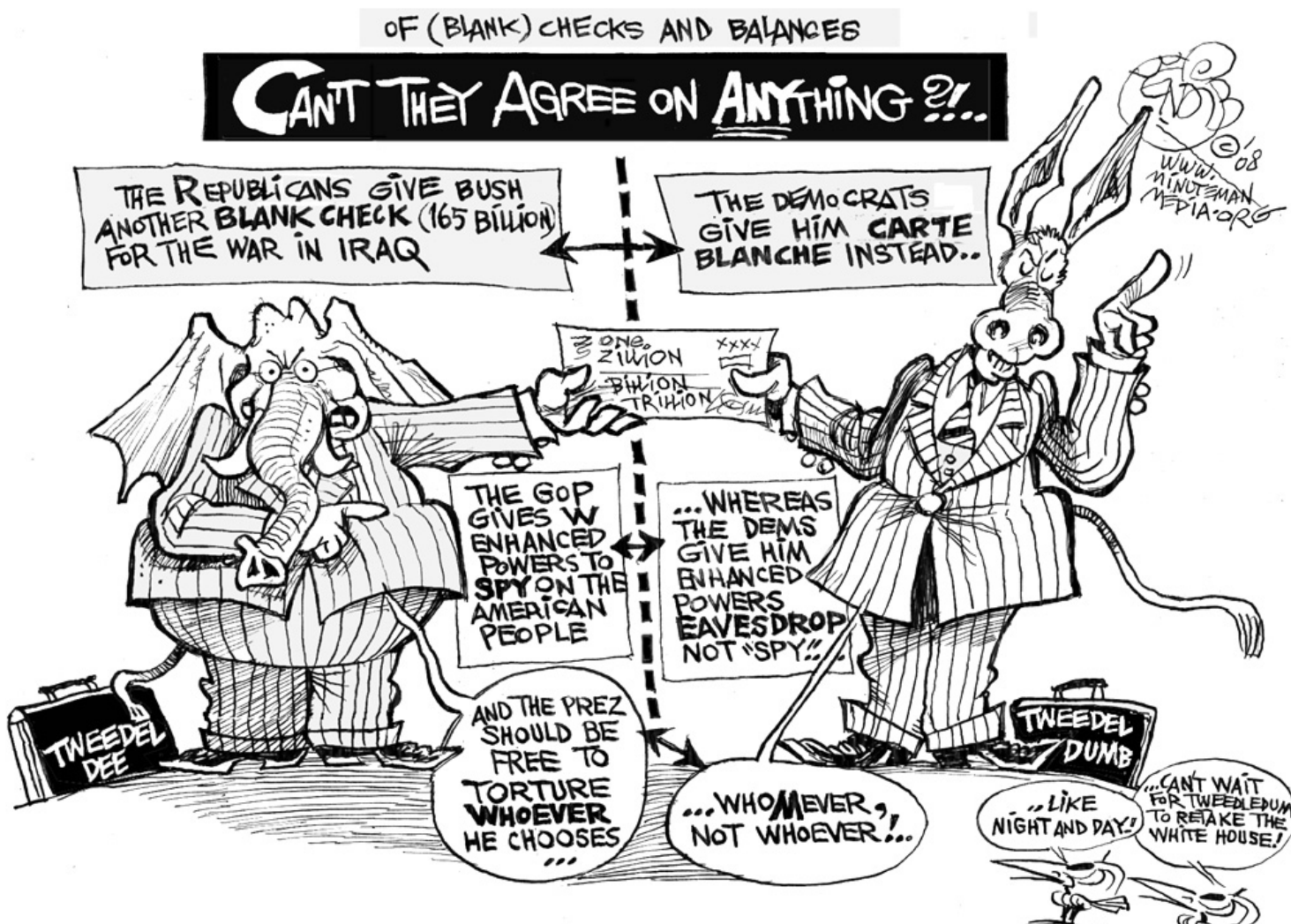
It's not about how hard you fight, how tough you are, how much you love life or give to others. It is what it is.

Maybe Leroy can keep the cancer at bay. You hear those stories all the time, about people with tumors everywhere who manage to survive, defy the odds and the doctors and all of that. As my sister taught me many years ago when she was fighting cancer for the first time, the numbers don't really matter; they're about other people, not about you. I keep thinking that as I wake up each day to see how Leroy is.

Whatever happens, though, I am grateful for the gift he has given, the gift he keeps giving us every day — for teaching me to worry less about the small things that come up, to be grateful for what I so easily take for granted, for teaching us not how to die, but how to live.

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An oil conspiracy? Heaven forbid!

As we all know, gas prices have taken off like a Jupiter rocket and people are mad as hell about it. They're thrashing around, looking for somebody to blame.

Last week Congress held hearings on the matter, the 40th they've held this year, trying to find out what is causing these ungodly prices.

They haven't found out yet (it would take Congress five hearings to learn how to find its hip pocket with its left hand) but they're getting closer.

The main suspect these days seems to be speculation. As John (He Who Speaks With Straight Tongue) McCain said recently: "Investigation is underway to root out this kind of reckless wagering, unrelated to any kind of productive commerce, because it can distort the market, drive prices beyond rational limits, and put the investments and pensions of millions of Americans at risk."

If you don't understand that, don't worry about it. I don't either. It's not English. It's not Spanish. It's not even Esperanto.

It is Washingtonese, a language used by politicians to disguise the fact that they don't have anything to say.

Personally — defender of Free Enterprise that I am — I've always thought speculation was the purest form of capitalism. You buy a com-

modity or piece of land or whatever in the expectation it will rise in price. If it does, you sell it and make a lot of money. If it doesn't you say "Waiter, check please." (There are also speculators who bet on prices going down, but the principle is the same. You make a bet and you cash it or you don't.)

So I really don't think that speculation is the reason your eyes fill with tears every time you have to fill your tank. But I do have a theory.

I think it's the fruit of a vast conspiracy set in motion by the oil companies in collusion with high-ranking members of the Bush administration, including the two rakes. I mention no names.

I know it's not fashionable to believe in conspiracies. We're all supposed to accept that Lee Harvey Oswald was a lone assassin acting alone and to do it without giggling. I know that.

But I'm an old-fashioned kind of guy and when I see something that looks like a conspiracy, walks like a conspiracy and quacks like a conspiracy I say "Damn the torpedoes, it's a conspiracy."

Let us consider the evidence:

Mr. Bush (whose family fortune was made in munitions and oil) took us to war in Iraq on a series of premises that had the tensile strength of wet toilet paper.

We went to war not because Iraq had weapons of mass destruction or Saddam was giving sanctuary to terrorists or even because he was a bad, bad man (although he was). We went to war because President

Bush and the oil gang wanted to install a puppet regime to ensure that Iraqi oil flowed to favored oil companies.

Mr. Bush's White House then proceeded to botch the war but the conflict did help drive up oil prices resulting in record profits for the oil companies. In the meantime, Vice-President Dick Cheney's old company, Halliburton, made a ton of money helping to botch up the war. So everybody was happy (with the exception of the families of the young people who were actually fighting the war, not a large cohort).

Meanwhile, back at home, the administration was making every effort to thwart efforts to reduce consumption of oil, from pooh-poohing the threat of global warming to refusing to consider an EPA report that suggested raising mileage standards for autos would be good for the economy.

Oil prices kept rising until the time was right for proposing more oil-gang assaults on the environment—offshore drilling, tapping into Alaska's Arctic Wildlife Refuge.

And then, last month, Iraq leaders tentatively OK'd no-bid oil contracts with the Western oil giants: ExxonMobil, Shell, Total and BP.

Hark! Was that a quack I just heard?

Me thinks it was.

Don Kaul is a two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning Washington correspondent who, by his own account, is right more than he's wrong.



SUSAN
ESTRICH

Bird Poop: Thrashing about nature's treasures

After dark, the caller said she had two rather large baby birds. Their nest had been located about seven to eight feet above the ground. In their nearly naked condition, the nestlings had evidence of feathers just breaking the skin. The woman had seen no other young or the parents.



**BEBE
MCCASLAND**

A short time later, she arrived with the twosome carefully wrapped in a soft cloth. The older bird opened its eyes, then closed them as if in a deep sleep. With no response from the younger sibling, I cautioned their mentor as to its survivability during the night. Having probably been fed more and stronger, the larger baby had a chance.

Discovering the younger bird had not made it through the night, I began a routine for the remaining one. Force-feeding it the soft parts of mashed insects every 45 minutes, I noticed that although it swallowed, it was barely responding to any nutrition.

Calling that night, the woman said she had found another one. Glad to learn that at least one had survived so far, she delivered the third member of such an unfortunate family.

The next morning little response came from either of the nestlings. Although they had been fed, and snuggled close together, they did not react to my touch or movement of their nest. Having to drive to another city to pick up a hawk, I decided to let nature take care of what I expected to happen.

That afternoon, with the bird of prey settled in to his new accommodations, I knew I had to deal with the inevitable. As I moved the nest I had made in an old basket, the nestlings' heads popped straight up with mouths open.

Surprised by this sudden burst of life, I felt their recovery was partially due to the long rest they had during the morning and early afternoon. Although they made no sounds, they were eager for nourishment. Once satisfied, they slept again.

Having asked initially if such large babies were grackles, the lady had seemed pleased to learn they were not. Considered songbirds, the nestlings, with their yellow mouths, were thrashers.

Hatched from pale blue



Courtesy photo

Hatched in a nest hidden in a large yucca, a young curve-billed thrasher is fed by its parent for weeks as it learns to find food. Before taking flight and upon landing, parents and juveniles run and hop rapidly over the ground.

to bluish-green eggs with tiny spots of brown, the birds would normally remain in their nest for at least 18 days. They appeared to be about a week old.

Soon, not only had they progressed from cricket guts to the entire insect, the nestlings had found their voices. The older bird was more vocal, while the younger

tried copying the sounds it heard.

Out of the nest and on to the perches, the twosome were well feathered after their two-week stay. Knowing a lack of par-

ents and avian nurturing seemed to slow their progress, the new fledglings needed the company of others and the space for strengthening flight.

Having thought the young birds might be sage thrashers, I learned at South Plains Wildlife Center that they were our more familiar curve-billed thrashers.

Gray-brown and lighter underneath, the birds had the typical spotting on breast and sides that denotes a member of the thrush family.

When mature, they would be larger than a mockingbird. Their long tails, dark curved bills and yellow eyes would add to their distinguishing characteristics. Unlike the mocker, they would not have as notable a set of wing bars.

Once free, these thrashers would devour insects, larvae, fruits and berries. As they searched the ground for grubs and ants, holes would be dug by their strong beaks quickly tossing dirt and leaves aside.

Striking sideways the debris left from another season, the birds would be relentless in finding nature's hidden treasures.

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

Drem vil finali kum tru — Parent's Corner

I'm hoping you will find as much humor in this column as I did. It seems the European Commission decided to accept German as its official language instead of English, but decided to announce that English would be the official language if the British Government would concede that English spelling had some room for improvement and would accept a five-year phase-in plan that would become known as "Euro-English."



**DARRELL
RYAN**

In the 1st year, "s" will replace the soft "c." Certainly, this will make the sivil servants jump with joy. Then the hard "c" will be dropped in favor of "k." This should klear up konfusion, and keyboards kan have one less letter.

There will be growing publik enthusiasm in the sekond year when the troublesome "ph" will be replaced with "f." This will make words like fotograf much shorter.

In the 3rd year, publik akseptanse of the new spelling kan be expekted to reach the stage where more komplikated changes are possible. Governments will enkourage the removal of double letters which have always ben a deterrent to akurate

speling. Also, al wil agre that the horibl mes of the silent "e" in the languag is disgrasful and it should go away.

By the 4th yer people wil be reseptiv to steps such as replasing "th" with "z" and "w" with "v." During ze fifz yer, ze unesenary "o" kan be dropt from vords kontaining "ou" and after ziz fifz yer, ve vil hav a reil sensibl riten styl. Zer vil be no mor trubl or difikultis and evrivun vil find it ezi tu understand ech oza. Ze drem of a united urop vil finali kum tru. Und efter ze fifz yer, ve vil al be speking German like zey vunted in ze forst plas.

If zis mad u smil, den tel oza pepl.

By the way, I also heard

that we were going to "humorously" replace the spelling of the word "fish" in an English format. It will be spelled "ghoti." You have to stay with me on this. The "gh" sound will come from the

final letters of the word "enough." The "o" will be taken from the "o" in the word "women." The "ti" will be from the end of the word "attention." Thusly: fish will equal ghoti. How about that for a new start

in English?

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

Deputy nabs Mercedes-climbing goat and companion

CAPSHAW, Ala. (AP) — The goat was arrested, the Mercedes-Benz was assaulted and the dog came along for the ride.

It happened Sunday when a woman driving the Mercedes saw a goat and dog playing on U.S. 72 in northern Alabama, Sheriff Mike Blakely said.

She stopped, afraid they would get hit, Blakely said. But the goat jumped on the car and wouldn't come down. Fearing scratches and dents in her import's paint job, she called the County Sheriff's Department. A deputy got the goat down and put it in his car, but then the dog jumped into his back seat too. The deputy took the dog to a veterinarian and the goat to the home of another deputy.



By Steve Becker

The Right Time to Lose a Trick

East dealer.
North-South vulnerable.
NORTH
♦ Q 9 8 3
♥ J 5
♠ 8 7 5 2
♣ A 10 7

WEST
♦ 7 2
♥ Q 9 4
♠ K Q J 10 9 6
♣ J 4

EAST
♦ 6 4
♥ 10 7 6 2
♠ 4 3
♣ K Q 5 3 2

SOUTH
♦ A K J 10 5
♥ A K 8 3
♠ A
♣ 9 8 6

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 1 ♠ 4 ♦ 4 ♣
Pass 6 ♠

Opening lead — king of diamonds.
It can't be said that North was at all shy during the bidding. He was about a king short for his four-spade bid, and a pass would have been more in order. He could reason that if South couldn't take action himself over West's four-diamond pre-empt, nothing much would be lost.
Of course, South would have acted over the four-diamond bid, either doubling or bidding four hearts. In either case, the proper contract, four spades, would have been reached.
As it was, though, South, who did-

n't need much of a four-spade bid from North to make a slam, went on to six spades.

A club lead would ultimately have laid declarer low, but the normal diamond lead gave him a legitimate chance for the contract. A quick glance at dummy told South he had two club losers, with no hope of a successful squeeze or endplay.

His best chance, which he adopted, was to assume that West had the queen of hearts. Accordingly, South won the diamond lead with the ace, cashed the A-K of trumps (fortunately finding them divided 2-2) and then led a low heart toward dummy's jack. West played the queen, dummy the five, and the hand was effectively over.

With dummy's jack of hearts now a trick, and the A-K of hearts able to provide two club discards from dummy, South could not be stopped from eventually ruffing two clubs with the Q-9 of spades.

Declarer was, of course, lucky to get a diamond lead, and to find the trumps favorably divided and West with the queen of hearts. He needed all of these fortuitous breaks to make the contract.

It wasn't all luck, though. South had to play the hand as he did to bring in the slam, so he certainly deserves a substantial measure of the credit.

Tomorrow: Diabolical duck.
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Texas catcher Max Ramirez, left, and Los Angeles' Jeff Mathis collide as Mathis is out at home on a double play in the eighth inning of their game Monday in Arlington. The Angels won 9-6.

Hunter's homers power LA past Texas

ARLINGTON (AP) — Torii Hunter enjoyed the comforts of home and it showed Monday night.

Hunter homered twice, the first capping a six-run second inning, and the Los Angeles Angels held on for a 9-6 victory over the Texas Rangers.

Vladimir Guerrero, Jeff Mathis and Hunter all homered in the big second inning that gave the Angels an 8-0 lead.

Hunter spent the day with his family at his house in nearby Prosper — which is north of Dallas — before hitting two homers in a game for the second time this season.

"Baseball is all mental," said Hunter, who had an RBI single in the first and homered in the sev-

enth. "Just coming home to my family, being around my brothers, it kind of relaxes you a little bit."

Hunter, who signed a five-year deal with the Angels in the offseason, had driven in just one run over his past 15 games.

"I haven't been playing up to par like I should be," Hunter said. "I'm trying to get used to this team, my environment, the travel, the whole thing."

All three of Los Angeles' homers in the second were off Rangers starter Luis Mendoza (1-3), who allowed eight runs in 1 1-3 innings.

Mendoza, who has not won in five starts this season, allowed nine hits and two walks in the 14 batters he faced.

"We have to do a better job of

pitching early," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "If we keep the damage down to a minimum, we can stay with them."

Ervin Santana (10-3), who was named an All-Star for the first time, allowed six runs and 10 hits in seven innings. He struck out six in winning for just the second time in six starts.

David Murphy and Chris Davis homered off Santana in Texas' five-run fifth that nearly erased the eight-run deficit.

"In this park with their offense, you have to pitch well," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said. "Their offense got them back in the game. Pitchers have their work cut out for them. I thought Ervin did a good job."

Bullpen woes help sink Astros

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Pirates took advantage of Houston's dire bullpen situation.

Nate McLouth and Ryan Doumit each hit home runs to lead 10 Pirates with at last one hit in Pittsburgh's 10-7 win over the Astros on Monday night to snap a three-game losing skid.

Houston had used six of relievers to pitch 10 2-3 innings in a 17-inning, 7-6 loss in Atlanta Sunday, forcing the Astros to stick with ineffective starter Runelvys Hernandez through four rocky innings.

"With the bullpen being a little light, we just had to keep sending him out there," Houston manager Cecil Cooper said. "He had to go. We needed the innings from him."

Adam LaRoche reached base four times, scored twice and drove in a run as eight Pirates had RBIs. Jason Bay went 2-for-3 with two walks and two runs, and Xavier Nady had two hits and two RBIs for Pittsburgh, which scored more runs during the first four innings Monday than they did in being swept in three games in Milwaukee over the weekend.

Making his third start of the season since having his contract purchased from Triple-A, Hernandez (0-3) was charged with 10 runs on 13 hits.

"I tried to make pretty good pitches, but I wasn't and they took advantage and hit the ball hard," said Hernandez. "I feel bad

because my teammates gave me good run support."

Carlos Lee hit his 20th home run and had three RBIs for the Astros, who have lost six of seven and fell back behind the Pirates into last place in the National League Central.

Making his season debut after having his contract purchased after the marathon game Sunday, Chad Paronto pitched the final four innings.

Pittsburgh's pitching staff has had its own problems with injuries and ineffectiveness in recent weeks. Lefty Phil Dumatrait was ineffective in his first start since a stint on the disabled list with bursitis in his throwing shoulder.

He allowed a season-high seven runs on nine hits and two walks in 3 1-3 innings.

"My arm felt good. I just couldn't get the job done tonight," Dumatrait said.

But the Pirates bullpen pitched 5 2-3 shutout innings, highlighted by Denny Bautista (2-1), who worked 2 2-3 innings. Tyler Yates struck out four in two perfect innings, and Damaso Marte pitched the ninth for his second save, walking Mark Loretta with two outs to ruin a streak of 16 Astros in a row retired by the Pittsburgh bullpen.

"Bautista came in and did a great job. Tyler Yates was phenomenal and Marte threw the ball very well," Pirates manager John Russell said.

Welcome to 'Lifestyles of the rich and ridiculous'

The rich and famous, it seems, split up differently than the rest of us.

Christie Brinkley loaded up the kids in the family private jet and flew off to Colorado in search of comfort after discovering her husband was having an affair with an 18-year-old and spending some of the family fortune on Internet porn.

Cynthia Rodriguez chose Paris in the summer for her getaway, booking a room at the mansion of rocker Lenny Kravitz while trying to get over the very public tale of her husband's friendship with Madonna and his alleged dalliances elsewhere.

News of Brinkley's trip surfaced this week as part of a divorce trial in New York that was a tabloid dream. Amid the tales of lust, money and motherhood was a retort by her soon-to-be-ex that she should have been an actress instead of a model after her performance in court.

About the only thing missing was an appearance by Madonna, but apparently this was one divorce she didn't have to deny any involvement with.

That's not the case when it comes to the Rodriguez family, whose relationship had always provided headline material for the New York tabloids. Even they couldn't believe their good fortune over the past few days when Cynthia Rodriguez's dissatisfaction with her husband culminated with a filing seeking an end to their five-year marriage.

Teenage girls, sex and aging supermodels are always good fodder. Put a pop star and a Yankee superstar together, and you can keep printing papers until you run out of newsprint.

Our fascination with everything celebrity apparently knows no bounds, though that shouldn't come as any surprise to anyone who pays attention to the daily mating dance between the paparazzi and Britney Spears or watches the has-beens that masquerade as celebrities on shows such as "Dancing With The Stars."

We can't get enough of Paris Hilton,



AP file photo

New York Yankees star Alex Rodriguez, right, and his wife, Cynthia, arrive to the recent GQ "Men of the Year" party at the Chateau Marmont hotel in Los Angeles. A lawyer for Cynthia Rodriguez filed divorce papers on her behalf Monday.

can't believe David Archuleta sings like he does, and can't stop talking about how Nicole Kidman actually named her new baby Sunday Rose.

We're so celebrity obsessed that more Americans can probably better tell you how much Ed McMahon is in arrears on his Beverly Hills estate than they can discuss the monthly trade deficit with China.

And now there's a national debate over whether A-Rod's relationship with

Madonna is spiritual or sexual.

My uneducated guess is that it's neither, and not just because I've never met a ballplayer who had many deep thoughts. I'm leaning toward the theory that Madonna — who shares a manager with A-Rod — either wanted good seats at Yankee Stadium or was desperate for a publicity jump-start for her Sticky & Sweet world tour that begins in August.

She's certainly not inviting Rodriguez over for some late-night batting tips.

He's doing just fine at the plate, though he's not hitting home runs at nearly the same pace he did last season.

Yankee manager Joe Girardi said the other day he didn't think the problems in A-Rod's personal life would spill over to the field, and he's probably right. Remember, this is the same player who hit 54 home runs last year despite tabloid photos showing him with a woman reported to be a stripper at a Toronto hotel.

Besides, people get divorced every day. It's not even all that intriguing unless, of course, you add Madonna, Lenny Kravitz, a new baby, and pictures that show C-Rod is very serious about physical fitness to the mix.

OK, so maybe it is an all-star cast worthy of an all-star player.

And I suppose it beats worrying about gas at \$4.40 a gallon or the fact the Yankees are stuck in third place, 8½ games out with the season more than half over.

As far as baseball players with domestic issues go, though, former pitcher Chuck Finley being assaulted by his actress wife, Tawny Kitaen, was more interesting.

So was Kris Benson's wife showing up at the Mets' annual holiday party in a low-cut Santa costume and discussing intimate details of the couple's sex life on her Web site.

And don't forget the two Yankee pitchers, Fritz Peterson and Mike Kekich, who traded both wives and families in the middle of the 1972 season.

The Rods, both A and C, would have to go a long way to top that.

Personally, the whole thing bores me, though I will acknowledge some interest in finding out what kind of prenuptial Cynthia Rodriguez has and how much of the \$275 million contract A-Rod signed after last season she might get. Yankee fans should be interested in that, too, because it's their ticket money that will fund both Rods for many years.

For now, though, I've got other things to worry about. I'm sure you've heard the latest about Tom Brady and his main squeeze, Gisele Bundchen....

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

The day has two tones: first quiet, then outgoing. As the moon moves from Virgo to Libra, a humble, reflective day spent working alone in our cubicle corner of the world shifts when someone walks right in, sits down and starts chatting up a storm. This renewed focus on companionship feels natural and welcome.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). All things are spiritual. So tending to the needs of your soul shouldn't be something you set aside time to do — your every endeavor is a soulful act. You'll be conscious of this through the many tasks of your day.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're an expert at shrugging off the disease called seriousness. You'll get the chance to clown around in front of an appreciative audience. New people to love are in this crowd. You'll know them by their laughter.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). A very, very basic knowledge of subjects will be enough to get you into interesting conversations at the least, exclusive clubs at the most. You were born with the gift of gab — now work it!

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your career benefits from some tough market research. This requires you to be objective,

which you're particularly good at. You see what people need and ways that you can change what you do to fit those needs.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You understand the larger scheme of things, which allows you to decide fast and act quickly. Many of your loved ones appear to be waffling around, which drives you crazy. Just as you have your process, they have theirs.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're joyous when making other people happy. If what you're doing doesn't delight to the degree you thought it would, that's OK with you, too. Your fun is in the preparation and the giving. Let nothing damper that.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your faith leads you to more daring and wild places than you dared traverse only a few days ago. And so you step off of the safe path into the waiting arms of your inner guide.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Starting something new? You couldn't ask for a better promise of what the future will bring. Of course, you're not one to fall easily for promises. You need the proof — and you get that now, too.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There's a lot to be said for fitting in. You may even adopt a new habit in order to seem more in line with what your peers are doing — an indication of how powerful the need for human bonding really is.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-

Jan. 19). You're inclined to think things through, even if it means not coming to a decision anytime soon. Honor your instincts. You intuitively know that reckless and abrupt actions have equally sudden consequences.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Doing exactly what your higher-ups ask of you may in fact be a radical move. You're being tested. You'll pass with whatever decision you make, as long as it's one you totally believe in.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). When it comes to your loved ones, you'd jump through hoops, walk through fire or endure any variation of the sort. Apply the same fearsome conviction toward the aim of protecting and promoting your ideas.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "My potential partner and I (I'm a female Taurus and she is a Libra) are experiencing an issue. We used to talk to each other almost every day, laughing, telling secrets and whatnot, but as of the last few weeks she hasn't been acting the same. She won't return my e-mails or phone calls. She's aware of my sexuality and I'm aware of hers. Is she avoiding me?"

Libra got cold feet. Why? Libra, skilled in the art of persuasion, is rarely ambivalent about encouraging a relationship, but deciding how far to take any relationship is a personal one, a decision made in

the privacy of her own mind. I'm thinking she reached her comfort threshold when you made your affections clearer — she hadn't counted on this relationship going any farther than shared secrets and laughter. If you're interested in preserving the friendship, you might try letting it cool on the back burner. If she knows where you stand, being less obvious about your feelings gives her space to figure out her own. Her curiosity might get the better of her, and she'll call. Give her time.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Cancer Courtney Love has been called "the most controversial woman in the history of rock." Outrageousness and talent notwithstanding, her uncanny ability to get tangled up in the lives of other creative folk has proven both difficult and fruitful. Vesta, the asteroid of singular focus, is in the sign of Pisces in her chart. Taking restorative creative retreats alone integrates these energies.

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Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I've been married to a great woman for over 16 years. We were both in our 40s when we met. We didn't have sex before the wedding, although she told me she likes it very much. However, 18 months after we married, our sex life went downhill. A year ago, I told her I was leaving. She then agreed to have sex, but only under certain terms: not at our home as long as her son is living with us (he is 35 years old), and it will happen when she "gets the feeling." Now the only place we can

have sex is at a cabin we own. We go there every weekend, but she "gets the feeling" less than once a month. She kisses like a 2-year-old — pursed lips only — and there is no passion from her whatsoever. I haven't seen her naked in over 15 years, although she has a cute figure and is very pretty. I have asked my wife to see her doctor, but she says there's no reason. She refuses to consider hormone therapy because she fears getting cancer. I have gone to counseling several times because I am so depressed over the lack of intimacy. I know she loves me and is a great wife in every other way. I've tried to live with the situation and count my blessings, but I am beginning to be resentful and I snap at her. How do I overcome this? — Need to Feel

Loved Dear Need: We are always amazed at otherwise-loving people who ignore or deny their spouse's need for



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intimacy. There are ways to have a satisfying sexual relationship that don't require hormones. Your wife's inability to show passion or be undressed around you indicates she may have some unresolved

issues about sex. Insist that she see her doctor for a complete checkup (not for hormones, but to be sure nothing else is wrong) and then come with you for counseling so you can work on this together.

Dear Annie: Because of budget cuts, I lost a wonderful job as a secretary. So a friend hired me. I thought I would just hang at this job until something else came along, but it's been almost four years at minimum pay and I feel stuck. I have an associate's degree in computers. I've had a few interviews, but nobody can offer me enough hours or pay to sustain my lifestyle. My husband makes about \$1,000 a week and I barely make \$200. He constantly reminds me of my low wages and how I'm not pulling my weight.

How do I keep my spirits up? Relocating is out of the question. — Down and Out in Michigan

Dear Down and Out: At \$200 a week, we're not sure what lifestyle you are sustaining. You are already working for minimum wage, so look for a job that offers an opportunity to move up the ladder, something your current position doesn't allow. You also should consider seeing a job counselor and possibly going back to school in order to become qualified for employment

that pays better. It serves no purpose to wait until someone offers you exactly what you want. Take whatever gives you the chance to improve your situation, even if it's in tiny steps instead of giant leaps.

Dear Annie: I'd like to add to your response to "K.T.," who asked about the etiquette of using handicapped stalls. Some people who are handicapped do not necessarily appear to be so. I have an ileostomy (similar to a colostomy). When the bag fills up, sometimes unexpectedly, it is necessary to get it emptied immediately or risk a bad leak. I don't like tying up the handicapped stalls if there are others available, but sometimes I have no choice. Please let your readers know that not all handicaps are visible. — Concerned

Citizen Dear Concerned: Our thanks to you and the others who wrote regarding invisible disabilities. We hope readers will keep your letter in mind.

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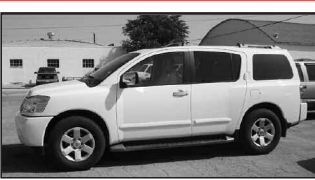
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7 :PM	Survived-Game	Survived-Game	Fuego en la Sangre	Hell's Kitchen	48 Hours Mystery	Victoria	America-Talent	Light of the Southwest	Wide Angle	Deadliest Catch	Deadliest Catch	Movie: Open Range, Annette Bening	CSI: Crime Scn	Bones	Movie: The Salon	Montana Suite Life	Softball: Tennessee vs. U.S.	Series of Poker
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9 :PM	News Nightline	News Nightline	Impacto Noticiero	Raymond	Late Show	Titulares	Tonight Show	Sex & Miller	Nearby	Deadliest Catch	Deadliest Catch	Movie: Geronimo: An American Legend	CSI: Crime Scn	Without a Trace	Diff Wld	So Raven	NASCAR Now	Baseball NFL Live
10 :PM	Insider Jimmy Kimmel Live	Jimmy Kimmel Live	La Hora de la Risa	Law Order: CI	Late Late Show	Decisiones	Late Night	Movie: Cellular, Jason Statham	Israel Ministerio-Vida	Smiley Smiley	Deadliest Catch	Star Trek: Voyager	Without a Trace	Movie: The Salon	Replace Kim	Series of Poker	SportsCenter	
11 :PM	News Paid	News Paid	Clasicos	RENO 911	Entertain	Programa Pagado	News	Poker After Dark	Light of the Southwest	After the Catch	After the Catch	Movie: The Magnificent Seven, Steve McQueen	Deep Space 9	Without a Trace	Emperor Dragon	Series of Poker	SportsCenter	

DENNIS THE MENACE

7-8

"THEY DON'T LOOK FINGER-LICKIN' GOOD TO ME."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

7-8

"Daddy, when Lincoln ran for president against that other guy, who did you vote for?"

HAGAR

7-8

WHY ARE YOU TAKING SNERT WITH US?!

IT'S HELGA'S IDEA...

SHE DOESN'T THINK HE GETS ENOUGH EXERCISE

BC

7-8

APTERYX, WHAT'S UP?

I AM NOT APTERYX! I AM ONE OF THE VELOCIRAPTORS.

BEHOLD MY MIGHTY CLAW.

THAT'S A SWISS ARMY KNIFE TIED TO YOUR FOOT.

YOU THINK THEY'LL NOTICE?

BLONDIE

7-8

CAN I COUNT ON YOUR VOTE?

CAN I COUNT ON YOU KEEPING ALL YOUR CAMPAIGN PROMISES?

I ASKED YOU FIRST!

WIZARD OF ID

7-8

WE SHOULD PUT A SIX-FOOT FENCE AROUND THE KINGDOM TO PREVENT PEOPLE COMING IN ILLEGALLY

THAT'S NOT VERY HIGH

I KNOW, BUT THE ROYAL TRACK TEAM NEEDS A HIGH JUMPER

AGNES

7-8

STILL SITTING IN THE MYSTIC NORMALATOR?

YES... I AM NOT YET A PERSON WHO WOULD NORMALLY BE THOUGHT OF AS NORMAL.

HAVE YOU NOTICED ANY CHANGE?

WELL... I'M LESS WORRIED ABOUT THE FABRIC OF TIME RIPPING APART AND BEING SPEWED INTO THE DARK AGES.

WOO... YOU GO, GIRL.

ALSO, MY FEET LOOK PETITE TO ME NOW.

HI AND LOIS

7-8

I'VE ONLY MADE MONEY ON ONE INVESTMENT THIS YEAR

WHAT WAS THAT?

I BOUGHT 100 "FOREVER STAMPS"

THE OTHER COAST

7-8

I'D BUY AN ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY HYBRID CAR, BUT THEY'RE KINDA PRICEY.

DON'T BOTHER, I'M RUNNING THIS CAR ON OIL THAT ISN'T DUG FROM THE GROUND OR DERIVED FROM A FOOD SOURCE.

WHALE OIL

SNUFFY SMITH

7-8

AN' LUKE BEGAT ABRAM WHO BEGAT LAZLO WHO WED DELIA WHO BROUGHT FORTH TH' TWINS, DANIEL AN' DAVID...

IS TH' PARSON TELLIN' A BIBLE STORY?

BLAH, BLAH...

NAW, HE'S 'SPLAININ' HIS FAV'RITE SOAP OPERA !!

BEEBLE BAILEY

7-8

WHY IS THE BAND PLAYING SO QUIETLY?

IT'S THE GENERAL'S REQUEST

"THE HANGOVER MARCH"

This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, July 8, the 190th day of 2008. There are 176 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
One hundred years ago, on July 8, 1908, businessman and philanthropist Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller, a liberal Republican who served as governor of New York and then as vice president of the United States, was born in Bar Harbor, Maine.

On this date:
In 1663, King Charles II of England granted a Royal Charter to Rhode Island.
In 1776, Col. John Nixon gave the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence, in Philadelphia.
In 1853, an expedition led by Commodore Matthew Perry arrived in Yedo Bay, Japan, on a mission to seek diplomatic and trade relations with the Japanese.
In 1889, The Wall Street Journal was first published.
In 1907, Florenz Ziegfeld staged his first "Follies," on the roof of the New York Theater.
In 1919, President Wilson

received a tumultuous welcome in New York City after his return from the Versailles Peace Conference in France.
In 1947, demolition work began in New York City to make way for the new permanent headquarters of the United Nations.
In 1950, President Truman named Gen. Douglas MacArthur commander-in-chief of United Nations forces in Korea.
In 1958, President Eisenhower began a visit to Canada, where he conferred with Prime Minister John Diefenbaker and addressed the Canadian Parliament.
In 1994, Kim Il Sung, North Korea's communist leader since 1948, died at age 82.
One year ago: Roger Federer won his fifth straight Wimbledon tennis championship, beating Rafael Nadal 7-6 (7), 4-6, 7-6 (3), 2-6, 6-2.

(Haircut 100) is 47. Rock singer Joan Osborne is 46. Writer-producer Rob Burnett is 46. Actor Billy Crudup is 40. Actor Michael Weatherly is 40. Singer Beck is 38. Country singer Drew Womack (Sons of the Desert) is 38. Christian rock musician Stephen Mason (Jars of Clay) is 33. Actor Milo Ventimiglia is 31. Singer Ben Jelen is 29. Actor Lance Gross is 27. Actress Sophia Bush is 26. Rock musician Jamie Cook (Arctic Monkeys) is 23. Actor Jake McDormand is 22.

Thought for Today: "You are a child of God. Your playing small does not serve the world. There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure about you."—Nelson A. Rockefeller, American politician and businessman (1908-1979).

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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Barton who founded the American Red Cross
 - 6 Walk heavily
 - 10 Sis' sibling
 - 13 In the neighborhood
 - 14 Special glow
 - 15 Difference of opinion
 - 17 Actor's negotiator
 - 18 Happy
 - 19 Fascinated by
 - 20 Kids' game
 - 22 Did sums
 - 23 Compete in a marathon
 - 24 California raisin city
 - 25 Stately dance
 - 29 Molecule parts
 - 31 Picking out of a lineup
 - 32 Garbage barge
 - 33 Dust bug
 - 37 Kids' game
 - 40 Dog's irritant
 - 41 Weeding tools
 - 42 Country home
 - 43 Prepares, as a gift
 - 45 Colors again
 - 46 Fish out of water
 - 49 Bart, to Homer
 - 50 Misbehave
 - 51 Kids' game
 - 57 Make airtight
 - 58 Doll's word
 - 59 Disney theme park
 - 60 Seed shell

- DOWN**
- 1 Dressed (in)
 - 2 Corporate symbol
 - 3 Got a perfect score on
 - 4 Chimed
 - 5 Hyde, to Jekyll
 - 6 Nonbeliever
 - 7 Quiet period
 - 8 Spoken
 - 9 June honoree
 - 10 Wedding attendant
 - 11 Fruit discards
 - 12 All the time
 - 16 Hoopla
 - 21 Except for
 - 22 Elbow's location
 - 24 Chicken or turkey
 - 25 Tick off
 - 26 Graven image
 - 27 Cleopatra's river
 - 28 By illegal means
 - 29 Feels sore
 - 30 Little piggies
 - 32 "Cut it out!"
 - 34 In an aimless way
 - 35 The T in TV
 - 36 Historical periods

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Answer to previous puzzle

RASH	JESTS	PSST
UCLA	UPPER	EWER
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DIPSTICKS	RINSE	
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