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SWCID

Institute to celebrate reunion, 30th year in weekend festivities

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

SWCID is having a reunion. SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf is inviting former students and members of the community to a

reunion celebrating the college's 30th anniversary.

The union, which will feature building dedications, food games and other activities runs from Thursday through Sunday at the college,

cials said. The college's

administration building and dormitory units will be officially renamed during Saturday ceremonies beginning at 11 a.m., officials said.

The administration building will be renamed in honor of Dr. Douglas Burke.

On Nov. 6, 1979, the Howard County Junior College District Board of Trustees officially established SWCID and employed Dr. Burke as the first executive director on Dec. 18, 1979. Dr. Burke was the first deaf person to serve as the leader of an educational institution in the nation.

Dr. Burke is credited with providing strong leadership during the college's formative years and for laying the groundwork to establish SWCID as one of the world's foremost institutions for deaf students.

The women's wing of the

dormitory complex will be named in honor of Beatrice Burke.

Burke, the wife of Douglas Burke, first served SWCID as coordinator of tutorial services. In 1982, she became an associate professor of developmental/general

studies and served as the division chair. During her tenure as a faculty member at SWCID, the students selected her as the outstanding female instructor for five years and the 1990 Minnie Stevens Piper Professor of the Year.

Another SWCID pioneer will be honored Saturday, as Dr. Robert Mehan, who came to the college as dean of instruction in 1983, will have a dormitory renamed in his honor.

Reunion activities begin Thursday with opening ceremonies at 4:30 p.m. at the

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HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins

Nine-year-old Nathan Letz, a student at Washington Elementary School, shoots a jump shot Tuesday morning at the Big Spring YMCA. Letz is just one of many area children spending their summer vacation being physically active at the local facility.

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Volunteers sought for screening of 'Raiders of the Lost Ark' Friday

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

The Big Spring Film Soci-

ety is looking for a few good men — and women — to help present Friday's screening of "Raiders of the Lost Ark" at the Comanche Trail Amphitheater. The local organization is

looking for volunteers to help plan and execute the screening, which will kick off the society's 2010 season, part of an ongoing Steven Spielberg retrospective, according to Big Spring Film Society spokesman and coordinator Brandon Johnson.

"The members of the film society will be working hard on the screening — both during the time leading up to the event and the night of the show — but we really need more people who are willing to lend a hand."



a concessions group, a trash

"Volunteers are really the who are willing to lend a lifeblood of what we do," hand. We want 'Raiders' to go Johnson said. "The members off without a hitch, so there's of the film society will be a lot of work that goes into it. working hard on the screen-"We would like to have ing — both during the time several different groups in leading up to the event and charge of different things gothe night of the show — but ing on at the event, such as

we really need more people

"This event is likely to be our biggest yet, and in order for it be one of our best, organization is going to be key." The film society began its

and crowd control group and

a set design group," he added.

Spielberg retrospective more than a year ago, having held a screening of the Hollywood classic "Jaws" near the waters of Comanche Trail Lake and "E.T.: The Extrater-

restrial" near the top of Big Spring's Scenic Mountain. According to Johnson, screening "Raiders of the

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Obituaries

Daisy Belle **Pierson Hardesty**



Daisy Belle Pierson Hardesty, 92, of Midland, formerly of Big Spring, died Monday, July 5, 2010, in a Midland nursing home. Graveside funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 8, 2010, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Mike Couch officiating.

She was born Aug. 28, 1917, in Haskell and married Frank W. Hardesty Sr. on Jan. 3, 1938, in

Georgetown. He preceded her in death on April 20,

Daisy came to Big Spring in 1942. She had helped her husband with Hardesty Drug Store and was a homemaker.

She was a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include one son, Frank Williams Hardesty Jr. of Manchester, Ga.; one daughter, Nancy Jane Plowman of Midland; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to Susan G. Komen for the Cure, Attn: Donor Services, P.O. Box 650309, Dallas 75265-0309.

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

Eldora King



Eldora King, 74, of Big Spring, died Friday, July 2, 2010, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, July 8, 2010, at Mt. Bethel Baptist Church with the Rev. Holston Banks officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 7, 2010, at the funeral home. She was born April 23, 1936 in

Otto (Falls County).

She attended school in Falls County and then later moved to Waco, living there for a few years. She came to Big Spring and met and married Willie James King. Mrs. King was employed at the Big Spring State Hospital as the head dietitian, retiring after 37 years in 1997. She was a member of the Mt. Bethel Baptist Church in Big Spring and served in the Missionary Society.

She is survived by her husband, Willie James King of Big Spring; one daughter, Constance Howard of Big Spring; four brothers, Robert Lang of Dallas, the Rev. Odis Lang and wife Alice, and the Rev. E.H. Lang and wife Carolyn, all of Giddings and Alfred Lang of Big Spring; three sisters, Renae Williams and husband Vance, Dora Ausble and Linda Lang, all of Dallas.

Eldora was preceded in death by her parents, four brothers, one sister and one granddaughter.

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Take Note

• New hours for the Chalet, Big Spring State Hospital's volunteer-run resale shop, are 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Monday through Friday, and until 2 p.m. Saturdays. The Chalet is located at 110 East Second St.



Rev. Bill Ballard



The Rev. Bill Ballard, 82, of Big Spring, died Saturday, July 3, 2010, at University Medical Center. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Baptist Temple Church with Dwayne Wheat, Monroe Teeters, Courtney Ballard and Mark Winn officiating. Burial will be in Coahoma

Cemetery.

He was born Feb. 28, 1928, in Coleman County to Etta A. and Chester Newton Ballard. He married Enola Myrlene Lambright on May 7, 1950, in Silver City, N.M. They came to Big Spring in 1955 from Midland. She preceded him in death on Nov. 25, 1984. He married Barbara Johnke on May 23, 1997, in Big Spring. He was employed by Southwest Tool from 1955 until 1962. He then worked for American Petro Fina as a production foreman, retiring in 1989. From 1973 until 2007, he served as pastor of Central Baptist Church at Elbow, the Children's Ministry at Baptist Temple and as pastor of Airport Baptist Church. He was a member of Gateway Bap-

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Ballard of Big Spring; two daughters, Barbara Reilly of Midway and Altie Winn and her husband Mark of Sand Springs; four sons: Bill Ballard and his wife Pat of Culpeper, Va., Courtney Ballard and his wife Kelli of Big Spring, Tim Ballard and his wife Kim of Big Spring and Kent Ballard and his wife Tammie of Guthrie; five sisters, Melba Wesson of Brownwood, Aleta Trigg and her husband James of Corpus Christi, Allene Cope of Coleman, Clara Row her husband Buck of Midland and Joan Stanton and her husband Don of Silsbee; one brother, Chester Ballard of Brownwood; 16 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by eight brothers and sisters; three grandchildren; and one great-grand-

The family requests memorials to Gateway Baptist Church, 2305 Gatesville St., Big Spring, Texas

The family will be at 5300 Ratliff Road.

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Lost Ark" at the amphitheater was a no-brainer.

"When you look at the movie, there is a lot of stone and sand," he said. "I couldn't think of a better place to screen this film. Just like screening 'Jaws' next to the lake really added to the experience, I think the amphitheater is just going to make everything that much better. It's a memory families will carry with them for a very long time."

Also part of the event, Johnson said he received one submission for the Indiana Jones short film

"I've talked to the local filmmaker that was working on the short film, and he's very excited about having it screened," Johnson said. "We were a little disappointed we didn't get more entires this year, but I think this is just one of those things you have

Following the "Raiders" screening, the film society will wrap up its season in August with yet another Spielberg classic sure to have area residents on the edges of their seats.

"The 'Jurassic Park' screening that will wrap up our Spielberg Retrospective — at least to an extent, as a lot of the movies Spielberg either wrote or produced are scheduled for screenings over the next few years — will be Aug. 28, and we'll be back atop beautiful Scenic Mountain," Johnson said.

For more information on volunteering or the Big Spring Film Society, contact Johnson at (432) 213-0758 or by e-mail at cruiser1977@gmail.com. More information is also available at http://www.bigspringfilm.org

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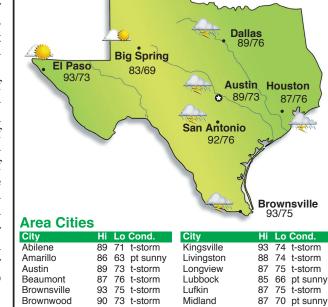
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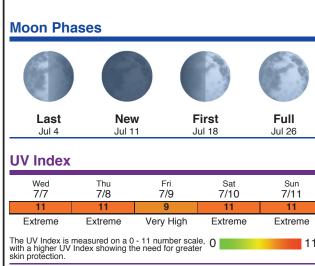
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- · Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.
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Police blotter

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

- PAULA SUE BAKER, 51, of 101 E. 16th St., was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication. MANUEL ESCAMILLA JR., 24, of 2010 Loop Rd.,
- was arrested Monday on a warrant from another agency and a charge of no driver's license when • SOMER DANAE LANCASTER, 31, of 1804 N. FM
- 700, was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- MICHAEL RENE ROBLES, 38, of 2623 Albrook, was arrested Monday on four warrants from other agencies and a warrant for public intoxication.
- EMIL MARTIN DURAN JR., 31, of 1906 Nolan, was arrested Monday on charges of assault – family violence and criminal mischief.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.
- FORGERY was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth Street. • THEFT was reported in the 2600 block of Barks-
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the
- 2600 block of Albrook.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 63 inmates at the time of this report. • ROY GUERERRO CERVANTES, 30, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of public

- TERESA LOPEZ, 39, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for non-payment of child support. • COREY RAMEY, 23, was transferred to the
- county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of driver with no seat belt. • TERESA LORENE LANG, 27, was arrested Fri-
- day by the HCSO on a charge of disorderly conduct • JUSTIN LEE NICHOLS, 23, was transferred to
- the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication. • RAUL MENDEZ JR., 31, was transferred to
- the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication, resisting arrest, search or transportation, evading arrest or detention and assault of a family/household member with a previous conviction. • ALEXANDER RAY HENSLEY, 18, was trans-
- ferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated – open con-• VINCENT INFRAIN ALVARADO, 30, was trans-
- ferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication, assault causing bodily injury, resisting arrest, search or transportation and evading arrest or detention. CHARGLES RANDELL GREER, 46, was arrest-
- ed Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated – third or more offense. • LAURA MCCALLAY, 37, was transferred to the
- county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of failure to appear – child support. • AMBROSIO GUITIERREZ URANGA, 49, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of disor-
- ROBERT KYLE HESS, 21, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of public lewdness and prohibited weapon switchblade/ knuckles.

derly conduct – peeping into a dwelling.

- BRANDI NICOLE RIGDON, 19, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public lewdness.
- OSCAR HERNANDEZ, 49, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- FELIX ANGUIANO, 45, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication. • TERRELL DEVON HOUSTON, 18, was arrested
- Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less. • JAVIER MONTOYA, 61, was arrested Sunday
- by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated open container. MARTIN YANDRICH YANEZ, 18, was arrested

Sunday on charges of driving while intoxicated

- and evading arrest or detention with a vehicle. • TERRENCE A. YOUNG, 21, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of failure to maintain financial responsibility and
- failure to appear (seven counts). ALFREDO COVARRUBIAS, 40, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge
- of theft more than \$20,000, less than \$100,000. ROBERT ESPINOZA RAMOS SR., 58, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- DANIEL V. FLORES, 41, was transferred to the

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county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of assault - family violence, disorderly conduct - language and criminal trespass. • ROBERT G. RIOS, 38, was transferred to the

- county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid. • PAULA SUE BAKER, 51, was transferred to the
- county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of pub-• PAUL EUGENE MERRELL, 57, was transferred
- to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- JONATHON MICHAEL PAUL, 29, was arrested Monday by DPS on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.

MANUEL ESCAMILLA JR., 24, was transferred

- to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of bail jumping – failure to appear and no driver's SOMER D. LANCASTER, 31, was transferred to
- the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia. STEVEN ALVAREZ, 45, was arrested Monday
- by DPS on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension. IRMA VINCENT, 48, was arrested Monday by DPS on a charge of harassment.
- MICHAEL RENE ROBLES, 38, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of ride not secured by a safety belt, violation of a promise to appear, bondsman off bond for theft of service, public intoxication, probation violation
- EMIL MARTIN DURAN JR., 31, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of Class C assault – family violence and criminal mischief.

theft by check and bondsman off bond for driving

while intoxicated.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of Third Street. One person was transported to SMMC. MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of E.
- 18th Street. One person was transported to SMMC. MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of First
- Avenue. One person was transported to SMMC. TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the 173 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20. One person
- was transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the 194 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Settles. One person was transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL was reported in the 2600 block of Cha-
- nute. One person was transported to SMMC. MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Lan-
- caster. One person was transported to SMMC. TRAUMA was reported in the 500 block of John-
- son. One person was transported to SMMC. • TRAUMA was reported in the 2900 block of Old Highway 80. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of S. Lancaster. Service refused. TRAUMA was reported in the 400 block of John-
- son. Service refused. • TRAUMA was reported in the 600 block of E.
- 17th Street. One person was transported to SMMC. TRAUMA was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 2600 block of Chanute. One person was transported to SMMC. • TRAUMA was reported in the 700 block of E. 15th
- Street. One person was transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of Stadium. One person was transported to SMMC.

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- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2300 block of Gunter. One person was transported to SMMC. MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of

N.E. Ninth Street. One person was transported to

- TRAUMA was reported in the 200 block of N First Street in Coahoma. One person was trans-
- ported to SMMC. • MEDICAL was reported in the 1200 block of W. Third Street. One person was transported to
- SMMC. • MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
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- set Blvd. One person was transported to SMMC. MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 400 block of Nolan. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of E 23rd Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

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- Marcy. One person was transported to SMMC. • AUTOMOBILE FIRE was reported in the 400 block of Armstrong.

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Step drawing were: 2-9-14-21, Bonus Ball: 21. The winning numbers from Monday's Cash 5

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The winning numbers from Monday evening's Pick 3 drawing were: 4-8-1.

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college. That evening, there will be booths, games and food at the activity center. In addition, tours of the campus will be offered. On Friday, a Mexican

dinner will be served

at 6 p.m. in the Howard County Fair barns. Entertainment will follow. Aside from the building dedications, Saturday also will feature a barbecue dinner at 6

p.m. in the fair barns, followed by a dance from 8 p.m. to midnight. A breakfast/coffee social at 8 a.m. Sunday, followed by a service at the SWCID student union building, will wrap up

the ceremonies.

For more information, contact SWCID at 264-3700.

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Terry Tredaway, 54 died Friday. Funeral Services will be at 2:00 PM today at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

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OTHER VIEWS

No room for error

racked asphalt provides a stark reminder of the nonexistent margin for error at a controversial radioactive waste dump in West Texas.

When state inspectors visited the site in Andrews County, they found cracks up to an inch wide in asphalt near canisters of radioactive material. While cracked asphalt is fairly inconsequential — and pretty much par for the course — when it comes to our city streets, it can be a dangerous proposition at a radioactive waste dump.

A spokesman for Dallas-based Waste Control Specialists, which operates the low-level radioactive waste site, dismissed the cracks as superficial and said they have been repaired. But as the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has noted, that asphalt pad is an important safeguard against ground contamination.

The TCEQ is rightly seeking more information about the condition and history of the 10-acre asphalt pad. And that's not the only cause for concern at the site. The TCEQ also plans to issue a notice of violation for storing a concrete canister filled with the hottest low-level radioactive material longer than allowed.

The Andrews County site has received six violation notices during the last six years, as significant questions about its proximity to an aquifer have swirled. The latest problems emerged amid a disconcerting push to significantly expand operations in Andrews County, potentially allowing 36 states 20500 to ship low-level waste to Texas.

Fortunately, members of the Texas Low-Level • KAY BAILEY Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission HUTCHISON have tapped the brakes and are revamping the plan, U.S. Senator which had appeared to be on the fast track for approval. It's not clear, though, how soon the compact commission might act.

The cracked asphalt and the questionable canister point to crucial safety questions that must be answered before any expansion gets consideration. The rules that could open up the current Texas-Vermont disposal agreement and permit dozens of states to dump waste in Andrews County don't merely need to be tweaked; they should be tabled until officials are sure that every precaution has been taken to protect Texas and its residents.

So far, that hasn't happened.

The argument for extreme caution in Andrews County should not be mistaken for a not-in-myback-yard reflex or a broader opposition to nuclear energy. It's simply recognition of the high stakes associated with radioactive waste disposal.

Last month, 15 Texas legislators wrote to the compact commission, urging members not to adopt the rules allowing expansion at the site right now. They underscored significant liability issues, concerns about health and safety, as well as the potential fiscal impact a leak could have.

As the lawmakers note, key questions about preparedness, precautions and due diligence have not yet been answered. At least for now, Texas is not sufficiently equipped to become much of the nation's radioactive dumping ground.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

We are the winner, Lord, even in times of struggle when we walk with You. Amen

New focus to Afghan mission

n July 4, our nation celebrated the independence for which early patriots fought and died more than 234 vears ago. Their sacrifice, along with the service of generations of American service men and

women, is the reason our nation still thrives under the freedom and democracy our founding fathers envisioned for America.

Today, our troops continue to defend American principles at home and abroad. In Afghanistan, U.S. forces are current-

ly waging a complex war against an unconventional adversary. As they risk their lives while serving in harm's way, it is critical that they have confidence in their commander and the strategy for military operations. In the days leading up to July

4, the Senate held confirmation hearings and ultimately approved Gen. David Petraeus to be our nation's top military commander in Afghanistan. I strongly supported Gen. Petraeus because I believe in his creativity, military judgment and battle-tested leadership. And the fact that Gen. Petraeus was unanimously confirmed for the post is a clear indicator of the level of confidence he holds across the Senate.

When Gen. Petraeus initially introduced the concept of counterinsurgency, a warfare tactic that combines offensive, defensive, and stability operations, his plan was met with skepti-

cism by many. I was concerned about the safety of our troops.

Before our armed forces implemented this strategy in Iraq. I asked Gen. Petraeus to walk me through his proposal. He gave me assurances that the strategy would work; then he proved it through improving conditions on the ground. I witnessed the progress myself when I visited Iraq in 2008. Gen. Petraeus demonstrated the measures being taken to keep our embedded troops safe as they taught Iraqi forces to take on their own security.

Gen. Petraeus' strong leadership in Operation Iraqi Freedom helped set the war-torn country on the path to healing and selfgovernance. He knows how to work with new governments facing significant internal challenges. He has shown he can help them overcome instability in the face of a deadly insurgency. Clearly, Gen. Petraeus is

the right man to lead military operations in Afghanistan. Our troops must have full confidence in their commander, and he has earned their support.

Under his leadership, our mission should be clear: We are preparing the Afghans to manage the security of their country. We are also ensuring that the Taliban and al-Qaeda cannot get a stronghold that would allow export of terrorism to America and other freedom-loving countries in the world. I am concerned, however,

that calls for a date-certain withdrawal of our troops from Afghanistan will undermine that

The president has previously stated that the withdrawal of

forces will begin in July 2011.

If we set a hard and fast deadline and declare our troops will leave no matter what the conditions are, we will lose the confidence of both our service men and women and the Afghan forces who are our key partners in this effort.

It would also send the message to our enemies that the United States will not see the mission through. This endangers our troops and the Afghan people who we need to help us succeed. During the confirmation process. Gen. Petraeus was ques-

tioned about a troop withdrawal by several of my colleagues, and he made very clear that conditions on the ground must dictate the timeline. I hope he will be given the authority to make that call based on progress, rather than politics.

I have been to Afghanistan and seen firsthand the tremendous challenges Gen. Petraeus and our armed forces face — the inhospitable terrain, a government that is not easily adapted to a democratic style of governance and a determined enemy.

This is a difficult framework for progress, but Gen. Petraeus has the experience and temperament to lead this mission. I hope the president will give him free reign to take on the monumental task he is being sent to Afghanistan to accomplish. We must all give him the tools, the time and the support he needs to finish the job.

Kay Bailey Hutchison is the senior U.S. Senator from Texas and is the ranking member of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation.

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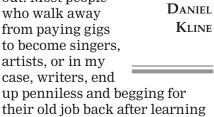
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Worst ideas ever? Oh, yeah

The tears came without warning the next morning while alone in my car. I wasn't sobbing and my expression was somewhere between a grin and disbelief, but tears were trickling down my cheeks.

Only on television did people quit their jobs because they felt unfulfilled as an artist and have it actually work out. Most people who walk away from paying gigs artists, or in my



that they weren't quite as good

as they thought they were.

Eighteen hours or so before, my writing partner Jason and I sat in a meeting with a publishing company interested in our book proposal. We'd been in this position before and have had fawning executives tell us how great our idea was on one hand, while never calling us again on the other. And, while unlike most au-

thors, we have actually had a book published by a major publisher, we have also had our share of stinging rejection. Mostly, though, the rejections were of the subtle, "hey, how

come that girl tells me how much she wants to get together whenever we bump into each other, but she never returns my

slowly for the pain to be acute because usually, by the time you actually get told no, you have given up hope of being told anything. The constant waiting for bad news had led me away from hopes of publishing another book, but a desire to write something long-form and have it actually have a chance of being read led me back to the process once more.

This time, though, Jason and I set simple rules. We would only work with people who actually wanted to work with us. We're not new at this so we didn't want promises of Oprah bookings or massive promotional campaigns. We wanted an editor who believed in the project at a company that would design a nice looking book, get it into stores and be supportive of our efforts to get people to buy it.

Modest goals perhaps, but very few prospective authors — even those with good ideas — ever sell a book, let alone sell one to someone they want to work with. Perhaps, that's why when faced with the astounding fact that three companies wanted our book, we took the smallest offer.

The difference was in a simple sentence in an email where our

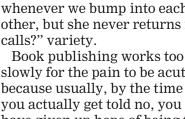
possible future editor, asked "if we would come to New York so she could pitch us." The upfront money was small she explained, but she loved our idea and her company "got behind" each of its projects and worked hard to

design nice looking books. Frankly, she had us the moment she returned my e-mail taking her up on the offer of pitching us a few minutes later. The time spent a few days later around a makeshift conference table where she showed us other books in the line and we compared promotion ideas, just validated that we'd found not just someone willing to publish our book, but the right people to do it.

I never expect to make a living from writing books (freelance public relations and editing have taken care of that). And even though I quit a job I loved to do it. I was never confident that I would ever sell this particular project.

That's why it's hard to stop crying as I type this and harder still to resist the urge to throw my arms in the air and scream at the top of my lungs. "Worst Ideas Ever" by Daniel B. Kline and Jason Tomaszewski, Spring 2011, in bookstores everywhere.

Daniel B. Kline's work appears in more than 100 papers weekly. He can be reached by e-mail at dan@notastep.com



Bird Poop: A hawk's grueling rehab

fter watching the ravens raise their young, the operator relished any diversion from the long, tedious days ahead. Even a cottontail brought change to the

monotony. Being atop the mammoth machine gave him a unique view of the countryside. As far as he could see, nothing



moved. Caliche dust coated not only men and machinery. Grasses and mesquites beyond the barbed wire fences were covered with the powdery residue. Having helped form the sub base, he would spend hours finishing the pavement by roll-

When lunchtime came, he left his lofty perch to join the other men. Stories of their families or conquests temporarily helped each employee escape the tedium of their jobs.

ing miles of newly laid

asphalt.

With the end of break, he once again scaled the ladder to reenter the cab. Movement about 30 feet on the other side of the fence caught his attention. Close to clumps of cholla and prickly pear was a large brown bird. "Must be hunting something hiding in that mess of cactus," he thought.

Passing the area several times, the operator realized the bird had not moved. With a down time due to a delay in the trucks carrying asphalt, he was free to leave his equipment for a brief rest. Taking this opportunity, he de-

cided to crawl through

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the fence.

On the other side, his boots stirred with each step the aftermath of the road construction. As he approached the bird, he realized it had to be a hawk. Since the raptor was pointed in the opposite direction, the man could see that the top of one wing appeared to be different from the other one. Whereas one wing was drawn close to the side, the affected one was held slightly out and upward. Matted feathers near the leading edge caused him to think the wing was broken.

Determined to help the hawk, he noticed the bird did not react to the crunching of dry grass beneath his boots as he approached. Quickly, his gloved hands pressed against both wings as he lifted the surprised raptor. Flailing its feet forward with talons extended, the hawk fought an imagined foe.

By this time, several of the crew had come to the fence, and were holding the strands apart. Thanking them for making his return easier, he walked toward the roller. Pressing the hawk to his hip with one hand, he pulled himself up the ladder with his other. Inside the enclosed cab, he placed the raptor on the floor.

"Can you meet me half way?" asked the game warden of a fellow officer. Having met often to ferry raptors from further west, the man agreed. After transferring the hawk, the other warden told of the equipment operator's efforts to save the

"The guy with the highway department caught me close by," he added. "Thanks for taking it half way. By the way, he said its wing was broken and it was pretty worn out."

Removing the adult Swainson's hawk from the carrier, we readily saw a bulge on the top of its right wing. Acting as a compress atop an open wound, the bird's dampened feathers had helped to seal and protect the area. Unable to hunt, the raptor would have starved if not spotted by the operator.

Awaiting a call after delivering the raptor to South Plains in Lubbock, we were excited to hear that it had a clean break that was repairable. Surgery was scheduled. After pinning the wing, the veterinarian thought the bird would fly again.

After a lengthy confinement, the Swainson's began the arduous return to flight. Increasing in strength and stamina, it was moved from a small mew to the largest room for exercise. Delivering other birds to the wildlife center, we were privileged to see the improving flyer.

On the highest perch, the dark brown raptor had the most noticeable identifying mark of its specie. Its reddish brown bib was outstanding against the creamy white of its chest and belly.

Stretching with ease exposed its narrow wings and the dark bands on its grayish tail. As it descended from its lofty roost, we could see its white wing linings and dark flight

feathers.

A few days later, Gail Barnes, volunteer, called to tell us the Swainson's had flown at her while she was delivering its food. "It's developing hostile behavior."

When she took it to the flight cage some 41 days after its being found, the raptor was capable of flying to the top perch. Its mastery of the lengthy flight facility soon signaled a forthcoming release.

As the hawk rose slowly but strongly into the late summer sky, it sought the updrafts it would need in this maiden voyage and a long migration to come. Watching the raptor grow smaller in an ascending spiral, the volunteer who released it knew with the Swainson's went exceptional veterinary skills and handling by those who call bird rehab "a way of life."

Bebe McCasland is author of The Scoop from Bird Poop. She is federally and state licensed to rehabilitate wild birds.



Often seen perched atop telephone poles or soaring over open land, the Swainson's hawk is a summer raptor in West Texas. Hunting for grasshoppers, rabbits, ground squirrels, rats, lizards and snakes, the bird of prey joins other members of its specie in an annual migration to Argentina.





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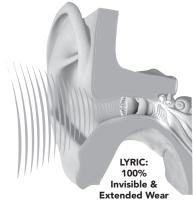
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Hearing aid brochures and ads are touting the virtues of the latest technology to counter hearing loss, whether the cause be listening to eardrum-rattling music, side effects of a myriad of prescriptions or simply age.



Hearing aids these days can be three year factory warranty and a digital, programmed and remotecontrolled. The technology has come a long way from the brass horns that passed for hearing aids in the late 19th century.

With digital processing, sound enters the microphone, is converted into computer code, cleaned up and processed before being fed into the ear – just like taking the scratches out of a vinyl record and making it sound like a CD or MP3 player.

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the aids are more comfortable and totally invisible in your ear. The Otolens from Starkey is custom-fit to your ear canal mak-

ing it invisible. It comes with a

three year supply of batteries (see

store for details). Also available is a new extended wear product called Lyric. It is the world's first 100% invisible hearing device worn 24/7 for up to 4 months at a time, while sleeping, showering, and exercising. There are no batteries to change. There is no daily insertion or removal required. Lyric is designed to closely mimic the way you hear naturally. Lyric is truly 24/7 hearing with no daily hassles. Lyric is sold on an annual subscription basis.

INCREASING NEED

These days, one in six Americans has a hearing loss equal to that of placing a finger in one or both ears, according to a recent Johns Hopkins University study. That's double previous estimates, with the problem growing faster among younger adults, many of whom listen to their iPods and MP3 players with small earbuds worn within the ear and the vol-

ume cranked up way too loud. It's a combination of the baby boomer generation and the iPod

generation. For some it's too late, because loud noises have permanently destroyed sensory cells vital to hearing. Moreover, by age 55 hearing generally decreases. About 30 percent of people age 70 and older have some degree of hearing loss – although not necessarily enough to require hearing

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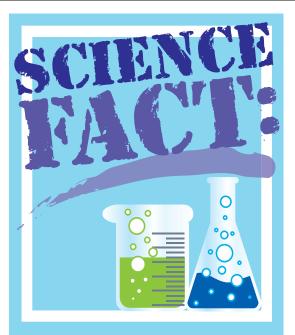
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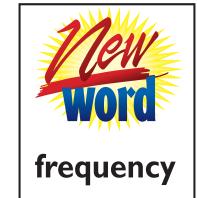
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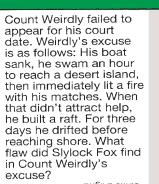


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LaPorta leads Indians past Rangers

ARLINGTON (AP) — Matt LaPorta gave the Cleveland Indians a

LaPorta hit a two-run homer in the third, then took an accidental elbow to the head in the bottom of the inning and later left the game as the Indians beat the Texas Rangers 9-3 on Monday night.

LaPorta's homer helped the Indians to a 4-0 lead, but the Cleveland first baseman sustained a bruise on his head in the bottom half. With Julio Borbon on first, Elvis Andrus hit a slow grounder and hustled down the line. Shortstop Jason Donald bounced his throw and Andrus' flying elbow hit LaPorta in the back of

the head as Andrus ran

past the base.

A dazed LaPorta fell on his back as the ball rolled into foul territory for a throwing error. Teammates were unable track down the ball in time to prevent Borbon from ra cing home to make it 4-1.

LaPorta was down for several minutes but remained in the game for the rest of the inning. He was replaced by Andy Marte in the fourth.

LaPorta was taken to a hospital for a precautionary CT scan. LaPorta suffered a concussion when he was hit in the head by a pitch while playing for Team USA in the 2008 Olympics, and the Indians didn't want to take any chances with one of their top young players.

"He was actually feeling nausea and he threw up a little bit too," Indians manager Manny Acta said. "It was a nobrainer to take him out of the game."

Jayson Nix homered twice and rookie Carlos Santana also connected to help the Indians win for the seventh time in nine games.

Nix, who was born in Dallas and lives there in the off-season, savored his second career twohomer game.

"It's a special night," said Nix. who had 15 family members and friends at the game. "It's great to be here at home and playing here. To be able to do that in front of them is special."

Texas slugger Nelson Cruz had a three-run homer wiped out after two hits in 1 2-3 innings inning single. Al Oliver umpires watched a replay and correctly overturned the call. The AL-West leading Rangers have lost five of seven.

"We were playing catch-up all night and couldn't do it," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "They just kept pouring runs."

Cleveland's Austin Kearns was hit by a pitch three times, by three different pitchers. Indians reliever Chris

Perez threw behind Andrus in the bottom of the eighth, and Andrus stared at the right-hander before striking out.

Cleveland starter Aaron Laffev was staked to a 6-2 lead, but was unable to get out of the fifth to qualify for the decision.

Joe Smith (1-1) allowed

of scoreless relief for his first major league vic-

Laffey gave up one earned and five hits in 4 1-3 innings before being pulled after throwing 101 pitches.

LaPorta and Santana homered off Omar Beltre (0-1) in the third inning of the rookie's second big league start, giving the Indians a 4-0

Beltre allowed four runs and four hits in three innings. He went four innings in his major league debut against the Los Angeles Angels on June 30.

Josh Hamilton extended his home hitting streak to 25 games, second-longest in club history, with a fourthholds the home record with a 30-game streak in

The Rangers added a run in the sixth when home plate umpire Bob Davidson called a balk on Smith, scoring Bengie Molina from third to make it 7-3. Smith stepped off the rubber, then fired to first to pick off Borbon, but Davidson immediately called the balk.

Davidson also called a balk in the seventh on Texas' Pedro Strop.

"If Bob called it a balk, it must have been a balk," Washington said of the two calls.

Texas trailed 9-3 when Cruz lost his home run. The drive down the

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LeBron James remains mum on final decision

AKRON, Ohio (AP) - A pointed finger, smile, chuckle and head shake. That was all.

If LeBron James has made up his mind, he's not saying

The world must wait.

The NBA's most wanted man offered no clues about his highly anticipated free agent decision on Monday after making an unexpected appearance — and getting in a few full-court hoop games with good friend Chris Paul at his Nike skills academy at the University of Akron.

After working out for two hours and then icing both his knees and right elbow for another hour, James, wearing a white T-shirt and his familiar New York Yankees cap, headed toward the door of Rhodes

On his way out, he was asked by The Associated Press if he had anything to say.

James pointed toward a reporter in the balcony, smiled and shook his head in amusement. He then drove away in a white Bentley, one of seven vehicles in a caravan that included Paul, manager Maverick Carter, business partner Rich Paul and security per-

Carter also politely declined comment to The AP.

James, who is considering offers from the Cleveland Cavaliers, Chicago Bulls and at least four other teams, was not expected to appear at the first day of the camp featuring some of the nation's top high school and college players. However, not only did James show up, he got in a spirited workout that included shooting drills and scrimmages.

James guarded Duke's Kyle Singler and Dayton's Chris Wright during the 5-on-5 runs that virtually stopped everyone in the gym. Looking even more fit than usual, James had a few spectacular moves and threw a lob pass to Christian Eyenga, Cleveland's firstround draft pick in 2009, for a jaw-dropping alley-oop dunk.

If the pressure of a decision that has several franchises and a few cities on hold, James didn't show it. He joked around with Paul, for-

mer Cavs teammate Damon Jones and Cleveland's Jawad Williams, now a restricted free agent. James also signed a sneaker tossed down to him by a youngster, who after getting it back, walked out in his socks so he wouldn't mess up the autograph.

James is not expected to make his big announcement until the three-day camp ends on Wednesday, one day before players can officially sign new contracts. He is sched-

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Former Howard College baseball player Marcellous Biggins played in the Texas Collegiate League All-Star game in Victoria on Monday. Biggins was at second base for the All-Star game representing the North Texas Copperheads. Heading into the game, Biggins was third on the team with a .267 batting average.

Stoudemire signs deal with Knicks NEW YORK (AP) —

While the top free agents are pondering their Knicks gave them something to think about.

If LeBron James or Dwyane Wade comes to New York now, a dominant big man will be there waiting.

Stoudemire agreed Monday to sign with the Knicks for \$100 million. nearly vowing to lead a rebirth in New York that the team hopes won't have to be done alone.

"This could help get the dominoes falling and he'd be a great teammate for somebody," Knicks coach Mike D'Antoni

"We went after a verv.

very good free agent and you can't tell what's in other people's minds, futures, the New York but we do know that if you're serious about winning, we've got a piece that helps you do that."

The Knicks said they intend to sign Stoudemire to a contract later this week when the free agent moratorium period ends. His agent, Happy Walters, said the deal is for the maximum allowed, which would be about \$99.7 million over

five years. Stoudemire has already started recruiting, saving he spoke to James' people and directly to Wade last

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Minnesota Twins' Mauer top vote-getter for 2010 All-Star game in Anaheim

NEW YORK (AP) — With a bevy of aces to choose from for his National League All-Star staff, manager Charlie Manuel thought there was no reason to rush rookie sensation Stephen Strasburg into the

Midsummer Classic.

"I say let him pitch and let him get his feet on the ground in the major leagues and kind of let him earn his way," Manuel said Sunday after Major League Baseball announced the

rosters for the July 13 All-Star game in Anaheim, Calif.

AL MVP catcher Joe Mauer was the fan's favorite with 5,372,606 votes, the third- highest total ever. Albert Pujols earned the most votes in

the National League.

The Mets' David Wright surged past the Phillies' Placido Polanco in the final weeks to win the NL starting third baseman spot. Wright had a super June, hitting .404 and driving in 29 runs while Polanco is on the disabled list because of a sore elbow.

Each squad still has one more spot on their 34-man rosters.

Fans will make the decision, choosing from a right-hander June 8, but list of five candidates in

each league in an Inter-

net runoff. Strasburg's 100 mph fastball has captivated fans around baseball since the Washington Nationals called up the he is not an All-Star yet.

Sports in brief

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This golf tourney will make its way to Big Spring on July 27 at the Comanche Trail Municipal Golf

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at the Coahoma Little League Field. Sign-ups will continue at 5:30 p.m. Friday at the concession stand with games starting at 7 p.m. Contact Anthony Herrera at 213-1498 for more information.

2-Person Low Ball

The Big Spring Country Country Club invites the community to participate in this event, which takes place July 24 through 25. The entry fee is \$60 per player plus the golf cart. Private carts are welcome. Entry includes barbecue on the course July 24. Field will be flighted by the first round score. Number of flights determined by number of entries. Call the Pro Shop at 267-5354 for more information. or to enter a team.

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website, www.bsisd.esc18.net. The school district will begin opening bids on July 16, 2010, in the Business Office of the Big Spring Independent School Distrct. The Business Office will continue to receive and open bids through 4:00 p.m., July 30, 2010. All bids must be received by 4:00 p.m., July 30, 2010. Bids will be presented for consideration to the Board of Trustees on August 12, 2010, at 5:15 p.m. at their regularly scheduled board meeting. The Big Spring Independent School District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. #6600 July 6 & 13, 2010

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process. Resolve to do right. If

you fail, immediately make a new resolution. ARIES

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(March 21-April 19). Right now, you're establishing a pattern that suits you well. Your need for adventure will return eventually, but for now, reap the benefits of staying in one place for a while.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Sluggish? Keep in mind that moving forward slowly is still moving forward. The speed at which you progress toward your goal is not the important thing. It's the progression itself that counts.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your tendency to eat healthfully is being intruded upon by people around you. You'll have to make a decision about how important your habits are vis-a-vis the company you keep.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). A quiet inbox leaves you with some time to plan your next move. Recognize it for the gift it is, and seize the moment accordingly. This strategy session will serve you for several months to come.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Making mountains out of molehills is something everyone does sometimes, but someone you know does it more than most. It might be time to take a step back from this person for your own health.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your soul soup is being stirred. The relative calm you've been enjoying has given way to a certain bodily restlessness. Your searching self is waking up. Be gentle and slow. There is no reason to rush.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Going through the motions is something you despise; you'd rather not show up at all than do something halfway. Today is another day where you go allout. People notice.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll see someone do something other people think is remarkable. You think to yourself, "I could do that." And you could probably even better.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You have an aversion to closed-mindedness and anything and anyone who exhibits it. If it could potentially limit your awareness, it is automatically uninteresting to you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There are those who want to celebrate you as you are, and then there are those who prefer that you do something they deem worthy of celebration first. You need both kinds in your life.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Calling on a friend for help isn't a sign of weakness; it's a display of confidence in vour friendship and an opportunity to deepen that relationship. Besides, you would be glad if this person called on you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're drawn to deep individuals, and you want to bond in a way that is meaningful. That's why you'll enjoy a quiet experience between a few people who would like to know one another beyond a superficial social artifice.

TODAY'S BIRTH-DAY (July 6). You pare things down and get serious about your most cherished goal. New relationships encourage your creative abilities. A past problem will no longer pester you. You'll do favors for friends this month. You'll gain experience in a novel area in August. You'll be awarded in October. Bonus money comes in November. Aquarius and Virgo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 1, 22, 49 and

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conquer fear if you follow your lion heart.

CELEBRITY PRO-**FILES:** His holiness the Dalai Lama was born under the spiritual sign of Cancer. The name comes from the Mongolian word "Dalai," which means "ocean," and the Tibetan word "Blama," which means "high priest." Cancer is a water sign and is ruled by the moon, which pulls the oceans. It is also the sign associated with patriotism. His natal chart is well balanced with the elements of air, water, fire and earth.

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Annie's Mailbox ®

Dear Annie: Over the years, I have made several major moves around the country and have found that my Facebook account is a great way to keep in touch. However, my dear

mother does not seem to understand Facebook etiquette. She comments on my page as if each change were directed specifically to her. If a friend posts a mes-

sage that is clearly meant for me, Mom will respond before I have a chance to. My friends have stopped leaving me comments because they know they will end up having a conversation with my mother.

She has even managed to insult a few of them when she disagreed with things they posted on their own pages. She does the same thing to my siblings.

I live out of state, but I call Mom every week and instant-message her most days, as well.

It's not as if she isn't up-to-date on my life. I don't know how to fix this, though, because her feelings are easily hurt. J.C.Wisconsin

Dear J.C.: Your mom thinks she is ever so cool because she communicates with your generation through something as contemporary as Facebook.

It might help to tell her why her behavior has the opposite effect. Then gently explain the best way to use Facebook



Marcy Sugar

so her comments are welcome.

We'd hate to have you "unfriend" Mom. A spokesperson Facebook said it is possible to set your preferences so that Mom is prevented from seeing specific things.

You also can "hide" your wall so no comments are visible to others and make yourself available only through personal mail.

Dear Annie: My niece, "Isla," will be 6 years old soon, and she's still using a pacifier. Every time I come back to visit my family, I pray she has given up the "passy," but she hasn't.

My mom and I have brought this up numerous times, but my sister claims she isn't strong enough to take it away from her.

Isla knows I hate seeing her with the pacifier, so she hides it from me.

I refuse to let her speak to me with this thing in

her mouth, and when she's not around, I secretly dip it in vinegar in the hope that she will dislike the taste of it. I've sent my sister

articles on the dangers of using a pacifier for long periods of time and also hints on ways to wean my niece off of it. Isla is now starting to

show signs of overuse with frequent ear infections, but nothing is being done.

How do I make my sister understand that taking the easy way out puts my niece at risk? – Anti-Pacifier Uncle

Dear Uncle: We agree that Isla is too old to be using a pacifier, and your sister is too lazy to work on it, but we are more upset with you.

You have succeeded only in making Isla feel terrible when she is around her uncle.

You, too, can find more positive ways to encourage the girl to give up the pacifier by complimenting her when she takes it out of her mouth instead of criticizing and punishing her when she doesn't.

And if Isla's teeth require braces later, that is your sister's problem. Please be the uncle Isla loves instead of the one she avoids.

Dear Annie: As a board-certified behavior analyst and the wife of a chronic "door left open" husband, I have an alternate suggestion for "Help," whose hubby

leaves cabinets ajar: Catch him actually closing a door, and as soon as he does (within five seconds), give him a really sexy kiss.

The next time he closes something, reward him in a similar fashion. Keep this up, and I guarantee results.

More effective than nagging? Yes. She should try it. They may both like it. -BCBAfrom Connecticut

Dear BCBA: Thanks. Of course, it presupposes that you can actually catch him closing a

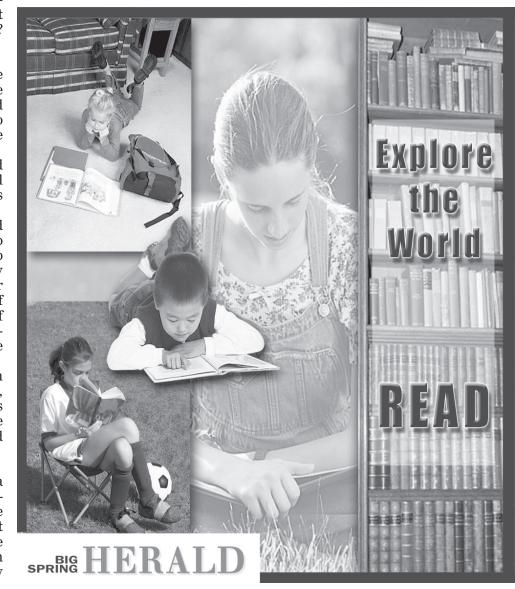
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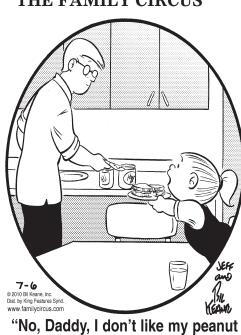
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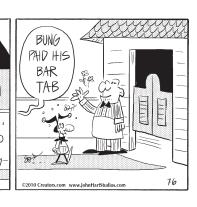
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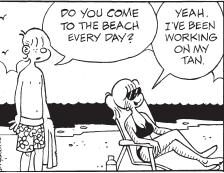








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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, July 6, the 187th day of 2010. There are 178 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On July 6, 1885, French scientist Louis Pasteur tested an antirabies vaccine on nine-year-old Joseph Meister, who had been bitten by an infected dog; the boy did not develop rabies.

On this date: In 1535, St. Thomas More was executed in England for high

treason. In 1777, during the American Revolution, British forces captured Fort Ticonderoga.

In 1809, French troops arrested Pope Pius VII, who had excommunicated Emperor Napoleon I; the pope was confined for about five years.

In 1917, during World War I, Arab forces led by T.E. Lawrence and Auda Abu Tayi captured the port of Aqaba (AH'-kah-buh) from the Turks.

In 1928, the first all-talking feature, "Lights of New York," had its gala premiere in New York.

In 1944, an estimated 168 people

died in a fire that broke out during a performance in the main tent of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus in Hartford, Conn. In 1945, President Harry S.

Truman signed an executive order establishing the Medal of Freedom. In 1957, Althea Gibson became

the first black tennis player to

win a Wimbledon singles title as

she defeated fellow American

Darlene Hard 6-3, 6-2. In 1988, 167 North Sea oil workers were killed when a series of explosions and fires destroyed a drilling platform.

In 1989, the U.S. Army destroyed its last Pershing IA missiles at an ammunition plant in Karnack, Texas, under terms of the 1987 Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces Treaty.

Today's Birthdays: Former first lady Nancy Reagan is 89. Actor William Schallert is 88. Actor Donal (cq) Donnelly is 79. Singer-actress Della Reese is 79. The 14th Dalai Lama of Tibet, Tenzin Gyatso, is 75. Actor Ned Beatty is 73. Singer Gene Chandler is 70. Country singer Jeannie Seely is 70. Actor Burt Ward is 65. Former President George W. Bush is 64. Actor-

director Sylvester Stallone is 64. Actor Fred Drver is 64. Actress Nathalie Baye is 62. Actor Geoffrey Rush is 59. Rock musician John Bazz (The Blasters) is 58. Actor Grant Goodeve is 58. Country singer Nanci Griffith is 57. Actress Allyce Beasley is 56. Jazz musician Rick Braun is 55. Country musician John Jorgenson is 54. Former first daughter Susan Ford Bales is 53. Hockey player and coach Ron Duguay (doo-GAY') is 53. Rock musician John Keeble (Spandau Ballet) is 51. Actor Brian Posehn is 44. Rapper Inspectah Deck (Wu-Tang Clan) is 40. Rapper 50 Cent is 34. Actress Tamera Mowry is 32. Actress Tia Mowry is 32.

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Answer to previous puzzle

CROP

Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Angelic music makers
- 6 Sink-drain
- problem
- 10 Police officers
- **14** Surprise win 15 Actor's part
- 16 Norway's
- largest city
- 17 Romeo, to Juliet
- 18 "A likely story!"
- 19 University sports org
- 20 Gives the OK 22 Descended
- 23 Cot, for one
- 24 Warns
- 26 Gets out of town
- 30 British noble
- **32** "Pay __ mind" 33 Kite attachment
- 35 Astounds
- 39 Consume
- completely 41 GI show grp.
- 42 Letters before
- tees 43 Pizza serving
- 44 Tips of socks
- 46 Kid older than 12
- 47 Is wearing
- 49 In disagreement
- **51** Unit of current
- **54** "Fourscore and seven
- years
- 55 Sticky substances **56** Gives the OK
- 63 "In your dreams!"
- **64** Smell (be suspicious)

- 65 Brownish gray
- 66 Money in Mexico
- 68 Scarecrow's
- 69 One who stares
- 70 Catch sight of

DOWN

- invitation
- 4 Jury member
- 7 Lofty tennis

- 8 Butter

- stuffing 12 Factory
- 71 Hollers

1 Luau dance

- 2 Each, slangily
- 6 Wept
- shots

- 3 Initials on an
- 5 Disco light

- alternative

- 10 Gives the OK 67 Young lady 11 Hollywood statuette
 - 13 Relaxes in the tub
 - 21 Three-piece suit

progress

- piece 25 Succeed in
- dieting
- 26 Fibs 27 List-ending abbr.
- 28 Prefix meaning "against"
- 29 Gives the OK
- 30 American buffalo
- 31 Lip-balm
- additive
 - 34 Sedan or coupe

- **OKEY-DOKEY** by Gail Grabowski Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com
- 9 Make good 36 Took
 - advantage of 37 Require 38 Nine-digit IDs
 - 40 Fruit-cocktail
 - fruit 45 Droops
 - Street 48 (PBS kids' show)
 - 50 Foot, slangily **51** Open-mouthed

52 Take a leisurely

- stroll 53 Self-assurance
- **54** Fidgety **57** Eye-color area
- 58 Sound of shock **59** Destiny
- 60 Roll up, as a flag 61 Iridescent gem
- 62 The latest happenings

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Rangers agree to auction team off

FORT WORTH (AP) — The Texas Rangers plan to hold an auction next week for the team's sale in hopes of getting the bankruptcy plan approved, according to a court motion filed Monday.

The team, which had a pending sale to a group led by Pittsburgh attorney Chuck Greenberg and Hall of Fame pitcher and team president Nolan Ryan, set a July 16 auction for bidders who meet certain Major League Baseball requirements.

Selling the team to the Greenberg-Ryan group and paying creditors \$75 million was part of the Rangers' bankruptcy plan when it filed

"The (team) understands that a competitive bidding process is the preferred method of the lenders."

Rangers' attorneys

for Chapter 11 protection in May, but creditors have opposed that plan.

"It became clear ... following discussions with the (court-appointed chief restructuring officer) that (he) would be more likely to support and vote to approve the prepackaged plan following an auction process," Rangers' attorneys said in the motion. "The (team) understands that a competitive bidding process is the preferred method of the lenders."

Greenberg and Ryan said Monday that they believe their \$575 million bid "is still superior and best serves the interests of the Rangers and their fans." They said they have put that money into an escrow account in anticipation of closing the deal.

"Our goal is to do everything possible to bring this process to conclusion so that we can continue to build on the progress we've made on the field the past two seasons and so that the fans and our

community can turn their full attention to this great season," Ryan said in a state-

The Greenberg-Ryan group waived its exclusive right to buy the team. But the group will receive

a \$15 million "break-up" fee if someone else is selected as the buyer. A confirmation hearing on

still set for July 22. A decision will be based on

the team's bankruptcy plan is

recommendations from Wil-

liam K. Snyder, the chief restructuring officer appointed to review financial matters in the case and the proposed

The team's sale has been stalled for months by creditors' concerns over team owner Tom Hicks' financially strapped ownership group. The creditors have argued

that the team doesn't just owe \$75 million, but is obligated to pay more than \$525 million in loans that Hicks Sports Group defaulted on last year.

Creditors also have argued that the Greenberg-Ryan bid which Major League Baseball endorses — was not the highest.



By Steve Becker

The Power of Positive Thinking

♥KOJ94 9874 **SOUTH** The bidding: West Pass 3 🏚 Pass Opening lead -six of hearts.

West dealer.

East-West vulnerable

A declarer must feel his way along at the start of many hands since he rarely knows at the outset how the unseen cards are divided. He usually begins by making a few assumptions based on the bidding (or the lack of it) and the early play. As the play progresses, declarer often revises his initial estimate because new developments shed additional light on the composition of the adverse hands.

Observe South's method of play in this deal where West led a heart against four spades. Declarer went

up with the ace and tried a spade finesse, losing to the king, whereupon West returned the nine of dia-

It was now only trick three, yet South knew just about all he needed to know about the makeup of the East-West hands. It was certainly reasonable to assume that West had led a singleton heart, as he obviously would have played another heart had he had one. It was equally reasonable to assume that West did not have the queen of diamonds, as he would carcely have led a diamond if he had the queen. Furthermore, East was almost certain to have the queen (as well as the king of clubs) for his opening bid.

Declarer therefore put dummy's ace. (Had he played the jack from dummy, he would have gone down.) He then finessed the queen of clubs, cashed the ace and ruffed a club high in dummy.

Next came three rounds of trumps, on which he discarded a heart from dummy as East was forced to come down to the K-Q of hearts and Q-10 of diamonds. South then administered the coup de grâce by exiting with a heart. After cashing his two heart tricks. East was obliged to return a diamond from the Q-10, allowing declarer to score the last two tricks with the jack and king to make the contract.

Tomorrow: The philosophy of good defense.

LEBRON

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-uled to return to the camp on Tuesday morning.

The Cavaliers and Bulls are considered the frontrunners to land James, the 25-year-old megastar who has spent his first seven seasons playing in Cleveland, which can offer him roughly \$30 million more than any other team.

He's the biggest domino, but

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with no repeats. That means no number is repeat-

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two others have fallen.

On Sunday, Joe Johnson agreed to a six-year contract with Atlanta and the New York Knicks scored big by getting a five-year, \$100 million deal with free agent forward Amare Stoudemire, who has already been recruiting James to join him in the Big Apple.

Stoudemire has spoken to James' people and directly to Dwvane Wade last week. Nike officials said James wasn't

which began at 3 p.m. But at 2:55, James walked in with a large group and immediately asked for the main locker room in the arena, where he often played as a high school star at St. Vincent-St. Mary, to be opened so he could

get dressed. A few minutes later, he came on the court startling some of the players warming up at four baskets. James then went through some outside shooting drills.

As James fine tuned his game, camera crews filmed his moves.

going to attend the first session, **KNICKS**

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week. He plans to pitch them again, but insisted he won't be affected if those players say no to New York.

"Totally comfortable, totally confident that my leadership qualities will uplift all of us to do something great this upcoming season," Stoudemire said. "So again, the Knicks are back."

The deal can't be signed until Thursday, after the salary cap for next season has been set.

It was a desperately needed score in free agency for the Knicks, who had signs that pictured Stoudemire in their uniform and reading "Welcome, Amare Stoudemire" all over the entrances of Madison Square Garden. After spending two seasons

clearing enough cap space to afford two top players, they met with James, Wade and Chris Bosh last week, and believe they could still land one of them.

The move reunites Stoudemire with D'Antoni, his former coach in Phoenix. Stoudemire averaged more than 20 points in every season they were together and immediately becomes the best player D'Antoni has coached since leaving the Suns after the 2007-08 season.

"He's a dominant offensive player for sure, in a variety of ways, D'Antoni said.

Stoudemire's with the Suns ended late last week when the team agreed to \$48 million worth of deals with forwards Hakim Warrick and Channing Frye. The sides had discussed an extension, but the Suns looked elsewhere.

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right-field line appeared to sail to the right of the foul pole, yet he circled the bases as the fans celebrated.

After the umpires reviewed the call and reversed it, Cruz returned to the batter's box and struck out.

"The first base umpire (Chris Guccione) thought it went around the pole," crew chief Tim Tschida said. "It started out so far fair that it kept coming around, and, when you're the guy on first, it flashes in front of the pole -- did it go around it or did it get

"The three of us were pretty sure that it was foul and never got it. We went and looked at the replay and made sure it didn't glance off the pole. And it didn't. I mean, it was close."



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