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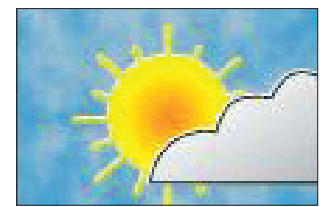


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Saldivar defends censoring BSHS newspaper

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District Superintendent Steven Saldivar defends the district's actions concerning the recent censoring of the high school newspaper. Big Spring High School journalism instructor Bill Riggs resigned in protest Friday shortly after copies of The Corral student newspaper were pulled from circulation by district



Saldivar

officials. Administrators pulled the issue, the final one of the school year, because it contained a student editorial advocating the legalization of marijuana. Saldivar said he decided upon the action because the editorial ran contrary to the district's long-stated position on drug usage. "We were embarrassed by it,"

Saldivar said. "At the same time we're trying to get kids to see the dangers of using drugs, (The Corral) ran that editorial. In no way do we advocate legalizing drugs, so we didn't feel this was something that was in our best interests to support." Compounding the problem, Saldivar said, Riggs and the newspaper staff did not follow established procedures before printing the edition. "Each edition of the school newspaper is supposed to approved

by the high school principal (Mike Ritchey)," Saldivar said. "But Mr. Ritchey never got a chance to approve it before it was printed ... and some issues were already distributed before it came to our attention." Citing a "difference of opinion" with the school district's actions, Riggs resigned his position with BSISD effective May 28, Saldivar said. The U.S. Supreme Court has long

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FORSAN POOL OPEN FOR SUMMER



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

An intrepid young diver does a back flip off the diving board at the Forsan swimming pool Tuesday afternoon. The pool, adjacent to Forsan High School, is open to the general public from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday through Aug. 7. Cost is \$1 for Forsan ISD students and \$2 for others.

Water park again OK'd

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Following a failed vote to substantially scale back the \$4.2 million water park designed to replace the municipal swimming pool, the Big Spring City Council voted 6-1 in favor of moving forward with the project as previously designed. A motion by newly elected District 5 Councilman Craig Olson to massively scale back the design of the water park — which was approved by the council unanimously prior to his election — was defeated 2-5, with only Olson and newly elected Mayor Tommy Duncan supporting the measure.

The vote was taken after more than one hour of testimony from local citizens and discussions among the council. However, Olson and Duncan's arguments failed to sway council members Stephanie Horton, Manuel Ramirez Jr., Joann Staulcup, Gloria McDonald and Terry Hansen, who all remained steadfast in their support of the proposed facility.

After the vote failed, Duncan asked the council to agree to move forward with the project, but look at the aesthetics — landscaping and non-pool amenities, for the largest part — for ways of possibly cutting costs without scaling back the existing design. The motion was made by District 1 Councilwoman Horton and seconded by District 4 Councilwoman McDonald, drawing ayes from all except Olson.

Shortly after the vote, Duncan said he voted in favor of the project only because he

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Council members centering on infrastructure needs at moment

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Infrastructure seemed to be the key topic during a special meeting of the Big Spring City Council Tuesday night, as the council gave the city staff its wish list of items it would like to see included in the 2010-2011 budget.

Mayor Tommy Duncan — who recently took over for long time mayor Russ McEwen — said the one thing he'd most like to see included in the coming year's fiscal plan is a reduction in the Big Spring tax rate, which is currently approximately \$1.01 per \$100 valuation.

Duncan also said he'd like to see more attention given to the city's water filtration system, as well as continued maintenance of roadways.

District 3 Councilwoman Joann Staulcup echoed Duncan's concerns about the city water system, saying she would like to see a fund created to systematically replace the machinery used to treat the city's drinking water and waste water treatment.

Staulcup also asked the city staff to look at the impending closure of the city landfill more closely to determine if the money the council is currently putting back to pay for it will be enough.

Paved streets in Big Spring were also a matter of concern for Staulcup, who asked the city staff to look into creating a fund to pay for a certain amount of paving to be done within the city limits each year.

District 1 Councilwoman Stephanie Horton said the city's entryway to the west was an eyesore for the municipality, asking the city administration to continue to look into possible funding to make the area look more attractive. However, the long time councilwoman's biggest beef was with the Colorado River Municipal Water District.

"We need to do whatever it takes to keep getting our water from the Ivey Reservoir," she said sternly. "We are the leading city with the CRMWD, and we should always get

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Berkman delivers winner in ninth for Astros

HOUSTON (AP) — Facing a two-strike pitch with two outs and the bases loaded in the ninth, Lance Berkman came ever so close to striking out to end the game.

Given a reprieve on his check swing by the umpire, Berkman came through with one of the biggest hits of the Houston Astros' bad season.

Berkman singled in two runs against NL saves leader Matt Capps as the Astros answered Washington's late rally with one of their own in an 8-7 victory against the Nationals on Tuesday night.

"For me, a check swing is one of those calls in the game that there's very little consistency on it," Nationals manager

Jim Riggleman said. "Nobody really knows what it is, what it isn't. If you check swing, to me, that means the pitcher beat the hitter. You know? If there's a gray, it should be a strike. There's a way to take a strike, and it's not in the form of a check swing. It works that way for both clubs."

The Nationals grabbed

a 7-6 lead with a two-run rally against Houston closer Matt Lidstrom on RBI singles from Roger Bernadina and Ian Desmond.

But Pedro Feliz reached on Ryan Zimmerman's fielding error to start Houston's ninth. He was sacrificed to second by Kevin Cash and pinch hitter Cory Sullivan's double off the wall

in left field put runners on second and third.

Capps (0-2), who leads the league with 17 saves and had only blown one opportunity, intentionally walked Michael Bourn to load the bases, but after getting a second out, Berkman drove the ball to left to win it. He finished with five RBIs.

"That's a good come-

from-behind win," Berkman said. "I feel like we shouldn't have been in that position. I made a bad throw home, and that ended up costing us three runs. To be able to atone for that late in the game, that helps us."

It was Berkman's 13th career performance of five or more RBIs. He's

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HERALD PHOTO/Adam Coleman

Forsan pitcher Amanda Longorio will lead the Lady Buffs into a second consecutive state championship appearance when they take on Cross Roads at 8:30 a.m. Thursday in Austin. According to the latest Texas Girls Coaches Association Softball Poll, the Lady Buffs are ranked No. 3 among Class 1A teams in the state. Cross Roads is ranked No. 1. The Lady Buffs leave for Austin today.

Bulldogettes have nine on All-District as offseason continues

BY ADAM COLEMAN
Sports Editor

As the 2010 high school softball season comes to an end, all-district honors continue to be announced.

The Coahoma Bulldogettes head into the summer with nine earning District 7-2A honors. All-District honors usually are not announced until every team in the district has finished its season. The Bulldogettes were the last team to finish their season.

They lost to Alpine in the Class 2A regional semifinal on May 22.

Heather Newton was named the district's Pitcher of the Year. Joanna Gonzales nabbed Defensive Player of the Year. Kalea Neff, Kylie Gee and Katie Dunn made First Team All-District. Jordan Martin and Lauren Ruiz were named to the second team. Jennifer Castilaw and Hayli McCullough

made honorable mention.

The standout name on the list may be Newton. She took two losses in district play and was the Bulldogettes' ace this season. Coahoma finished the season 31-11.

The Bulldogettes had seven seniors this season.

Newton, Neff, Gee, Martin, Ruiz, Dunn and McCullough will all have to be replaced.

Coahoma coach Tracy Tadlock said there should be some solid players who can fill in for the seniors and pick up where they left off.

"I like to call it reloading," Tadlock said. "But we got some good kids coming up. We got several kids who weren't starters this year that were very capable.

"So we have, two, three, four freshmen coming in who are pretty good. I've seen several of them play."

Kinsler knocks in 3 as Texas Rangers beat White Sox 9-6

CHICAGO (AP) — Ian Kinsler and the Chicago White Sox wore out Mark Buehrle and wiped out an early four-run deficit.

Kinsler had two hits and drove in three runs and Craig Gentry hit a two-run single in a five-run sixth to lead the Texas Rangers to a 9-6 comeback victory over the Chicago White Sox on Tuesday night.

Josh Hamilton and David Murphy each had three hits for the Rangers, who snapped a four-game losing streak.

Rangers starter Rich Harden (3-1) hung around long enough to get the victory, allowing four runs on seven hits. He struck out one and allowed three walks.

Buehrle (3-6) couldn't hold on to an early 4-0 lead. Buehrle was tagged for four runs on four hits in the sixth inning.

"He's going to work fast. He's going to throw his changeup down in the zone and try to get you to roll over, but we were able to get to him a little bit in the first inning and make him throw a lot of pitches," Kinsler said. "I think that might have affected him later in the game when he was getting up to about the 100 pitch count. It kind of tired him out a little bit."

Rangers reliever Frank Francisco struck out the side in order in the seventh and Darren Oliver struck out two

for a perfect eighth inning. But closer Neftali Feliz loaded the bases in the ninth with one out before getting Alexei Ramirez to pop out and Omar Vizquel to fly to center for his 14th save in 16 opportunities.

Justin Smoak also had a pinch-hit RBI single and a solo home run for Texas.

Carlos Quentin homered for Chicago.

With one out in the sixth inning and leading 4-2, Buehrle gave up four consecutive singles. With the bases loaded, Gentry, who was recalled from Triple-A Oklahoma City on Sunday, lined a single up the middle to score Joaquin Arias and Murphy to end Buehrle's

outing.

"We got together and talked about things we needed to do when we got guys in scoring position, things like that. It seemed to work out a little better tonight," Hamilton said.

Michael Young followed with a sacrifice fly off reliever Sergio Santos to put the Rangers ahead and Kinsler capped off a five-run inning with a two-run double down the left-field line to give the Rangers a 7-4 lead.

"We score four runs in the beginning of the game, with Buehrle on the mound, you're a little excited about the game," White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen said. "Then all of a sudden,

everything was turned around. We could have scored some more, we left opportunities out there.

"We came short, and obviously our pitching wasn't that good."

The Rangers got some insurance on Smoak's pinch-hit RBI single in the seventh inning off White Sox reliever J.J. Putz, and Smoak's homer off Scott Linebrink in the ninth.

Buehrle made his first start since being ejected by umpire Joe West for flipping his glove after being called for his second balk of the game in the second inning of Wednesday's win at Cleveland.

He allowed six runs on a season-high 12 hits.

Area playoff schedule

Thursday

Forsan baseball vs. Stamford, 6 p.m., Moffett Field, Snyder.

Forsan softball vs. Cross Roads, 8:30 a.m., McCombs Field, Austin.

Friday

Forsan baseball vs. Stamford, 5:30 p.m., Moffett Field, Snyder (Second game is played 30 minutes later, if necessary).

Sports in brief

BSHS schedules sports camps

Big Spring High School will be the site of several sports camps this summer.

Those camps include:

- Camp of Champs — This weight-conditioning program, open to students in grades 3 through 7, will be held June 1-10 at the Athletic Training Center.

Coach Don Kelso will conduct the camp. Cost is \$25 per person.

- Summer Track Program — Open to all BSISD students, this camp will run from June 1 through July 15 at the ATC and Blankenship Field.

- Baseball Skills Camp — BSHS Coach Bert Otto will conduct this camp, open to children in grades 1 through 8, from June 1-3 at Steer Park.

Cost is \$25 per person.

- Softball Skills Camp — Coach John Sparks will conduct this camp, open to children in grades 3

through 8, from June 1-3 at Lady Steers Field.

Cost is \$25 per person.

- Boys Basketball Skills Camp — Students in grades 2-8 are eligible for this camp, which will be conducted from June 7-10 at the junior high gym. Coach Marcus Morris will conduct the camp.

Cost is \$25.

- Girls Basketball Skills Camp — Also open to students in grades 2-8, this camp will be held from June 21-24 in Steer Gym.

Coach Mike Warren will conduct the camp. Cost is \$25 per person.

- Football Skills Camp — Coach Nick Roberson will conduct this camp, open to students in grades 1 through 8, June 21-24 at the ATC. Cost is \$25 per person.

- Volleyball Skills Camp — This camp is open to students in grades 3 through 8 and will be conducted July 26-29 at the junior high gym. Cost is \$25 per person.

For more information on any of the camps, con-

tact the ATC at 264-3662.

Coahoma Ragball Tournament

The school's annual ragball tournament runs from June 25-June 27 and will take place at Coahoma High School. If anyone is interested in being an umpire, call Amy Lang at 263-5615.

Parent-child golf tournament scheduled

Big Spring Country Club will host a parent-child two-person scramble golf tournament June 5-6.

The tournament will have two divisions — trophy and open — and will be flighted by first day scores. A parent may play with more than one child.

Entry fee is \$80 per team in the open division and \$40 per team in the trophy division (second team registration is half price).

To register, call 267-5354.

Police blotter

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

- **YVETTE CASTILLO**, 31, of 500 N.E. Ninth St., was arrested Tuesday on charges of failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to appear.
- **JUAN ALBERTO LOPEZ**, 26, of 500 N.W. Ninth St., was arrested Tuesday on charges of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle and a warrant from another agency.
- **FRANKLIN KYLE CASEY**, 49, of 1704 W. Fourth St., was arrested Tuesday on charges of driving while license invalid – DWI related, failure to maintain financial responsibility and driving without safety belt secured.
- **LEON LEE TREVINO**, 28, of 600 S. Lancaster, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance.
- **THEFT** was reported:
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In the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.
In the 100 block of E. Marcy.
- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the area of Third Street and Runnels.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported:
In the 3200 block of W. Highway 80.
In the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.

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Friday and Saturday Dinner Menu

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Wedge Salad iceberg lettuce, brown sugar glazed bacon, tomato, red onion & roquefort cheese \$6	1lb. Bone In Rib Eye poblano potatoes, crispy onion, shiner bock sauce \$30
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Obituaries

Jack McVay Denson

Jack McVay Denson, age 83, of Tyler passed away May 29, 2010, in Tyler. He was born April 16, 1927, in San Antonio to Mary Lou Stinson Denson and John McClede Denson.

Jack graduated from Poteet High School at the age of 16. He joined the V-12 program as a student at the University of Texas at Austin and graduated with a degree in naval science and tactics in 1947. He continued his studies at the UT Austin and received a degree in petroleum engineering in 1948.

Upon graduation, he worked for Texaco Oil Company until 1951 when he was recalled by the Navy to serve aboard the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Valley Forge during the Korean War. In 1952 he was stationed at the naval base in Norfolk, Va., under the command of the commander of the atlantic fleet. Jack was discharged in 1953 and remained in the reserves until his retirement from the Navy in 1970.

He returned to work at Texaco until 1959, when he went to work for Cosden Petroleum Company (now Alon USA) in Big Spring. In 1971 he was transferred by Fina to Tyler, where he became district manager in 1973. Five years later he was transferred to Dallas, where he served as manager of outside operations until his retirement in 1985.

In 1964 Jack married Betty Joyce "B.J." Gray, daughter of the late Jewell Earl Gray and Ora Mae Gray and sister of Richard Gray of Warren, Ark.

He served as assistant director of civil defense in Big Spring, chairman of the Fina Credit Union in Dallas, chairman of the local chapter of the Society of Petroleum Engineers and vice chairman of the local chapter of American Petroleum Institute in Tyler. He was a member of the Society of Petroleum Engineers, the American Petroleum Institute and Marvin United Methodist Church.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his beloved wife and partner, B.J., and two sons from a previous marriage.

Graveside services were to be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday June 2, at Oakland Cemetery in Warren, Ark., by Frazer's Funeral Home.

Online guest register at www.frazerfuneralhome.com. Memorials preferred: Alzheimers Alliance of NE Texas, Inc., 211 Winchester Dr., Tyler 75701; or St. Jude Children Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tenn., 38105.

Paid obituary

James D. 'Jim' Huckaby

James D. "Jim" Huckaby, 76, of Big Spring died Monday, May 31, 2010, in a Lubbock hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, June 4, 2010, at First Baptist Church with the Rev. Mark Lindsey, pastor, officiating.



The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, June 3, 2010, at the funeral home.

He was born Nov. 4, 1933, in Rotan, and married Jean Cross on Nov. 24, 1951, in Crossroads.

Jim grew up in Rotan and graduated from Rotan High School. He was the son of Clarence and Mance Huckaby. He came to Big Spring in 1964 from Sweetwater and worked for Walker Auto Parts for many years until retiring. Jim was a member and deacon of College Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Jean Huckaby of Big Spring; two daughters, Beverly Knous and husband, Richard, of Big Spring and Jackie Mullen and partner, Jerri Dixon, of Louisville, Ky.; four grandchildren, Melanie Harris and husband, Dwayne, of Brownwood, Heather Morris and husband, Doug, Tom Mullen and Marianne Mullen, all of Lubbock; and two great-grandchildren, Krysta Whitehead and Aubrie Harris, both of Brownwood.

He was preceded in death by one grandson, James Mullen, in 1991.

The family suggests memorials be made to Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, 815 Market Street, Galveston 77550-9969.

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

Paid obituary

Ethel Winslett

Ethel Winslett, 95, of Big Spring died Tuesday, June 1, 2010, in a local nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

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LeBron says Cavs have edge in free agency

CLEVELAND (AP) — One month from the start of the NBA's free agency frenzy, LeBron James said he's not close to making any decision. However, he has handicapped his field of suitors.

The Cleveland Cavaliers lead the pack.

In his first interview since the Cavs' season ended with a shocking, second-round loss to Boston, James told CNN's Larry King that Cleveland "does have an edge" to re-sign him when the greatest collection of free agents in league history hits the open market on July 1.

King, who interviewed James at the two-time MVP's home near Akron on Tuesday, asked the superstar if Cleveland has "an edge going in?"

"Absolutely," James said in a portion of the interview released by the network. "Because, you know, this city,

these fans, I mean, have given me a lot in these seven years. And, you know, for me, it's comfortable. So I've got a lot of memories here. And so it does have an edge.

"It's going to be a very interesting summer and I'm looking forward to it."

Also during the interview, which will air Friday on CNN's "Larry King Live," James said he can't wait for July 1 to arrive and that he has not yet decided where he'll sign.

"I'm far from close," he was quoted as saying in a transcript posted on WEWS-TV's website in Cleveland. "July is still a month away, less than a month away. I've thought about it, but I haven't begun to strategize exactly."

James also made his first comments about former Cavs coach Mike Brown, who was fired in the aftermath of Cleveland's startling loss

to the Celtics. James said he was sorry to see Brown let go after five seasons.

"He was a great coach, five great years we had together and we turned a franchise that hadn't seen a lot of things in a lot of years," James said. "But ultimately, we both, myself and Mike Brown, didn't accomplish what we wanted to, and that was (win) the NBA championship. And I think we wanted it more than anybody else.

"So it's unfortunate. I wish him the best and I think he's going to have a great coaching career."

Before sitting down with King, James had not talked any media members since the Cavs were eliminated by the Celtics, who then knocked off Orlando and will meet the Los Angeles Lakers in the finals starting Thursday.

James believes the Celtics can beat the Lakers and win

their 18th NBA title.

He also plans to meet with Dwyane Wade, Chris Bosh and others in a star-studded summit of free agents to talk about their future plans.

"I am the ringleader," James told King.

The New York Knicks, Chicago Bulls, New Jersey Nets and Los Angeles Clippers are among a group of teams expected to make a strong push for James, who is humbled by all the attention as well as recent comments by New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, who wants him to sign with the Knicks, and President Barack Obama, who would like to see him step into Michael Jordan's shadow with the Bulls.

James seemed intrigued by the Clippers and the chance to play near Hollywood.

"They've got some really good players. Some really nice, solid pieces that, if they

add a free agent here or a free agent there, it could be a really good team. It's a great city. But at the same time, it's not always about the city. It's about winning. If you put me and Bosh on the same team, if you put me and Dwayne Wade on the same team, a lot of teams would be much better. You know, the Cavs would be much better."

And while he'll consult with advisers, family and friends, James said the choice of his next team will up to one person.

"It's going to be me," he said. "I'm going to have to sit down and say 'where do you want to play?'"

James has spent all seven seasons as a pro with the Cavs, who offered him a contract extension last year and can give him \$30 million more than any other team in a maximum-length deal.

Pronger bucks etiquette by pickpocketing pucks

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Chris Pronger has become a puck pickpocket.

Long one of the NHL's foremost agitators, the Flyers defenseman has bucked hockey etiquette by swiping the game puck at the end of each of Chicago's first two wins in the Stanley Cup final. Like a game ball awarded to the star of the football game, a championship game puck usually winds up somewhere in the winning team's souvenir case.

Well, unless Pronger is involved.

Pronger riled up the Blackhawks at the end of Game 2 when he used his stick to whip a stray rally towel in Ben Eager's face. Eager had skated over to yap at Pronger about his puck thievery.

While the Blackhawks brushed off talk Tuesday of tossed towels and pilfered pucks, the Flyers found it all in good fun.

"He seems to be disturbing a lot of people around him. And we're

a team that disturbs a lot of people," Flyers center Danny Briere said. "I guess he fits right in."

The Flyers need a reason to smile — and a souvenir puck earned, not swiped. Trailing 2-0 to Chicago entering Game 3 of the Stanley Cup final on Wednesday, the Flyers spent their off day working on strategy to somehow beat the Blackhawks.

"We did not talk about who is going to steal the puck in Game 3. None of that," Flyers coach Peter Laviolette said.

The Flyers have Stanley Cup history working against them.

Only two team teams in 33 tries have ever won the first two games at home and lost the series. Only four teams in the Stanley Cup finals have rallied from a 2-0 series hole to win it all.

Two notes to remember.

The Penguins did it last year, beating Detroit on the road in Game 7 after trailing the series 3-2.

And, the Flyers already came back from

a 3-0 series deficit in this postseason. They stunned the Bruins in the Eastern Conference semifinals and became the first NHL team in 35 years to pull off that type of comeback.

This is not the time for the Flyers to be discouraged.

"The situation we've put ourselves in demands desperation now," Briere said.

Not even moving the series to Philadelphia and its notoriously hostile home crowd for Wednesday night's

Game 3 should intimidate the Blackhawks. They're as at ease on the road as at home this postseason with a sparkling 7-1 away record.

But the Flyers have the same record at home during this run.

The Flyers have to be agitated they've shut down stars Patrick Kane and Jonathan Toews and have no wins for their effort.

At some point this postseason, it would have seemed prepos-

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US soccer team in fortified South Africa hotel

IRENE, South Africa (AP) — The slogan on the side of the bus reads "Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Victory!" with the Stars and Stripes painted alongside. The U.S. World Cup team is making itself at home in South Africa, ready at last to play the games that matter most.

The Americans are staying in the 74-room Irene Country Lodge, a luxury hotel north of Johannesburg and south of Pretoria protected by stone walls and barbed wire. There's a lake on the property, with an adjacent farm filled with cows and enough roosters to make alarm clocks superfluous.

"It's been a long time," captain Carlos Bocanegra said Tuesday in the interview tent, pitched on the dairy farm. "Now

it's finally here. We're in South Africa. So we're excited for the games to start. It feels real now that we're down here in South Africa and we're set up at our hotel and you see all the World Cup fanfare."

The 23-man roster and about an equal number of coaches and support staff left Washington Dulles International Airport on Sunday evening and arrived 17 hours later to a warm welcome. After a night of rest, practice resumed Tuesday ahead of the U.S. team's World Cup opener against England on June 12.

"The travel seemed quite easy. Maybe we're used to it by now," U.S. coach Bob Bradley said.

Practice is not too far away in Pretoria's Pilditch Stadium, a lush

green field surrounded by an eight-lane running track with about 5,000 seats on one side. Berms topped with palm trees wrap the other segments of the field, and the leaves are starting to fade to brown as autumn approaches winter in the Southern Hemisphere. This will be the first World Cup south of the equator since 1978 in Argentina.

Following a few warm days last week in the Northeast U.S., the Americans found themselves in a quite different climate: daytime highs in the 60s and nighttime lows near 40. They'll get to experience game conditions Saturday, when they play Australia at Roodepoort, outside Johannesburg, in their last World Cup warmup.

ASTROS

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reached base safely by walk or hit in 21 of his last 22 games.

"I made a good pitch and I thought he made a pretty good offering at it," Capps said. "If I'm perfect, I don't have to worry about it. I tried to bear down and execute, and I felt like I did. He had a nice piece of hitting on his part. It's frustrating."

Wilton Lopez (2-0) got the final two outs in the ninth for Houston, which owns the worst record in the NL.

"We just keep battling. Keep battling and good things will happen," Astros manager Brad Mills said. "The pitchers are doing their thing to pick up the hitters almost all year long, so it was nice

to see the hitters come through. It was a team effort. It was huge."

Lindstrom spoiled a solid seven inning performance by Houston starter Brett Myers, who allowed four hits and struck out 10 and walked three.

"It's always good to give your team a chance to win," Myers said. "I try to go out there and give our team a chance to win. If I make mistakes, then I try to pitch around those mistakes I do make. I try to get outs as quick as I can, so we can keep our offense in a rhythm."

Houston took a 3-0 first inning lead on Berkman's two-run double and Feliz's had a sacrifice fly in the third for a 4-0 lead.

Washington tied it in the fifth aided by two Houston errors.

Hunter Pence's ninth homer gave Houston the lead at 5-4 in the fifth and Berkman's single added a run in the sixth off reliever Drew Storen.

NOTES: Nationals first baseman Adam Dunn is hitting .290 with 110 RBIs with the bases loaded. Astros shortstop Tommy Manzella had reached base safely in 14 of his last 17 games prior to Tuesday night. The Astros placed right-handed pitcher Chris Sampson on the 15-day disabled list because of tendinitis in his right rotator cuff. The Astros purchased the contract of right-handed pitcher Casey Daigle from Triple-A Round Rock to replace Sampson on the 25-man roster. Before his error, Berkman was the only NL first baseman without a miscue this season.

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SHERIFF

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The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:
Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 72 inmates at the time of this report.

- FRANKLIN KYLE CASEY, 49, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension, failure to maintain financial responsibility and no seat belt.
- FRANCISCO JESUS NIETO, 31, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on charges of public intoxication, driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension and displaying an expired registration certificate.
- JOHN T. LAMAR, 56, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- DEBRA CAROL BRADBERRY, 40, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a

charge of driving while intoxicated — third or more offense.

- LEON LEE TREVINO, 28, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance.
- JOHN HOWARD SMITH, 61, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated — second offense.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of E. Fifth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of Fifth Street and Main. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 4900 block of Wasson Road. Service refused.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of E. 21st Street. Service refused.
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- MEDICAL was reported in the 2500 block of Gunter. Service refused.

Lottery

The winning numbers drawn in the Lotto Texas drawing Tuesday night: 12-27-44-45-51, Mega Ball: 30.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 2-4-11-26-33.
Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-7-9-8. Sum It Up: 29.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-7-4. Sum It Up: 20.

COUNCIL

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felt he didn't have any other choice.
"I feel like I have no choice but to move forward with this," Duncan said. "I don't believe we're making the right move, but I may be wrong."
Horton, Ramirez, Staulcup, McDonald and Hansen all reported the water park design had received overwhelming support from the constituents they had polled or been contacted by since it was released to the public several months ago.
"I spoke to four different people in my district within the last

three or four days, and they were all in favor of continuing with the water park design," Hansen told the council during the meeting. "Since we began working on this matter, I have seen an overwhelming predominance supporting this."
Hansen went on to read a letter submitted to him by local resident Mamie Lee Dodds, urging the council to move forward with the water park design to help improve the quality of life for Big Spring's youth. Hansen also used examples in Odessa to explain his support of the water park design over what other council members referred to as a "rectangular bath tub" design.

"The city of Odessa built three water recreation facilities, two water park designs and one pool," Hansen told the council. "The Sherwood location, which is a water park design, had more than 39,000 in attendance during 2009. The Woods location, which is also a water park design, saw more than 14,000 in attendance. The swimming pool, however, only received approximately 8,000 in attendance. Also, none of the water parks I looked at had held a bond election to finance their construction."
"I understand the reason you (Duncan and Olson) have the opinions you do. However, I have the opinions that I do

because of the input I've received from my constituents."
Staulcup said she had received 20 calls on the matter, 17 of which were in favor of the water park concept. Horton also said her constituents were in favor of the water park.
"These children need something to do. This is not a retirement city. We have a lot of children in this city," Horton said. "These kids are our future, and they are steadily leaving Big Spring as fast as they can, and many of them don't even want to come back and visit. We need to show them we want them here."
Olson quibbled with Hansen over the results of the recent election, in

which long time mayor Russ McEwen was defeated by Duncan, who had been a staunch supporter of replacing the existing pool, saying the election was a more accurate indicator of what his constituents wanted.
"The election results speak volumes," Olson said.
Speakers from the audience spoke both in favor and against the water park design, with one resident mentioning the possible recall of council members. McDonald was not swayed by the threat.
"If you want to recall me, get the paper work started tomorrow," McDonald said with a determined grimace. "Bobby (McDonald, her

husband) can get his housewife back."
The council gave the order not to open the existing swimming pool at the end of the school year in May 2009 after city officials learned the facility failed to meet federal requirements laid out in the Virginia Graeme Baker Act, as well as ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) requirements.
The council unanimously approved the issuance of certificates of obligation totaling \$4.2 million to fund a new municipal aquatic center March 8.
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NEEDS

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the better quality water. We just about own CRMWD. We need to stay on them about this, and we need to start replacing the city's CRMWD board members if they can keep us on Ivey water."
District 2 Councilman Manuel Ramirez Jr. said he would like to see better care given to roadways on the north side of the city.
"At times it seems like the city forgets Districts 1, 2 and 3, which are the north side and west side of the city," Ramirez told the city

administration. "We need more road paint and better striping, as well. At night, some of the striping isn't even visible."
Ramirez said he'd also like to see more work between the city and the Texas Department of Transportation to keep the weed levels around the municipality's eastern entryway down.
District 4 Councilwoman Gloria McDonald asked the city staff to begin looking at ways to phase vehicles into the city's fleet that use alternative fuels, a task she said will take several years to implement.
"We need to start thinking of alternative fuel vehicles when we're

replacing city vehicles," she said. "This will give us the opportunity to become more energy efficient for the future."
McDonald said she'd also like to see awareness raised concerning the city's composting facility, which provides free composting material and wood chips to citizens who are willing to do nothing more than pick them up.
"When it's (composting material) available, it's free," she said. "We need to do a better job of bringing it to the people's attention."
McDonald also presented an idea for developing railroad outlooks in the city, an attraction she said other

cities are using to lure in tourists.
District 5 Councilman Craig Olson said his biggest concern for the coming fiscal year is taxes, saying the city's taste for world class facilities may not fit within its spending limits.
"We all want world class facilities. However, it's going to take world class taxes to pay for them," he said. "I'm not sure we have the tax base to support them. Where is the money going to come from?"
District 6 Councilman Terry Hansen said

he would like to see the city staff work to develop a plan to reopen the municipal auditorium, which was closed more than a year ago because it failed to meet ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) standards, as well as as schedule to keep the streets regularly swept.
Tuesday night's meeting represents the first step in the city's preparation of the 2010-2011 fiscal plan, which

the city administration is expected to bring back for the council's consideration in the near future.
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SALDIVAR

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given school districts the final say when it comes to student publication content, and while Saldivar supports that stance, he added the district strives to balance that authority while allowing students

to air their opinions. In the end, he concluded, the district's official stance on drug usage overrode concerns about stifling free speech in this instance.
"I think it's important for people to realize that the school district is not in the business to deny free speech to students, but the Supreme Court has ruled that we do

have some authority when it comes to student publications ... Big Spring ISD takes a very strong anti-drug stance and does not want to put something out there that can be construed as advocating drug use."
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Soderling defeats Federer at Open

PARIS (AP) — Robin Soderling played his role as the French Open spoiler yet again, ending Roger Federer's record streak of 23 consecutive major semifinals with a 3-6, 6-3, 7-5, 6-4 upset quarterfinal victory.

In 2009, Soderling beat four-time champion Rafael Nadal to clear Federer's path to his first French Open title and a career Grand Slam.

On Tuesday, it was Federer's turn for an unexpected defeat. If this keeps up, Soderling's victories won't be upsets anymore.

"I didn't think I played

a bad match," Federer said. "He came up with some great tennis. It's much easier to digest this way."

Soderling's next opponent will be No. 15-seeded Tomas Berdych, a first-time Grand Slam semifinalist and the first player from the Czech Republic to reach the Roland Garros semifinals since 1992. Berdych, who beat No. 11 Mikhail Youzhny 6-3, 6-1, 6-2 in the quarterfinals, has won all 15 of his sets in the tournament.

There's the tantalizing prospect that the final Sunday will be Nadal-Soderling rematch.

Nadal was to play fellow Spaniard Nicolas Almagro in the quarterfinals Wednesday, and No. 3 Novak Djokovic of Serbia was to face first-time Grand Slam quarterfinalist Jurgen Melzer of Austria.

Federer went in undefeated in 12 matches against Soderling, including a victory in straight sets in last year's final. But Soderling has become more consistent with his thunderous groundstrokes, and he began the tournament with a No. 5 seeding, his highest ever at a Grand Slam event.

"The biggest improvement on the men's tour in the last two years is Robin Soderling's head," said three-time French Open champion Mats Wilander, a fellow Swede. "He believes in himself because he has worked harder than probably anyone to get to where he is."

Federer played some terrific defense, chasing down one shot in a corner near the exit.

But opportunities to take the offensive seldom arose.

On match point, the 6-foot-4 Soderling hit a second serve that Federer couldn't put in play.

Barmes' double in 11th leads Rockies past Giants

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — On a night when Colorado failed to capitalize on a few big scoring chances, Clint Barmes once again made the most of his opportunities.

Barmes hit a two-out RBI double in the 11th inning and the Colorado Rockies won their season-high fourth straight road game by beating the San Francisco Giants 2-1 Tuesday night.

Barmes also hit a sacrifice fly and has driven in four of Colorado's six runs in the first two games of this series.

"What's interesting about the first two

games of the series is the number of times in key situations the game has found Clint Barmes," Rockies manager Jim Tracy said. "He's responded big time. Big time."

The Rockies had runners thrown out at the plate in the ninth and 10th innings before finally breaking through in the 11th on Barmes' hit.

He also hit a two-run single off Tim Lincecum in Monday's win and now has 23 RBIs on the season — the second most for an eighth-place hitter in the NL this season despite a .219 aver-

age.

"I feel like I come up in that situation all the time and I feel like I have failed in most of them," he said. "That's baseball. It's not easy with the pitcher behind you. I'll take every one of those I can get when I get those opportunities."

Santiago Casilla (1-1) retired the first two batters before allowing a single to Miguel Olivo and walking Melvin Mora. Barmes then lined a double just inside the left-field line that scored Olivo with the go-ahead run.

"They had a two-out

rally with no one on base and Barmes hits one that lands on the chalk and that's the difference in the game," Giants manager Bruce Bochy said. "He's a threat like all hitters and he's gotten two big hits against us."

Rafael Betancourt (1-1) struck out two in a perfect 10th for the win. Manuel Corpas got three outs for his fifth save in six chances.

Colorado's bullpen allowed one baserunner in 4 1-3 innings.

The Rockies improved to 6-2 in a 12-game stretch against division foes.

HOCKEY

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terous the Blackhawks would have more wins in the Stanley Cup final than the duo have points combined.

Yet, that's the reality for Chicago after winning the first two games at home.

Toews and Kane have been noticeably missing on the scoresheet. Not a point, not an assist.

Goalie Antti Niemi and a roll call list of scorers have put the Blackhawks ahead of the Philadelphia Flyers 2-0, but Toews and Kane have yet to play a major role in helping Chicago try to win the Stanley Cup for the first time since 1961.

"It's not always the top line that gets it done as far as goal scoring," Chicago coach Joel Quenneville said. "By committee, by

team, there's a lot of different areas. Defense can even complement scoring as well."

True, but having the pair take over a game or two in hostile Philadelphia can ease some of the offensive burden of others not used to being counted on to score. Kane scored 30 goals and had 88 points this season.

Toews had 25 goals and 68 points in leading the Blackhawks' revival from one-time doormat to the second-best record in the Western Conference.

Winning is all that matters to Kane and Toews.

If it means they go scoreless in the finals and still get to hoist the Stanley Cup, they'll make that trade any day.

The punchless pair were nowhere to be found on Tuesday, taking a day off from talking about their slump

with the media.

Kane hasn't scored in six straight games. Toews in four straight.

Yes, both players would like to start scoring.

But their absence in the goal column hasn't affected the Blackhawks in the win column.

Chicago has won seven straight games in the playoffs and 10 of 11.

"They do so much more for us than put pucks in the net," Chicago forward Patrick Sharp said. "It doesn't concern us. We've said all playoffs long, we don't care who scores the goals as long as we get the wins."

"We have four lines that can contribute offensively and that's why we're here."

In Sunday's Big Spring Herald

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Kemp's homer in 10th pushes L.A. past Ariz.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Matt Kemp has done a number of impressive things during his still blossoming major league career. Tuesday night he reached another important bench mark, his first game-ending home run.

Kemp greeted reliever Juan Gutierrez with a drive into the left field pavilion leading off the 10th inning, giving the Los Angeles Dodgers a 1-0 victory over the Arizona Diamondbacks.

"It was a great feeling, getting my first walkoff home run. Now I know how 'Dre (Andre Ethier) feels when he hits all those walkoff home runs," Kemp said after his 11th homer of the season. "It was pretty exciting to do it for once in my life. I hit the ball pretty hard, so I knew it was gone."

Gutierrez (0-5) extended Arizona's streak to 12 consecutive games in which the pitching staff has allowed a home run.

Jeff Weaver (3-1) pitched a scoreless 10th for the victory, helping the Dodgers win for the 17th time in 22 games and sending the D-Backs to their ninth straight loss.

Tempers flared in the seventh inning when Russell Martin slid into Stephen Drew's leg at second base. The two exchanged words before center fielder Chris Young charged in toward the infield. That was the cue for both dugouts to empty, followed by both bullpens.

"It was just a hard slide," Martin said. "Looking at the replay, I kind of slid through the bag a little bit and caught a cleat on his foot. He didn't like that and he expressed his disagreement. I just told him that I play the game hard and that there was nothing personal there. I don't even know what he said. At that time, I was just zoning everything out."

No punches were thrown.

The next batter was pinch-hitter Garret Anderson, who grounded into a double play as Jamey Carroll intentionally went out of the baseline to slide into Drew and try to break up the DP. But that was the end of it.

"I was trying to pick which guy on the other team I was going to fight," Joe Torre joked.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Alert Defense

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ K 6 5 3
 ♥ K 7 2
 ♦ A K J 5
 ♣ K Q

EAST
 ♠ Q
 ♥ A Q 6
 ♦ 10 8 4 3
 ♣ 9 8 6 4 2

SOUTH
 ♠ J 9 7
 ♥ 10 9
 ♦ Q 7 6 2
 ♣ A J 10 3

The bidding:
 North East South West
 1♦ Pass 1NT Pass
 3NT
 Opening lead — four of spades.

It is a bridge fact of life that a defender can never afford to relax. The nature of the game is such that it demands continuous concentration on the matters at hand.

Take this case where an inattentive West might easily allow declarer to sneak home at three notrump. However, the actual West was fully alert at the critical moment and delivered two successive blows that sank the contract.

West started by leading a low spade. Declarer could have made the contract then and there by putting up the king, but he instead made the more normal play of following low

from dummy. East won with the queen and returned the nine of clubs to dummy's queen.

Declarer crossed to his hand with the queen of diamonds and led the nine of spades toward dummy. The moment of truth for West was now at hand.

West had paid careful attention to this point and had come to several conclusions. First, he knew from East's play of the queen of spades at trick one that declarer had the jack. Second, he knew from East's "top-of-nothing" return of the club nine that declarer had the A-J-10 of that suit.

This in turn meant that if West followed low to the spade lead, or covered the nine with the ten, declarer would score nine tricks — four diamonds, four clubs and a spade. So West put up the ace at trick four, but his task was not yet complete.

The next problem was to find a way to score three more tricks before South could regain the lead. This was possible only if East had at least the A-Q-x of hearts. But if West shifted to a low heart, declarer could simply play low from dummy to force East to win and thereby assure the contract.

So West made the highly unusual return of the jack of hearts, and declarer was undone. In practice he played low, and East scored the next two tricks with the A-Q for down one.

Tomorrow: Counting provides the answer.

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OUR VIEW

Chorus members for Pops in Park having rehearsals

The Big Spring Symphony Chorus is looking for a few good voices. Well, maybe more than a few. The Chorus has rehearsals for its performance at Pops in the Park 2010.

Dr. Keith Graumann, conductor of the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra and Chorus, has announced rehearsal times will be 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on five consecutive Tuesdays — June 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29. June 1, is, of course, gone. Rehearsals are upstairs and chorus members should enter from the west side of the building.

"We have another wonderful patriotic program planned again this year," Graumann noted. "The chorus always plays a huge part in the program, particularly the patriotic ceremony."

"New members are very welcome to participate," Graumann said. "This is a very good time for those who have wanted to participate but could not commit the time required during the regular concert season to be a part of what has become a Big Spring tradition."

With only four more rehearsals, however, Graumann says the chorus will have to "work hard to prepare the music," but will "have a lot of fun as well."

We encourage those in our community with vocal talents to consider joining the chorus this summer and help make the 2010 Pops in the Park celebration something special for all of us.

At the same time we want to remind readers that the Pops in the Park Organizing Committee is currently in the process of raising the approximately \$40,000 needed to put on the annual concert and fireworks show. And with little more than a month remaining, they're only about a quarter of their goal.

If you're interested in making a donation, contact Debbye ValVerde at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce at 263-7641 or mail donations to the chamber at P.O. Box 1391, Big Spring 79721-1391.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we be patient, Lord, and trust in You.

Amen

A death in the family

All his life, Sylvester loved to climb. I don't know the reason behind this compulsion of his, but I learned years ago to look up — like atop the refrigerator — instead of down when searching for him.

His love of climbing, however, got him in trouble with my ex-missus several years ago when he clawed his way up the curtain drapes one night. This in itself was bad enough, but the drapes happened to be above the bed and he compounded his offense by falling off the drapes and landing on Geri's head.

As punishment, Sylvester was taken to the vet to get declawed. This didn't stop him from seeking higher ground at almost every opportunity, but it did spare the drapes — not to mention my ex-wife's scalp — further damage.

I bring all this up because getting declawed earned Sylvester a lifetime as an inside cat. I wasn't going to risk him getting crossways with another animal and not being able to defend himself. But this was tough on my cat, who, like almost every animal in creation, loved the great outdoors.

As a compromise, I would take him to a certain spot in town where it would be safe for him to scamper about for a bit and restricted enough that I didn't have to spend all my time chasing him down. At this spot is a tree that Sylvester would constantly, if unsuccessfully, try to climb.

When he would finally tire of trying to scale the tree or chasing insects, he would lie down in the shade to take a nap. He'd

snooze while I would catch up on my reading and enjoy the day. It was a really good spot.

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Back in December, my 20-year-old cat received his death notice in the form of a cancerous tumor. My vet — a really good guy who shepherded my kitty through a variety of ills through the years — told me the best thing I could do was to take Sylvester home and let him enjoy the quality of time he had left, then bring him back when he began suffering too much.

"How will I know when it's time?" I asked.

"Sylvester will let you know," he answered.

For a couple of months, things returned to normal — or what passes for normal — at the Reagan household. Sylvester would play the part of benevolent dictator, while I, as always, took the role of devoted servant.

All the while, however, the tumor continued to grow and, soon enough, Sylvester began winding down. He started to lose weight, his energy levels began dropping and, perhaps worst of all, he stopped climbing. Instead, he would spend most of his time napping or curled up on my lap.

Still, I resisted taking that last trip to the vet. After all, I told myself, Sylvester's appetite remained good and his personality remained largely unchanged. He didn't seem to be suffering, I thought.

In hindsight, I waited too long. Here I was convinced that he hadn't told me it was time and, all the while, he was trying to get my attention.

He finally had to speak loudly enough for me to understand.

...

A few Sundays ago, I came home and found Sylvester laying on the floor next to the bed. At first, I thought he was just snoozing, so I let him be. A little while

later, however, he didn't rouse when I tried to get his attention.

The best I can figure, he had a stroke. He was still breathing, but he had lost control of his motor functions and his eyes simply stared ahead, looking past me as I tried to get his attention.

The moment I had so desperately tried to rationalize away and put off had finally, irrevocably arrived.

It was time. Since it was a Sunday, I knew the vet's office was closed, but it was clear that this was not something I could put off until Monday.

So, I wrapped Sylvester in an old towel, took him out to the backyard and, on a sunny, warm spring afternoon with birds chirping in the distance, said goodbye to my kitty.

I know I was performing an act of mercy.

I know I was putting an end to Sylvester's suffering.

I know Sylvester spent his last moments on Earth cradled in the arms of the person who loved him tremendously.

And I know it was the most distasteful thing I've ever done in my life.

After all was said and done, I had to bury my cat.

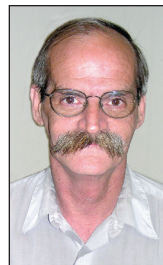
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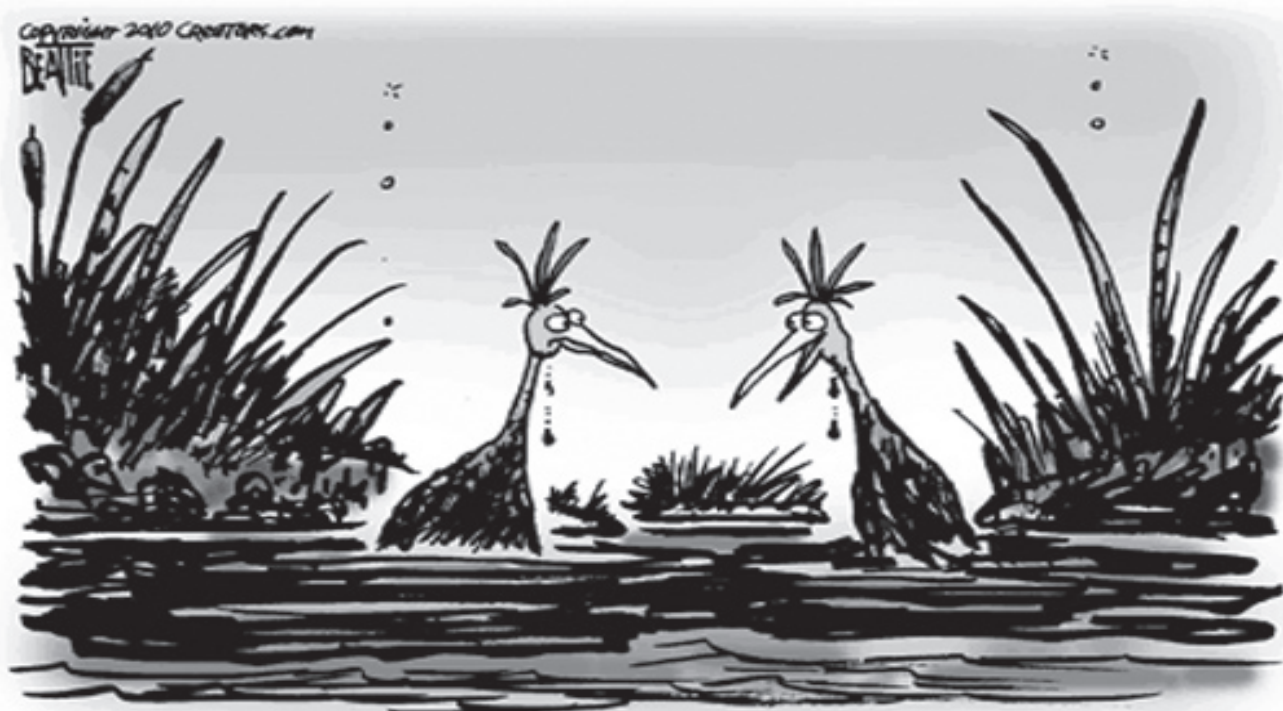
There's a spot in town that Sylvester loved to visit. There, he could run himself to exhaustion and enjoy, for a brief time, a world that had been denied him by his well-meaning master.

And if you ever come across that spot, please show some respect — because there, under the cool shade of a tree that he spent a lifetime trying to climb, rests the greatest cat God ever made.

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STEVE REAGAN



"On the bright side, global warming will eventually raise the sea level enough to cover up this whole mess."

BP must be held accountable

If my wife and I invite four people over for a dinner party, we discuss a backup plan in case I burn the roast. That makes me believe that if we were to somehow become the owners of a pipe that pumps thousands of gallons of oil from the ocean floor, we probably would have an idea what to do should something go wrong.

British Petroleum, however, has no such conversation and when its giant oil-filled pipe broke, they had no contingency plan in place. Not only was BP unprepared, the company seemed incapable of responding in any fashion.

After the pipe broke and the oil started flooding into the Gulf of Mexico, BP seemed befuddled and employed a veritable Wile E. Coyote-inspired range of solutions. I'm pretty sure they tried the ShamWow, a really big straw and using Dawn to "take grease out of the way."

These idiots actually celebrated when one "solution," which involved parking a boat over the spill and pumping away some

of the oil, managed to siphon 40 percent of the spill away. Of course, the boat was siphoning out 5,000 barrels a day — the amount which BP had originally claimed was the total amount being spilled each day.

So, to review, using BP math 5,000 barrels is 100 percent of the spill but only 40 percent of the spill. And, of course, the numbers are even worse because BP now admits that the boat was not removing as much oil as the company initially claimed.

This entire affair would be amusing were it not for the hundreds of miles of ruined coast line not to mention all the dead animals. Add in the untold future problems this ecological disaster may cause and it leaves you wonder exactly how this giant international multibillion dollar company could have been this unprepared for disaster.

Since the pipe first broke, BP has proven its incompetence over and over and one would think that the company should no longer be in charge of the situation. In general when you both cause a problem and repeatedly fail to fix it while untold damage gets done you lose your leadership role.

BP's failures have cast into doubt the entire prospect of drilling for oil off the coast of

the United States. Think how monumental a failure this entire operation must be if it has cast an entire industry into doubt.

That would be like if McDonalds manufactured a Mad Cow burger, killing hundreds, then recalled it, announced that all was fine and released it again killing even more people. That could never happen, of course, because McDonalds — a company that sells burgers and fries — has plans for every contingency.

Even a parent leaving his child with a babysitter takes a few minutes to make a backup plan for the sitter — perhaps by dashing a few phone numbers down and posting them on the fridge. I think it's reasonable to expect that BP should at least be as responsible as a couple leaving their child with a high school kid while they head out to Applebees.

BP should fix this situation and the company must be held responsible for its actions. That means paying — and paying dearly — for the mess it has caused now and long into the future as we have yet to see the long-term effects that endlessly pumping oil into the ocean may cause.

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"The Reader's Choice" to be published on Sunday, June 27, 2010
 Thank you for your participation, but please hurry! The deadline is coming soon! Only ballots clipped from the newspaper will be accepted.



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Ft. Hood shooting suspect solemn, quiet in hearing

ANGELA K. BROWN

Associated Press Writer

FORT HOOD — Wearing his Army uniform and sitting solemnly in a wheelchair, the psychiatrist accused of gunning down 13 people at Fort Hood made his first courtroom appearance Tuesday and won a delay in his case.

Maj. Nidal Hasan, who was paralyzed after being shot by two Fort Hood police officers, only spoke when answering questions about the proceedings with a soft: "Yes, sir."

His attorneys sought a delay in his Article 32 hearing because they needed more time to review reams of documents they recently received and still lacked other key documents, including the FBI ballistics report and a government review on the Nov. 5

shootings.

The Article 32 hearing, similar to a civilian grand jury proceeding in which a judge hears witness testimony to determine whether the case should go to trial, is set for Oct. 4.

Hasan is charged with 13 counts of premeditated murder and 32 counts of attempted premeditated murder in the worst shooting on a U.S. military post.

Before Tuesday's one-hour hearing, Hasan was flanked by military police as he rolled his wheelchair into the courtroom and up to the defense table. One of his attorneys said Hasan was cold, and later an attorney draped a large sea-foam-green blanket around his shoulders. Hasan pulled it tightly against him and sometimes covered his nose with it

during the proceeding.

He answered "yes, sir" or "I understand, sir" when asked if he understood his rights, if he had read the charges against him and if he knew his right to a speedy trial.

Officials had increased security at Fort Hood on Tuesday, blocking off the road to the court building, having bomb-sniffing dogs search the parking lot and using handheld metal detectors to screen the few people approved to be in the court. Usually, none of those precautions are taken.

Col. Michael Mulligan, the lead prosecutor, objected to delaying the Article 32 and said prosecutors would be ready to proceed in July. He said prosecutors did not yet have the FBI ballistics report or government review but would continue working to

provide those to the defense.

Col. James L. Pohl, a military judge who is acting as the investigating officer in the case, said he planned to call the 32 injured victims as witnesses during the Article 32 hearing.

Pohl said that while authorities have not decided whether to seek the death penalty, he was asked to investigate whether Hasan's case had any aggravating factors — which are only relevant in death penalty cases. Pohl said he then asked prosecutors about it, which is why they sent a notice last month to defense attorney John Gullivan outlining one aggravating factor: multiple deaths in the same incident.

If convicted, Hasan could be sentenced to death only if the military jurors determine

there is an aggravating factor, according to military law.

Hasan is awaiting a mental evaluation, which is to be conducted sometime after the Article 32 hearing. Doctors will determine whether Hasan had a severe mental illness at the time of the shooting. If so, they will offer a clinical psychological diagnosis and determine whether it prevented Hasan from knowing his alleged actions were wrong at the time, and if he is competent to stand trial, according to military law.

While Tuesday's hearing was the second for Hasan, it was the first time he'd appeared in a Fort Hood courtroom. His initial hearing — two weeks after the shootings — was held in his hospital room at San Antonio's Brooke Army Medical Center.

Texas News Briefs:

Flooding stops Dallas County computers

DALLAS (AP) — A computer crisis that crippled most of Dallas County's government operations Tuesday might have been avoided had officials heeded a consultant's warning two years ago.

The Dallas Morning News reports Wednesday that a 2008 consultant advised the county to have a backup plan for its computer systems. Such an off-site location could keep the county up and running when there is a calamity.

A broken water main near the Dallas County records building Monday night flooded the downtown facility's basement and subbasement. The floodwaters have shut down the county's computer system, forcing officials to book inmates into the county jail manually.

The building houses deeds to properties and other critical records.

Officials say no county data was lost but they learned a costly lesson.

Perry to discuss 'EPA overreach'

DEER PARK (AP) — Texas Gov. Rick Perry is headed to the heart of the Houston-area petrochemical complex to discuss what his office calls "EPA overreach."

Perry is scheduled to hold a news conference Wednesday in the Houston suburb of Deer Park to discuss a growing spat between state and federal environmental regulators. That's after the Environmental Protection Agency's regional director last week threatened to remove Texas' regulatory authorities by midsummer if the state fails to comply with the Clean Air Act.

The EPA says the Texas permitting program makes regulating pollution impossible.

Perry sent a letter to President Barack Obama last week asking him to prevent federal environmental regulators from taking over. The governor says the Texas program for permitting pollutants released by petrochemical plants has helped improved air quality.

Man facing execution for carjack-slaying

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Condemned prisoner George Jones is headed to the Texas death chamber for a fatal shooting during a Dallas-area carjacking 17 years ago.

The 36-year-old Jones has exhausted his court appeals, and his lawyer is planning no last-day attempts to block the lethal injection.

The punishment Wednesday evening would be the 12th this year in Texas, the nation's busiest death penalty state.

Jones has insisted he wasn't present in April 1993 when 22-year-old Forest Hall was gunned down along a rural road near Lancaster, about 15 miles south of Dallas. Testimony showed Hall was abducted from a Dallas mall parking lot.

Jones was arrested about five months later after an accomplice implicated him in the shooting.

Man charged in Austin-area twin killing

AUSTIN (AP) — Travis County sheriff's deputies have charged a 26-year-old man with capital murder in the shooting deaths of two men at an Austin-area strip club.

The shootings happened in the parking lot of the Pink Monkey Cabaret northeast of Austin early Monday. Killed in the predawn incident were 24-year-old Jose Hernandez and 26-year-old Arturo Rodriguez Jr.

According to the Austin American-Statesman, deputies acting on witness descriptions stopped a truck and detained the two inside. One was Jorge Luis Gutierrez. He's now in the Travis County jail with bond set at \$1 million. He also is held on a federal immigration detainer.

No attorney is listed for Gutierrez on the jail record.

TABC officer accused of raping teen

BASTROP (AP) — A former Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission officer has been indicted, accused of raping a 16-year-old who helped him with a sting operation.

The state attorney general's office says 41-year-old Joe Chavez was indicted Tuesday by a Bastrop

County grand jury on two counts of sexual assault of a child and related charges.

Authorities say the teen reported being sexually assaulted in Chavez's state-issued vehicle last year while Chavez was on duty. The officer later resigned.

A jail official says Chavez was arrested Friday and is in the Bastrop County Jail with bonds totaling \$125,000. The official said there was no information on an attorney for Chavez.

If convicted, Chavez faces up to 20 years in prison on each sexual assault charge.

Semiweekly's owner killed in accident

BOWIE (AP) — The publisher of a north Texas semiweekly newspaper is dead after a sport-utility vehicle hit her as she walked her dogs near her Bowie home.

Connie Booker Winter was pronounced dead at the scene of the 4:30 a.m. Sunday accident. The 66-year-old proprietor had been owner and publisher of The Bowie News since husband James H. Winter died in September 2003.

According to the Wichita Falls Times Record News, a Bowie police spokesman says the driver of the SUV said he slowed down when he saw a dog dart across his path. When he looked away from the dog, he saw the woman in his path and was unable to stop. No charge has been filed on the driver.

State again won't try for school money

AUSTIN (AP) — As it did once before, Texas is refusing to apply for federal "Race to the Top" education funds.

The state could be eligible for up to \$700 million in this second round of funding through the U.S. Department of Education. However, Gov. Rick Perry said Tuesday he doesn't want Texas to abandon state educational standards in favor of adopting national standards and the costs that go with them.

Perry says adopting national standards would cost Texas \$3 billion. And, he says Texas is doing fine in college and career readiness already.

Texas didn't compete in the first round, either. The "Race to the Top" program is making billions of dollars in education grants available to states. It was created in the federal economic stimulus law.

Counselor pleads guilty to Medicare fraud

HOUSTON (AP) — A 51-year-old Houston man has pleaded guilty to receiving nearly \$1 million in payments from the federal government for counseling services prosecutors say he was not licensed or qualified to provide.

Edward Birts, owner of the Courage to Change center, admitted in U.S. District Court on Tuesday that he billed Medicaid and Medicare for nearly \$1.3 million in services from 2003 to 2006. He was paid nearly \$970,000.

The U.S. Attorney's Office said Birts advertised himself as a doctor of psychology after purchasing a doctoral degree online.

Birts faces up to 22 years in prison for health care fraud, conspiracy and aggravated identity theft when he is sentenced in November.

Housing group receives \$22 million grant

DALLAS (AP) — A Dallas housing group is the recipient of a \$22 million grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to rebuild a demolished public housing project.

The grant in Dallas will go toward transforming the demolished Turner Courts projects into a new community, to be called Buckeye Trail Commons. The development will have 334 units.

HUD officials announced nearly \$114 million in grants for six housing authorities Tuesday. All the housing authorities have pledged to use the money to turn downtrodden public housing projects into mixed-income communities.

7-year-old, 2 relatives shot in their home

BURNET (AP) — A 7-year-old girl was in intensive care after she and two family members were shot by a relative in their home hours after the man warned them that he planned to kill them, police said Tuesday.

The victims were hospitalized in the Austin area. Burnet police Chief Paul Nelson said the two adults were released, but the girl remains in the intensive care unit. She was hit in the stomach, chest, face and arms by a shotgun blast, Nelson said, and is expected to survive.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR 2011 ENERGY EFFICIENCY COST RECOVERY FACTOR FILED WITH THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS

Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC ("Oncor"), a regulated electric transmission and distribution company, wishes to inform you that on April 30, 2010 Oncor filed an Application for the 2011 Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Factor with the Public Utility Commission of Texas, a copy of which Application is kept at Oncor's office at 1601 Bryan St., 23rd floor, Dallas, TX 75201.

If approved, the recovery factor will go into effect on December 30, 2010, coinciding with Oncor's first billing cycle of the January 2011 billing month. Oncor is requesting a nonbypassable charge that, if approved, will be billed to retail electric providers serving residential, non-residential, and industrial customers. If approved, the recovery factor will be \$0.91 per month per residential Retail Customer and will vary for non-residential Retail Customers as reflected in the proposed tariff rider, Attachment A to Oncor's Application. The proposed tariff rider is summarized in the following table.

Rate Class	EECRF Charge	Billing Unit
Residential Service	\$0.91	Per Retail Customer Per Month
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Primary Service Greater Than 10 kW		
Distribution Line	\$75.91	Per Retail Customer Per Month
Substation	\$185.59	Per Retail Customer Per Month
Transmission Service	(\$71.62)	Per Retail Customer Per Month
Lighting Service	\$0.00	Per Retail Customer Per Month

The recovery factor will allow Oncor, in a timely manner, to recover reasonable and necessary costs incurred in administering its energy efficiency programs.

Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Public Utility Commission of Texas as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline has been imposed. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136. The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is June 28, 2010.



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KATHY MITCHELL
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Dear Annie: My family and I recently moved to a new subdivision, which includes several duplexes crowded together. We were told it was a quiet area, and when we checked it out, it seemed very pleasant. In fact, our lease states it has to stay quiet.

When we were choosing the place, I informed the landlord that I do not like dogs and cannot tolerate barking. He neglected to tell us that there are several dogs in the other duplexes and let us move in while withholding this information. He refuses to tell the dog owners to put shock collars on their dogs or otherwise keep them quiet. I cannot even go to my mailbox without one of these dogs barking at me.

My question is, can we get out of our lease because the landlord lied? This sort of thing has happened to us more than once. Why do some landlords think they have to lie to

get people to rent from them? — *Peeved in Columbia, Mo.*

Dear Peeved: Every state is different, but in most instances, even if the lease says something about noise, it is not as inclusive as you may believe. If the landlord actually told you that there are no dogs in the neighborhood, you may have grounds to ask a judge to let you out of the lease. But if

the landlord made no specific mention of dogs, you are likely stuck. However, please note that in order to get out of the lease, you will need to file a lawsuit. Decide what it's worth to you.

Dear Annie: Seven years ago, my mother was diagnosed with scleroderma, an autoimmune connective tissue disorder that literally means "hard skin."

Mom first noticed that the skin on

her fingers and face was becoming thick and hard. Then her physical appearance began to change. She could no longer make a fist, grasp doorknobs or open jars without assistance. As the disease progressed, she lost the ability to button her clothes or tie her shoes. By the time she was diagnosed, the disease had caused scar tissue to grow on her lungs. She can now walk only short distances and is on disability.

June is National Scleroderma Awareness Month. Scleroderma affects more than 300,000 Americans and is more common in women than men. Its onset is typically between the ages of 25 and 55. The disease affects children, too. There is no known cause or cure, and few treatments are available. In many cases, it can be fatal.

My mother joined a support group through the Scleroderma Foundation, and the friends she made there changed her outlook on life. I am proud of the inspiration she has been to others. Every year, the Scleroderma Foundation raises more than \$1 million toward finding the cause of and cure for this disease. If you could help your readers become aware of the effects of scleroderma, many might receive an earlier diagnosis, and it could save lives. Thank you. — *E.C., Boston*

Dear E.C.: We appreciate the opportunity to mention the Scleroderma Foundation and the work they do. Interested readers can contact them at 1-800-722-HOPE (1-800-722-4673) (scleroderma.org).

Dear Annie: In your reply to "Frustrated Teen Mom in Omaha," you failed to mention the option of adoption. It is hard enough to adopt a baby with so many young mothers keeping the child, so it is doubly important that adoption be mentioned as an alternative. Thank you. — *Minot, N.D.*

Dear Minot: We recommended Planned Parenthood because counselors there will discuss all possibilities, including adoption, as well as provide prenatal care. A few readers suggested an exclusively pro-life website, Community Pregnancy Centers (cpclink.com), which some of our readers may prefer.

Annie's Mailbox is written by *Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. E-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 5777 W. Century Blvd., Ste. 700, Los Angeles, CA 90045. To find out more visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.*

Dear Margo

by Margo Howard

Dear Margo: One of my best friends, "James," has feelings for me. He always tries to hold my hand, put his arm around me or hug me. He tells me my hair smells nice and offers me his jacket when I'm cold. Although he hasn't said it in so many words, he's made his feelings pretty clear.

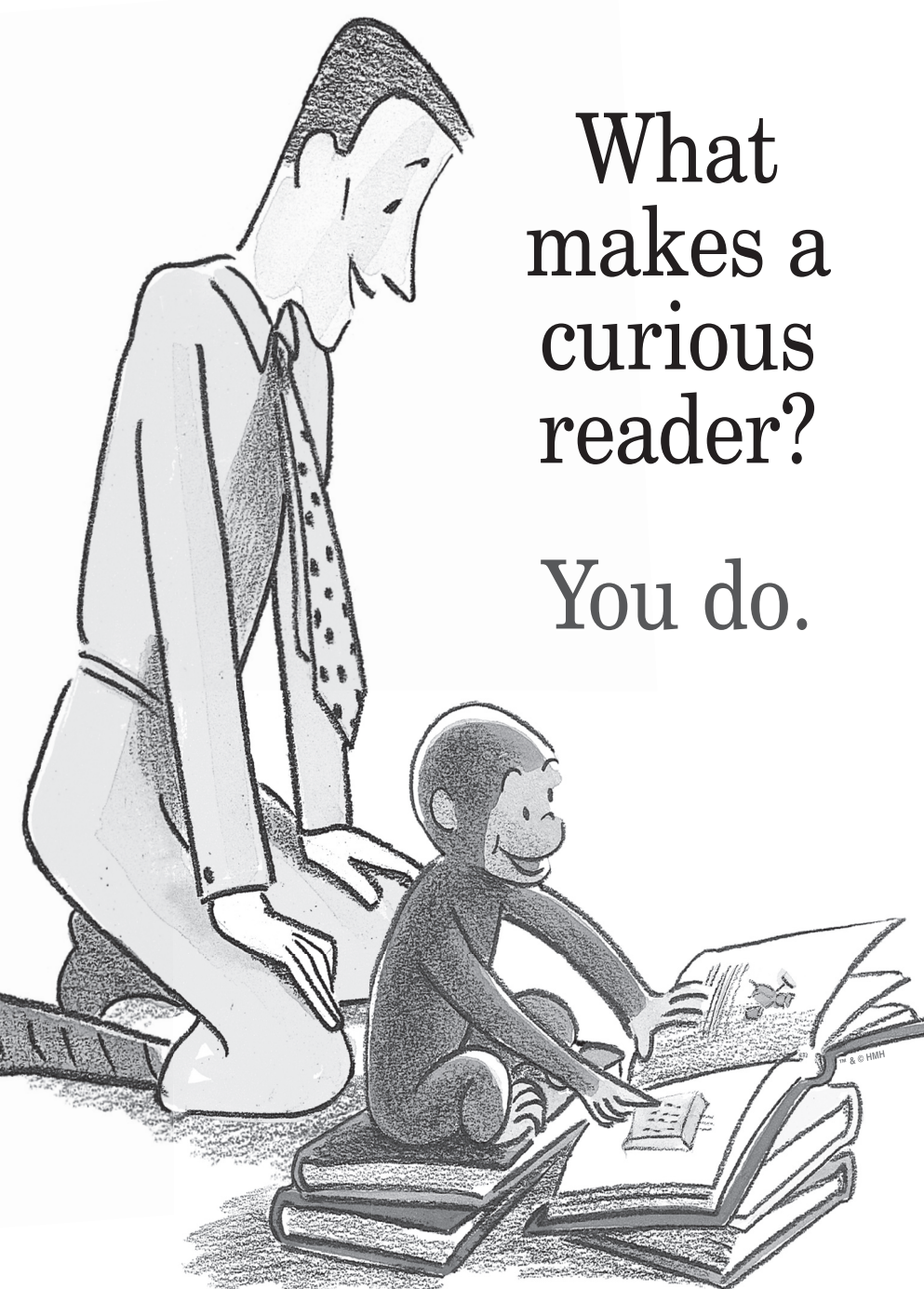
Despite all this, I can't bring myself to reciprocate. James is a great guy, but not the one for me. I love having him as a friend and have been careful not to lead him on. James knows perfectly well that I am interested in someone else (call him "Nick"). The problem is that James won't stop doing these things around other people. It's one thing to hug me when we're alone, but quite another to try to hold my hand in a group setting, especially when Nick is around.

Enough people already think we are together because of the way he acts, and it's starting to affect my relationship with Nick, who now believes he is caught in a love trian-

gle. I've tried to avoid explicitly telling him that I'm not interested and he has to stop. Instead, I talk about how much I like Nick, hoping he'll take the hint. How do I tell him without hurting his feelings? — *Protective of a Friend's Feelings*

Dear Pro: Put the poor guy out of his misery, and level with him. Of course you will hurt his feelings, but it's the fair thing to do. And why is it OK for him to hug you when you two are alone? Whether you're aware of it or not, you are permitting this awkward situation to continue. Be direct, inform him of his "best friend" status, and restructure the relationship. You need to face the music and put the kibosh on this crush. -- *Margo, determinedly*

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



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ARIES (March 21-April 19). You can't shake the feeling that something good is about to happen. Externally, there's really nothing to signal a coming surprise, but your intuition is more often right than not.

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DRAFT PERMIT NO.: 091
APPLICATION AND DRAFT PERMIT. Power Resources, Ltd., P.O. Box 2700, Big Spring, Texas 79721, an Electric Services facility, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal of Federal Operating Permit and Acid Rain Permit (herein referred to as Permit) No. 091, Application No. 14585, to authorize operation of the C.R. Wing Cogeneration Plant. The area addressed by the application is located at northwest corner of Alon Refinery, 2 miles east of Big Spring and 1/4 mile north of Interstate 20, in Big Spring, Howard County, Texas 79720. This application was received by the TCEQ on December 15, 2009. The purpose of a federal operating permit is to improve overall compliance with the rules governing air pollution control by clearly listing all applicable requirements, as defined in Title 30 Texas Administrative Code § 122.10 (30 TAC § 122.10). The draft permit, if approved, will codify the conditions under which the area must operate. The permit will not authorize new construction. The executive director has completed the technical review of the application and has

made a preliminary decision to prepare a draft permit for public comment and review. The executive director recommends issuance of this draft permit. The permit application, statement of basis and draft permit will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ Center Office, 12100 Park 35 Circle, Building E, First Floor, Austin, Texas; the TCEQ Midland Regional Office, 3300 North A Street, Building 4-107, Midland, Texas 79705-5406; and the Howard County Public Library, 500 Main Street, Big Spring, Texas. Beginning the first day of publication of this notice. At the TCEQ Central and Regional Office, relevant supporting materials for the draft permit, as well as the New Source Review permits which have been incorporated by reference, may be reviewed and copied. Any person with difficulties obtaining these materials due to travel constraints may contact the TCEQ Central Office file room at (512)239-1540.

PUBLIC COMMENT/NOTICE AND COMMENT HEARING. Any person may submit written comments on the draft permit. Comments relating to the accuracy, completeness and appropriateness of the permit conditions may result in changes to the draft permit. A person who may be affected

20). You like to play games when it's just for fun. But at your next sporting encounter, you find you are more competitive than you thought. It's a strangely pleasant surprise. Turns out you like to win.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll be something of a chameleon and blend into any group you choose with almost no effort. You have a gift for reading people, almost at a glance. The trick is to not sacrifice your unique self in the name of fitting in.
CANCER (June 22-July 22). A new friendship is bringing unanticipated rewards. You didn't strike up this relationship in order to expand your social influence, but it's happened anyway. Don't make much of it. Keep in mind what's important here.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your life could be a country music lyric. It's almost funny. It's a credit to you to find the humor here. Just make sure it's not a paralyzing humor. There are people rooting for you, after all. You're already coming out of it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Something about you warms people up. It's probably your extraordinary self-confidence. People feel safe with you — like whatever happens, you'll handle it. They're glad to have you around.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You are a truly

remarkable person, and you have somewhere to go. Don't let other people's petty complaints drive you to distraction. There will always be sycophants and schemers to rise above.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Some people come at you like a huge wave, spectacular and unavoidable. You are more like the rising tide — just as unavoidable, but with the addition of stealth. One of your quiet victories occurs today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your gift for noticing the minutiae of your surroundings is sometimes hurtful, sometimes happy, but always enriching. Today you encounter a stranger who reminds you of something noble in people.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Take a step back from the race and look at it with the perspective of distance. What you learn is very helpful — the race is still winnable. You will re-enter tomorrow with a new sense of vigor and purpose.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Loudmouths abound, but seldom do they have much to say. Instead, it is the quiet, purposeful ones who are the movers and shakers of the world. Keep that in mind today when someone asks you why you're so quiet.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You meet someone who reminds you of someone you knew a long

time ago. The nostalgia and curious sadness you feel is perfectly normal and is a sign that you are at peace with your past.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 2). Your intelligence and bright personality will attract good fortune. This month you take to new technology, and it makes your life easier. Your participation in an August event makes you the envy of your friends. New teachers and other influences cause you to change certain aspects of your routine. September is highly romantic. Taurus and Libra people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 15, 40, 17 and 30.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm an intuitive Cancer, and I like to learn about the tarot deck. Lately I've pulled up "The Chariot" card quite a lot. I've read that it's associated with my sign. But why? It reminds me more of Mercury — not my guiding planet."
There are certainly plenty of ancient Roman stories about Mercury riding his golden chariot across the sky in the form of the sun. Your sign, Cancer, marks the summer solstice, when the sun is at its peak point for the year. Most tarot decks show a warrior in armor riding The Chariot into battle. The armored warrior is akin to the hard-shelled crab, the symbol of Cancer. The Chariot

demands that you keep your emotions in check as you make your way forward through life — a challenge for most

Cancers, who tend to be easily wounded. Cancer, being a cardinal sign, is a natural-born leader. If you look at The Chariot card, there are usually two horses (or other animals) pulling the chariot — one black and one white. This represents Cancer's ability to walk that fine line between control and chaos. As a leader, Cancer keeps a tight rein on things (control) while using intuition to discern patterns in events that seem to have no connection (chaos).

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Zachary Quinto played the young Spock in JJ Abrams' box-office hit "Star Trek," and this intellectual Gemini is well suited for the Vulcan thought process — quick, analytical and competitive. Quinto has a well-rounded astrological chart, indicating many different talents and strengths. So it is not surprising that he has partnered to establish a production company, Before The Door.

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comments or a hearing request will receive written notice of the hearing. This notice will identify the date, time and location for the hearing.
Written public comments and/or requests for a notice and comment hearing should be submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, or electronically at www.tceq.state.tx.us/about/comments.html and received within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice.
A notice of proposed final action that includes a response to comments and identification of any changes to the draft permit will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments, a hearing request, or requested to be on the mailing list for this application. This mailing will also provide instructions for public petitions to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to request that EPA object to the issuance of the proposed permit. After receiving a petition, the EPA may only object to the issuance of a permit which is not in compliance with the applicable requirements or the requirements of 30 TAC

Chapter 122.
MAILING LIST. In addition to submitting public comments, a person may ask to be placed on a mailing list for this application by sending a request to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address above. Those on the mailing list will receive copies of future public notices (if any) mailed by the Chief Clerk for this application.
INFORMATION. For additional information about this permit application or the permitting process, please contact the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of Public Assistance, MC-108, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 or toll free at 1-800-687-4040. General information about the TCEQ can be found at www.tceq.state.tx.us. Si desea informacion en Espanol, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. Further information may also be obtained from Power Resources, Ltd., by calling Mr. Sammy Hunnicutt at (432)263-8468 extension 14.
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When I watched the television show "60 Minutes,"

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However, I have discovered that it was just the way he talked that I disliked; he isn't so bad in print. "Andy Rooney: 60 Years of Wisdom and Wit" (814.54 ROO A) is a collection of his essays,

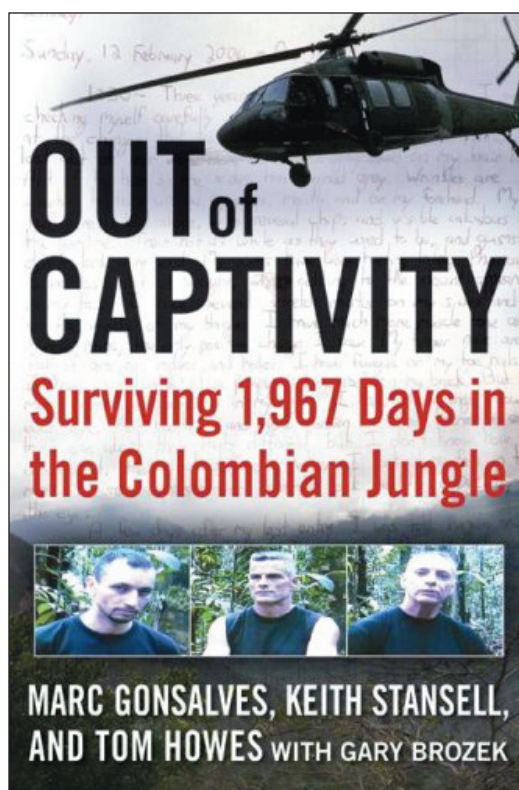
some that have been out of print for many years. Do check it out. He has chronicled America's quirks in a no-nonsense fashion.

On Feb. 13, 2003, a plane carrying three American civilian contractors — Marc Gonsalves, Keith Stansell and Tom Howes — crash-landed in the mountainous jungle of Colombia. Dazed and shaken, they emerged from the plane bloodied and injured as gunfire rained down around them. As of that moment they were prisoners of the FARC, a Colombian terrorist and Marxist rebel organization. In an instant they had become American captives in Colombia's volatile and ongoing conflict, which

has lasted for almost 50 years.

Despite the odds and the conditions, despite the chains and the silence, and despite the often tense relationships they experienced with their fellow Colombian hostages, they had one another, forging a bond that allowed them to cope with the horrific conditions of their confinement. This brotherhood enabled them to persevere through the worst that the FARC threw at them while always reminding them of their ultimate goal: freedom. A harrowing account of one of the longest civilian hostage crises in United States history, "Out of Captivity: Surviving 1,967 Days in the Colombian Jungle" (364.154 GON M) is a remarkable and compelling exploration of how far three Americans were willing to go as they fought to stay alive for themselves, their families and one another.

Some new fiction to enjoy: Steve Berry writes very fast-paced thrillers. In "The Paris Vendetta" (F BER S). Billionaire Henrik Thorvaldsen obsesses over the terrorist incident in Mexico City that left seven dead including his son. He cannot move on as the



brain behind the assault has remained free although he now knows who he is. Henrik sends apparently fired Secret Service Agent Sam Collins to break into the Copenhagen bookstore owned by former United States Department of Justice (DOJ) operative Cotton Malone. The grieving Dane hopes to obtain Malone's cooperation to help bring down the killer, Lord Ashby. Asby has ties to a financial cartel, the Paris Club, which is planning an assault on the global economy for avaricious gains that the DOJ hopes to counter. The starting point in the plan is a plot to destroy a landmark that could kill hundreds; war is usury profitable for the finance community. We have several of Berry's prior books if this one whets your appetite.

Tracey Chevalier, au-

thor of "The Girl With a Pearl Earring," has a new book out: "Remarkable Creatures" (F CHE T). Publisher's Weekly gives it a tepid review, however the Washington Post gave it a glowing review. It is placed in England in the early 1800s and is the story of a woman who was struck by lightning and it left her with the ability to find fossilized remains of long ago creatures. Interesting story line, eh?

Sue Miller writes books that are about relationships and her newest is "The Lake Shore Limited" (F MIL S). A very short synopsis: playwright Wilhelmina Billy Gertz tirelessly works on The Lake Shore Limited, her play about a terrorist bombing and a man whose life is changed by the violent act. However, as she struggles with personal issues, the play's actors and director manage to breathe new life into her faltering passion.

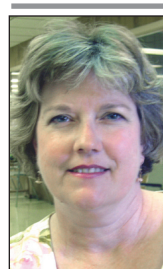
"Miss Julia Renews Her Vows" (F ROS A) by Ann B. Ross is the latest in the Miss Julia series. As usual, life in a small town is teeming with intrigue, love

and disasters of various sorts. Ross's books take you back to small town life and all that it entails.

James Grippando's story line in "Money to Burn" (F GRI J) is this: Suddenly, a successful Wall Street stockbroker has his complete life derailed. His personal accounts are mysteriously wiped out, the multi-billion dollar investment bank he works for is suddenly on the verge of collapse with him being set up as the one who is responsible. He's the subject of an FBI investigation and someone is trying to kill him. Who is seeking revenge against him and why? What does his dead former wife have to do with it? Can he stop them? Who can he trust? And, can he save his own life and the lives of those he loves? Is that enough to get you interested? This is a standalone Grippando thriller.

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7:PM :30	Middle	Hasta que el Dinero	So You Think You Can Dance	Christine Purpose	El Clon	Losing It With Jillian	Payne Payne	Upd House	Love Me Tender-Love Songs	Next Top Model	MythBusters	Movie: Pulp Fiction, Uma Thurman	UFC Un-leashed	Law & Order	Tiny-Toya Tiny-Toya	Adventures of Sharkboy		
8:PM :30	Family Cougar	Soy Tu Dueña (SS)		Criminal Minds	Perro Amor	America's/ Talent	There There	Light of the Southwest		Society Fly Girls	MythBusters		UFC Un-leashed	Law & Order	Movie: Trois: The Escort	Phineas 2009 Scripps National Spelling Bee	Baseball Tonight	
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DENNIS THE MENACE

6-2

DENNIS, WE HAVE TO TALK!

"YOU MEAN YOU HAVE TO TALK."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

6-2

DO YOU KNOW THE WORLD IS ROUND?

"Round what?"

HAGAR

WILL YOU GENTLEMEN HAVE A LIBATION BEFORE DINNER?

SURE!

AND BRING US A COUPLE OF BEERS TOO!

BLONDIE

I THINK I JUST HEARD A NOISE DOWNSTAIRS.

THERE'S NO MORE CUSTARD PIE LEFT, HONEY.

I ATE THE LAST PIECE BEFORE I CAME TO BED.

WHAT ABOUT THAT NOISE DOWNSTAIRS, DEAR?

AW, IT'S PROBABLY NOTHING...

BC

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY, HONEY.

CARRY ME ACROSS THE THRESHOLD, SWEETIE.

IS JUNIOR HOME?

WHY?

HE KNOWS CPR.

WIZARD OF ID

THANKS FOR RENTING ME YOUR ENCHANTED CARRIAGE FOR THE BALL, WIZ.

JUST BRING IT BACK BY MIDNIGHT, OR...

IT WILL TURN INTO A PUMPKIN?

...I'LL CHARGE YOU FOR 2 DAYS.

AGNES

IN THIS BAG IS A REPORT I WAS TO TURN IN SIX WEEKS AGO... I FOUND IT UNDER A DEAD SQUIRREL IN THE STREET.

YOU CAN'T OPEN THE BAG BECAUSE OF THE AWFUL ODOR, BUT TRUST ME, THE PAPER IS WONDERFULLY WRITTEN, METICULOUSLY NEAT AND AMAZINGLY RESEARCHED.

IT'S A SAD DAY IN EDUCATION WHEN TEACHERS CAN JUST REACH INTO THEIR DESK DRAWER AND PULL OUT A HAZMAT GAS MASK.

HI AND LOIS

WE'RE STUDYING ABOUT ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF ENERGY IN SCIENCE CLASS.

THAT'S IMPORTANT.

I DON'T NEED TO GO TO SCHOOL TO KNOW ABOUT SOLAR POWER.

DRUGS

WOULD YOU LIKE TO TRY A SAMPLE OF THIS NEW PRODUCT? NINE OUT OF TEN OF OUR CUSTOMERS LOVE IT!

WHO'S THAT?

OUR TENTH CUSTOMER.

THE OTHER COAST

WHAT? YA TOLD ME TO STOP EATIN' CRACKERS IN BED, SO I STOPPED EATIN' CRACKERS IN BED, MAW !!

BISCUIT CRUMBS AIN'T NO BIG IMPROVEMINT, PAW !!

SNUFFY SMITH

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BEETLE BAILEY

DON'T YOU EVER GET THE URGE TO GET MARRIED AND HAVE CHILDREN?

NO.

I HAVE ENOUGH CHILDREN NOW.

This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, June 2, the 153rd day of 2010. There are 212 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 2, 1953, Queen Elizabeth II of Britain was crowned in Westminster Abbey, 16 months after the death of her father, King George VI.

On this date:

In 1897, Mark Twain, 61, was quoted by the New York Journal as saying from London that "the report of my death was an exaggeration."

In 1924, Congress passed a measure that was then signed by President Calvin Coolidge granting American citizenship to all U.S.-born American Indians.

In 1941, baseball's "Iron Horse," Lou Gehrig, died in New York of a degenerative disease, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis; he was 37.

In 1946, Italy held a referendum which resulted in the

Italian monarchy being abolished in favor of a republic.

In 1966, the U.S. space probe Surveyor 1 landed on the moon and began transmitting detailed photographs of the lunar surface.

In 1969, the American destroyer USS Frank E. Evans was struck and cut in two by the Australian aircraft carrier Melbourne during naval exercises in the South China Sea; 74 crew members from the Frank E. Evans were killed.

In 1975, Vice President Nelson Rockefeller said his commission had found no widespread pattern of illegal activities at the Central Intelligence Agency.

In 1979, Pope John Paul II arrived in his native Poland on the first visit by a pope to a Communist country.

In 1986, for the first time, the public could watch the proceedings of the U.S. Senate on television as a six-week experiment of televised sessions began.

In 1990, actor Sir Rex Harrison died in New York at 82.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Milo O'Shea is 85. Actress-singer Sally Kellerman is 73.

Actor Ron Ely is 72. Actor Stacy Keach is 69. Rock musician Charlie Watts is 69. Singer William Guest (Gladys Knight & The Pips) is 69. Actor Charles Haid is 67. Composer Marvin Hamlisch is 66. Movie director Lasse (LAH'-suh) Hallstrom is 64. Actor Jerry Mathers is 62. Actress Joanna Gleason is 60. Actor Dennis Haysbert is 56. Comedian Dana Carvey is 55. Actor Gary Grimes is 55. Rock singer Tony Hadley (Spandau Ballet) is 50. Singer Merrill Bainbridge is 42. Rapper B-Real (Cypress Hill) is 40. Actress Paula Cale is 40. Actor-comedian Wayne Brady is 38. Actor Wentworth Miller is 38. Rock musician Tim Rice-Oxley (Keane) is 34.

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Newsday Crossword

HAND-Y HOBBIES by Nina Rulon-Miller
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Beavers' project
 - 4 Objects of worship
 - 9 Potato source
 - 14 Member of the flock
 - 15 Funnel-shaped
 - 16 Become edible
 - 17 *This Old House* skill
 - 19 Trap
 - 20 Like a rainbow
 - 21 Horse-farm supply
 - 23 Planets, poetically
 - 24 Deceptive moves
 - 26 Robbery
 - 28 Tapestry maker's skill
 - 32 Happy __ clam
 - 35 Two-dimensional measure
 - 36 Subtle glows
 - 38 Take an elevator, maybe
 - 40 Kids' weapon
 - 43 Colosseum city
 - 44 Bizarre
 - 46 Give off
 - 48 Came across
 - 49 Wedding worker's skill
 - 53 Nebraska city
 - 54 Spirit-raising setting
 - 58 Distort
 - 60 Dog with no pedigree
 - 63 Fearful feeling
 - 64 Crème de la crème
 - 66 Backyard putterer's skill

- DOWN**
- 1 Coffee order
 - 2 In the loop
 - 3 French "Thank you"
 - 4 Summer drink
 - 5 Slip into
 - 6 Not fooled by
 - 7 Former Italian money
 - 8 Father Time carries one
 - 9 Apr. addressee
 - 10 *Jurassic Park* clone
 - 11 Besides
 - 12 Savory seasoning
 - 13 Change for a five
 - 18 Ivy League school, familiarly
 - 22 Short time, for short
 - 25 Belgrade native
 - 27 401(k) alternative
 - 29 High-society newcomer
 - 30 Beer variety
 - 31 Docile
 - 32 "A long time __ . . ."
 - 33 Possible first course
 - 34 Give the go-ahead to
 - 37 Collector's goal
 - 39 Cued
 - 41 Actress Thurman
 - 42 Puppy's bites
 - 45 Greek vowel
 - 47 Peter Benchley thriller
 - 50 Electrical unit
 - 51 Dashboard dials
 - 52 Kitten's plaything
 - 55 Horse sound
 - 56 Rattan worker
 - 57 Rims
 - 58 Gets hitched
 - 59 Soothing gel
 - 61 Like some tales
 - 62 Faithful
 - 65 Naval off.
 - 67 JFK's predecessor

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