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Big Spring Fire Department crews responded to the scene of a house fire in the 2600 block of Hunter Wednesday afternoon. No injuries and only minor damage was reported.

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Super search

Coahoma ISD board enters final phase in quest for district chief

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

COAHOMA — School trustees here are entering the final phase in their search for a new superintendent.

Coahoma ISD trustees have spent this week interviewing six finalists for the position, which has been vacant since Jerry Johnson retired at the end of April.

If all goes well, a new CISD superintendent could be named as early as Tuesday, said Wayne

Mitchell, interim chief of the district.

Jim Dunlap and Dr. Russell Marshall, heads of Arrow Educational Services Inc., were hired by the district to screen candidates for the position. Marshall was head of the search team that recruited Johnson for the position in 2005, Mitchell said.

Marshall and the search team received 41 applications for the post and trustees subsequently narrowed that list down to six

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Fan drive continues at Salvation Army

HOW TO HELP

Purchase fans and take them to the Salvation Army at 811 W. Fifth or make a monetary donation at the same location.

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Cooler temperatures over the past several days have been a blessing, according to officials with the Salvation Army, as the charity continues its annual fan drive in an effort to help area low income residents beat the

summer heat.

"We have approximately 18 fans in stock right now, so we're doing much better right now," said Paula Lafler, a social worker with the organization. "The cooler weather seems to have helped some, and we've been able to get some donations in and purchase

some fans."

The annual fan drive collects donated fans and money to purchase new fans, which are then distributed to area residents in need of help in beating the summer heat, according to Salvation Army officials.

Lafler said she knows full well

the summer is far from over and it's just a matter of time before the mercury begins to rise.

"We know the drive isn't over," said Lafler with a laugh. "The heat will be back sooner or later, and we know people are going to

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Jon Benet Ramsey's family finally cleared in her death

By **CATHERINE TSAI**

Associated Press Writer

BOULDER, Colo. — The family of Jon Benet Ramsey still holds out hope the 6-year-old beauty queen's killer will be found, her aunt said Thursday, a day after prosecutors cleared the girl's father, brother, and deceased

mother in her slaying.

"We still don't have our killer yet. That's our final goal, and that's the goal that we're still striving toward, and we won't stop until we get there," said Pam Paugh, Patsy Ramsey's sister, on CBS' "The Early Show" Thursday.

"She went to her maker know-

ing that she had a clear conscience and a full heart."

Armed with a few invisible skin cells, prosecutors are now certain they have the DNA profile of the man who killed 6-year-old JonBenet Ramsey. Finding the man himself is another matter.

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In this Aug. 29, 2000, photo, Patsy Ramsey speaks as her husband John Ramsey listens during a short news conference in Atlanta. Prosecutors say new DNA tests have cleared JonBenet Ramsey's family in the 1996 killing of the 6-year-old beauty queen.

AP file photo/Gregory Smith

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Odd stash for cash

CLAYTON, Mo. (AP) — Someone at the St. Louis County Jail was flush with money.

A correctional officer at the intake facility at the St. Louis County Justice Center last week found \$55,000 stuffed behind a toilet paper dispenser.

The bundle of money was in \$100 and \$50 bills, said Clayton Police Chief Thomas Byrne.

Officials interviewed inmates, but none admitted knowing anything about the stashed cash. The money was placed in a special bank account until the owner can be determined, Byrne said.

Mid-Summer Festival

Holy Trinity Catholic Parish will hold a Mid-Summer Festival at St. Thomas Church, N.W. Sixth and N. Main, Friday and Saturday, July 18-19. The kitchen will open at 11 a.m. each day and feature enchilada plates, gordita plates, guizo plates and more. A dessert booth will also be open.

Outside booths with games, food and drink will open at 6:30 p.m. each evening. Live music will be held each evening. Other activities include bingo from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. and a washer tournament Saturday afternoon on the St. Thomas Church grounds. Everyone is invited.

Getting no sympathy

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — An East Hartford man called police to report he had been robbed while trying to buy crack cocaine.

Max Minnefield called police Monday to tell them he had paid a man and a woman \$8 for drugs he never received. Police charged him with criminal attempt to commit possession of narcotics.

Prosecutors later dropped the charges.

Laura Weslund, Minnefield's public defender, said no drugs were ever found.

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Newton, Kirby earn TWSA all-state honors

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

COAHOMA — Postseason honors for the Coahoma Bulldogettes continue to pile up.

Two members of the Bulldogettes' Class 2A state runner-up team — pitcher Heather Newton and outfielder Krista Kerby — were recently named to the Texas Sports Writers Association Class 2A all-state softball team.

Newton, a sophomore, was the team's ace pitcher and a driving force behind the Bulldogettes' push to the state tournament. She posted an 18-8 won-lost record during the regular sea-



Newton

son, posting 229 strikeouts and allowing little more than one earned run a game in 157 innings pitched.

She did not allow an earned run in Coahoma's two games at the state tournament in June.

Newton also shined at the plate. She was second on the team with a .455 batting average and led the team with 45 hits, batted in 45 runs and collected two home runs, five doubles and four triples. In addition, she tied with Kerby for the lead

in stolen bases with 14.

The two-time all-district performer was named the most valuable player in District 5-2A this season.

"Heather probably only throws one or two miles per hour faster than she did last year. The big improvement for her is mentally and emotionally," Coahoma coach Tracy Tadlock said. "The mental part has been the toughest thing for her to get under control. She was quite a bit better than she was in those areas."

Kerby, a senior, led the team with a .473 batting average, .555 on-base percentage and .688 slug-

ging percentage, scored 37 runs and collected six triples. She was second on the team with 44 hits and third with 27 runs batted in.

She also shined in the field, committing only one error.

In the playoffs, she had the game-winning hit in Game 2 of the regional finals against Hawley that sent the Bulldogettes to the state tournament. In the championship game, she managed the only Coahoma hit against East Bernard's Courtney Repka, who



Kerby

was named the all-state team's most valuable player.

The four-year first-team all-district performer has signed a letter of intent to play with Temple Junior College next season.

"Krista is one of three senior starters (along with third baseman Christie Rich and catcher Janice Gonzales) we're going to have a tough time replacing," Tadlock said. "We have a big hole to fill in center field."

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

Hamilton the hero for Texas

Uncorks last-inning homer to push Rangers past LA

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**
AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON — Josh Hamilton pumped his right arm as he rounded first base, as much in relief as celebration. The real fun came when he was mobbed by his teammates at home plate.

"I always see guys on TV tossing their helmet and jumping into the crowd," Hamilton said after his ninth-inning homer gave the Texas Rangers a 5-4 victory over the Los Angeles Angels on Wednesday night. "Seeing all those guys at the plate, that's an awesome feeling."

The All-Star outfielder with an incredible comeback story ended a three-week homerless drought with a two-run shot with two outs in

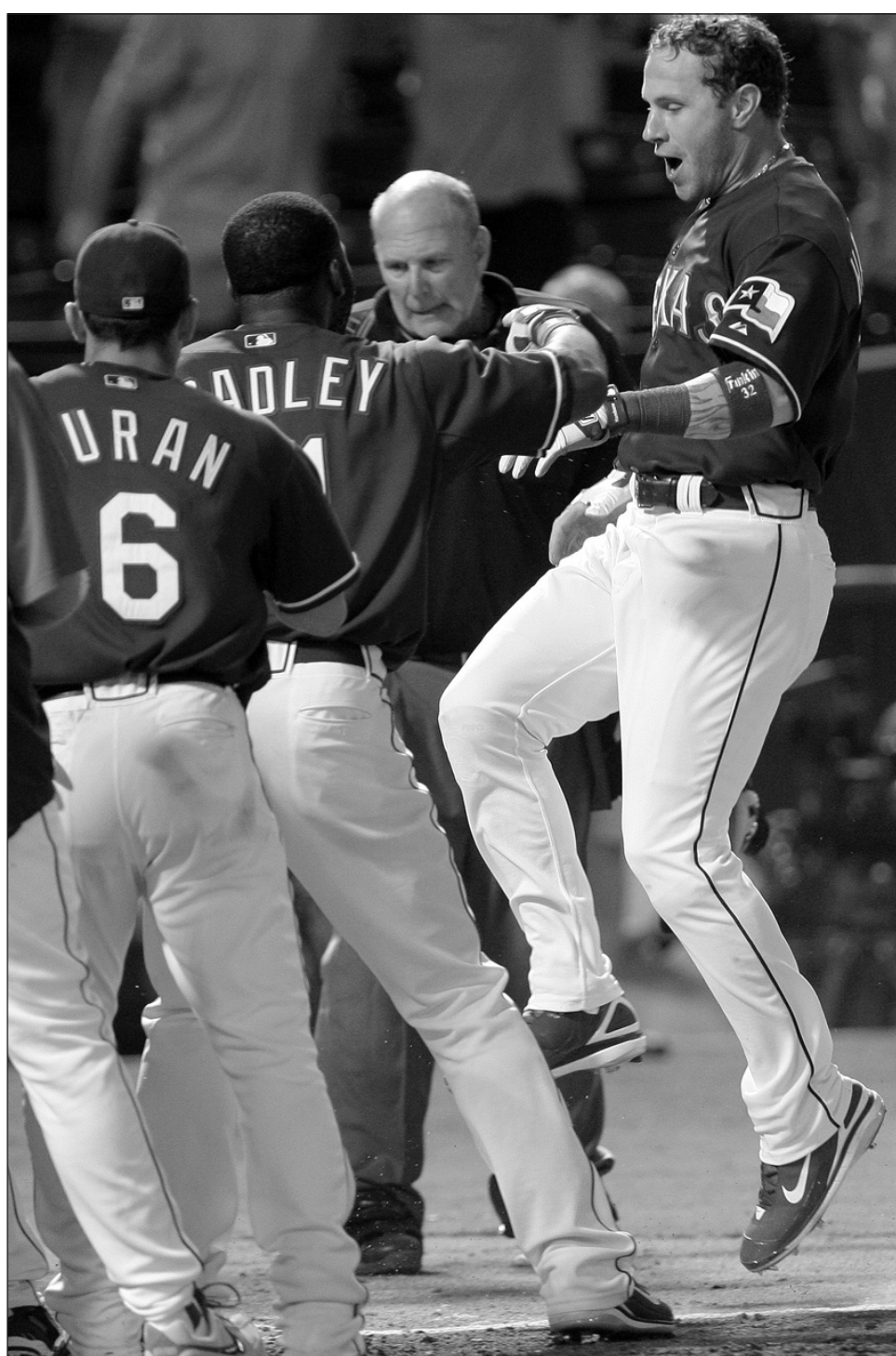
the ninth off major league saves leader Francisco Rodriguez.

With Michael Young on base after an RBI single, Hamilton lined a 3-1 pitch into the right-field seats for what he said was his first walk-off homer ever — as an amateur or a pro. It also was his first homer in 70 at-bats over 19 games since June 17.

"There's been a drought on the home runs. At the same time, you can't think about when you're going to hit your next one," Hamilton said. "But that's why you keep battling, keep playing. Something always happens like that to remind you why you love the game."

Manager Ron

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AP Photo/LM Otero

Texas' Josh Hamilton leaps toward home plate and waiting teammates after hitting a the game-winning, two-run home run in the ninth inning of the Rangers' game against the Los Angeles Angels in Arlington Wednesday. The Rangers won 5-4.

'The King' celebrates 50 years in NASCAR

By **MARK LONG**
AP Sports Writer

Richard Petty made his NASCAR debut 50 years ago on a half-mile track in South Carolina, qualifying 13th in a car with the roof cut off.

He wasn't wearing cowboy boots. He wasn't walking around in a hat adorned with ostrich feathers. He wasn't even sporting dark sunglasses.

He was a tall, lanky, 21-year-

old who wanted a chance to drive. He finished sixth — five laps behind the winner — and earned \$200.

"I got better," Petty says.

Indeed, Petty won an unmatched 200 races in his 35-year career, including seven Daytona 500



Petty

and a record-tying seven NASCAR championships. Somewhere along the line, he became "The King," a larger-than-life persona that includes the hat, the boots, the shades and the dark, bushy mustache. It all started at Columbia Speedway on July 12, 1958, when he got behind the wheel for the first time.

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Not so funny

Family threatens legal action after 'Husker's hoax'

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — The father of an Oklahoma quarterback says he plans legal action against a Nebraska football fan who posted a bogus story on an Internet message board claiming two Sooners had been arrested on cocaine distribution charges.

James W. Conradt, a Nebraska football fan living in Austin, said he did not mean to hurt Oklahoma quarterbacks Sam Bradford and Landry Jones with his Internet hoax, according to a story posted on The Oklahomans' Web site late Wednesday.

"I want to express my deepest apologies to the families," Conradt said Wednesday night after his story was reported as fact by at least two Texas radio stations. "That's the thing I'm regretful about. I didn't want to hurt anyone."

Landry's father, Kevin Jones, indicated Conradt's apology may not be enough.

"I'm going to prosecute him to the fullest extent of the law," Jones said. "I've got deep enough pockets to do it."

Conradt allegedly lifted a template off The Oklahoman's Web site, wrote and pasted a bogus story about the arrest and posted it on a message board.

"When this was brought to our attention, we took immediate action," Oklahoman publisher David Thompson said. "Through our technology and news teams, we tracked him down and told him to cease and desist. We take this very seriously and will consider legal action."

Oklahoma associate athletic director Kenny Mossman said the hoax is the latest in a disturbing trend.

"We feel it's real unfortunate how

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Sports in brief

Sponsors needed for Coahoma softball team

The Coahoma 10-under All-Stars is one of several area youth fast-pitch softball teams bound for a tournament in San Angelo starting Friday.

However, the 10-under squad is still looking for sponsors to accompany the girls on the trip.

If interested, contact Jennifer Chandler at 466-3727.

Big Spring Boxing Club set to start training

The Big Spring Boxing Club is ready to open its doors to the public for any male or female from ages 9-26.

Interested people can register for the club's training services from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday at Morgan Park on the northside of town.

Anyone willing to volunteer time as a trainer, conditioner or sparring partner is also welcome to attend.

Steer football season ticket sales to begin

Big Spring High School will begin selling 2008 season

tickets for Steer football July 28 at the Athletic Training Center.

Only persons who have previously owned season tickets are able to buy from July 28-Aug. 7.

Sales for the general public begin Aug. 11 and end Aug. 22.

Tickets can be bought Monday through Thursday between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. at the ATC.

Call Kay Cook at 264-3662 with any questions.

UIL-required physicals due for some athletes

UIL requires all incoming seventh, ninth and 11th grade athletes to have a physical before they are allowed to participate in any sport.

This includes practices and games. All local athletic departments are encouraging athletes and their parents headed into the grades listed above to make an appointment with their doctor and get this physical before the start of the school year.

Football and volleyball players would want to get this taken care of before the start of two-a-days.

Contact your school's athletic department with any

questions.

Rose Magers-Powell volleyball camp scheduled

Big Spring native and former Olympian Rose Magers-Powell will hold a volleyball camp from July 28-30 at Big Spring Junior High.

The camp will be held from 9 a.m. until noon all three days.

Cost is \$125 per camper.

For more information, visit www.gotrosevolleyball-camps.com.

Ivie hunting permits applications now accepted

Application for public hunting permits on the O.H. Ivie Reservoir Wildlife Management Areas will be accepted by mail only beginning Monday and ending Aug. 15 at the reservoir field office.

Permits are limited and requests for information and application packets should be made by calling the Colorado River Municipal Water District at 267-6341 or by writing to: CRMWD, P.O. Box 869, Big Spring 79721.

Obituaries

Ester Daylong

Ester Daylong, 89, of Big Spring died Thursday, July 10, 2008, at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Take Note

• A benefit breakfast to assist in paying medical expenses for Cory Reyna will be held from 8 a.m. to noon Sunday at Sacred Heart Youth Center, 509 N. Aylesford.

• Big Spring High School will offer the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) Exit Level Re-Test July 15-18. Please report to the High School Library at 8 a.m. Please bring a picture I.D. The testing schedule is as follows:

July 15 — ELA (English Language Arts).

July 16 — Math.

July 17 — Science.

July 18 — Social Studies.

For more information, contact the high school at 264-3641.

• 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.

• The Texas Department of State Health Services is conducting a community health survey. The information will be used to study barriers to health care and other public health issues. Your personal information will not be used, other than the comments portion of the survey. You will not be asked for your name. The survey is available online and takes about 15 minutes to complete. For the English survey, go to www.questionpro.com/akira/TakeSurvey?id=929625. For the survey in Spanish, go to www.questionpro.com/akira/TakeSurvey?id=929626.

• 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.O. 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.

• Legal Aid of Northwest Texas is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

Police blotter

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

• CHRISTIAN DAVON GORDON, 19, of 2911 W. Highway 80, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of criminal trespass of a habitation.

• DIJUAN EDWARD AUSBIE, 19, of 801 E. 18th Street, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of marijuana.

• MIGUEL ANGEL IBARRA, 38, of Mexico, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of marijuana.

• JOHNNY LEE RIOS, 23, of 710 Creighton Street, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• LORI ANN BENNETT, 25, of 304 Circle, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

• DELIA SALAZAR ZARRAGA, 41, of 804 Johnson, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of marijuana.

• UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE was reported in the 1100 block of Sycamore.

• THEFT was reported:

in the 200 block of FM 700.

in the 1100 block of Lamesa.

• POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA was reported:

in the 200 block of Channing.

near the intersection of Dundee and Second Street.

• POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE was reported in the 1500 block of Wood.

• FORGERY was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.

• CRIMINAL TRESPASS OF A HABITATION/SHELTER CENTER was reported in the 200 block of Channing.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1600 block of 17th Street.

• ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY was reported in the 700 block of 11th Street.

• ASSAULT was reported in the 1900 block of Highway 87.

Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 68 inmates at the time of this report.

• COIE MONIQUE POPE, 20, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance in a drug free zone.

• MARY ELLEN GALAN VIASANA, 38, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for possession of a controlled substance.

• DOMONIQUE XAVIER WILLIAMS, 19, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana.

• JAY LEE BILLINGSLEY, 42, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while license invalid.

• DAVID YBARRA JR., 21, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

• NED RANDAL HILDEBRAND, 34, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for possession of a controlled substance.

• MIGUEL ENRIQUE JUAREZ, 20, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on charges of no liability insurance, speeding (two counts) and violation of a promise to appear.

Support Groups

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. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

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.

SUNDAY

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

Your Local Weather

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Bulletin Board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email editor@bigspringherald.com

TODAY

• 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.

FRIDAY

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

• AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.

• Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

• Dance at the Senior Center, 1901 Simler, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

MONDAY

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

• Big Spring Band Boosters meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Spring High School band hall.

• Coahoma Lions Club meets at 6 p.m. in the Coahoma Community Center at 306 North Ave.

• The Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information, call 264-6116.

• Archeology Society for Howard and Borden counties meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library Community Room in the basement. Call 270-2615 for more information.

• Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

Fire/EMS

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

• TRAUMA was reported in the 2300 block of Grace. Service refused.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1100 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of Gregg Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of Gregg Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• STRUCTURE FIRE was reported in the 2600 block of Hunter.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 9-16-17-31-35-41. Number matching five of six: 26. Prize: \$1,476.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 5-15-24-29-37. Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery: 3-4-7-8. Sum It Up: 22.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery: 5-7-9. Sum It Up: 21

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HOAX

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many things have germinated from an anonymous starting point that are unfounded, untrue and, as this story proves, hurtful," Mossman said. "The Internet has enabled a lot of this kind of thing to happen, and it's really disappointing." Conradt said he was on a Nebraska message board when some OU fans began writing smack. "I just wanted to get em all riled up, I guess," Conradt said.

He did an Internet search for Sooner sports and came across the www.newsok.com template.

He told The Oklahoman he did not realize it was The Oklahoman's Web site.

"It was a bad decision," Conradt said. "When I got home, I got on my computer, one of the moderators on the Oklahoma site e-mailed me and said some Oklahoma people are upset about this. That's when I took it down."

Kevin Jones said he received a couple of frantic calls after the hoax spread across the Internet.

TEXAS

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Washington jumped on bench coach Art Howe's back when Hamilton connected.

"I knew it wasn't going to land on the field," Washington said.

The Rangers (48-44) moved four games over .500 for the first time since 2006, and got within 6½ games of the AL West-leading Angels.

Hamilton is the former No. 1 overall draft pick by Tampa Bay in 1999 who was out of baseball for more than three seasons because of addictions to cocaine and alcohol. He has been sober for nearly

three years, and last year finally made his major league debut with 19 homers in 90 games for Cincinnati.

The Reds traded Hamilton last winter, and Wednesday he played his 89th game for the Rangers. He leads the major leagues with 89 RBIs and was voted an All-Star starter by fans. He will participate in the Home Run Derby.

Rodriguez (0-2), who already had 35 saves, gave up three runs in only his third blown chance this season.

"Frankie's been right on all year and just really throwing the ball well and occasionally one's going to slip through the cracks," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said. "That's what

Fishing report

AUSTIN (AP) — Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for July 9. (Report also available on Web as www.txfishing.com.)

ALAN HENRY: Water lightly stained; 79 degrees; 0.74' low. Black bass are good on white buzzbaits and white spinnerbaits with blue highlights, and black/chartreuse jigs along timber lines. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs.

ARROWHEAD: Water lightly stained; 82 degrees; 3.90' low. Black bass are good on topwater frog baits in surface vegetation and spinnerbaits along rocky points. Crappie are fair under east side bridges and off the derricks. White bass are good shallow while chartreuse shad. Catfish are good on jugs and drift fishing with shad or punch bait.

COLORADO CITY: Water clear; 78 degrees; 6.72' low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass are slow. Catfish are slow.

FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 78 degrees; 0.52' low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on live baits. Catfish are fair on live baits.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water lightly stained; 79 degrees; 1.22' low. Black bass are fair on minnows, shad-colored crankbaits and spinnerbaits along grass lines, and black neon soft plastics worked along reeds and timber. Crappie are good on jigs and minnows. White bass and hybrid stripers are good on live baits along rocky points. Catfish are good on live and cut baits.

NASWORTHY: Water lightly stained; 77 degrees. Black bass are fair. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. Redfish are fair on live

baits. White bass and striped bass are fair on live baits. Catfish are fair on live baits.

OAK CREEK: Water lightly stained; 79 degrees; 1.17' low. Black bass are fair. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair on live baits.

O.H. IVIE: Water lightly stained; 79 degrees; 11.21' low. Black bass are fair on topwater lures, shad-colored spinnerbaits, and white soft jerkbaits worked along tree lines. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass are good on live baits and crankbaits. Smallmouth bass are good on live baits and shad-colored crankbaits along points. Channel catfish are good on live baits.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water stained 84 degrees; 1.32' low. Black bass are slow on watermelon Senkos and deep-running shad-colored crankbaits along points and rock ledges in the south end

of the reservoir. Crappie are poor on small jigs worked along deep wood structures in the Caddo Creek area. White bass are good on silver crankbaits and small white jigs in the mid-lake area early in the day and at night. Catfish are good on cut baits and liver along the river channel in the Rock Creek area.

SPENCE: Water lightly stained; 78 degrees; 50.65' low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass are slow. Striped bass and hybrid stripers are slow. Catfish are slow.

STAMFORD: Water lightly stained; 75 degrees; 1.77' low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White and striped bass are fair on live baits. Catfish are fair on live and prepared baits.

SWEETWATER: Water lightly stained; 80 degrees; 1.24' low. Black bass are slow on live baits. Crappie are slow on live baits and jigs. White bass are slow. Catfish are slow on live baits.

happened."

Pinch-hitter Ramon Vazquez drew a walk to start the ninth before Ian Kinsler, the AL's top hitter, struck out. Frank Catalanotto grounded out, moving Vazquez to second before Young, who like Kinsler is going to the All-Star game as a reserve infielder, singled to get Texas within 4-3. After Young stole second, Hamilton hit a curveball over the wall.

"I put myself in that situation. I couldn't locate my pitches early in the inning," Rodriguez said. "I didn't make pitches early in the count. I think I fell behind every single one of them. If you do that, you're going to get hurt."

Jamey Wright (5-3), the

fourth Texas pitcher used during a makeshift night on the mound, worked two scoreless innings.

Los Angeles went ahead 4-2 in the seventh when Juan Rivera quickly atoned for his defensive miscue with a tiebreaking two-run homer.

Rivera's 415-foot blast to left-center off Frank Francisco, who had already walked Torii Hunter, came a half inning after Rivera made an error that led to Texas tying the game.

Marlon Byrd led off the sixth with a single to left, but Rivera let the ball get under his glove and roll to the wall. The two-base error allowed Byrd to get to third and he scored on a sacrifice fly by Jarrod

Saltalamacchia to make it 2-2. Saltalamacchia reached base because right fielder Vladimir Guerrero dropped the ball for his first error this season.

Rivera, who had only seven RBIs and was hitting .188 in his 33 games before Wednesday, drove in Los Angeles' first run with a sacrifice fly in the second off Warner Madrigal, the converted outfielder from the Angels organization who made a surprise start.

Kinsler extended his hitting streak to 21 games with a leadoff single in the first. But he struck out three times after that.

Saltalamacchia drove in both Texas runs, including an RBI single in the fourth that got the Rangers

within 2-1.

Madrigal, who spent his first seven professional seasons in the Angels organization, started for Vicente Padilla, who was put on the disabled list because of neck stiffness. The Rangers had planned to call up a Double-A pitcher for his major league debut, but opted instead to get through the game with relievers already on the roster.

Madrigal gave up four singles against 11 batters, but allowed one run over three innings in his first professional start. The stocky right-hander hit .272 with 34 homers in 301 games a minor league outfielder before making the switch to the mound mid-way through 2006.

PETTY

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The sport hasn't been the same since.

"I've survived these years I guess more than anything else," says Petty, recalling the 50th anniversary of his debut. "I've been there ever since NASCAR started basically, and I just come along at the right time to grow up with NASCAR."

Petty spent the better part of his childhood around race cars. He built engines, painted bodies and worked in the pits long before he was old enough to legally drive. When he did reach NASCAR's age limit, he asked his father, three-time NASCAR champion Lee Petty, for a chance.

Lee Petty pointed to an old car off in a corner and told him to cut the top off it and use it in a convertible series race at Columbia.

Richard Petty jumped at the opportunity. No one knew it was the start of something special.

"I just think I was a lucky son of a gun to be born at the right place at the right time under the right circumstances with a little bit of talent and a lot of talented people around me to put me in a position to be where I'm at today," Petty says.

Six days after his debut, Petty made his first Grand National (now the Sprint Cup Series) start in Toronto. He finished 17th in a race his father won.

He needed less than two years to get his first Grand National victory, but then they started piling up in a hurry. Petty finished second in the points in just his third season and was runner-up two more times before netting his first title in 1964.

"When I won my very first race, I said nothing will ever be this big," Petty says. "But then you get fortunate enough to win more and more, and over a period of time, it gets diluted. So no matter how happy you are one day in, three or four weeks, you've done forgot about that and you're on another kick."

Petty finished outside the top five in points just four times between 1960 and 1983, an amazing run that made him the sport's biggest icon.

But looking back now, there isn't one moment

that stands out.

"When I sit around and talk about it or listen to people or whatever, the ones that got away are the ones that you really worry about and you say, 'We should have done better in this race or that race,'" Petty says. "So those are probably in your mind more than the ones that you won."

Petty's last championship came in 1979. His last victory, fittingly enough, came at Daytona in July 1984.

He retired in 1992 and has since dedicated his time to rebuilding NASCAR's most storied race team, Petty Enterprises.

It hasn't been easy. The organization has been stuck in neutral for close to two decades, falling far behind the success it achieved when The King was driving. The team's last victory came with John Andretti in 1999, and it now has sponsorship problems.

But there are signs of a

turnaround.

The organization signed driver Bobby Labonte to a long-term deal, relocated its longtime race shop closer to the NASCAR hub and formed its first dedicated test team. And maybe most significantly, Petty gave up control last month when he sold majority ownership of the famed company to Boston Ventures, a private equity firm.

"It's a new venue for them and a new venue for

us," Petty says. "So we have to get our arms around who does what, how do we get our sponsorships in, how do we get our sponsors all lined up, and how do we get the crews all lined up. I don't see us having a major impact on anything outside right now, as far as seeing the car doing better or any of that kind of stuff."

"I think it's kind of a deal where we have to sort of sit back and look and

say, 'OK, what do we need now to go forward?'"

And get The King back to his winning ways, a journey that started 50 years ago on a small track outside Columbia.

"I came along with a bunch of other guys that helped build the sport," Petty says. "It was sort of like when they ran the very first race. It was like planting a seed and then the tree started growing. I grew with it a little bit and then the branches go out."

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State Briefs

Condemned man faces execution

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Condemned inmate Calrton Turner's hopes to avoid the Texas death chamber for a second time for killing his parents a decade ago rested again with the U.S. Supreme Court.

Turner, whose lethal injection was set for Thursday evening, has acknowledged fatally shooting his adoptive parents at their suburban Dallas home 10 years ago.

The Supreme Court in September stopped his then scheduled execution some four hours after he could have been put to death. The reprieve came following the justices' decision to review whether lethal injection procedures were unconstitutionally cruel. When the court upheld the method in April, lifting a de facto moratorium on capital punishment in the nation, Turner's execution was rescheduled for this week.

"The only thing that matters is I did what I did," Turner, who turned 29 last week, told The Associated Press from death row. "This is the byproduct of something stupid that I did."

His execution would be the second in the nation's most active death penalty state since punishments resumed. At least another dozen are scheduled over the next several months in Texas, including two this month.

Turner admitted killing his father, Carlton Turner Sr., 43, and mother, Tonya, 40, by shooting each of them several times in the head at the family home in Irving in August 1998.

Turner, who was adopted as an infant, said he shot his father in self-defense after repeated instances of abuse.

Daughter of father killed 23 years ago 'ecstatic' about arrest of man's widow

HOUSTON (AP) — Almost 23 years after Roy McCaleb was killed, his daughter, Pam Nalley, said she's ecstatic that an arrest has finally been made in the case, according to a published report.

Houston police arrested McCaleb's widow, Carolyn Sue Krizan-Wilson, 66, on Tuesday. Police this week said she killed her husband nearly 23 years ago, while brushing aside her claim that a barefoot intruder committed the murder and also raped her.

Court documents indicate she was charged with murder in the 1985 killing.

Every year for the past 23, Nalley has checked on the case. Her efforts paid off a few months ago when Sgt. Mike Peters agreed to take a look at the cold case, after Nalley's urging.

Peters dusted off the files on McCaleb's death a few months ago. As part of his investigation, Peters reinterviewed witnesses and took some of the physical evidence out of storage and sent it to a crime lab.

"I wouldn't say there was any great new evidence," he said. "No great big prize at the end of the rainbow," Peters said in a story the Houston Chronicle reported Thursday in its online edition.

In a jailhouse interview Wednesday, Krizan-Wilson insisted what she said happened was true and said she never would have hurt her husband.

Fort Worth police raid pirating operation

FORT WORTH (AP) — One hundred thirteen burners capable of copying one disc per minute were confiscated in the largest such pirating operation police have found in the Fort Worth area, officials said.

Narcotics officers who initially went to a south Fort Worth house expecting to find drugs Tuesday afternoon ended up spending hours lugging out boxes of equipment used for the unauthorized copying of CDs and DVDs.

Officers seized about 3,800 blank CDs and 7,000 blank DVDs, a pistol and about \$5,000 in cash, said police Lt. Robert Rangel of the narcotics division.

"With over 100 (burners) going all night, you can crank out quite a bit of counterfeit product both in CDs and DVDs," Gil Torrez, an investigator with the Recording Industry Association of America who was at the scene, said in a story Thursday in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram's online edition.

Officers usually seize fewer than 10 burners during a bust, Torrez said.

RIAA statistics indicate that the profit margin for unauthorized copying can be as high as 900 percent. Torrez said counterfeiters can convert 25 cents worth of raw material into a product they can sell for \$5 to \$10 on the street.

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CISD

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finalists, Mitchell said.

"That many applications was just outstanding," Mitchell said. "That's a good number of applicants

for a school district this size."

Despite the tentative timetable, there is no firm schedule for naming a new superintendent, Mitchell said.

"If they like any of the six candidates they interview this week, they'll likely

call one or two of them back for a second round of interviews next week," he said. "Tuesday is the earliest date they would pick somebody."

State law mandates that once a district names a new superintendent, it must wait 21 days before

officially hiring a replacement. In that case, it will be the first week in August at the earliest before a replacement for Johnson becomes official, Mitchell said.

Johnson, formerly superintendent at Somerville ISD, was hired by

Coahoma school trustees in April 2005 after a three-month search, replacing Dr. Bill Kingston. Among Johnson's accomplishments at Coahoma was the successful campaign to get \$13 million in construction and renovation projects approved by voters in

2006.

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RAMSEY

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Investigators hoping to solve the nearly 12-year-old crime will have to locate a match in a growing national DNA database that currently has more than 5 million offenders' profiles.

How long it might take depends on whether the killer has any major brushes with the law that would make him subject to a mandatory DNA test.

"If this person has no criminal record and has never been DNA-typed in another case, this murderer is going to be on our streets," said Larry Pozner, a Denver attorney and a past president of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

The evidence against an unknown "third party" came Wednesday when prosecutors announced that new tests pointed to a mystery attacker and cleared JonBenet's parents and her older brother Burke.

It was a vindication for the Ramsey family, but the girl's mother, Patsy, had not lived long enough to see it. She died of cancer in 2006.

John Ramsey found his daughter's strangled and bludgeoned body in the basement of the family's home in Boulder on Dec. 26, 1996. Patsy Ramsey said she found a ransom note demanding \$118,000 for her daughter.

For years after the slaying, tabloids and crime shows went after the couple, and then-District Attorney Alex Hunter said in 1997 that the parents were under an "umbrella of suspicion." News reports also cast suspicion on JonBenet's brother, who was 9 when his sister was killed.

"It has been too many years for this family to have suffered the injustice of being falsely accused of a crime they did not commit," said L. Lin Wood, lawyer for Patsy's husband, John.

Early in the investigation, police found male DNA in a drop of blood on JonBenet's underwear and determined it was not from anyone in her family. Investigators were unable to say who it came from and whether that person was the killer.

In 2003, the Ramseys got a major boost when a federal judge handling a defamation lawsuit involving the couple said the evidence was more consistent with the theory that an intruder

killed JonBenet.

Three years later, only months after Patsy Ramsey died, the case seemed to veer into absurdity when John Mark Karr, an American teacher in Thailand, offered a bizarre confession to the slaying.

He was whisked from to Colorado but was released after prosecutors concluded he couldn't have killed her, and once again there was no prime suspect.

Then, late last year, prosecutors turned over long underwear JonBenet was wearing to the Bode Technology Group near Washington, which looked for "touch DNA," or skin cells left behind where someone has touched something. The lab has only been using this technology for about three years.

The laboratory found previously undiscovered genetic material on the sides of the girl's long underwear, where an attack-

er would have grasped the clothing to pull it down, authorities said. The DNA matched the genetic material found earlier.

District Attorney Mary Lacy said the presence of the same male DNA in three places on the girl's clothing convinced investigators it belonged to JonBenet's killer and had not been left accidentally by an innocent party.

"It is therefore the position of the Boulder District Attorney's Office that this profile belongs to the perpetrator of the homicide," she said in a statement Wednesday. In a letter to the Ramseys, she said the DNA evidence "has vindicated your family."

Now investigators have DNA, if not a name.

Colorado Bureau of Investigation spokesman Lance Clem said Colorado's own database has 86,662 DNA profiles, all of which are entered in the national da-

tabase.

The Colorado profiles include sex offenders dating back at least 20 years, plus any felon from the past three years in the Department of Corrections system, Clem said.

While Colorado's DNA database is updated continuously, the national database is updated several times a week, Clem said. The numbers are still small compared to the more than 55 million entries in the FBI's fingerprint database.

"I think it's simply a mat-

ter now of waiting for that day when they get a hit on the DNA and the person who brutally murdered this child is brought to justice," Wood said.

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By Eddy Pitchford

A lot of publicity is given to celebrities, who file for divorce. In view of such media attention, consider the words of Jesus, "And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for fornication, and marries another, commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced commits adultery." (Matthew 19:9).

One highly publicized divorce emphasized the emotional detachment of husband to wife and children. Thankfully, Jesus is not separated from His bride, the church. He nourishes and cherishes her. (Ephesians 5:29) Remembering the faithfulness of Jesus is the best means of avoiding both spiritual and physical adultery.

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OTHER VIEWS

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irresponsibility?

Anyone who paid attention during the Democratic presidential primaries may have noticed that a phrase was never heard: Balance the federal budget.

Doing that was one of the most significant achievements of the last Democratic president, Bill Clinton, but neither Hillary Clinton nor Barack Obama showed any nostalgia for the brief period when the budget was printed in black ink instead of red.

Since winning the nomination, Obama reportedly has been moving toward the middle of the political spectrum. But on the budget, he still sounds left of center, with no interest in eliminating deficit spending.

So it was heartening to hear that at least John McCain is determined to restore fiscal discipline — and not in eight years, as he had previously suggested, but in four. On Monday, he released a plan that explains how he will manage the economy and says flatly, "John McCain will balance the budget by the end of his first term."

That won't be easy, since he intends to extend the Bush tax cuts, while adding some of his own. The Concord Coalition, a nonpartisan anti-deficit group, projects that with the Bush tax cuts made permanent, the 2013 deficit will be about \$600 billion. Closing that gap would take a fierce commitment to cutting or eliminating numerous federal programs, particularly in the nation's massive entitlement programs.

The McCain campaign says he's up to the challenge. The Arizona senator vows to "modernize, streamline, consolidate, reprioritize and, where needed, terminate individual programs." He proposes a one-year freeze on all discretionary spending except that for defense or veterans. He calls for reforming Social Security and Medicare, both big and both growing.

But promises like these are not hard to make. What is hard is spelling out which programs will be cut and how. On that count, McCain was a disappointment.

You can't very well reduce Social Security costs without trimming promised benefits. But that step would mean antagonizing millions of retirees. Propose to eliminate a federal agency, and you can count on mobilizing all the people who gain from its existence. Small wonder McCain prefers to talk about streamlining and reprioritizing instead of controversial individual changes.

Even the more specific promises are underwhelming. He says the savings from victory in Iraq and Afghanistan will go exclusively for deficit reduction. But he doesn't say when those will be realized or how much the savings will be.

The portion of discretionary spending he wants to freeze amounts to only about a fifth of all federal outlays — which means the other four-fifths would keep growing unchecked. "With the tax cuts, you're talking about hundreds of billions of dollars," says Robert Bixby, executive director of the Concord Coalition, "and you just can't get that from efficiency gains in a small part of the budget."

Obama's campaign on Monday scoffed at the McCain proposals. But Obama hasn't been talking boldly about the certain path to a balanced budget. He promises to cut taxes for most Americans ... and he has a full plate of spending initiatives.

The Tax Policy Center reported last month that Obama's tax plans would raise the federal debt by \$3.3 trillion and McCain's would raise the debt by \$4.5 trillion over the next decade. That's before you figure in the cost of borrowing for new spending programs.

In the end, McCain and Obama face a basic choice: Make unprecedented cuts in spending to match tax revenues, or let the government continue to live beyond its means. From the evidence so far in the campaign, the most plausible outlook is for continued fiscal irresponsibility no matter who wins.

CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Invaded by faceless, lawless curs

As a reporter, you write about crime all the time. Drug busts, people evading arrest and burglaries become an everyday occurrence, and as the years wear on, they take on something of an abstract feel, almost surreal.

That is, until you find yourself the victim of one of these crimes.

Having covered Tuesday's city council meeting, I headed over to my parents' house to pick up my 8-year-old daughter. We spoke for a little while — I don't get to spend nearly as much time visiting with them as I'd like — and exhausted from a 12-hour day of work, we drove home.

I keep an old Darth Vader Slurpy cup on my dresser, and at the end of each day I toss all the loose coins from my pockets in it. This time, when I tossed my change in, I heard a very strange sound. It was the sound of it hitting bottom in an empty cup.

Granted, my memory isn't what is used to be, but that cup was about half full the last time I put change in it. Not knowing what else to do, I asked my daughter to come into my room.

Needless to say, she said she didn't take it, and was quite convincing in her pleas of innocence. Bear in mind, however, she can be quite the actress.

As we were walking into the living room I asked her, "Do you really expect me to believe someone

broke into our home and all they took was the change in my cup?" I'm not sure, but I don't think I ever finished the sentence.

As I stood there in the living room, I realized my daughter's Nintendo Wii, which was situated on a shelf in the entertainment center, was gone. The console, both remotes, nunchucks, zappers, even the infra-red bar that sits on top of the television. All of it was gone.

We immediately began checking windows and doors, and what we found in the garage was chilling. The thief — or thieves, I'm keeping an open mind here — had busted open the garage door and made their way into our home. At that point, I raced through the house checking every nook and cranny to make sure they weren't still there. After all, why would someone go through the trouble of breaking into a home and just taking a game console?

The house secured once again, Hayley and I began searching the house for missing items. Guitar collection and equipment? Still there. Televisions? Still there. DVD players? Untouched. Hayley's MP3 player and glass piggy bank?

Missing in action.

Considering I was saving the change in Mr. Vader's cup to give to my daughter, the slow realization hit me that everything these yellow-bellied curs had stolen belonged to my little girl. All of it.

The officer from the Big Spring Police Department who arrived to take our report was extremely nice — Officers Simmons, I believe — and was very helpful with handling the details of the crime, not to mention making my daughter feel a little

more at ease.

I can honestly say I've never felt so angry and so helpless at the same time. Our home, our sanctuary, had been invaded by faceless, lawless people who couldn't care less the little girl holding on to me was crying her eyes out. They didn't care how much the Wii, a gift from me, meant to her, or that the MP3 player had been a gift from Santa. All they cared about was themselves.

As we got ready for bed, I caught her glancing around the house, a worried look in her eyes. I told her repeatedly she was safe and that I'd never let anything happen to her, but it did little to assuage her fear. She knew a stranger had walked through our home, our most sacred place, and it was a feeling we both have yet to shake.

We're working with the police, but we both know the chance of recovering what was taken is little to none. However, even if the Wii and MP3 player were returned, something tells me this episode is going to stay with my little girl for a very, very long time.

There's a part of me that knows events like this must be tempered with optimism and forgiveness, if for no one else's sake but my daughter's, but I have to admit it's hard not to lose at least a little faith in my fellow man when it's all said and done.

Maybe someday this memory will fade, and both of us will once again feel as safe in our home as we did Tuesday afternoon.

Maybe.

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Now free, where does Ingrid stand?

When I met her, about a month before she was kidnapped by leftist guerrillas in Colombia, Ingrid Betancourt struck me as an idealist bordering on naive. We were in New York, and she was going back to Colombia to run for president, but somehow, she felt she could negotiate with the guerrillas and persuade them to give up their terrorist ways.

As we spoke for nearly an hour on a Spanish-language talk radio show I hosted in the city, she convinced me that she is an equal-opportunity critic, blasting both the left- and right-wing extremists in her country.

In fact, she was most critical of corrupt politicians and made me feel she feared the right-wing paramilitary squads more than the leftist rebels.

Perhaps it was her tough stand against the right that made her feel immune to the atrocities of the left, but after she returned to Colombia and had a face-to-face meeting with guerrilla leaders, after she challenged them to stop their kidnappings, she became one of their victims.

Advised by the Colombian army not to go into an area controlled by the rebels, she daringly went anyway. And she spent the next six years and 140 days in captivity, until the Colombian army rescued her and 14 other hostages last week.

So how does she feel about the Colombian army now? When she was running for president against Colombia's current president, Alvaro Uribe, she was opposed to Uribe's platform. Uribe said he would deal with the terrorists with a strong hand. Now that Uribe's approach has proved to be extremely successful, now that right-wing squads have disbanded and leftist rebels

are on the run, now that Uribe is hailed by most Colombians as the best president they ever have had, the world is waiting to know how its most famous hostage would answer a few questions:

— Was the policy that saved her the wrong policy? Her dramatic rescue was the result of a series of Uribe government victories over the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC), which has Latin America's longest-lasting and bloodiest guerrilla army rapidly disintegrating. Would she still support a policy of dialogue and only dialogue with her former abductors?

— How does she feel about Uribe now? During her captivity, members of her family, especially her mother, were extremely critical of the Uribe government. They stood firmly against any kind of military rescue attempt to free FARC hostages. Instead, they often encouraged the government to succumb to ridiculous guerrilla demands to free the hostages through negotiations. After the dramatic rescue of Betancourt and 14 other hostages, do they still feel that way? And where does Betancourt stand after she witnessed a military operation that she later described as "perfect"?

— Would she encourage negotiations with the rebels by using FARC allies, such as Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez and Ecuadorian President Rafael Correa, as mediators? Can she trust them?

— Would she support Uribe's re-election? Thousands of signatures have been raised by Colombians who want him to seek an unprecedented third term as president. But even if Uribe chose not to seek re-election, would she support an Uribe disciple, say another hardliner, such as Colombian Defense Minister Juan Manuel Santos, the man who oversaw her rescue?

— What's in the future? Will she write a book or a play, lead a movement to free the hundreds of FARC hostages who still remain

in captivity, run for president, or all of the above? When she ran for president in 2002 as a candidate of her own miniscule Green Oxygen Party, she had as much chance of getting elected as Ralph Nader does in the United States. But now she is certainly much more popular than when she was abducted. Does she still want to be a "peace-and-love" candidate for president? Does she want to turn the other cheek?

— What would be her platform? Has she learned that her captors — who used her only as merchandise and kept her as ranchers keep cattle — are not people who should be given access to power in a civilized society? Or would she make huge concessions to the nearly defeated terrorists?

— Can you really negotiate with drug-trafficking terrorists who believe in totalitarian socialism?

If I had Betancourt on the radio again, those are just some of the questions I would ask her.

Does she still believe what she told me in 2002? "If we are not afraid of death, imprisonment or anything else that can block our progress," she said, "we are finally going to achieve our dream, which is to have the country we deserve, a new Colombia."

Do you get what you want simply by wishing for it? Has Ingrid Betancourt learned her lesson? We still don't know. But we are getting some indications.

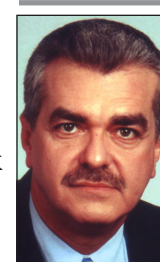
On a French radio station Monday, she urged Uribe to tone down his "radical, extremist language of hate" toward the rebels. Within a week of her rescue, she is beginning to show that her idealistic banner, which borders on naive, has not changed.

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Nation/World Briefs

Rice warns Iran that U.S. will do what's necessary to defend Israel after missile test

TBILISI, Georgia (AP) — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice warned Iran on Thursday that the United States will not back down in the face of Iranian threats against Israel.

Iranian officials have strongly suggested the country's missile test on Wednesday was itself a warning to Israel not to attack Iran's nuclear facilities. Israel has left that option open.

"We are sending a message to Iran that we will defend American interests and the interests of our allies," Rice said at the close of a three-day Eastern European trip.

Rice noted U.S. efforts to increase its own security presence in the Persian Gulf and the defense capabilities of U.S. allies there.

"We take very very strongly our obligations to help our allies defend themselves and no one should be confused about that," she said.

Jalapeno peppers added to tomato warnings as the confusing salmonella outbreak grows

WASHINGTON (AP) — Think of your favorite recipe for salsa. Three common ingredients now are suspects in the salmonella poisonings that have become the nation's largest foodborne outbreak in at least a decade.

And therein lies the frustration. Seven weeks into their investigation, federal health officials aren't shortening the list of potential culprits but adding to it. Now jalapeno pepper producers are being probed alongside tomato distributors, and even fresh cilantro is under suspicion too.

It's quite a departure from the 2006 E. coli outbreak in spinach, a mystery solved in about two weeks.

"We really, really got spoiled, if you will, with the spinach outbreak," Dr. Robert Tauxe, food safety chief at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, told The Associated Press.

There aren't as many spinach lovers as tomato lovers, and the spinach consumers remembered eating came in bags, often still left in their refrigerators, bearing bar codes that were as good a clue as a fingerprint in helping investigators race to the very field that had been contaminated.

Flames force California residents to flee homes again ahead of wind-whipped wildfire

OROVILLE, Calif. (AP) — For Clay and Nancy Henphill, running from raging wildfires has become nearly routine.

For the second time in just over two weeks, they were forced to evacuate their home after fire officials ordered 10,000 people in the Sierra Nevada foothills to flee ahead of a wind-whipped blaze, one of about 40 lightning-sparked wildfires that have charred more than 76 square miles in Butte County.

The Henphills awoke to blaring sirens around 1 a.m. Tuesday and were told to leave immediately. Only a week earlier, they had returned to their home in Concow, a rural community about 90 miles north of Sacramento, after spending a week at a shelter.

"They were running sirens all down through there. We started tossing a few things in the car. A fireman said, 'Get out of here quick,'" Clay Henphill, 59, said Wednesday. "We all came out in a long line of cars, with fire trucks going in as we were going out."

The couple grabbed clothes, medicine, camping gear and the family dog and jumped in their car. They spent Tuesday night in a tent outside an emergency shelter in Oroville.

Despite progress on U.S.-India nuclear deal, it may be too late for US lawmakers to act

WASHINGTON (AP) — Even with India's last-minute revival of a languishing civil nuclear accord with the United States, it may be too late for time-pressed U.S. lawmakers to ratify what has been one of President Bush's top foreign policy initiatives.

The Bush administration hopes the agreement will form the cornerstone of a closer relationship with a democratic, economically vibrant country that borders nuclear-armed China.

After months of deadlock, India is confident it now has the political support at home for the deal. But it could be weeks, or even months, before the accord is taken up by crucial international organizations and, if approved, is then sent to Congress for final approval.

By then, lawmakers probably would have only a handful of days left in their legislative calendar. The lack of time even has supporters skeptical about the immediate future of the deal, which would allow shipments of atomic fuel and technology to India.

"There's not that many days left to do this, assuming they act yesterday," Democratic Rep. Gary Ackerman, chairman of the House Foreign Affairs subcommittee on

South Asia and the self-described "lead cheerleader" for the deal, said in an interview. "It's not impossible but highly unlikely that they've done this thing in time."

Rev. Jesse Jackson apologizes for crude comments about Obama caught on mic

CHICAGO (AP) — Barack Obama's campaign tried yet again to contain a political storm kicked up by a vocal Chicago supporter as the Rev. Jesse Jackson apologized for crude comments picked up by a live microphone about the Democratic presidential candidate.

Unaware that his microphone was on during a break for a Fox News program last Sunday, Jackson used a slang reference to wanting to cut off Obama's testicles. When he learned Wednesday that the Fox News program "The O'Reilly Factor" would air his comments that night, Jackson apologized for "hurtful and wrong" remarks.

Jackson said at a news conference Wednesday that he had said Obama's speeches can come off as speaking down to black people and that there were other important issues to be addressed in the community, such as unemployment, the mortgage crisis and the number of blacks in prison.

He said he was not aware the microphone was still on.

Jackson declined to repeat the comments, but said he decided to apologize publicly after hearing from Fox News that it would air them.

The comments are not the first the elder Jackson has had to explain after believing he was off the record.

In 1984, he called New York City "Hymietown," referring to the city's large Jewish population. He later acknowledged it was wrong to use the term, but he said he did so in private to a reporter.

AMA to issue apology for racist actions that barred black doctors

CHICAGO (AP) — The American Medical Association is issuing a formal apology for more than a century of discriminatory policies that excluded blacks from participating in a group long considered the voice of U.S. doctors.

The apology stems from initiatives at the nation's largest doctors' group to reduce racial disparities in medicine — from the paltry number of black physicians to the disproportionate burden of disease among blacks and other minorities.

It comes more than 40 years after AMA delegates denounced policies at state and local medical societies dating to the 1800s that barred blacks. For decades, AMA delegates resisted efforts to get them to speak out forcefully against discrimination or to condemn the smaller medical groups that historically have had a big role in shaping AMA policy.

The apology being issued Thursday might seem belated, but it isn't the AMA's first for its discriminatory history. Dr. John Nelson, then AMA's president, offered a similar apology at a 2005 meeting on improving health care and eliminating disparities, sponsored by the government's Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.

That came a year after the AMA joined the National Medical Association, a black doctors' group, and other minority doctors' groups in forming the Commission to End Health Care Disparities.

Foreclosure filings continue to rise as U.S. housing crisis drags on

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of homeowners stung by the rout in the U.S. housing market jumped last month as foreclosure filings grew by more than 50 percent compared with June a year ago, according to data released Thursday.

Nationwide, 252,363 homes received at least one foreclosure-related notice in June, up 53 percent from the same month last year, but down 3 percent from May, RealtyTrac Inc. said. One in every 501 U.S. households received a foreclosure filing last month.



AP photo/Russel A. Daniels

The Rev. Jesse Jackson speaks during a news conference in Chicago. Jackson apologized Wednesday for comments he made about Barack Obama's speeches in black churches during what he thought was a private conversation with a reporter.

Foreclosure filings increased from a year earlier in all but 11 states. Nevada, California, Arizona, Florida and Michigan continued to have the highest foreclosure rates.

Irvine, Calif.-based RealtyTrac monitors default notices, auction sale notices and bank repossessions. More than 71,000 properties were repossessed by lenders nationwide in June, the company said.

More kids caught in Mexico drug-war crossfire

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico (AP) — Twelve-year-old Alexia Belen Moreno was afraid living in her father's house in Ciudad Juarez, where drug cartels are fighting a bloody war. She begged to move in with her mother just across the border in El Paso, Texas. Her parents agreed — but asked her to stay a few more weeks to finish school.

Three days later, Alexia was shot in the head blocks from her home in broad daylight. Authorities believe she was caught in the crossfire when gunmen killed two men riding with her in a car.

Alexia's death is part of an alarming trend of children dying in Mexico's drug wars.

Mexican officials say they don't track the number of child deaths from drug-gang violence. But newspaper tallies find nearly 50 kids have been killed this year — and a code of ethics in which hit men took care to avoid harming children appears to be evaporating.

Prosecutors to seek indictments

HOUSTON (AP) — Prosecutors intend to present to a federal grand jury for possible indictments the immigration charges facing four people at a rag factory, officials said.

U.S. Magistrate Frances Stacy ruled on Wednesday, after five hours of testimony, there was evidence to support federal conspiracy charges that Mabarik Kahlon, 45, owner of Action Rags USA, and three managers knew undocumented workers were hired and they had presented false work documents.

More than 160 suspected illegal immigrants working in Action Rags USA, a hot, cluttered factory in north Houston, were detained on June 25, one of the largest immigration raids in there in nearly two years.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

A Tall Tale

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♥ 8 4
♦ J 2
♣ 10 5 3

SOUTH
♠ Q J 10
♥ Q 10 9 7
♦ 6 4 3
♣ Q J 9

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

Opening lead — nine of spades.
Dear Mr. Becker: I have been a reader of your column for many years and have followed with interest your recounting of the exploits of some of the most prominent players in the world.

However, though I've never won a national championship, or, for that matter, any other kind of championship, I hereby stake my claim to at least equal recognition as one of the

world's foremost players.

The only catch is that all my marvelous bids and plays take place while I'm asleep, and I must confess that there is an enormous difference between the way I play when I'm awake and the way I play when I'm asleep. In case you don't believe me, just ask my partners how I play when I'm not in the land of Nod.

Here is a typical example of my prowess. I played the hand just last night — while asleep, of course. I was West and led the nine of spades. My wife, Sapphira, won the trick with the king and continued with the ace and another spade.

I'm sure everybody would think that South must now make the contract, since his only losers, as the cards lie, appear to be two diamond tricks. But, as I stated earlier, these players are totally unaware of the brilliance of my play when I am in the arms of Morpheus.

On Sapphira's ace of spades I discarded the king of diamonds, and on the third round of spades I discarded the ace of diamonds! As a result of these two plays, there was nothing South could do to avoid going down two.

Cordially yours, Ford E. Winx.

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When I brought it home and pulled into the driveway, my wife was outside watering her garden.

"Oh, I see you have a Ford Five Hundred this week," she said, taking a quick glance at the vehicle before going about her daily watering routine. "It's not a Five Hundred," I corrected her. "It's a Mercury Sable."

She looked up from her bed of flowers and took another quick glance.

"What's the difference?" she asked. "It looks like a Five Hundred."

Knowing how animated I can become when talking about cars — and how much my wife despises any debate that involves cars — I counted to 10 while carefully selecting my words.

"Well," I said, wanting to start off on a high note. "You are very observant to note the similarities between the two models. After all, they do share the same platform and are built side-by-side at Ford's Chicago assembly plant."

"So I was right, it is a Five Hundred," she said, turning her attention back to the plants.

"No, it's not," I said, again carefully selecting my words before they jump out of my mouth — which is a more difficult task than it seems. "It's a Mercury. It's a different car."



My wife reached over to turn off the water and placed the garden hose on the ground.

"How is it different?" she asked. "It's roomy, safe and I'm sure, handles

very well."

It was the opening I had hoped for.

I took her hand and walked her around the car pointing out the exterior styling differences — including the new features on the '08 model. I showed her the Mercury signature satin aluminum waterfall grille and the detailed jeweled projector beam headlights. I pointed out the chrome surrounds for the fog lamps and the satin aluminum caps on the mirrors.

I opened the door and invited her to take a seat inside the cabin.

"The Mercury design team is one of the best in



The 2008 Mercury Sable sedan.

the business," I pointed out.

"Notice the detail in all of the appointments. From the woodgrain accents to the stitching in the seats — everything about the interior suggests that it is an upscale, premium vehicle," I said, showing her the two-tone leather seats.

"It is nice," she said, while taking a detailed look around the cabin and running her hand over the dashboard.

Finally, I thought I had proved my point.

"So what you're telling me is this is a really nice Five Hundred?" she said.

At that point, I just shook my head and offered to show her the new features on Sync, the hands-free communications and entertainment program available only on Ford products.

"Did you know that if someone sends you a text message on your cell phone while your driving, Sync will read it for you?" I asked.

She didn't believe me, so I had her send me a text message. I pushed the Sync button on the steering wheel.

"Read text message," I

said into the speaker, and we listened to the message.

"Sync even has several pre-set responses I can select from to send a reply — without ever having to take my eyes off the road," as I demonstrated the system. She was impressed.

For those in the market for a full-size sedan with premium styling and five-star safety, the Mercury Sable should be on the test drive list.

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THE NUTS AND BOLTS

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MODEL:
2008 Mercury Sable
5-seat full-size sedan
Front; all-wheel drive
Trim packages:

Base, Premier
PRICE RANGE:
\$24,000-\$32,000
ENGINE:
3.5-L V-6 (263 hp/249 torque)
TRANSMISSION:
6-speed automatic
EPA: 17/18 mpg city, 24/28 mpg highway (FWD/AWD)
FUEL: Regular unleaded
SUSPENSION: Macpherson strut and rear facing L-shaped lower control arm with isolated subframe and stabilizer bar (front); independent suspension coil over shock and hydroformed lower control arm (rear).
BRAKES: ABS with traction



control. AdvanceTrac optional.
LENGTH: 202.1 inches
WHEELBASE: 112.9 inches
WIDTH: 74.5 inches
HEIGHT: 61.5 inches
WEIGHT: 3,741-3,930 lbs.
TRACK: 64.3/64.4 (front/rear)
FUEL TANK: 20 gallons
TIRES: 17-, or 18-inch
SAFETY: IIHS "Top Safety Pick;" NHTSA five-star rating in all crash test categories; dual-stage driver and front passenger airbags, seat-deployed front seat side airbags, Safety Canopy side curtain airbags for both seating rows, et. Al.

Scooters: Miles on the very cheap

By DANIEL PATRICK SHEEHAN
The Morning Call

ALLENTOWN, Pa. — As surely as gas prices rise, on-the-go Americans will find ways to stay mobile.

Hence, scooters. Ubiquitous in Europe for decades, the little motorbikes are selling madly stateside, with sales up 24 percent over last year. Prices range from \$800 for no-name imports to \$8,000 for the best-known brands, such as Vespa, but scooter fans say the machines pay for themselves before long.

"I filled it up with \$5 yesterday," said Dawud Hason, 48, standing beside the used scooter he bought from a friend last week so he could travel from his south Allentown, Pa., home to his center city barbershop without sucking the guts out of his household budget.

At some dealerships, scooters — capable of 60, 70 and even 100 miles per gallon — are selling at about the same pace gas stations change their price boards.

Well, maybe not that fast.

"I sold eight in the past two weeks," Walt Rupnik, manager of the Pep Boys in Whitehall, Pa., said a few weeks ago as gas prices began their final push



MCT photo/Kathleen X. Cook
Scooters are beaming more popular as gasoline tops \$4 a gallon.

to the \$4 threshold. "Once (gas) prices start going up, I start getting calls for scooters."

With the \$4 threshold already a footnote in gasoline history, nothing had changed. Rupnik on Wednesday sold a scooter before 10 a.m., this one to a cheerful retiree named Bill Lubrecht.

"The gas mileage is an added bonus," said Lubrecht, who paid \$1,100 for the Baja Motorsports scooter with its 125-cubic-centimeter engine and plans to use it "just for fun."

Scooters are distinguished from motorcycles by various design elements, such as engine and tank placement, and smaller tires, typically 16 inches or smaller. Small scooters can travel about 40 mph. The largest can reach 120

mph — not that you'd ever go that fast, of course.

Scooter sales were up 24 percent in the first quarter of 2008, according to the Motorcycle Industry Council, a trade group. Vespa USA, the American branch of the best-known scooter maker, said its sales in May were 105 percent higher than the same month last year.

Hason said he thought about buying a small car, but decided a scooter was a better bet.

"My wife has a Kia, one of the smallest cars out there, and she still has a problem with the gas prices," he said.

Tim Bruffey, who lives in Salisbury, Pa., and works at the Allentown, Pa., office of the state Department of Labor and Industry, paid \$3,200 for his scooter, which has a 200 cc engine.

"It won't take real long to pay for itself," said Bruffey, who was already gas-conscious. His car is a Mitsubishi Galant, which gets a respectable 25 miles per gallon.

"But between 25 and 80, it wasn't much of a choice," he said. "I think the American public has to come to grips with the fact that gas prices aren't coming back down."

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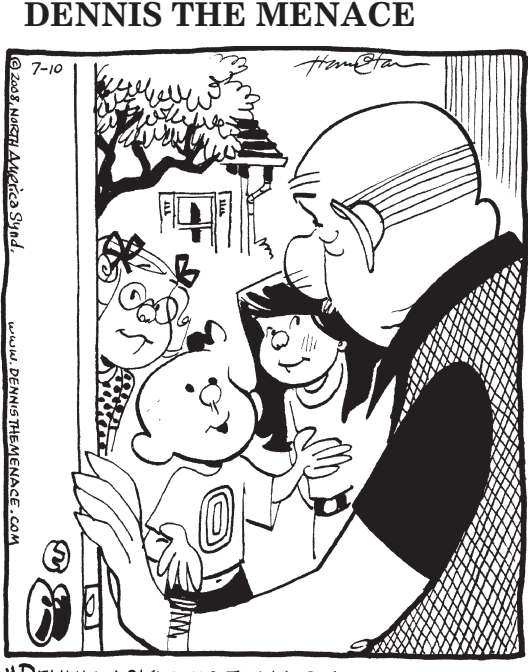
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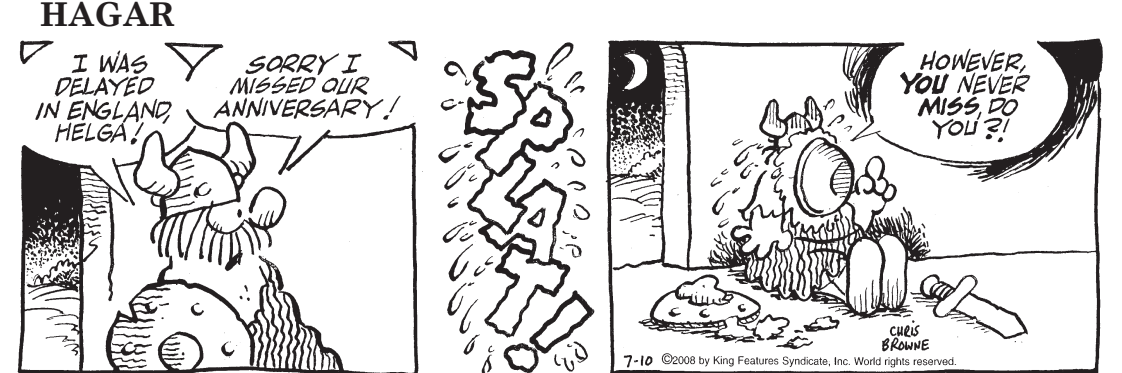
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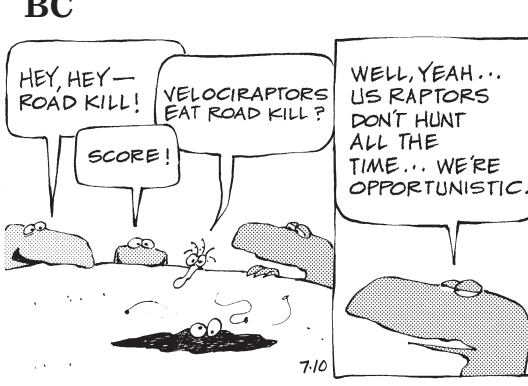
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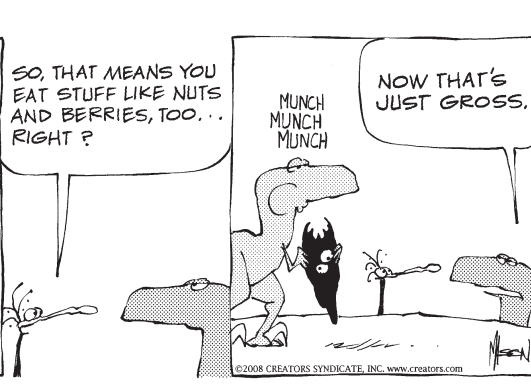
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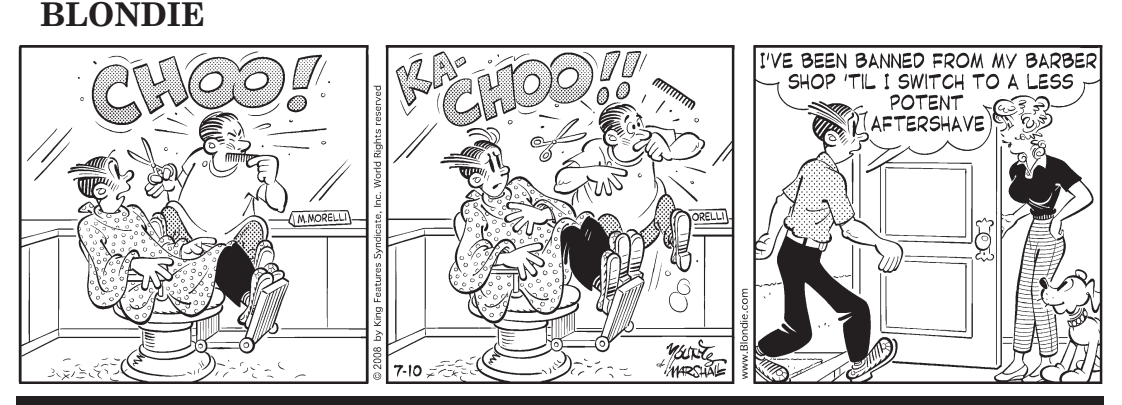
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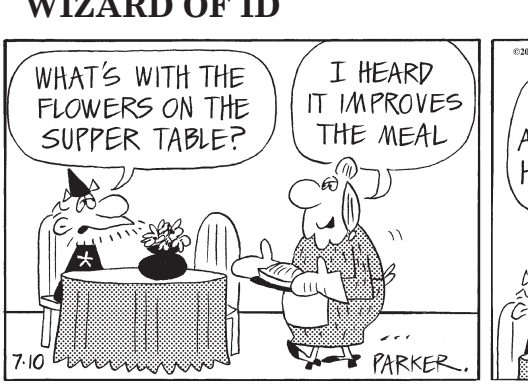
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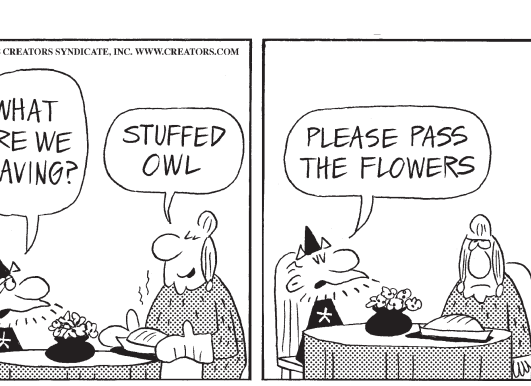
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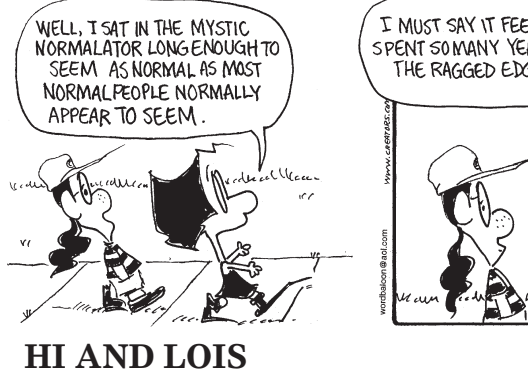
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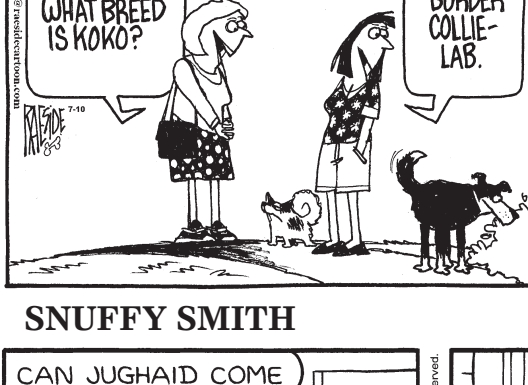
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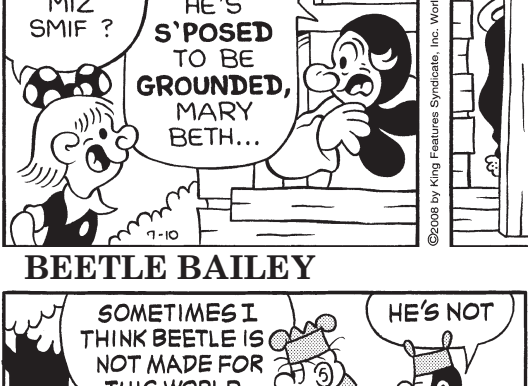
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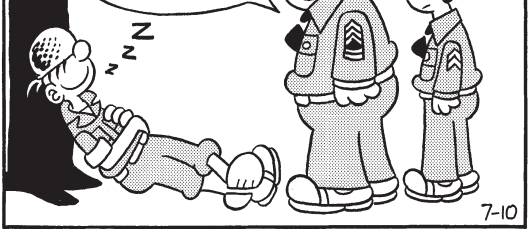
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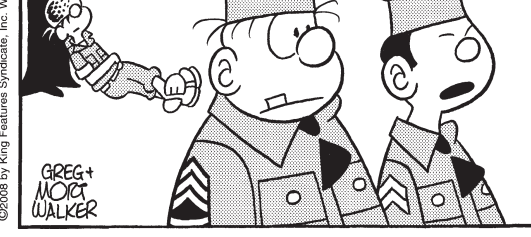
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, July 10, the 192nd day of 2008. There are 174 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On July 10, 1940, during World War II, the Battle of Britain began as Nazi forces began attacking southern England by air.

On this date:
In 1850, Vice President Millard Fillmore assumed the presidency, taking the oath of office following the death of President Zachary Taylor.
In 1890, Wyoming became the 44th state.
In 1908, William Jennings Bryan was nominated for president by the Democratic National Convention in Denver.
In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson personally delivered the Treaty of Versailles to the Senate, and urged its ratification.
In 1951, armistice talks aimed at ending the Korean War began at Kaesong.
In 1962, the Telstar communications satellite was launched from Cape Canaveral, Fla.

1973, the Bahamas became fully independent after three centuries of British colonial rule.
In 1978, ABC-TV launched its reformatting evening newscast, "World News Tonight," with anchors Frank Reynolds, Peter Jennings and Max Robinson.
In 1985, bowing to pressure from irate customers, the Coca-Cola Co. said it would resume selling old-formula Coke, while continuing to sell New Coke.
In 1991, Boris N. Yeltsin took the oath of office as the first elected president of the Russian republic.
One year ago: China executed the former head of its food and drug agency for approving untested medicine in exchange for cash. The American League defeated the National League 5-4 in the All-Star baseball game.

Today's Birthdays: Eunice Kennedy Shriver is 87. Former boxer Jake LaMotta is 87. Writer-producer Earl Hamner Jr. is 85. Former New York City Mayor David N. Dinkins is 81. Broadway composer Jerry Herman is 77. Director Ivan Passer is 75. Actor Lawrence Pressman is 69. Singer Mavis Staples is 69. Actor Mills Watson is 68. Actor Robert Pine is 67. Rock musician Jerry Miller (Moby Grape) is 65. Tennis player Virginia Wade is 63. Actor Ron Glass is 63. Actress Sue Lyon is 62. Folk singer Arlo Guthrie is 61. Rock musician Dave Smalley is 59. Country-folk singer-songwriter Cheryl Wheeler is 57. Rock singer Neil Tennant (Pet Shop Boys) is 54. Banjo player Bela Fleck is 50. Country musician Shaw Wilson (BR549) is 48. Country singer-songwriter Ken Mellons is 43. Rock musician Peter DiStefano (Porno for Pyros) is 43. Country singer Gary LeVox (Rascal Flatts) is 38. Actress Sofia Vergara is 36. Actor Adrian Grenier is 32. Actor Thomas Ian Nicholas is 28. Singer-actress Jessica Simpson is 28.

Thought for Today: "There are only two distinct classes of people on this earth: those who espouse enthusiasm and those who despise it." —Germaine de Stael, French author (1766-1817).
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Newsday Crossword

HOOFING IT by Doug Peterson
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ACROSS
 1 One-pot dinner
 5 Sharp-witted
 10 Did a number
 14 Kilauea flow
 15 Buzzy instrument
 16 L.A. Dodger, e.g.
 17 Rock Hudson film set in the Arctic
 20 Dayan of Israel
 21 Approx. figure
 22 Like arugula
 23 Frau's partner
 25 Musk feature
 27 Drive somebody up the wall
 31 Line of work
 34 Iolani Palace locale
 35 Azores' loc.
 36 Affectionate address
 38 Sporty trucks, briefly
 39 Confines, with "up"
 41 With 33 Down, Caesarean rebuke
 42 Scholastic do-over
 44 Source of nickel
 45 Encounter
 46 Trait transmitter
 47 Gymnastics apparatus
 50 Rex's detective
 51 Aspiring atty.'s hurdle
 52 Braga of film
 55 Egg cells
 57 Mortgage figures
 61 Detroit debut of 1958

DOWN
 1 Willow
 2 Munchie in Mexico
 3 Holiday lead-ins
 4 Laundry spot
 5 Pseudonymous letters
 6 Indulges
 7 Commando weapons
 8 Tastelessly overdone
 9 Years on end
 10 Scornful look

11 Actress Jessica
12 Soft-ball brand
13 Battleship color
18 First-time voter, perhaps
19 Currency of Poland
24 Fission device
26 Fairy-tale femmes
27 Cornucopia element
28 Gobbled up
29 Greek letter
30 Melancholy
31 Diamond star
32 them author
33 See 41 Across
37 Would-be rock stars' recordings

40 High-ranking holy men
43 Primitive projectile
48 Dough
49 Cause damage to
50 The Pink Panther actor
52 Dumbarton denizen
53 "It can't be!"
54 Clownfish of film
56 Singer Suzanne
58 Sight at a stand
59 Verve
60 Just the
62 Seagoing bird of rhyme
63 401(k) alternative

Answer to previous puzzle

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ERIE	IRENE	POSE
NINA	DIANE	ATMS
KETTLE	DRUMS	BAT
SLATED	LETO	
	LEIGH	DRAIN
PAGE	SLAM	ALLEY
AIR	SHADOW	EMU
SLICE	DELA	DROP
SLOTS	SENSE	
LOUTS	DISSES	
COW	PANAMERICAN	
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