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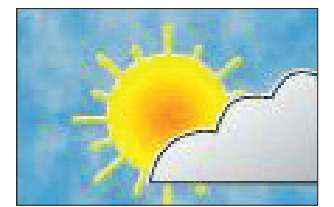
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Parsley leaving SMMC for Victoria system

Herald Staff Report

George Parsley has resigned his position as chief executive officer of Scenic Mountain Medical Center to accept a new position as chief operating officer at DeTar Health System in Victoria.
Parsley will begin his new position Aug. 3.
"I have genuinely enjoyed coming to know the dedicated hospital staff and physicians during my time here," said



Parsley

"Together, we have accomplished a great deal, and I know that even better things are in store for this hospital in the future. I leave here with the fondest memories of the people I worked with and the goals we achieved to create a successful healthcare organization."

Parsley is credited with making a number of contributions to SMMC

during his four-year tenure, including the recruitment of new physicians and addition of new services.
"Under George's leadership, and in conjunction with the entire SMMC team, our local hospital has focused its energy on exceeding the expectations of our patients, physicians, employees and volunteers and on strengthening the foundation of healthcare services in this community for the future," said Cheryl Sparks, ED.D, chair of the SMMC Board of Trustees. "We

wish George well in his new opportunity and look forward to welcoming the new leadership."
Tom Fewell has been appointed interim CEO, effective July 28. Fewell comes to SMMC from Helena Regional Medical Center in Helena, Ark. Fewell served as Helena Regional's CEO for the last two-and-a-half years and, prior to that, as CEO at Parkway Regional Hospital in Fulton, KY.
A search for a new CEO is underway, hospital officials said.



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Sharon Settles, a registered nurse with more than 20 years experience, is director of the Big Spring VA Medical Center's Women Veterans Health Program, which provides care and services for the growing number of female veterans of the U.S. armed forces.

Female veterans' health focus of VAMC program

18 percent of active duty forces are female

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer
With more women than ever serving in the armed forces, the Big Spring VA Medical Center has decided to make women's health care issues a full-time concern.
The hospital, along with other VA medical centers in the country, has significantly expanded medical services aimed at women's veterans.
Registered nurse Sharon Settles, formerly a clinical nurse at the facility, was named full-time director of the Women Veterans Health Program in October. Gearing a health care program strictly for women makes sense, she said.
"Eighteen percent of our active duty forces are female," Settles said. "The VA

"For years, when men left the service, they were told they'd have health care for the rest of their lives. Women veterans weren't told of those benefits. Now, we're saying, 'No, that's not the way things are. We have these programs and we will take care of you.'"

as it used to be was not ready ... to meet the needs of these women veterans, so we had to get in gear."
Settles is a Big Spring native who obtained her nursing degree from Howard College, then spent 16 years as an obstetrics nurse for Scenic Mountain Medical Center before joining the VA in 2001.
"Since I had 16 years of women's health care experience, they put me on as part-

time director of the program when I came over from Scenic Mountain," Settles said. "But I was a clinical nurse full time. If I had a lot of clinical patients, I wouldn't have time for the women's program."
That changed in 2008, when national VA officials decreed that all VA hospitals would increase their women's services and employ full-time

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Longtime rivals highlight BSHS football schedule

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor
The names have stayed the same. It's only the locations that have changed.
The Big Spring Steers football team is entering its second year under the tutelage of Head Coach Phillip Ritchey with the same 10 opponents from 2008 lining up across from them in the 2009 season.

Big Spring plays five non-district games against Snyder, Denison, Pampa, Andrews and Sweetwater, followed by five District 4-4A games with Frenship, Plainview, Abilene Cooper, San Angelo Lake View and Hereford. Last season, the Steers went 6-4 against those teams before winning two post-season games and advancing to the regional quarterfinals of the Class 4A playoffs. Everman eliminated the Steers from the postseason, but it was the furthest a Big Spring team had advanced in the playoffs since 2002.
The Steers have six home games in 2009 with four of their first five games taking place at Memorial Stadium.
After two scrimmages with Monahans (Aug. 15) in Big Spring and then in Lubbock against Lubbock High (Aug. 21), the Steers open the season at home

against longtime rival Snyder Aug. 28.
Two other longtime rivals — Andrews and Sweetwater — make up a part of Big Spring's non-district home schedule. The Steers face the two groups of Mustangs in back-to-back weeks.
Andrews visits Memorial Stadium first, serving as Big



Big Spring Steers Football Schedule

Varsity			
Date	Opponent	Site	Time
8-28	Snyder	Home	7:30
9-4	Denison	Home	7:30
9-11	Pampa	Away	7:30
9-18	Andrews-h	Home	7:30
9-27	Sweetwater	Home	7:30
10-2	Open		
10-9	Frenship*	Away	7:30
10-16	Plainview*	Home	7:30
10-23	Cooper*	Away	7:30
10-30	Lake View*	Home	7:30
11-6	Hereford*	Away	7:30

h-homecoming
*-district game

Spring's homecoming opponent Sept. 18. The following Friday, Sept. 25, Sweetwater
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Contador leads as 17th Tour stage begins

LE-GRAND-BORNAND, France (AP) — Tour de France leader Alberto Contador and second-place Astana teammate Lance Armstrong have started on the 17th stage of the race, which features five tough climbs.

The peloton is heading on a 105-mile ride from Bourg-Saint-Maurice to Le Grand-Bornand, the final stage in the Alps.

Armstrong's impressive run during the 16th stage allowed him to retain second place overall, 1:37 behind

Contador. Third-place Bradley Wiggins of Britain is 1:46 off the pace.

The Tour finishes on July 26 in Paris.

Armstrong, though, has already achieved a victory at this year's Tour.

Five days before the race ends on the Champs-Elysees, the Texan has without question proven he is still a potential Tour winner and has found a new sponsor for his team next year.

Following a difficult first Alpine stage last week, where he lost 1:35 to

Alberto Contador, Armstrong rose from his ashes Tuesday with an acceleration reminiscent of his heyday — when he won in seven consecutive years between 1999 and 2005 before deciding to retire.

The 37-year-old Armstrong, back in the saddle this year with the Kazakh-funded Astana team, was so happy with his aging legs' performance that he suggested he could still contend for

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Lee does it again

Slugger carries Astros over Cards

KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Carlos Lee couldn't remember how many runs the Houston Astros scored against the St. Louis Cardinals just minutes after Tuesday night's game.

Lee's grand slam was one of three homers that led the Astros to an 11-6 win over St. Louis.

The Astros led 5-1 before Lee's shot to the Crawford Boxes in left field in the second inning. It was his second grand slam of the season and his second straight day with a home run.

Geoff Blum followed Lee's home run with his own to right field to push Houston's lead to 10-1.

Hunter Pence added a two-run homer and Miguel Tejada drove in three runs to help the Astros beat the NL-Central leading Cardinals for the second straight night.

Astros starter Wandy Rodriguez (10-6) allowed four hits and one run in seven innings for his 10th win of the season, his most since going 10-10 in 2005.

Mark DeRosa had solo homers in the second and eighth innings and Ryan Ludwick added a three-run shot in the Cardinals five-run eighth.

DeRosa's first homer halted Rodriguez's scoreless streak at 18 innings. It was the first home run as a Cardinal for DeRosa, who was traded from Cleveland in June.

Michael Bourn singled in the third inning before stealing his NL-best 35th base of the season. He pushed Houston's lead to 3-1 when he scored on a single by Tejada.

Chris Coste, playing in place of injured Astro Lance Berkman, drove in a run in the fourth that made it 4-1. Berkman is expected to sit out until at least Friday.

Kaz Matsui was hit in the knee with a pitch while batting in the fifth inning and the game was stopped for several minutes while trainers and Cooper checked him out. He finished his at-bat and remained in the game until leaving before the eighth with a right knee contusion.

Hunter preys on Red Sox

Rangers get stellar pitching in 4-2 victory over Boston

STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON — Tommy Hunter was knocked around by Boston last season. This time, the Texas rookie right-hander helped knock the Red Sox out of first place.

Hunter allowed one run and four hits over six innings to beat All-Star Josh Beckett, who still threw his third complete game in six starts, in the Rangers' 4-2 victory.

"He kept his composure," Rangers second baseman Ian Kinsler said of Hunter. "He's matured so much since last year."

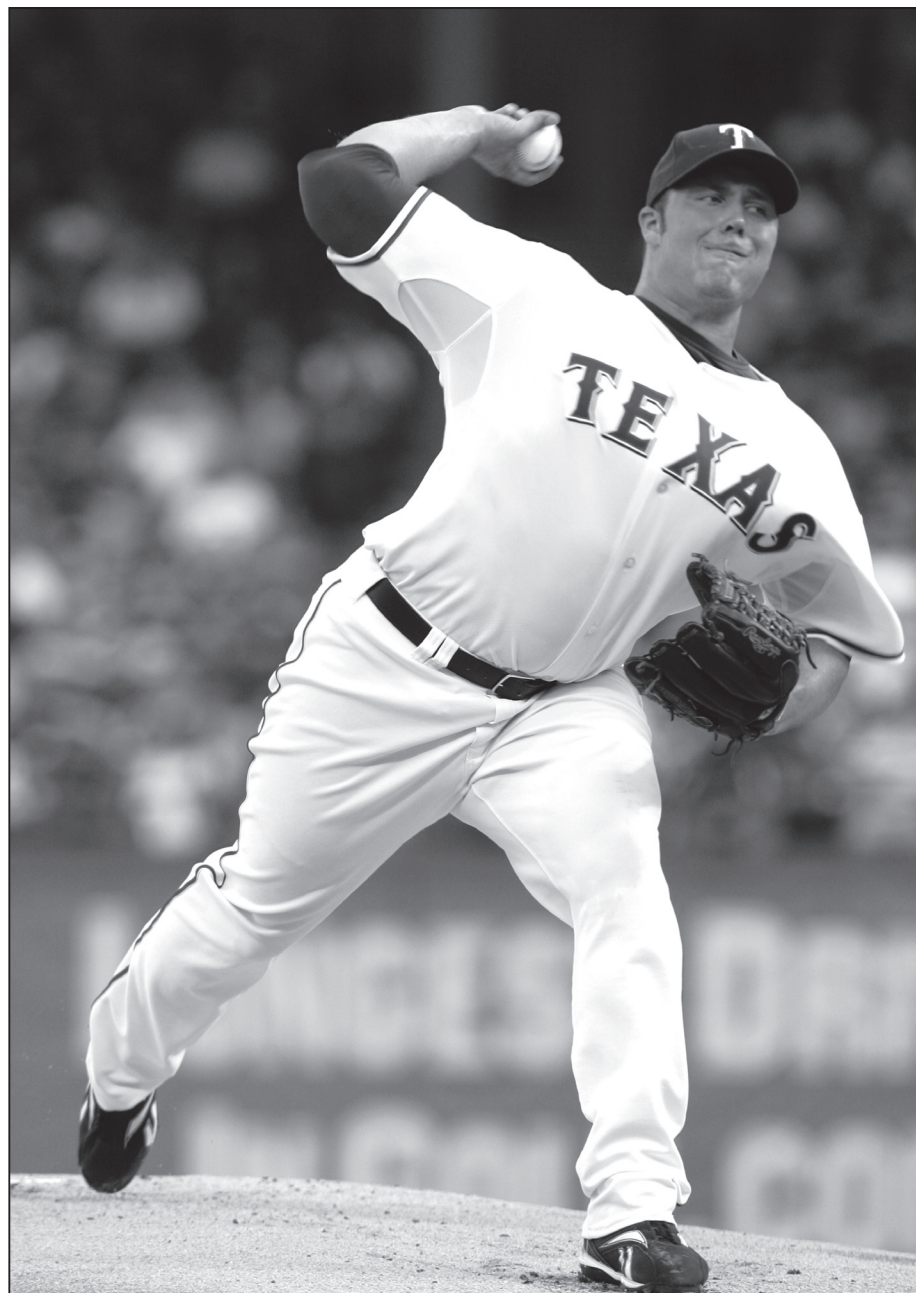
Boston has its first four-game losing streak since last July, losing only eight runs in the stretch. The New York Yankees beat Baltimore 6-4 on Tuesday night to break the tie atop the AL East, where the Red Sox had been since June 9.

"We've hit our worst spot of the year as a team swinging the bats," Red Sox captain Jason Varitek said. "We've all been here before. We're one or two hits away from getting it back together."

Boston, which lost two of three at Toronto over the weekend, has lost consecutive series after winning five in a row before the All-Star break.

Hunter (2-1), a 23-year-old right-hander

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AP photo/Tony Gutierrez

Texas Rangers starting pitcher Tommy Hunter delivers to the Boston Red Sox in the first inning of an AL baseball game in Arlington Thursday. Hunter gave up one run in six innings of work as the Rangers defeated the Red Sox, 4-2.

Rockets center Yao Ming undergoes foot surgery

HOUSTON (AP) — Rockets center Yao Ming had surgery Tuesday to repair a broken bone in his left foot.

The team announced the surgery was performed at Memorial Hermann Hospital by Dr. Tom Clanton, the Rockets' team physician, along with

Dr. Bill McGarvey.

Surgeons grafted bone onto the tarsal navicular bone and realigned his foot to reduce stress on the repair. The seven-time All-Star is slated to remain in the hospital for several days.

"Everything went according to play,

and we were able to achieve not only fixation of the broken bone but also realignment of the bones to improve the stress pattern on his foot," Dr. Clanton said in the statement. "We

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Sports in brief

Two-a-days practice schedule for BSHS volleyball announced

Two-a-days for all Big Spring High School volleyball players — from incoming freshmen to seniors — is set to begin Aug. 3 and last through Aug. 6. Practices will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day.

All practices will be in the Big Spring Junior High gyms. Any student entering the ninth or 11th grades must have a new physical.

The week will end in the Lady Steers first scrimmage Aug. 7 in Big Spring. First game of the season is Aug. 11 at Sweetwater.

BSHS football season tickets going on sale Monday at ATC

Season tickets for the upcoming 2009 Big Spring High School football season go on sale for previous season ticket holders Monday and will remain available through Aug. 6.

The general public can then begin purchasing season tickets Aug. 3 through Aug. 12.

Cost is \$30 for a total of six home games. Tickets can be purchased from Kay Cook at the Athletic Training Center from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday during the dates allotted for sales.

For more information, call Kay Cook at 264-3661.

Big Spring Quarterback Club having first meeting of year

The Big Spring Quarterback Club will be meeting at 6 p.m. Monday at the Athletic Training

Center.

Parents of Big Spring Junior High or High School football players are encouraged to attend.

Also, anyone interested in placing an ad in the 2009 Football Program may pick up a form at the ATC or contact Denise Carrillo at 816-1685. Deadline to place ads in the program is Aug. 7.

Big Spring Tennis Camp begins Aug. 3 at Figure 7

Big Spring High School Tennis Coach Dana Jones is teaming with Big Spring Junior High Tennis Coach Jason Fisher and Certified Tennis Instructor Ted Olesen to host the Big Spring Tennis Camp Aug. 3-7 at Figure 7 Tennis Center in Comanche Trail Park.

Instruction begins daily at 8 a.m. and concludes at noon. Cost is \$65. Interested participants can register the first morning of the camp. All ability levels are welcome.

Benefit golf tournament scheduled for Gilbert 'Tavi' Rodriguez

A benefit golf tournament has been scheduled for Sunday at the Comanche Trail Golf Course for Gilbert "Tavi" Rodriguez.

Format for the tournament will be a four-man scramble and teams must be registered no later than 10:30 a.m. that day. Play will begin at 11 a.m.

Entry fees are \$100 per team — \$25 per player — and does not include green fees or golf cart rental. Closest to the pin prizes will be available on Nos. 3, 6, 11 and 14.

All proceeds will go to Rodriguez's medical expenses.

For more information, contact Billy Pineda at 432-213-4943.

Country club site for 2-person tourney

Big Spring Country Club will host a two-person low-ball golf tournament Saturday and Sunday officials announced.

Entry fee is \$60 per player plus golf cart. Private carts are welcome. Entry includes a barbecue meal on the course July 25.

Practice rounds will be available the day prior to the tournament's start.

The tournament will feature a shotgun start at 1 p.m. both days. The field will be flighted by first round scores.

For more information, contact the BSCC pro shop at 267-5354.

Coahoma Bulldogs Football Camp set for July 28-30

Bulldog Stadium is the site for the Coahoma Bulldogs Football Camp set for July 28-30 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. each day.

The camp is for ages 8 through incoming eighth graders. Cost is \$25.

The camp will be coordinated by the Coahoma football coaching staff.

Campers will be divided into age, skill and position groups and will work with the fundamentals of football specific to their offensive and defensive positions.

For more information, contact Head Coach Stacey Martin at 394-4535.

Obituaries

Everett Bender



Everett Bender, 55, of Big Spring passed away at his residence July 20, 2009. He was born March 13, 1954, in El Paso to Eugene and Evelyn Bender.

Everett was reared in a northern Virginia suburb of Washington, D.C. He graduated from George Mason University in 1976 with a bachelor of science degree in business administration. His first employment was with The American Lawyer's Association in Washington, D.C. He later worked as a corporate trainer with The Dale Carnegie Institute.

On July 4, 1983, he married Evelyn Wilkerson in Big Spring. He and Evelyn have operated Miss Royale Fashion Center for many years.

He was involved in politics, having served as a regional director in Pat Robertson's presidential campaign. He was a former Republican County Chairman here in Howard County.

He established the Christian Training Center in Big Spring and ministered with and to the community leaders. He organized community-wide events and hosted the National Day of Prayer for several years.

He is survived by his wife, Evelyn Bender of Big Spring; his father, Eugene Bender of Vienna, Va.; two brothers, Eldon Bender and wife Mary of New Market, N.H., and Ernest Bender and wife Mavis of Vienna, Va.

He is also survived by one brother-in-law, Homer Wilkerson and wife Stina; a nephew, Hardy Wilkerson and wife Stefanie and their sons Heath and Jared; one niece and one other nephew.

Everett was preceded in death by his mother, Evelyn F. Bender, in 2006.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, July 24, 2009, at Trinity Baptist Church. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

The family suggests memorials to the charity of your choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwwelch.com

Paid obituary

Gary Allen Rogers

Gary Allen Rogers, 60, of Caldwell passed away Sunday, July 19, 2009 at Burleson St. Joseph Health Center in Caldwell. Services will be held at 10 am Thursday, July 23 at First Assembly of God Church in Caldwell with Rev. David Ryman officiating. Interment will be in Caldwell Masonic Cemetery with Masonic Rites under the auspices of Warren Lodge #56 AF & AM of Caldwell. Visitation will be from 5 pm until 9 pm Wednesday, July 22 at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Caldwell.

He was born September 2, 1948 in Big Spring to Woodrow and Viola Ritter Rogers. he was a graduate of Big Spring High School and had received a Bachelor of Science Degree from Texas Tech.

Gary was a retired probation officer and had served as a supervisor in the Burleson County Probation Office. He a Past Master of Warren Lodge #56 AF & AM of Caldwell and was a member of Order of Eastern Star Chapter #976 of Caldwell. For many years he had participated in Operation Blue Santa in Burleson County. He was a Member of First Assembly of God Church of Caldwell.

He was preceded in death by his father, Woodrow W. Rogers and a sister, Sue Grantham.

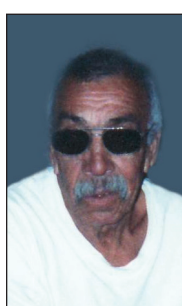
Survivors include his wife, Claudetta Prorise Rogers of Caldwell; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Tamatha Thompson of Conroe, Jacqueline and Carlos Rogers of Killeen; Carlotta and Devin Smith of Deanville and Cathryn and Kevin Bayer of Lexington; a step-son Scott Turk and wife, Melinda of Dime Box; a step-daughter, Jennifer Moneyhon and husband, Brandon of Mason; a sister and brother-in-law, Rowena and Mark Brooks of Houston; eighteen grandchildren, Nathan, Heather, Kimberly, Kiri, Savannah, Cheyenne, Kiana, Robert, Raena, Dessiny, Cody, Mikayla, Dakota, Dylan, Camdyn, Kason and Weston and one on the way; a great grand daughter, Destiny and another one on the way.

Pallbearers will be, Kevin Bayer, Devin Smith, Scott Turk, Nathan Rogers, Carlos Rogers, Don Bayer, Tom Aly and Rodney Smith.

Honorary pallbearers will be grandsons. Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home of Caldwell is in charge of arrangements.

Paid obituary

Juan Juarez Sr.



Juan Juarez Sr., 75, died Friday, July 17, 2009, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

He was born March 27, 1935. He was a Catholic, a roofer and a lifetime resident of Big Spring.

He is survived by four sons: Juan Juarez Jr. and Reynaldo Juarez, both of Big Spring, and Richard Juarez and Felipe Juarez, both of Abilene; three daughters: Priscilla Juarez of Midland, Linda Juarez of Big Spring and Judy Juarez of Wichita Falls; and a number of grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife: Lydia Juarez on September 12, 1991.

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

Randolf 'Randy' Robledo

Funeral services for Randolf "Randy" Robledo will be held Friday, July 24, 2009, at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church with Monsignor Droll officiating. Interment will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery.

A rosary will be recited Thursday, July 23, 2009, at Stanton Memorial Funeral Home.

Randy was born Sept. 29, 1967, and passed away July 19, 2009.

He is survived by his wife, Annabelle Armendarez; his mother, Mary Ann Robledo; two daughters, Brenda Nicole Robledo and Andrea Marie Robledo; one son, Randolf Robledo Jr.; two grandchildren; three sisters, Patsy Robledo, Gloria Martinez and Norma Nava; and four brothers, Sylvester Robledo Jr., Jessie Robledo, Michael Robledo and Mario Ortiz.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Stanton Memorial Funeral Home & Chapel.

Joe Edward Crenwelge

Joe Edward Crenwelge, 75, of Fredericksburg died Sunday, July 19, 2009, in Hill Country Memorial in Fredericksburg. The body will lie in state in the chapel of the Schaeffer Funeral Home in Fredericksburg until 9:45 a.m. Friday, July 24, 2009, with a mass of resurrection at 10 a.m. in St. Mary's Catholic Church with the Rev. Msgr. Enda McKenna officiating.

Burial will be in the St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery with full military honors.

A vigil service will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday at Schaeffer Funeral Home,

Visitation will begin at 4 p.m. at the funeral home.

He was a veteran, having served in the U.S. Air Force and was stationed at Webb Air Force Base.

Mr. Crenwelge is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Ann Meurer of Fredericksburg; one daughter, three sons and their spouses, Wayne Edward and Pamela Crenwelge of Houston, Denise Yvonne and Eddy DeValck of Belgium, Kevin Dwain and Carolyne Crenwelge of Cibolo and Bret Anthony and Tonya Crenwelge of Abilene; 11 grandchildren; and one brother and his wife, Wilbur and Joyce Crenwelge of Fredericksburg.

For those who so desire you may make memorial contributions in his memory to the St. Joseph's Society, St. Mary's School Endowment Fund or to the charity of your choice.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to www.schaeffer.com

Janell Pedigo

Janell Pedigo, 73, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, July 22, 2009, in a local nursing home.

Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

W.L. 'Bill' Tate

W.L. "Bill" Tate, 92, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, July 22, 2009, in a local hospital.

His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Louise Fambro Cotter

Louise Fambro Cotter, 88, of Lubbock, formerly of Big Spring died Tuesday, July 21, 2009, in Lubbock. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity Tuesday:

- ENRIQUE HERNANDEZ HINOJOS, 47, 100 N.W. Third, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 1900 block of Highway 87.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF UNDER \$50/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 400 block of Third.
- EVADING ARREST/DETENTION was reported in the 1300 block of Sycamore.
- TERRORISTIC THREAT was reported in the 700 block of 16th.
- THEFT was reported in the 1400 block of Sixth, the 1700 block of FM 700 and the 1800 block of FM 700.

Sheriff

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity (officials reported 78 prisoners in the county jail):

- PAMELA GRANT, 52, was arrested by deputies on charges of theft over \$500 but less than \$1,500 and public intoxication.
- ENRIQUE HERNANDEZ HINOJOS, 47, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- ANDRES JUAREZ, 27, was arrested by deputies on a charge of driving while license invalid with previous conviction or suspension.
- THOMAS RIOS, 27, was arrested by deputies on charges of no driver's license, violating promise to appear and two motions to revoke probation.
- VERONICA LEANN LUERA, 23, was arrested by deputies on two charges of issuance of a bad check.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service reported the following activity:

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported on ValVerde Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 300 block of Debra Lane. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of Cornell. One person was transported to SMMC.

Lottery

Here are the winning numbers selected Tuesday in the Mega Millions lottery: 3-8-21-50-52; Mega Ball: 2.

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery: 3-7-5-17-27.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-8-8-1. Sum It Up: 22.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 3-9-4. Sum It Up: 16

Take Note

• A benefit fund for stroke victim Rocky Dunlap has been established at Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union, 1110 Benton St. Dunlap has been employed for the past several years as a principal with Big Spring Independent School District.

• The American Legion Post 506 will host a fish fry from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday at the lodge, 3203 W. Highway 80. Carry outs will be available. Delivery will be available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. by calling 263-2084. Plates are \$10 each. Everyone is welcome.

• An account to defray funeral costs for the family of Justin Hernandez has been set up at Western Bank — formerly known as First Bank of West Texas — located on FM 700.

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drafted only two summers ago, gave up nine runs in 1 2-3 innings at Fenway Park last August in one of his three starts last season.

"I did not throw well when I pitched against them last year. I threw pretty well tonight, I was able to throw four pitches for strikes," Hunter said. "Last year, I had a pitch-and-a-half. I wouldn't consider the fastball a pitch, it was always up in the zone."

The Red Sox weren't able to tee off this time against Hunter, who threw a lot of changeups.

"They hit a lot of weak pop flies," he said.

Boston's only run against Hunter came in the sixth when Dustin

Pedroia had a two-out single and Kevin Youkilis followed with a double into the right-center gap. David Ortiz, who had been thrown out in the second trying to extend a leadoff single, then hit an infield popup on Hunter's last pitch.

"He had given us what we needed," manager Ron Washington said.

Hank Blalock put Texas ahead to stay with a two-run single in the first, though the Texas-born Beckett (11-4) retired 13 batters in a row after that until Michael Young's one-out single in the sixth.

"I didn't make very good pitches. This one falls on me. I think the right person got the loss," Beckett said. "The game was lost in the first inning. Two-out runs are demoralizing to everybody, especially to a pitcher. ... It's unacceptable."

Kinsler had a leadoff double and Jones a two-out walk in the first

before both advanced on a double steal. Blalock then pulled a liner through the right side of the infield.

Andruw Jones had a leadoff double in the seventh for Texas and scored on David Murphy's flyball to shallow left. Marlon Byrd added a two-out RBI single in the eighth.

Beckett struck out seven and gave up seven hits in his first start since July 12. He threw a three-hit shutout at Kansas City before the All-Star game, where he didn't pitch.

The right-hander was 4-0 with a 1.63 ERA his previous five starts, including another shutout. He had been 6-0 in games following Boston losses.

C.J. Wilson worked the ninth for his ninth save in 11 chances, despite giving up an RBI single to Mike Lowell.

Wilson has saved both games since closer Frank Francisco was put on the disabled list for the third time

YAO

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expect him to be immobilized in a cast and using crutches for at least 6-8 weeks."

Yao is expected to miss the 2009-10 season, but be ready to go for training camp in 2010.

Yao suffered the hairline fracture late in a May 8 playoff game against the Los Angeles Lakers. The Rockets said late last month that the injury had not healed and he was out indefinitely. Last Friday, the 7-foot-6 center announced that he'd have the surgery.

The injury had raised questions, especially in his native China, about Yao's playing future. But on July 8,

he said through his agent that he was "optimistic about the future and I will return to playing basketball when my foot has fully healed."

Yao played in 77 regular-season games in 2008-09, his most injury-free year since 2004-05, when he played in 80.

Before last season, Yao missed chunks of the previous three seasons with leg and foot injuries.

TOUR

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the leader's yellow jersey if Contador has a "bad day."

"If there was a massive shake-up and something happened, then I'd have to be strong — to represent the interests of the team," Armstrong said in a phone interview with The Associated Press. "But I don't think that's going to happen."

"If he were to have a bad day, I think I could cover the moves for the team. But I don't think he's going to have a bad day."

Even if the three-week race is far from over — a time-trial Thursday and the dreadful ascent to the Mont Ventoux scheduled on the penultimate stage — Contador seems so strong this year that an eighth win

for Armstrong in cycling's showcase event is unlikely.

But next year?

Armstrong confirmed Tuesday that he will ride the Tour in 2010 and announced that he found a new American sponsor to back his team next season. He said he will provide details Thursday and there is a strong possibility that his old friend Johan Bruyneel — Astana's current manager — will join him to launch a new team. Contador is expected to join another squad.

According to that scenario, Armstrong, who broke his collarbone in March in a crash that temporarily derailed his preparation for the Tour, would get rid of Contador and could build a team fully devoted to his ambitions. He also believes that after a long period away from competition, another year under his belt could help him get his optimum race condi-

tioning back.

"I can certainly look to the season and assess the preparation, the races I chose — obviously avoiding the crash would have helped," Armstrong said when asked whether he could have been in a better position overall. "All of those things you could look at now. But that's pointless. I look at them this winter, and for next year I'll try to make some adjustments."

One of the oldest riders in the peloton, Armstrong showed during Tuesday's second Alpine stage that he still has the capacity to accelerate.

As Contador tried to keep pace with two attackers on the final climb, Armstrong lagged. Yet after dropping at least 35 seconds, he surged back to recover the lost ground.

"I realized the race was basically going away from us," he said. "So, I had no choice other than trying to

this season — this time with a case of pneumonia.

Rangers relievers have allowed one run in 14 innings in a three-game winning streak that has followed a four-game slide.

NOTES: Kinsler caught two inning-ending popups in foul territory. He reached into the stands to end the fourth to catch Jason Bay's popup when the bottom half of his body crashed into the 3½-foot high brick facade. ... Boston is 8-15 vs. the AL West. ... Rangers All-Star OF Nelson Cruz, out of the starting lineup for the third consecutive game with a fractured right ring finger, took some swings before the game and could be back in the lineup Wednesday. ... Texas LHP Matt Harrison, out since May 26 because of left shoulder inflammation, will make a rehab start Wednesday for Double-A Frisco.

In 2006-07, Yao missed 32 games after breaking his right leg. He sustained a stress fracture in his left foot in 2007-08, underwent surgery and sat out 26 games.

Yao is due to make more than \$16 million next season, with a player option for 2010-11 that would pay him more than \$17 million.

He has averaged 19.1 points and 9.3 rebounds in his career.

make the cross. So I waited until we had a steeper section, and then I got away with an acceleration."

Armstrong added he was feeling better on his bike than he did during Sunday's entree into the Alps, when Contador crushed him and the entire pack on the ride up to the Swiss ski station of Verbier.

"I felt a lot better than Verbier. But I've made some changes to my position yesterday, I raised the seat height. So in general I was pedalling better today than Sunday."

Contador was impressed, but not surprised.

"It's easy to explain — he's a very great rider," said Contador, who leads his Astana teammate by 1:37. "He was in the past, and he showed it once again."

Associated Press Writer Jamey Keaten contributed to this report.

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87/70 Scattered thunderstorms. High 87F. Winds ENE at 5 to 10 mph.	98/72 Plenty of sun. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.	101/74 A few clouds. Highs 99 to 103F and lows in the mid 70s.	92/71 Partly cloudy with a stray thunderstorm.	92/72 Partly cloudy, chance of a thunderstorm.
Sunrise: 6:55 AM Sunset: 8:49 PM	Sunrise: 6:56 AM Sunset: 8:49 PM	Sunrise: 6:57 AM Sunset: 8:48 PM	Sunrise: 6:57 AM Sunset: 8:48 PM	Sunrise: 6:58 AM Sunset: 8:47 PM

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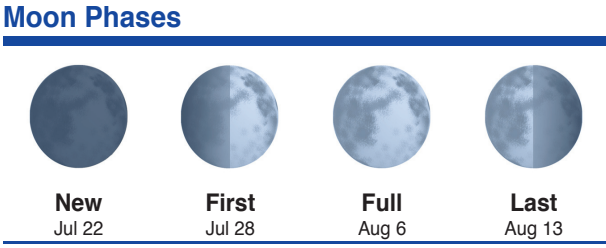


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City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	91	71	t-storm	Kingsville	101	74	pt sunny
Amarillo	89	62	mst sunny	Livingston	91	70	t-storm
Austin	97	72	t-storm	Longview	89	69	mst sunny
Beaumont	89	72	t-storm	Lubbock	88	66	t-storm
Brownsville	98	75	mst sunny	Lufkin	90	70	t-storm
Brownwood	93	70	t-storm	Midland	88	73	t-storm
Corpus Christi	97	77	t-storm	Raymondville	102	76	mst sunny
Corsicana	91	70	pt sunny	Rosenberg	93	73	t-storm
Dallas	93	72	pt sunny	San Antonio	101	74	t-storm
Del Rio	100	78	t-storm	San Marcos	98	73	t-storm
El Paso	91	73	t-storm	Sulphur Springs	90	68	mst sunny
Fort Stockton	87	70	t-storm	Sweetwater	89	69	t-storm
Gainesville	93	70	pt sunny	Tyler	89	68	mst sunny
Greenville	90	68	mst sunny	Weatherford	94	71	t-storm
Houston	92	73	t-storm	Wichita Falls	94	69	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	88	66	pt sunny	Minneapolis	83	66	t-storm
Boston	71	63	cloudy	New York	77	67	rain
Chicago	79	62	pt sunny	Phoenix	104	84	t-storm
Dallas	93	72	pt sunny	San Francisco	75	55	pt sunny
Denver	87	61	mst sunny	Seattle	82	59	pt sunny
Houston	92	73	t-storm	St. Louis	83	66	mst sunny
Los Angeles	84	66	pt sunny	Washington, DC	83	69	t-storm
Miami	92	79	mst sunny				



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Thu 7/23	Fri 7/24	Sat 7/25	Sun 7/26	Mon 7/27
7	11	11	11	11
High	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme

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Support Groups

- SUNDAY**
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.
- MONDAY**
- Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.
 - 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.
- TUESDAY**
- The Path, faith-based addiction recovery, meets at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St.
 - 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. 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.

Bulletin Board

- If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email editor@bigspringherald.com**
- TODAY**
- Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.
- THURSDAY**
- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
 - Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.
 - League of United Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. The public is invited.
- FRIDAY**
- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.
 - AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
 - Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
 - Dance at the Senior Center, 1901 Simler, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.
- SATURDAY**
- Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.
- MONDAY**
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad, in the dining hall on the east side of the building. Weigh-in starts at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 6 p.m. There is a different program each week. For more information, call 213-1342 or 263-6819.
 - Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.
- TUESDAY**
- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

VA

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program directors by the end of December.

"We beat that deadline by two months," Settles said.

Women veterans have a variety of gender-specific medical needs, she added.

"Women are unique as to the various medical needs throughout their life," Settles said. "They have their reproductive years, their pre-menopausal years, their menopausal years ... and we have to meet all those needs. We also

address their contraceptive needs, their reproductive needs ... not to mention post-traumatic stress disorder and military sexual trauma."

It is estimated that there are close to 4,000 women veterans in the Big Spring VA's service area, "but we feel that number is a lot higher than that," Settles said. "We (currently) serve 1,200 women veterans in our service area, but we expect those numbers to grow."

As program director, Settles sees her job as being an "adviser and advocate" for women veterans.

"For years, when men left the service, they were told they'd have health care for the rest of their lives. Women veterans weren't told of those benefits," she said. "Now, we're saying, 'No, that's not the way things are. We have these programs and we will take care of you.'"

"We want to be their health care provider of choice," she added.

For more information on the program, contact Settles at 263-7361, ext. 7175 or 1-800-472-1365, ext. 7175.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331

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Phillip Rey Hilario, infant, died Friday. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Trinity Memorial Park. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Juan Juarez, Sr., 73, died Friday. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Louise Fambro Cotter, 88, died Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

BSHS

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comes calling.

The Steers' only road trip of the non-district season will be their longest of the season as they travel 285 miles north to meet Pampa Sept. 4.

Perhaps Big Spring's toughest challenge of the season will come from Denison, which is widely considered one of the state's Top 5 teams entering the 2009 season. Dave Campbell's Texas Football Magazine ranks Denison fourth in its preseason Class 4A poll.

Last year, the Steers made the more than 300-mile trip to Denison only to lose a heartbreaker to the Yellow Jackets, 44-37. The Steers led by 16 after the first quarter.

This season, it's Deni-

son's turn to make the 300-mile trek across the state as the Yellow Jackets visit Big Spring Sept. 4.

After a bye week Oct. 2, the Steers open District 4-4A play in Wolfforth, taking on the Frenship Tigers Oct. 9. Frenship has dominated 4-4A for several years with Big Spring's last win over the Tigers coming in 1999. The Steers have never defeated Frenship in a district game.

Big Spring's second league game takes place at Memorial Stadium Oct. 16 with Plainview paying a visit. It took late-game heroics for Big Spring to win last year's matchup with the Bulldogs.

Rance Terry, who graduated in May, had a loose ball fall into his arms and he sprinted 69 yards to paydirt with 5:13 to play. Big Spring

won 25-21.

Big Spring renews its rivalry with one of its newest district opponents, but also one of its oldest foes, Oct. 23 with a visit to Abilene Cooper. Cooper — one of the state's more storied programs — is playing just its second year as a 4A school after dropping from 5A in the latest realignment.

Big Spring's final home game is against San Angelo Lake View Oct. 30. In 2008, Big

Spring's 42-32 victory over Lake View gave the Steers much-needed momentum heading into the final regular season game and the playoffs.

The Steers wrap up the 2009 regular season with another trip deep into the Panhandle as they visit Hereford Nov. 6. Big Spring dominated The Herd a year ago, picking off highly touted Hereford quarterback Parker Bridwell five times en route to a 31-0 victory.

Last year's 8-5 mark, after defeating Canyon and El Paso Riverside in the postseason before losing to Everman, was Big Spring's first winning record since the 2002 season.

It's a mark the Steers will be looking to improve upon in 2009.

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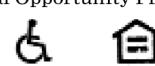
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OUR VIEW

Airport's 80th anniversary is a very big deal

Someone once observed that the biggest difference between Americans and the British, is that "Britons think 100 miles is a long distance and Americans think 100 years is a long time." And with apologies to George Bernard Shaw, that is indeed as much a difference as the two nations being divided by a common language.

A century is, after all, at least in the American perspective, a long time.

So is 80 years, particularly when it comes to airports — especially when it comes to West Texas.

That's exactly how long the Big Spring Airport has served aircraft pilots all over the world, and Saturday the facility's staff will celebrate that anniversary.

And they're hoping to do so in style.

Kelly Myrick, administrative assistant for the airport, said she and Airpark Director Jim Little are hoping to bring in a pair of vintage aircraft for the observance.

Plans call for the Commemorative Air Force (CAF) in Midland, to fly a pair of World War II aircraft in for the anniversary — a SNJ Fighter and a PT-19 trainer.

And while looking at and examining this pair of restored aircraft is certainly a treat, airport administrator at taking it a step further, because the planes' owners will be offering rides. Myrick said the PT-19 normally costs \$200 for a 30-minute ride and the SNJ Fighter usually runs about \$300 for a 30-minute ride.

It is important to note, however, that fund-raising for the event, which is being funded by donations from the community, is still under way.

"We've raised enough money to cover most of our expenses, but we're still hoping to get some donations in this week to cinch things up," Myrick said. "Anyone out there who would like to make a donation and be recognized at the event needs to get their donation in to us by the end of the day Thursday. That's our deadline to get their name on the list."

To contact Myrick, call the airport terminal at 264-2362.

Saturday's anniversary observance will be from noon to 4 p.m. with a ribbon cutting set for 1 p.m. at the terminal.

"This 80th anniversary is very special for us," Myrick said, and we couldn't agree more. In fact, we believe it's important to the entire community.

After all, it doesn't take much of a historian to realize aviation has been a pivotal factor for this community for a long, long time.

And that is why we're encouraging our readers, and the entire community to take part in the anniversary celebration.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we use Your wisdom, Lord, for a better life.

Amen

Happy birthday, Sylvester!

There's been a momentous birthday in the Reagan household recently. Sylvester the cat — king of all he surveys, scourge of mice everywhere, source of the most irritating meow in creation and overall light of my life — has turned 20.

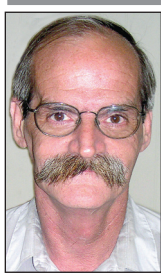
At least, I think his birthday is this month. It might be in August. Or maybe it was in June.

My ex and I acquired Sylvester from the local Humane Society in December 1989. When we asked about his age, a very nice lady said she believed he was "six months old, more or less." Since certified birth certificates for homeless cats are few and far between, we decided that June something-or-other was his birthday. Or July something-or-other.

Regardless of actual birth date, this marks the 20th year that Sylvester has been a member of my family. And by the grace of God and some timely visits to the vet, he's in remarkably spry shape for a cat his age. He has made a few concessions to age — he sleeps more and doesn't run around the house like a crazed banshee as in his younger days — but he still gets around pretty good for an old geezer.

The only big difference between the younger Sylvester and the current senior citizen dozing on my couch is volume.

He's a lot louder now. In his younger days, Sylvester was much quieter. I initially credited that to a gentle, serene disposition, but I fear it was only because Keyko and I wouldn't let him get in a meow edgewise.



STEVE REAGAN

Well, let's just say that now, he's making up for lost time.

He meows when he's hungry. He meows when he wants to be petted.

He meows if the sun gets in his eyes or its too dark or too cold or too whatever. Sometimes I think he's just saying hi, but because he's developed short-term memory loss or something, he keeps forgetting he's said hi, so he does it again.

And again. It's a wonderful routine the two of us go through daily. He'll start meowing and I'll go through the checklist: Food bowl full? Check. Litter box clean? Check. No other animals in the immediate vicinity? Check. And so on, and so on.

I've finally come to the conclusion that most of the time, he's simply talking to me — in a sometimes very loud, very irritating voice.

But if that's the worst thing I can say about my cat after 20 years, I count myself ahead of the game.

Faithful readers will recall how this fur ball of joy came into my life, but the story bears repeating.

My ex decided that she wanted a cat for her birthday present, so we headed to the Humane Society to see what they had to offer. After much deliberation, she picked out a scrawny, little white-and-gray kitten who we named Keyko.

Walking to the front of the office to fill out the paperwork for our newest family member, Geri passed by Sylvester, who was sitting on a perch. Obviously knowing an easy mark when he saw one, he jumped on Geri's shoulder and started nuzzling her neck.

She was powerless. "Can we get two?" she asked, with tears forming in her eyes.

Having no defense against either ingenious cats or crying women, I agreed.

I never thought that a pair of cats would burrow their way into my heart they way Keyko and Sylvester did. In fact, I was a dog lover most of my life. But dogs, I discovered, are so affectionate and loyal and loving that when they die, the grief is substantial.

Cats, on the other hand, are independent-minded, somewhat aloof critters that I could care for and not get too emotionally attached to — or so the thinking went at the time.

Keyko and Sylvester, however, had a nefarious plan in mind when they moved into our lives: They would be the most affectionate cats that ever walked the planet. That way, their goofy owner with the mustache would be powerless against them and cater to their every whim.

Their plan worked to perfection.

It really wasn't fair.

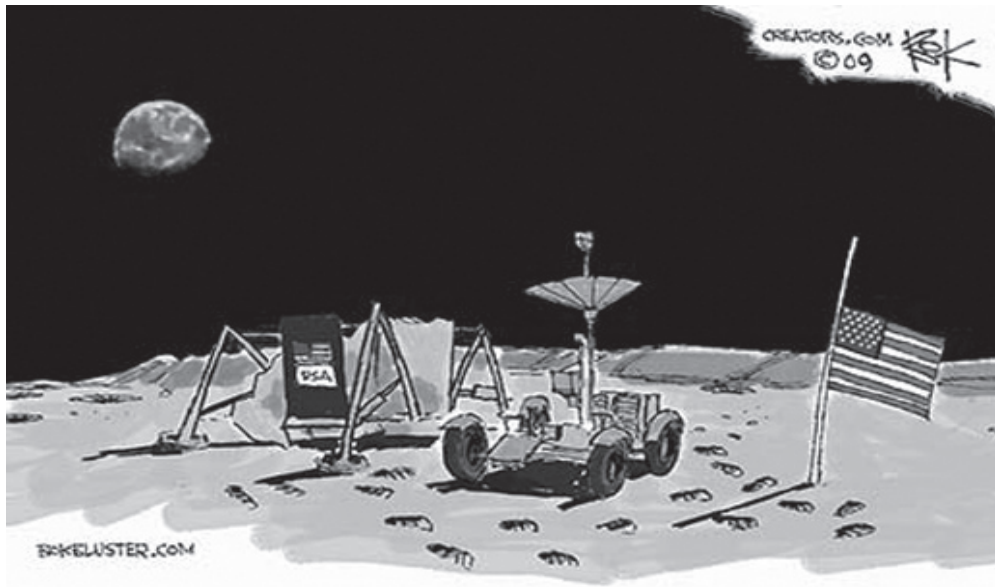
Twenty years later, Keyko's gone to the great mouse hunt in the sky, but Sylvester is still gracing me with his presence.

People hear how old Sylvester is and congratulate me on being such a great pet owner, but I have to confess I don't really know how much credit I can take for his longevity. I feed him, care for him and take him to the vet when necessary, but that's nothing more than the vast majority of owners have ever done.

I give most of the credit to Sylvester and his keenly developed survival skills.

Goodness knows, he's needed them, living with me.

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Immigration reform quietly here

One of America's toughest problems is being solved right before our unseeing eyes. As Mark Sanford strayed, Michael Jackson departed and Sarah Palin quit, the Obama administration was quietly putting law, order and the national interest back into our immigration system.

New York Democrat Sen. Chuck Schumer says he will offer a comprehensive immigration bill by Labor Day. But don't look there. Look at the administration's ongoing program to confront employers of illegal immigrants in a low-key way.

So far this year, the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency has audited the hiring records of over 650 companies suspected of using illegal labor and moved against the offenders. Example: ICE told American Apparel in Los Angeles that 1,800 of its 5,600 factory workers appeared to be unauthorized. The company was fined \$150,000 and told to fire employees who, on further inspection, were not supposed to be there.

Last week, the administration announced that any company wanting a sizable federal contract must use the E-Verify system to ensure that its workers are legal. E-Verify is an electronic database that contains Social Security and other records.

Many businesses already use the system. The federal contract requirement moves us a step toward making an E-Verify check mandatory for all new hires.

The Bush administration tended toward cinematic raids on factory floors and big military shows at the border. Illegal immigrants were hauled off in handcuffs and slapped with criminal charges. Children were separated from parents.

George W. Bush's heart was surely not in this. He seemed happy to supply his business constituents with cheap labor, and the cost of services for illegal immigrants ended up in state and local budgets, not his. Some critics of this policy assumed that the raids were made to look painful in the hopes that Americans would lose interest in enforcing the law.

Whatever. Enforcement is now being done through lawyerly conversations with executives. Not much to film here. Businesses found to be guilty of hiring illegal workers are fined and warned. If they keep doing it, the punishments grow harsher.

Recall the fireworks over the failed "grand bargain" on immigration two years ago? It envisioned pairing a path to citizenship for America's estimated 12 million illegal immigrants with a new regime of employer sanctions.

Only the public didn't buy into it. It saw another big amnesty sold alongside another insincere promise to end the future hiring of illegal workers. Those open to legalizing many of the undocu-

mented — and polls show most Americans do — but who wanted illegal immigration stopped — ditto, the polls — called for an "enforcement first" policy. Let the government prove it was serious about the law, and then we'll talk about the path to citizenship.

That's exactly the Obama approach. Anyone who doubts its effectiveness should note the discomfort among open-borders interests. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce has sued to stop the expansion of E-Verify. And the National Immigration Forum, an advocate for illegal immigrants, warns that E-Verify databases are infected with problems. Actually, E-Verify is accurate and easy to use.

And so by the time Schumer unveils his program, the larger public will already have reason to trust that the next amnesty would be the last. Schumer has gone further in that regard. He has proposed a tighter verification system using unique biometric markers, such as fingerprints or the iris of eyes. And he has come out and said that America lacks engineers, not low-skilled laborers.

Imagine that, an immigration overhaul that promises real enforcement, protects our most vulnerable workers and recognizes America's true labor needs. And we're getting there without the dramatics. Boy, are these guys smart.

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Charges dropped against black Harvard scholar

BOSTON (AP) — Prosecutors dropped a disorderly conduct charge Tuesday against prominent black scholar Henry Louis Gates Jr., who was arrested after forcing his way into his own house in what he and other blacks say was an outrageous but all-too-common example of how police treat them.

The city of Cambridge called the arrest “regrettable and unfortunate,” and police and Gates agreed that dropping the charge was a just resolution — though not one that quelled the anger of one of America’s top academics.

“I’m outraged,” Gates said in extensive comments made to TheRoot.com, a Web site he oversees. “I can’t believe that an individual policeman on the Cambridge police force would treat any African-American male this way, and I am astonished that this happened to me; and more importantly I’m astonished that it could happen to any citizen of the United States, no matter what their race.”

“There are 1 million black men in the prison system, and on Thursday I became one of them,” he said. “I would sooner have believed the sky was going to fall from the heavens than I would have believed this could happen to me. It shouldn’t have happened to me, and it shouldn’t happen to anyone.”

Gates, 58, is director of Harvard’s W.E.B. Du Bois Institute for African and African American Research and is a documentary host. He was arrested upon his return home from China, where he was working on his latest film. He said he’s now inspired to work on a documentary about racial profiling.

The city of Cambridge, which neighbors Boston, released a statement saying the situation “should not be viewed as one that demeans the character and reputation of professor Gates or the character of the Cambridge Police Department.”

Gates had just arrived from the airport when he realized his front door was jammed and he couldn’t get into the tidy house with yellow clapboard that he rents from Harvard. He asked his driver for help.

Supporters say Gates was immediately considered a suspect because officers were summoned by a female caller who said she saw “two black males with backpacks on the porch,” one of whom was “wedging his shoulder into the door as if he was trying to force entry,” according to a police report.

When the officers arrived, Gates was already inside and on the phone with the real estate company that manages the property. He had come in through the back door and shut off the alarm, he said.

Police said Gates was arrested after he yelled at an officer, accused him of racial bias and refused to calm down after the officer demanded that Gates show him identification to prove he lived in the home.

Harvard scholar Charles Ogletree, said his client showed his driver’s license and Harvard ID — both with his photos — and repeatedly asked for the name and badge number of the officer, who refused. He followed the officer onto the front porch as he left his house and was arrested there.

Gates told The Root that the police handcuffed him behind his back but moved the cuffs to the front when he told them he walked with a

cane. He noted that at least one of the officers in the group outside his house was black.

He spoke of a “terrifying and humiliating” experience at the Cambridge jail, where he was booked, fingerprinted, photographed and questioned, then locked up in a tiny cell that made him claustrophobic.

He said that he doesn’t know the woman who called police, Lucia Whalen, and that “she was probably

doing the right thing.” Whalen didn’t respond to Associated Press requests for comment.

Gates said he harbors more anger toward the officer who arrested “the first black man” he saw and arrested him on a “trumped-up charge.”

He said he wants an apology from the officer, Sgt. James Crowley, who hasn’t responded to a request for an interview from the AP. He also said he planned to talk to his legal team about the next step.

Gates did not respond to AP requests for an interview Tuesday, and Ogletree did not return a request to comment on the charge being dropped. A message was left for the Cambridge police officers’ union.

Other prominent blacks called the confrontation a clear example of racial profiling.

“Under any account ... all of it is totally uncalled for,” said Earl Graves Jr., CEO of the company that publishes Black Enterprise maga-

zine. The Rev. Jesse Jackson, a prominent civil rights activist, said he was unsatisfied with the resolution.

“The charges have been dropped, but the stain remains. ... Humiliation remains,” Jackson said. “These incidents are so much of a national pattern on race.”

Gates joined the Harvard faculty in 1991 and holds one of 20 prestigious “university professors” positions.

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Pace of reconciliation tops Obama-al-Maliki talks

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. concerns over the slow pace of political, religious and ethnic reconciliation in Iraq are expected to dominate President Barack Obama's talks at the White House with Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki.

With insurgent bombings and attacks still a major danger as Iraqi forces assume a larger police role there, Pentagon officials have voiced pessimism about any decrease in violence unless al-Maliki and his Shiite Muslim political allies become more flexible about sharing power with minority Sunnis and easing government control over Sunni regions and those dominated by ethnic Kurds.

Al-Maliki, who was to meet with Obama on Wednesday, has emerged as a political force from Iraq's Shiite Muslim majority and he has been unable or unwilling to forge the kind of political power-sharing and economic compromises that the U.S. sees as necessary for long-term stability.

The American invasion of Iraq to overthrow Saddam Hussein in 2003 ended minority Sunni Muslim rule in Iraq. The country's Shiites now hold all the levers of power and have shown little willingness to accommodate either the Sunnis or the Kurds in northeast Iraq.

A symptom of the political gridlock shows in the government's inability, after years of trying, to find an equitable method for sharing Iraq's vast oil wealth. Known reserves lie primarily in Shiite- and Kurdish-

controlled regions.

Opposition to health care overhaul may delay vote in Congress until fall

WASHINGTON (AP) — After more than week of tirelessly pressuring Congress to move his top domestic priority, it appears increasingly likely President Barack Obama may have to settle for a fallback strategy on health care overhaul.

Instead of votes in the House and Senate by August, the best Democrats may be able to hope for this summer is action by the full House by the end of the month and some sort of agreement on a bipartisan plan in the Senate before lawmakers head home for vacation.

Not only are Republicans honing their opposition, but some Democrats in both chambers are voicing doubts about moving such complex and costly legislation too quickly.

"No one wants to tell the speaker (Nancy Pelosi) that she's moving too fast and they damn sure don't want to tell the president," Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., a key committee chairman, told a fellow lawmaker as the two walked into a closed-door meeting Tuesday. The remark was overheard by reporters.

Obama has scheduled a prime-time news conference Wednesday, expected to focus on health care. It's turning into a major test of his leadership. One Republican senator says if the party can stop Obama on health care, it will break him.

Clinton declares the U.S. 'is back' in Asia as she joins regional security conference

PHUKET, Thailand (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton arrived at a key security conference Wednesday carrying a no-nonsense message that the United States is ready to re-engage with Asia after years of neglect.

Clinton, arriving from Bangkok, moved right into talks with Asian counterparts gathered for two days of international meetings to discuss North Korea, Myanmar and a range of other regional issues.

She said she will sign the seminal Treaty of Amity and Cooperation of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, or ASEAN, a commitment to peacefully resolve regional disputes that already has been signed by more than a dozen countries outside the 10-nation bloc.

"The United States is back," she declared upon arrival in the Thai capital Tuesday.

Senate to vote on allowing concealed weapons holders to cross state lines

WASHINGTON (AP) — Gun control and gun rights advocates are heading for another clash with a Senate vote on a measure that would allow people with concealed weapons permits to carry those hidden weapons into other states.

Backers, led by Sen. John Thune, R-S.D., say truckers and others with concealed weapons permits should be able to protect themselves when they cross into other states.

Opponents say the measure would force states with strict procedures for getting permits to accept permits from states with more lax laws.

The Senate has scheduled a vote Wednesday on the measure, which Thune offered as an amendment to a major defense policy bill. Under an agreement reached among Senate

leaders, 60 votes will be needed to approve the amendment.

The vote comes a day after the Senate completed what is probably the most controversial issue connected to the defense bill, voting 58-40 to eliminate \$1.75 billion in the \$680-billion bill that had been set aside for building more F-22 fighters.

President Barack Obama and Defense Secretary Robert Gates campaigned hard for removing the money, saying the Pentagon had enough F-22s and the money could be spent on more pressing defense needs.

The gun proposal would make concealed weapons permits from one state valid in other states as long as the person obeys the laws of other states, such as weapons bans in certain localities.

It does not establish national standards for concealed weapons permits and would not allow those with permits to carry weapons into Wisconsin and Illinois, the two states that do not have concealed weapons laws.

Longest total solar eclipse of the 21st century covers parts of Asia in near darkness

TOKYO, Japan (AP) — Millions of Asians turned their eyes skyward Wednesday for the longest solar eclipse of this century, a rare event that caused a fatal stampede of viewers on the Ganges River in India.

Millions of others — seeing the eclipse as a bad omen — shuttered themselves indoors.

The daytime darkness prompted fireworks displays in China and sent bewildered cows to their feeding troughs for dinner on a remote Japanese island.

Starting off in India just after dawn, the eclipse was visible across a wide swath of the Asian continent.

The eclipse is the longest since July 11, 1991, when a total eclipse lasting 6 minutes, 53 seconds was visible from Hawaii to South America, according to official records.

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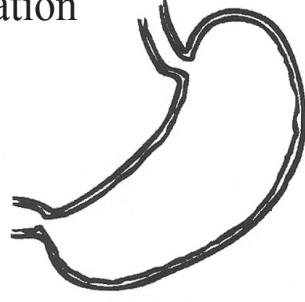
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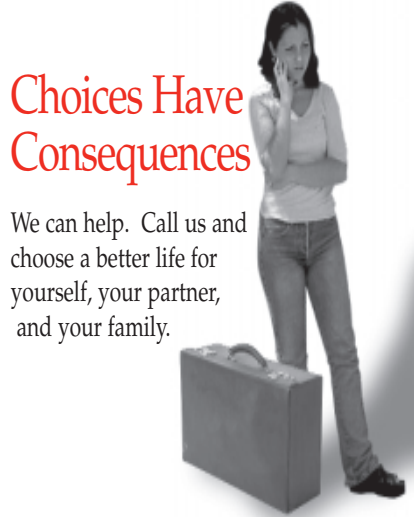
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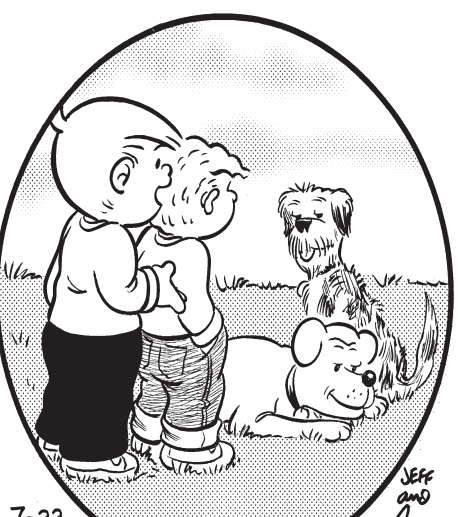
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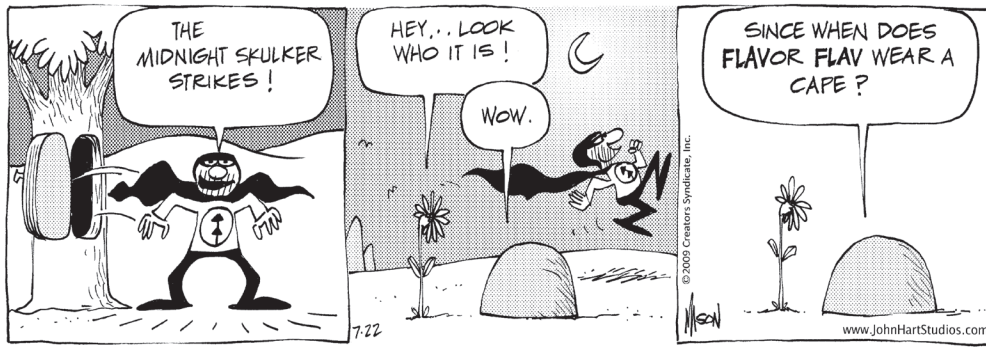


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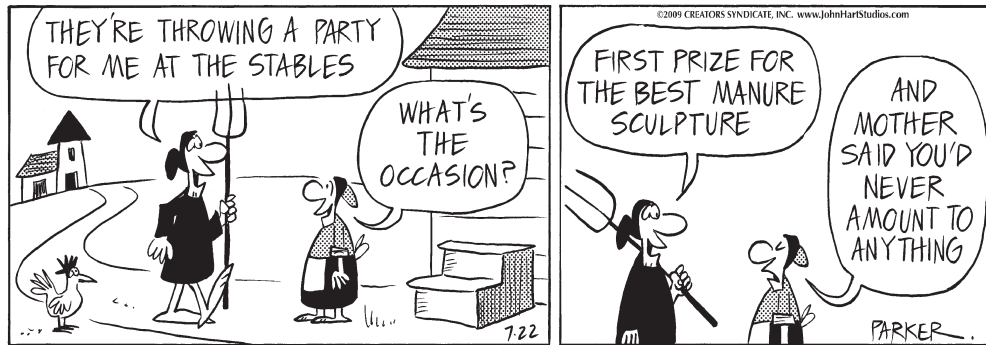
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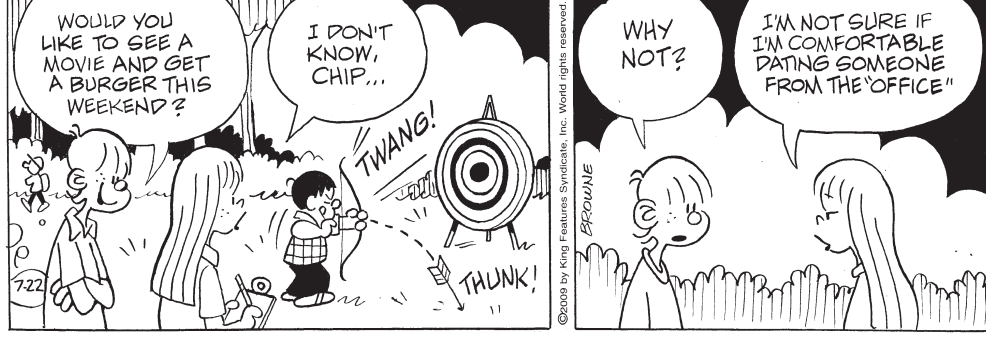
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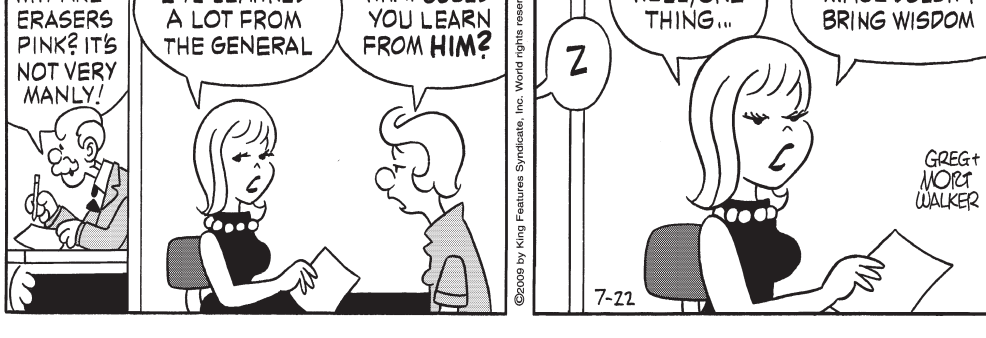
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, July 22, the 203rd day of 2009. There are 162 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 22, 1934, bank robber John Dillinger was shot to death by federal agents outside Chicago's Biograph Theater, where he had just watched the Clark Gable movie "Manhattan Melodrama."

On this date:

In 1587, an English colony fated to vanish under mysterious circumstances was established on Roanoke Island off North Carolina.

In 1796, Cleveland, Ohio, was founded by General Moses Cleveland.

In 1929, inmates at the Clinton Correctional Facility in Dannemora, N.Y. made an unsuccessful mass escape attempt.

In 1933, American aviator Wiley Post completed the first solo flight around the world as he returned to New York's

Floyd Bennett Field after traveling for seven days, 18 3/4 hours.

In 1937, the Senate rejected President Franklin D. Roosevelt's proposal to add more justices to the Supreme Court.

In 1942, the Nazis began transporting Jews from the Warsaw Ghetto to the Treblinka concentration camp.

In 1943, American forces led by General George S. Patton captured Palermo, Sicily, during World War II.

In 1946, Jewish extremists blew up a wing of the King David Hotel in Jerusalem, killing 90 people.

In 1975, the House of Representatives joined the Senate in voting to restore the American citizenship of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee.

In 1983, Samantha Smith and her parents returned home to Manchester, Maine, after completing a whirlwind tour of the Soviet Union.

Today's Birthdays: Former Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., is 86. Singer Margaret Whiting is 85. Actor-comedian Orson Bean is 81. Fashion designer Oscar de la

Renta is 77. Actress Louise Fletcher is 75. R&B singer Chuck Jackson is 72. Actor Terence Stamp is 71. Game show host Alex Trebek is 69. Singer George Clinton is 68. Actor-singer Bobby Sherman is 66. Movie writer-director Paul Schrader is 63. Actor Danny Glover is 62. Actor-comedian-director Albert Brooks is 62. Rock singer Don Henley is 62. Movie composer Alan Menken is 60. Singer-actress Lonette McKee is 56. Jazz musician Al Di Meola is 55. Actor Willem Dafoe is 54. R&B singer Keith Sweat is 48. Actress Joanna Going is 46. Actor Rob Estes is 46. Folk singer Emily Saliers (Indigo Girls) is 46.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

MEET THE BUNKERS by Fred Piscop Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS
- 1 Duty-__ shop
- 5 Florida city, for short
- 9 Showed enthusiasm
- 14 Former Italian money
- 15 Algerian port
- 16 Give a speech
- 17 Costume designer with eight Oscars
- 19 Strike down
- 20 Wolf's home
- 21 Very long time
- 22 Casino worker
- 23 S&L convenience
- 24 Actor McKellen
- 25 Father of gridders
- 32 Ho-hum
- 33 Region of Spain
- 34 Electrified swimmer
- 36 Wandered about
- 38 Place to lodge
- 39 Fill with joy
- 41 Singleton
- 42 Hosted the show
- 45 Proton's place
- 46 Sunset Boulevard star
- 49 Elevator compartment
- 50 Helium, for one
- 51 McDaniel of *Gone With the Wind*
- 54 Floor coverings
- 56 Taking after
- 59 Perfect
- 60 '80s heavyweight champ
- 62 Superman portrayed
- 63 Pastry prettifier
- 64 All gone
- 65 Stopped
- 66 Thomas Hardy heroine
- 67 "Shall we?" response
- DOWN
- 1 Escaped
- 2 Theme-park attraction
- 3 Killarney's land
- 4 "Dig in!"
- 5 Czech region
- 6 Two-toned treat
- 7 James of *Misery*
- 8 What's more
- 9 '88-'97 sitcom
- 10 Giorgio of fashion
- 11 Colorado ski town
- 12 Suffix with sermon
- 13 Buck or stag
- 18 Doth possess
- 22 The Flintstones' pet
- 23 Be sore
- 25 __ for the ride
- 26 *Bolero* composer
- 27 Author Jong
- 28 Zebras' locks
- 29 Nixon running mate
- 30 "Peachy!"
- 31 Climb aboard
- 32 'Hood salutation
- 35 Moon lander, for short
- 37 Went off the track
- 40 Young lady
- 43 Boggy stuff
- 44 Angry looks, in comics
- 47 Scale interval
- 48 GOP-elephant creator
- 51 Bring on board
- 52 Yemeni port
- 53 Prepared to drive, with "up"
- 54 Potato alternative
- 55 Luau strings
- 56 *Off the Court* author
- 57 Ill-gotten gains
- 58 Aardvark's meal
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- 61 Fashion monogram

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Dear Margo: When a daughter's life is her own

Dear Margo: I am writing about my 24-year-old daughter I'll call "Florence," who is in a four-year relationship I am extremely upset about.



MARGO HOWARD

I have spoken with Florence about how I feel, and I also know I am powerless to change her mind. I have been so upset that I think this has affected my health adversely, as I have been a cancer patient for two years.

Florence is beautiful, talented and intelligent. She could have just about any man she desires. This boyfriend with whom she is seri-

ously considering marriage cannot find full-time work in his field and works part time, eking out just enough money to support himself rather than finding work in another field that would enable him to support a family someday.

He is grossly overweight, as is his mother, so this genetic tendency could be passed along to his children. He is not of our religion, which could add difficulties to a marital relationship.

I feel strongly that Florence will "wake up and smell the coffee" too late, after marriage and children, and live an unhappy life.

One cannot choose the mate for one's child, but I need advice about how to stop worrying so I can become happy and, hopefully, healthy. —

Worried Sick

Dear Wor: You know the words but not the music — something I think most of us experience at one time or another. You know Florence is going to do what she wants, you know you should disengage, but it's hard to watch what you view as a mistake and not make yourself heard.

It is important for you to accept the fact that — for four years — beautiful, talented, intelligent Florence has been involved with a man you do not find promising, to put it mildly.

But I will tell you this: Florence knows he is fat, underemployed and of a different religion. It has so far not changed her mind.

And realistically, it's never "too late" to undo

from a mate who's proved to be the wrong one. (Don't ask me how I know this.)

Since you can't control Florence, I recommend that you work on attaining the gift of acceptance.

It is her life. I have always believed that we each get one life (unless you are Shirley MacLaine) to do with as we choose.

If you can adopt this way of thinking, I predict you will be happier and your health will improve. — *Margo, purposefully*

Is That a Baby in There, or Do You Sit Around Eating Chocolate Cake?

Dear Margo: I have somewhat of a potbelly that makes me look like I'm about three months

pregnant.

I'm not pregnant, never have been and never will be (at least not for a few years anyway). Some people, mostly family, keep asking if I am pregnant. It's embarrassing and annoying.

While I'm not always happy with my figure, I'm comfortable enough with it. Is there anything I can do to stop getting asked this? — *Absolutely Not Pregnant*

Dear Ab: You need to close down these "well wishers," and I offer you two approaches.

One is to answer, "Nope — just been hiding in the jelly donuts."

Another would be the announcement that you weren't the last time they asked, and you're not now. Smart people

learn (often the hard way) that it is not wise to ask people with discernible bellies if they are preppers.

Nine times out of 10, what could be perceived as a "baby bump" is actually the 10 or 15 pounds a lot of us would like to lose.

If you can keep yourself from bopping the clods who ask you this question, humor is very effective. — *Margo, lightly*

Dear Margo is written by Margo Howard, Ann Landers' daughter. All letters must be sent via e-mail to dearmargo@creators.com. Due to a high volume of e-mail, not all letters will be answered.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: Right now I am having an anxiety attack and a headache. All because my elderly boss started the week by screaming and belittling everyone in sight. The man can't hear, can't see and barely gets around, but he insists on running the business with an iron fist. His adult children are perfectly capable of taking over, but he refuses to let them have any responsibility aside from their hourly jobs.

He has started making major mistakes, which I'm expected to find and fix. Yet when I do, it makes him angry and he gives me grief. I am working two jobs to make ends meet and can't afford to quit. I've spoken to his children and they say there is nothing they can do, he is the president of the company and they have no recourse. They've approached him about letting them do more, but that only upsets him more. Please help me find a way to deal with this situation. — *New York Employee*

Dear Employee: Your boss is frightened to realize he is no longer as capable as he once was. He thinks if he gives up control of the company, he will become useless and unnecessary because, like many men, his identity is entirely wrapped up in his job. Since the situation cannot be changed and you are unwilling to quit, we recommend you turn a deaf ear as often as possible, and cultivate sufficient sympathy and understanding to make his tirades less upsetting. No matter how it appears, you are not the real target of his anger and frustration.

Dear Annie: My friend "Lucy" turned 50 this year, and so did I. I asked her weeks in advance if she wanted to have a party at my house, but no one in her family was willing to help me pull it together. Instead, she had a small party at her parents' home. I brought a nice gift and had a lovely time.

For my birthday, my husband and kids threw a party at my house and all my friends and family attended, except Lucy. She said she was definitely coming, and I offered to let her stay overnight since she lives two hours away. I called her the night of the party and left her a message, as did another friend, both of us asking where she was.

That was a month ago and I haven't heard from her since. My feelings are really hurt. I've known Lucy since high school. We were in each other's weddings. We watched our kids grow up. My daughter ran into Lucy's daughter, who said, "Oh, something came up and Mom feels really bad." But I guess not bad enough to pick up the phone. So, should I call her or simply write her off and

move on? I'm so hurt I'm ready to do it. — *Upset in Iowa*

Dear Upset: We think Lucy's guilt is keeping her from phoning. She owes you an apology, but it doesn't look like she's going to volunteer it, so we suggest you call and say you've missed her. A decades-long friendship deserves a second chance.



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Flustered Wife," who discovered her husband is looking at porn and asked if all men do that. I just want to point out that while men like to look at pictures of naked women, women like to read romance novels, which include plenty of sex. In fact, in this down economy, the sales of romance novels are way up. The subject (sex) is the same.

How we approach it is different. Biologically speaking, while men like to look, women like to imagine. There's nothing to be flustered about, unless, as you pointed out, there are signs of a problem. — *Looking vs. Imagining*

Dear Looking: This is a subject for a much longer column, but let's just say that fantasizing while reading is generally a lot less destructive to a marriage than pornography.

Dear Annie: Like "Frustrated," I, too, worked for my parents, long hours with little pay and no vacations. Co-workers thought I was a spoiled brat, but I was lonely. I finally got fed up with my father and joined the Navy. It was easier.

After my parents' death I re-evaluated. Dad's business was his life, and he wanted me in his life. He was trying to teach me the lessons it took him a long time to learn. He wanted me to stand up for myself and be able to handle the consequences. He did what he thought was best for me.

My advice: Do not think your co-workers are your friends. People will not show you respect if you do not show your boss respect. Have a life outside of work. Pick your battles wisely, but stand up for yourself. Learn all aspects of the business and consider it a master's degree.

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

The Importance of Being Earnest

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A J 10 7 6 3
♥ 6 3
♦ 10 8 5
♣ Q 4

WEST
♠ Q 8
♥ A Q 10 7
♦ 6 4
♣ A K 10 8 3

EAST
♠ K 9 4
♥ 9 8 5 2
♦ —
♣ J 9 7 6 5 2

SOUTH
♠ 5 2
♥ K J 4
♦ A K Q J 9 7 3 2
♣ —

The bidding:
North East South West
Pass Pass 5♦ Dble
Opening lead — king of clubs.

Let's say you're declarer at five diamonds doubled and West leads the king of clubs. The problem is how to give yourself the best chance to make the contract. Of course, your plan should be based on viewing only the North-South cards, and not all four hands shown in the diagram.

Strangely enough, the answer is to start by discarding a spade on the king of clubs! Once you make this play you cannot be defeated, regard-

less of what West decides to do at trick two.

First, let's suppose West continues with the ace of clubs. In that case, you ruff, play a spade to the ace, ruff a spade high, enter dummy with a trump and ruff another spade high, thus establishing three spade tricks in dummy.

After you next cross to dummy with a trump, you discard the K-J-4 of hearts on the J-10-7 of spades and wind up making the contract with an overtrick. Of course, you don't make the overtrick if West cashes the ace of hearts at trick two, but, more importantly, you do make the contract.

Now let's suppose you ruffed the king of clubs at trick one, which seems the natural thing to do. In that event, you would go down one no matter how you continued. Sooner or later East would win a trick with the king of spades and return a heart to do you in.

What the hand demonstrates is that it is occasionally necessary to make an unusual play in order to prevent the dangerous opponent (in this case, East) from gaining the lead. It is easy enough to discard a spade on the opening lead; the hard part is to think of it.

Tomorrow: A shaggy-horse story.
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Always smile in public. It can be hard, but you will be amazed at the results. — *I Wish I Had Understood*

Dear Wish: Thank you for sharing the wisdom of your experience. Your parents would be proud.

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Why not check this out at the library?

It was discovered by some of our patrons, that we did not have some classic fiction. Enter "The Fountainhead" by Ayn Rand. It has become an enduring piece of literature, more popular now than when published in 1943. On the surface, it is a story of one man, Howard Roark, and his struggles as an architect in the face of a successful rival, Peter Keating, and a newspaper columnist, Ellsworth Toohey.



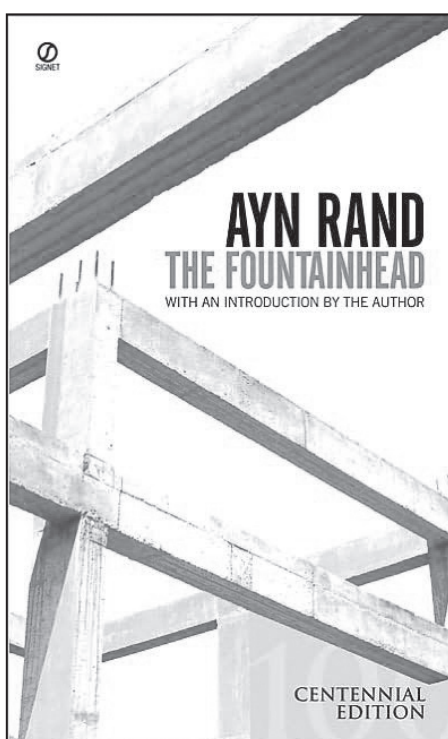
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addresses a number of universal themes: the strength of the individual, the tug between good and evil, the threat of fascism. The confrontation of those themes, along with the amazing stroke of Rand's writing, combine to give this book its enduring influence.

Mary Kay Andrews can be depended upon to capture the flavor of the deep South and not depict it as a "redneck" place. In "The Fixer Upper" (F AND M) by Andrews, Dempsey Killebrew's life is in shambles. She is abruptly fired from her high-powered job as a Washington lobbyist when her boss is accused of political shenanigans and uses vulnerable Dempsey as his scapegoat.

Out of work, out of money, and out of options, Dempsey goes to Guthrie, Ga., at her father's request, to work on a house he inherited. Not only is it a total mess, it's also inhabited by an elderly distant relative with a shotgun who has only disgust for anyone named Killebrew — and no plans for moving out.

With limited funds from her father, Dempsey sets out to fix



the house, and maybe herself with a little help from her new friends in town, as she struggles to clear her name and avoid federal prosecu-

tion for the allegations made by her former boss, who took advantage of her naïveté.

Andrews serves up a tempting and satisfying dish of southern-fried romance, featuring a courageous heroine who is wooed by a worthy hero. Review is written by Patty Engelmann and comes from Publisher's Weekly.

Dorothea Benton Frank can also be depended upon to deliver a satisfying novel to while away a hot afternoon. Frank's area of expertise is the Low Country of South Carolina. In "Return to Sullivan's Island" (F FRA D), the prose is frequently funny and Frank weaves in a dark undercurrent that incites some surprising late-book developments.

Tight storytelling, winsomely oddball characters and touches of Southern magic make this a winner.

If you can make sense out of "Pygmy" (F PAL C) by Chuck Palahniuk, then you are a more erudite person than I. Palahniuk's 10th novel is a potent if cartoonish cultural satire that succeeds despite its stridently confounding prose.

A gang of adolescent terrorists trained by an unspecified totalitarian state (the boys and girls are guided by quotations attributed to Marx, Hitler, Augusto Pinochet, Idi Amin, etc.) infiltrate America as foreign exchange students.

Their mission: to bring the nation to its knees through Operation Havoc, an act of mass destruction disguised as a science project. Review is from Publisher's Weekly, as I could not follow either the writing or the story line. Good luck in reading it!

Now for some thriller-type books. James Rollins writes a tight, fast paced story. In "The Doomsday Key" (ROL J), Commander Gray Pierce and the Sigma Force is in a

race to solve a riddle that goes back centuries.

There is a deadly compound that if released, is plague-like in scope. Scenes from ancient Egypt to the Druids and on to the ancient church; I think it is sort of like the Druids/Crusaders meet Delta Force and the story line is too twisted to explain in a short paragraph; guess you will have to just check it out.

Guillermo del Toro and Chuck Hogan have written "The Strain," the first of a trilogy and it is everything you want from a horror novel — dark, bloody, and packed full of mayhem and mythology.

But, be forewarned, these are not like any vampires you've met before—they're not sexy or star-crossed or "vegetarians" — they are hungry, they are connected, and they are multiplying. The vampire virus marches its way across New York, and all that stands between us and a grotesque end are a couple of scientists, an old man with a decades-old vendetta and a young boy.

This first installment moves fast and sets up the major players, counting down to the beginning of the end. Great summer reading. Review is by Daphne Durham on Amazon.com. Del Toro is a movie director who directed "Hellboy"; "Hellboy II" and "Pan's Labyrinth" — all movies that (to me) are very dark and violent.

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White House goes a little bit country

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House went a little bit country Tuesday.

"Now, I know folks think I'm a city boy, but I do appreciate listening to country music," President Barack Obama said to guests gathered in the East Room for a performance by country musicians Alison Krauss and Union Station.

Brad Paisley and country music legend Charley Pride also entertained the audience, which included first lady Michelle Obama, Cabinet secretaries and lawmakers.

The president, whose hometown is Chicago, said the genre has helped to make Americans more hopeful. "It's captured our restlessness and resilience, and told so much of our story in the process," he said.

The performance,

along with a morning workshop for students, was the second in a music series that Mrs. Obama launched last month to encourage arts and arts education. The first session was devoted to jazz. A classical music workshop is planned for the fall.

Earlier, Paisley, Krauss and Union Station taught 120 middle and high school music students from Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Virginia about music.

Paisley and Krauss started their careers early. Krauss, who plays the fiddle, signed a record deal at 14; the guitar-playing Paisley was just 13 when he appeared on a country music show.

Krauss said she would listen to music all day but "I didn't think I would ... end up doing it as a career."

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