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Taking the long-term approach

Supporters of proposed nature center at the state park are vigilant

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

Supporters of a nature center at Big Spring State Park are taking a long-term approach to the project. Despite tough economic times, project supporters are convinced that the 5,000 square-foot facility will eventually become a reality — and they spent several hours Tuesday enlisting the aid of state officials to their cause.

Local residents, ranging from Big Spring Mayor Tommy Duncan and Howard County Judge Mark Barr to a group of Elbow Elementary students, displayed their support for the proposed center during a tour of the site. Escorted by Big Spring's representatives in the Texas Legislature — Rep. Joe Heflin (D-Crosbyton) and Sen. Kel Seliger (R-Amarillo) — Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Executive Director Carter Smith came away impressed by the show of support.

"We want to have a strong partnership with local lead-

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ers for this center and we will have a strong partnership," Smith said. "We look forward to seeing this come to fruition."

How fast the dream of a new center becomes a reality depends, as expected, on finances.

Roy Worthy, chairman of the Friends of the State Park committee that has championed the idea of a nature center at the park for the past



TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CARTER SMITH, center, is flanked by, from left, Big Spring Economic Development Corporation Executive Director Terry Wegman, Texas State Sen. Kel Seliger (R-Amarillo), Friends of the State Park Chairman Roy Worthy and Big Spring City Council Member Gloria McDonald at the local state park Tuesday. Local officials are asking for state support of a plan to construct a 5,000 square-foot nature center at the park.

several months, estimated the facility will cost approximately \$560,000 to complete.

Pledges in excess of \$60,000 have been received so far, but most of the support has been

of the non-monetary variety.

That emotional support was perhaps best personified by a group of gifted and talented students from Elbow Elementary, who made the proposed

center their class' yearly project. Among other things, the class wrote letters of support to Heflin and Seliger and

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Manson follower denied parole again

LINDA DEUTSCH
 AP Special Correspondent

CHINO, Calif. — The aging inmate, her face wrinkled with time and her gray hair drawn in a bun, listened as her lawyer argued that the Leslie Van Houten seated before the parole board is a changed woman from the young Charles Manson follower who participated in two savage murders 41 years ago.

"People can and do change," attorney Brandie Devall said.

But the two-member panel was unswayed Tuesday, and Van Houten was denied a parole date for a 19th time and told to come back to the board in three years.

Van Houten, who last appeared before a parole board in 2007, showed no response to the decision and was taken back to her cell.

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Van Houten

Salvation Army begins gearing for annual school supply drive

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

While summer vacation is far from over, the trek back to school is already on the minds of local Salvation Army officials, as the charity begins accepting donations for its annual back-to-school supply drive.

Big Spring Salvation Army Capt. Terry Cheshire said work is already under way to prepare for the annual drive, which provides school supplies — notebook paper, folders, pencils and pens — to area low-income students before classes begin again in late August.

"We're planning to take applications Aug. 2, and we're going to do it like we have the past several years and give

"Education can make a huge difference in these kids' lives, and we need to do everything we can to support them."

Terry Cheshire, Salvation Army captain



the supplies out the same day," said Cheshire. "The parents come in and fill out the paperwork, and if they are eligible, they can pick up the supplies right then. It makes it easier to keep up with our supply, and it makes it easier on them because they don't have to make a second trip to the office."

Cheshire said the annual effort makes a big difference in the lives of children who might not otherwise have school supplies to start the

year. "It's hard enough to get back into the books after a whole summer off," Cheshire said. "When you don't have the things you need — notebooks, paper, pencils — it just makes it that much harder. Education can make a huge difference in these kids' lives, and we need to do everything we can to support them."

However, before the first pencil or pen can be handed

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Big Spring VA to celebrate 60th anniversary

Sixty years ago on July 17, Big Spring VA admitted its first patient.

The 60th Anniversary Celebration will take place on the VA Medical Center campus

beginning at 10 a.m. Friday, July 16.

The celebration will begin with an outdoor program and will move indoors to meet, greet, and visit with past

friends and acquaintances. Tours of the medical center along with refreshments will complete the celebration.

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Summer league key for improvement

Area girls basketball coaches use league as tool



File Photo

The Lady Steers' Linzee Yarbar shoots a basket in one of Big Spring High School's games last season. With Yarbar being the only starter graduating, head coach Mike Warren pointed toward summer league basketball as the key to his team's improvement.

BY ADAM COLEMAN
Sports Editor

Big Spring High School girls basketball coach Mike Warren has a clear-cut explanation of why the best teams get better.

"The good teams are all in the gym," he said. "Talk about our district, Abilene Wylie and Brownwood, those are good programs.

"The good teams, their girls are in the gym and we have to do this, hopefully not to keep up, but get better and maybe try to reach the level of an Abilene Wylie."

So after a handful of days off for his players, Warren believes his team is headed in the right direction after the conclusion of summer league girls basketball.

Summer league basketball has given a few area teams a chance to stay active during the summer, and Warren said this summer was key for his 40-some-odd players participating in a league with Forsan and Coahoma, among others.

But Warren did not have to pace the sideline this summer, as he is not allowed to coach his league team. He still, however, watched the team from the stands to get a different perspective.

His conclusion? Summer league basketball

helps provide depth for his varsity team and develop some of the younger players. The core of his team was together this summer as well, with Linzee Yarbar being the lone departure from last season's team.

Warren had a junior high, two junior varsity — one made up of ninth graders — and his varsity team in the league with Forsan and Coahoma.

"During the season, you're trying to put more emphasis on winning at the varsity level," Warren said. "Here it was just everybody gets to play and you get to develop some of your depth. The girls that are maybe your sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth and 10 girls, they all got to play pretty much equally. I thought some of our girls that might start really got better during the summer."

Warren said his players played about 13 games this summer with the help of the Harold Davis West Texas Shootout at Howard College.

There is more work ahead for the Lady Steers, too. Warren said there will be a team camp at the end of this month at South Plains College in Levelland, which should add another eight games to wrap up the summer.

New Coahoma girls

basketball coach Mitzi Bell holds summer league basketball in high regard as well.

She said the main advantages for a player are familiarity, getting to know teammates and getting comfortable.

"The more they can touch the ball throughout the offseason, the better," she said. "Especially if they're working with their own teammates that they're going to play with in the future. It definitely helps with the chemistry and the flow of a team and trusting each other."

Bell said summer league basketball has been an important piece to the off-season for her past head coaching jobs and that won't change at Coahoma.

She said getting involved in the off-season program, such as the weight lifting program, will be one of her first tasks once she gets settled in Coahoma.

"I know so many coaches already out there in that area from growing up out there and from coaching out there," she said, "so I will definitely push the girls to do summer league ball."

Contact sports editor Adam Coleman at 263-7331, ext. 237 or at sports@bigspringherald.com.

Hamilton's HR leads Rangers past Indians

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Texas Rangers' offense picked up where it left off in June, even though Josh Hamilton's hot streak at home and their 17-hit attack wasn't on the minds of players after a 12-1 rout of the Cleveland Indians on Tuesday night.

Both teams were shaken after the game was delayed 16 minutes in the fifth inning when a male spectator fell about 30 feet from the second deck while attempting to catch a foul ball.

Nelson Cruz of the Rangers had fouled a pitch into the club level in Section 235 along the first-base line. The ball hit a seat behind the spectator, who was reaching to snag it before losing his balance and tumbling backward onto the seats below.

The man was taken by ambulance to the John Peter Smith Hospital

emergency room, where a team spokesman said he was responsive and able to move all of his extremities.

"I looked up and saw him starting to come down. He hit the luxury box area and came straight down," Cleveland left fielder Trevor Crowe said. "It's one of the scariest things I've ever seen. All I could think about was to start praying for the guy. There was nothing to brace his fall or anything. I was just scared that he might have killed himself."

Indians shortstop Jason Donald looked away when the ball went foul, but the sound of the man's body striking the seats told him that something bad had happened.

"My head was turned, but I heard the crowd react and heard the body hit," Donald said. "I was

hoping he didn't die. It was really scary. It puts everything in perspective. This is a game and somebody potentially could have lost his life."

Rangers president Nolan Ryan was thankful that the man seemed responsive and was able to move his limbs. The team did not release the man's name.

"The preliminary indications are that it could have been a lot worse," Ryan said.

Out on the field, Rangers starter C.J. Wilson (7-4) allowed only one run and three hits over six innings, and he got plenty of support from an offense that was slumping. Texas was averaging 2.6 runs in the first five games of July after leading the majors with a .311 average in June.

The Rangers were

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Rodriguez K's 10 gives Astros win

HOUSTON (AP) — Wandy Rodriguez insists he hasn't changed anything over his last few starts. He's just found his pointpoint location.

The 31-year-old left-hander struck out 10 and allowed four singles in seven innings and the Astros snapped a three-game losing streak with a 6-2 win over the Pittsburgh Pirates on Tuesday night.

Rodriguez (6-10) has won his last three starts, the longest winning streak by an Astro this season. He's allowed only two earned runs in those starts for a 0.90 ERA.

"Nothing different," he said. "I try to throw the ball where I want, and I just throw my pitches. I'm the same. I've felt great the last three starts. When I have good command on my breaking ball and fastball, you can see a lot of games like this."

The Astros tabbed him as the No. 2 starter

behind ace Roy Oswalt coming into the season, hoping he could improve on last year's 14-12 record. But Rodriguez lost four of his first five decisions and dropped six of seven between May and June before starting his current streak.

Carlos Lee and Lance Berkman homered and Michael Bourn scored two runs for the Astros, who've won all four meetings with the Pirates this season.

Rodriguez finished one strikeout shy of his career high, which he last reached almost exactly a year ago against Pittsburgh. He gave up two walks, both in the first inning, and reached double-digit strikeouts for the fifth time in his career.

"We knew that he had the ability to throw like that," manager Brad Mills said. "He threw like this several times last year. He's just built good start after good start, and that's what we were

looking for, to be able to put it all together."

The Astros staked Rodriguez to a 2-0 lead in the first inning off Pittsburgh starter Brad Lincoln (1-3), a rookie who played at the University of Houston.

Bourn, selected to the NL All-Star team by manager Charlie Manuel, led off with an infield single and stole second. He advanced on Jeff Keppinger's flyout and scored on Berkman's groundout.

Lee followed with a solo home run to left center, his 11th of the season.

Bourn singled and scored again in the third, rounding the bases on Keppinger's double off the left-field scoreboard. Berkman then homered into the left-field balcony, just inside the foul pole, for a 5-0 lead.

Lincoln allowed five runs on seven hits in his sixth career major-league start. He played

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Sports in brief

Chubby Abrego Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament

The Chubby Abrego Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament takes place at 8 a.m. July 10 at the Comanche Trails Golf Course and will benefit Coahoma High School Athletes.

It is \$50 per person, four person scramble. Prizes will be included. Call Rocky McCullough at 213-4868 or DeLoyd Hooser at 816-9051 for more information

State Representative Joe Heflin Golf Tournament

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

Course. Scramble is scheduled for 9 a.m. and lunch will be provided. RSVP to CassiDe Street at Heflin2010@yahoo.com or at 806-675-1583.

Coahoma Ragball Tournament

There will be a ragball tournament July 9 and 10 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 Club invites the community to participate in this event, which

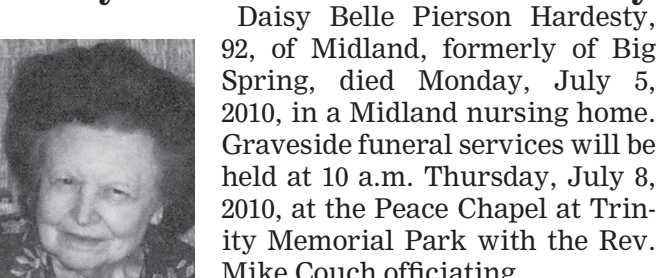
takes place July 24 through 25. The entry fee is \$60 per player plus the golf cart. Private carts are welcome. Entry includes barbecue on the course July 24. Field will be flighted by the first round score. Number of flights determined by number of entries. Call the Pro Shop at 267-5354 for more information,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

Youth Basketball Tournament

The 2010 San Antonio Youth Basketball Championships will be conducted Aug. 6 through 8. This tournament is for boys and girls, third through 12th grade. Visit www.otcybc.com, email risingstars07@yahoo.com or call (979)417-3721 for more information.

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. Jan. 3, 1938, in Georgetown. He preceded her in death April 20, 1994.

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, Cody Plowman and Kelli Warden, both of Midland; and two great-grandchildren, Ashly Andrews of Lubbock and Rebecca Andrews of Midland.

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. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Paid obituary

Savannah Michelle Moore

On Monday, July 5, 2010, God received his precious angel, Savannah Michelle Moore. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, July 9, 2010, at First Christian Church with the Rev. Ken McIntosh, pastor, and Brian Moore, officiating.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., Thursday, July 8, 2010, at the funeral home.

She was born June 30, 2010, in Odessa.

We wish to thank all of our family, friends, co-workers and the medical staff at The Birthplace of Midland Memorial West Campus, Regional Perinatal Center and Odessa Regional Medical Center for all of their thoughts and prayers of support during our journey.

Savannah is survived by her parents, Greg and Erinn Moore of Big Spring; two brothers, Tyler McFall and Lanson Moore, both of Big Spring; maternal grandmother, Sarah Bode of South Padre Island; paternal grandmother, Mona Moore of Big Spring; maternal grandfather, Larry Thoren of Austin; maternal great-grandmother, Ruth Coats of Houston; aunts and uncles, Brian and Karen Moore of Big Spring, Anna and Roy Garrison of Harlingen and Billy and Racquel Williams of Missoula, Mont.; cousins, Mason Moore, Nolan Garrison, Marien Garrison, Elysia Williams, Alayna Williams, K'Ja Fowler, K'Leigh Fowler and Tyler Fowler.

She was preceded in death by her grandfather, George Moore.

The family suggests memorials be made to March of Dimes, Midland/Odessa Division, 10 Desta Drive, No. LL130, Midland 79705.

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

Paid obituary

Jean Maddox

Jean Maddox died Tuesday, July 6, 2010, in a Portland, Texas, nursing home. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity Tuesday:

- IRMA VINCENT, 48, 1309 Stanford, was arrested on a warrant charging harassment.
- JESUS COSTAN BUSTAMANTE, 68, 605 S. Nolan, was arrested on warrants charging theft.
- JOHNATHON STERLING JACKSON, 19, 1719 Purdue, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.
- RUBEN JAMES PEREZ, 18, 1719 Purdue, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.
- MICHAEL LEE PRESCOTT, 20, 1719 Purdue, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.
- RANNEL BRADLEY FOSTER, 21, 427 E. Davis Rd., was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.
- FRANKLIN LAMARR CURTIS, 44, no address given, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

Sheriff

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity Tuesday (officials reported 63 prisoners in the county jail):

- JESUS BUSTAMANTE, 68, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on two warrants charging theft.
- JOHNATHON STERLING JACKSON, 19, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.
- MICHAEL LEE PRESCOTT, 20, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.
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Fire/EMS

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

- TRAUMA was reported in the 1500 block of Jonesboro. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported 20 miles north of Big Spring on Highway 669. Service was refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 8000 block of N. Service Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of E. 23rd. One person was transported to SMMC.
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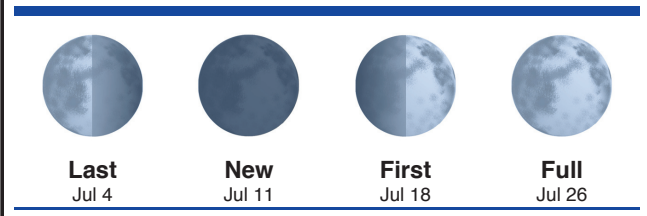
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Amarillo	76	62	t-storm	Livingston	87	74	t-storm
Austin	84	74	t-storm	Longview	88	74	t-storm
Beaumont	88	75	t-storm	Lubbock	79	65	t-storm
Brownsville	92	77	t-storm	Lufkin	91	75	t-storm
Brownwood	84	73	t-storm	Midland	81	70	t-storm
Corpus Christi	87	79	t-storm	Raymondville	92	76	t-storm
Corsicana	84	75	t-storm	Rosenberg	83	76	t-storm
Dallas	86	77	t-storm	San Antonio	88	77	t-storm
Del Rio	83	73	t-storm	San Marcos	85	75	t-storm
El Paso	90	72	t-storm	Sulphur Springs	87	75	t-storm
Fort Stockton	85	68	t-storm	Sweetwater	80	70	t-storm
Gainesville	83	74	t-storm	Tyler	87	73	t-storm
Greenville	85	74	t-storm	Weatherford	83	74	t-storm
Houston	84	76	t-storm	Wichita Falls	81	72	t-storm

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	98	75	mst sunny	Minneapolis	84	65	pt sunny
Boston	88	68	pt sunny	New York	88	74	pt sunny
Chicago	81	68	t-storm	Phoenix	107	83	mst sunny
Dallas	86	77	t-storm	San Francisco	75	55	pt sunny
Denver	72	55	cloudy	Seattle	91	64	sunny
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NBA picture may be changing soon

MIAMI (AP) — After a week, there are now real signs that the NBA's waiting game might soon be ending.

LeBron James has reportedly blinked.

Now Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh almost certainly are near the end of their free-agent roads as well.

ESPN's Chris Broussard, citing anonymous "independent sources," reported Tuesday night that James will announce his future NBA plans during a one-hour special on the network at 9 p.m. Thursday, with proceeds from ad revenue going to charity. Broussard said James' "representatives" contacted ESPN and asked for the unusual arrangement, which neither the network nor the two-time MVP's circle would confirm.

Still, that was the clearest indicator yet that what might go down as the most celebrated free-agent period in the

history of sports — built entirely around the incessant speculation about James, Wade and Bosh — is nearing a dramatic end.

"It's either going to happen quickly," Bosh told The Associated Press on the eve of free agency, "or it's not."

It hasn't happened quickly.

But now that James has apparently circled a date on his calendar, things would figure to start moving that way. That would be fantastic news, not only for the team or teams that land the members of the NBA's juggernaut trio, but the 150 or so other free agents who are essentially hostages in this tete-a-tete between stars and suitors.

"I think, obviously, we know who the guys are who are the biggest free agents," said guard Chris Quinn, who ended last season with New Jersey before hitting the open market. "A lot depends

on what they do. There's a lot of other players who are free agents who are looking for jobs and working hard and want to get on a good team and win."

Through Tuesday night, only one so-called marquee guy had picked a new team, Amare Stoudemire leaving Phoenix for the Knicks.

Even something like that didn't register a giant blip across the NBA.

Instead, the waiting game reigned. And by the time James' news broke Tuesday night, Stoudemire almost seemed like ancient history.

"Getting closer," is the cryptic message on James' website.

Unless it's the Heat, Cavaliers, Bulls, Knicks, Nets or Raptors, there seems to be almost a sense of ennui across the rest of the league when it comes to the sweepstakes involving James, Bosh and

Wade.

It's certainly an unusual time: One corner of the league is waiting to see what the Big 3 will do, and the rest are just trying to improve their own teams.

"It's been going on for a year, guys," Orlando Magic general manager Otis Smith said. "It's kind of hard for me to pay attention this week."

Kind of hard for many teams not to, either.

"I'm tired of hearing about all that, to be honest with you," New Orleans Hornets coach Monty Williams said. "It's overblown, and we've been talking about it for two years."

Monty, the end could be near.

Bosh said just before the July 1 start of freeagentmania that he was eager to get the process over with, even indicating that he could reveal his decision before Wade

or James announced theirs. Which, now, almost makes sense, in that both Wade and James would like to have Bosh alongside them for years to come in Cleveland, Miami or some other NBA city.

His decision clearly affects both, which even the casual NBA observer surely has realized in recent days.

If Bosh picks Miami, it would immediately ensure that Wade takes the Heat offer of a six-year deal that could be worth around \$127 million. If Bosh decides he wants to go to Cleveland and play with James, that might send Wade looking to play in Chicago. If Bosh picks a wild-card city — say Houston — both James and Wade would start recruiting someone else to team with, possibly each other.

And then there's the chance that they all could play together.

Armstrong losing ground Former champion sits 18th in Tour de France

ARENBERG, France (AP) — Lance Armstrong has good reason to be frustrated.

Although the 38-year-old American posted his best time trial result in five years before handling treacherous cobblestones sections with authority on Tuesday, Armstrong is already in trouble following the first three stages of the Tour de France.

The seven-time champion dropped from fifth to 18th in the overall standings and now trails the main contenders after a flat tire cost him significant time during the third stage of the race.

Armstrong, who got off

to a strong start in the Tour with a fourth-place finish in last week's prologue, had another strong display during Tuesday's daunting third stage from Wanze, Belgium, to Arenberg Porte du Hainaut, which featured seven sectors of cobbles.

Armstrong looked comfortable in the dust, handling his bike well on tiny and dented roads. At one point, Armstrong held a small lead over defending champion Alberto Contador of Spain, who ended up in 13th place, 1 minute and 13 seconds behind stage winner Thor Hushovd of Norway.

Armstrong placed

32nd, 2:08 behind.

"Sometimes you're the hammer, sometimes you're the nail," Armstrong told reporters at his team bus. "Today I was the nail. I have 20 days now to be the hammer."

Armstrong, who began the stage ahead of his rivals, lost about 45 seconds when he punctured in the penultimate sector of cobblestones.

"We were all just pulling through, really trying to gain as much time on Lance and the guys who were at the back," said Bradley Wiggins of Britain, who has a 41-second edge on Armstrong.

In the overall stand-

ings, Fabian Cancellara of Switzerland leads Geraint Thomas by 23 seconds. Two-time Tour runner-up Cadel Evans is third, 39 seconds back, and Contador is ninth, 1:40 behind. Andy Schleck is sixth, 1:19 back.

Armstrong, who is 2:30 behind, admitted that his hopes of winning an eighth Tour de France title suffered a blow.

"Our chances took a knock today," Armstrong said. "I'm not going home, we'll stay in the race and we'll keep trying."

If not for the tumble, Armstrong likely would have finished with the same time as Contador,

RANGERS

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able to refocus after the game resumed. Vladimir Guerrero added a two-run homer in a five-run sixth inning, Cruz and David Murphy also went deep, and Joaquin Arias finished with a career-high four RBIs.

"We're pros and we had a job to do," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "As long as we had to go back on the field, we had to get refocused and go out there."

Jayson Nix homered for Cleveland, connecting three times in a span of five at-bats including a two-homer game in

Monday night's series opener.

Andres Blanco's two-run double in the fourth off Justin Masterson (3-8) gave Texas a 3-1 lead, and Arias' three-run double in the sixth stretched it to 6-1. Masterson allowed seven runs and nine hits in 5 1-3 innings.

Cleveland had won seven of its previous nine.

The trend of hit batters continued after Cleveland's Austin Kearns was plunked three times by three different pitchers in Monday night's series opener. Each team had two hit batters in the first five innings, although the umpires didn't issue a warning

to either team.

Young got his first night off this season. Young was the only Rangers player to start the first 82 games — 81 at third and one as the DH.

Shortstop Elvis Andrus also rested. Texas went with Blanco at third and Arias at shortstop, and both reserves came through with big offensive nights.

"They picked us up," Washington said. "I never doubted that they would. Blanco got us the two runs that put us ahead, Joaquin got the three-run double that extended the lead. The rest of the lineup began to fall into place."

NOTES: Hamilton was

June's AL Player of the Month after leading the majors in average (.454), RBIs (31), hits (49) and slugging percentage (.815)... Indians 1B Matt LaPorta didn't sustain a concussion when he was hit in the head by an accidental elbow from Andrus in Monday night's game. Manager Manny Acta wasn't taking any chances, keeping LaPorta out Tuesday... Indians RF Shin-Soo Choo (sprained right thumb) was examined Tuesday in Cleveland by Dr. Thomas Graham, a hand specialist. Acta said Choo probably won't need surgery and might be back sooner than the projected 6 to 8 weeks.

Europe taking World Cup final

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (AP) — Same old, same old. The World Cup champions will be European. Either Dutch, Spanish or German, to be precise.

Hang on a second, the old continent hogging the summit of world football, haven't we seen that before?

Well, yes. Four years ago, in fact. Remember Italy winning and the head-butt that rocked the world by French captain Zinedine Zidane?

The truth is, we shouldn't be surprised. Four weeks and 61 matches into the first World Cup in Africa — there's just one semifinal, Sunday's final and the third-place game still to play — have reaffirmed a cold, hard fact: The sport's center of gravity is still, and perhaps more than ever, in Europe.

Africa proved at this World Cup that it is more than capable of hosting the biggest single event in sport, but that it also is nowhere close to winning it. Ghana was the only country to make a real impression and even it got no

further than the quarterfinals. Africa has fine players, competing across Europe in some of the biggest clubs. It also has passion, as evidenced by the way the continent swung behind the Ghanaians after the other five African sides failed to get out of the group stage. But Africa doesn't have the decades of experience, the coaching expertise, and the wealth that make Europe's giants so strong.

For a while at this World Cup of relatively few goals but also genuine upsets, South America strung us along with the illusion that it would be the dominant force. But that, too, wasn't to be. Four of the eight quarterfinalists were South American. None will be in the final. Thank you, Brazil for letting someone else win for a change. The five-time champions were nowhere near their dancing, awesome best in South Africa. The Brazilians are organizing the next World Cup and must regroup, perhaps unearth a new Pele, if they want to win it and add a sixth gold

ASTROS

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in front of about 200 friends and family, but said that added pressure didn't affect his performance.

"I wasn't really that emotional," Lincoln said. "I had some butterflies in the first inning, but I just couldn't get comfortable out there, couldn't find the strike zone with my fastball."

Rodriguez, meanwhile, retired eight hitters in a row — three on

strikeouts — after the two walks in the first inning.

Andrew McCutchen led off the fourth with a single, Pittsburgh's first hit. McCutchen eventually scored on Ryan Doumit's single to left. Rodriguez escaped a one-out, bases-loaded jam later in the inning, getting Bobby Crosby to pop up before striking out Lincoln.

Rodriguez was sharp again in the sixth,

He struck out Pedro Alvarez and Doumit. He also fanned Crosby.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

The Philosophy of Good Defense

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North-South vulnerable.
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♥ K 4
♦ A K J 9 8 3
♣ J 9 5

WEST
♠ Q 9 7 2
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♦ 5 2
♣ Q 8 3

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

SOUTH
♠ A K 10
♥ Q 10 8 7 5
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♣ 10 7 4

The bidding:
South Pass West North East
1♥ Pass 1♦ Pass
2NT Pass 3NT Pass

Opening lead — two of spades.
Many situations arise during the play that strongly challenge the imagination of a top-notch defender. Take this case where West passed two extremely difficult tests successfully. He led a spade, declarer winning East's jack with the ace and returning a low heart at trick two.

It may seem automatic for West to follow low at this point, in keeping with countless similar situations encountered previously. But West was a very fine player who was rarely caught napping.

He had already fully processed what had happened at trick one. The jack was obviously the highest spade East had, revealing not only that South had the A-K, but also the ten. (East would have played the ten from J-10.)

In addition, declarer's heart play at trick two — totally ignoring dummy's diamonds — was convincing evidence that the latter suit did not need to be established because it was already good.

Having made these inferential observations, West realized that if he ducked declarer's heart lead at trick two, South would quickly dash home with nine tricks.
At the same time, viewed from an entirely different perspective, West saw there was a strong likelihood that his partner held the A-K of clubs! He drew this conclusion by recalling that South had passed originally, was known to have the A-K-10 of spades and by implication also held the queen of diamonds plus some heart values. He therefore could not have the ace or king of clubs.

So West rose with the heart ace at trick two and played the queen and another club to sink the contract. He correctly led the queen first rather than the three to forestall the possibility that East might cash the A-K of clubs and block the suit.

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• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY
• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

THURSDAY
• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's

meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

FRIDAY
• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY
• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

• Candlelight Meeting Group of Alcoholics Anonymous at 10 p.m. at 1609 S. Main in Big Spring. For more information call (432) 935-5805 or (432) 517-2272.

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. Sales from the shop are used to support patients during their stay at the Big Spring State Hospital. Donations of items are welcome.

Are you tired of hearing your kids say "I'm bored." Well, the Heritage Museum has a fix — Free Summer Saturdays! Each Saturday there is free admission to the Heritage Museum at 510 Scurry St. We are open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. For more information, call 267-8255.

Lottery

The winning numbers in Tuesday evening's drawing of the "Mega Millions" game were: 08-18-45-47-50, Mega Ball: 36.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 2-12-14-22-34. Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-4-1-6. Sum It Up: 20.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 3-0-7. Sum It Up: 10.

FRIENDS

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even took a trip down to Austin to visit with their representatives on the issue.

While Worthy said he'd just as soon as see all the money raised locally, he concedes that the project might need help from the state.

And that, everyone agrees, will not be forthcoming any-

time soon.

"We can try to move it up the priority list, but I can tell you that this next session of the Legislature, there won't be much of a priority list," Heflin said.

"We are dedicated to the Texas parks system," Seliger added. "At the same time, we are dedicated to the Texas taxpayers ... This is going to be a tough year economically, no doubt about it."

Both representatives preached patience on the matter.

"This will not be an overnight thing," Heflin said. "Like I told the (Elbow students), they may be out of high school before they see this completed, but that doesn't take away how important this project is."

While the state may not be able to help financially, there are other ways Parks and

Wildlife officials can support the project.

"A lack of funds shouldn't preclude us from helping to bring this vision to reality," Smith said. "What we can do is lend some of our expertise to help with this project. Certainly, for the short term, we will be resource-constrained, but times will get better and will improve. What we need to do in the meantime is help lay a good foundation for this

project."

The message was received and understood.

"We know this is not going to happen this year," Duncan said. "This is just the first step ... but we're going to get there."

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VAN HOUTEN

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The only words the 60-year-old spoke during the hearing at the California Institution for Women were from a prepared statement apologizing to the family of her victims. She also gave the family members a private letter.

"I apologize for the pain I caused," she said.

Van Houten also spoke of the shame she feels for joining other Manson Family members in stabbing Leno and Rosemary La Bianca to death in August 1969.

Manson's followers killed actress Sharon Tate and four others the previous night. Together, the killings are one of the most notorious murder cases of the 20th Century and they continue to rivet public attention 41 years later.

Los Angeles Deputy District Attorney Patrick Sequeira on Tuesday focused on the details of the deadly summer of 1969 when Manson and his followers set out to foment a race war with a senseless killing spree.

Van Houten was convicted of murder and conspiracy for her role in the La Bianca slayings. She did not participate in the Tate killings but went along the next night when the La Biancas were slain in their home.

During the penalty phase of her trial, she confessed to joining in stabbing Mrs. La Bianca after she was dead.

Parole Board Chairman Robert Doyle read into the record testimony of a Manson family member who once said that Van Houten expressed disappointment at not having been included in the Tate murders.

Van Houten, the youngest of the defendants, has long been seen as the most likely to win parole one day. She has been commended for her behavior behind bars — a model prisoner who participates in self help groups, tutors other prisoners and has earned college degrees.

"There is nothing in the record that suggests her dangerousness," Devall said. "You have a record before you of reform and rehabilitation."

Devall also asked the panel to consider Van Houten's age — 19 — when she joined in the La Bianca killings. She said Van Houten came under the influence of Manson, "who had a knack for finding lost young people and manipulating them."

But there were Manson followers who didn't participate in the murders, Sequeira said.

"The real question

that arises is who does this? Who joins this group after hearing the news of what happened at the Tate residence the night before?" he asked.

Arguing for continued incarceration, Sequeira said: "There's just something about this woman, something about her that led her to cross a very heavy line and become involved in these brutal, savage murders."

Devall responded that current case law suggests the panel should look at "who the person is sitting before you today," and not base its entire decision on the crimes.

Doyle said the law she cited allows exceptions for terrorist and hate crimes.

At the conclusion of the emotional three-hour hearing, Doyle said Van Houten wasn't yet suitable for parole because she had failed to gain complete insight

into her crime and its motivation.

"She does not look at herself to see what made her capable of this activity," he said.

However, he said concerns for public safety were insufficient to give her a 10- or 15-year

denial. He scheduled another hearing in three years.

Devall said she will most likely appeal Tuesday's ruling.

SUPPLIES

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out, the Salvation Army needs help from the community, according to Cheshire.

"If they would rather make a monetary donation instead of going out and buying the supplies, it actually saves a little bit of money," Cheshire said. "The Salvation Army is tax exempt, so we don't have to pay the taxes on them. But if they prefer to purchase the supplies and bring them to us, it's fine as well. If they make a monetary donation, they also need to earmark it for the back-to-school supplies."

While the program will basically be identical to the one offered last year, the window

of opportunity to apply for the assistance will be significantly shorter this year, according to Cheshire.

"This year we'll take applications on just the one day, from 9 a.m. until noon and 1 p.m. until 3 p.m.," Cheshire confirmed. "If we have some supplies left at the end of that day, we might possibly take applications the following day."

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OTHER VIEWS

A few books can alter a child's future

Each year, on the last day of school, the low-income kids who make up most of the Houston Independent School District hurdle toward something educators call the "summer slide" — the cumulative forgetting of what they learned during the school year. Meanwhile, in the same hot months, their middle-class peers are actually building those skills — with camp, educational vacations and trips to museums and nature centers.

After nine or 10 summers of summer slide, researchers say, the low-income kids are almost three years behind their peers in reading alone. What happens during the summer may account for 80 percent of the achievement gap between economic groups.

But researchers have identified a surprising step that can help heal this gap: Hand a kid a dozen books. Books in the home, it turns out, correlate so powerfully to school success that getting more volumes into students' hands should be part of Houston's long-term education strategy.

Several school districts across the country already are running with the idea. Many were inspired by the ongoing research of Richard Allington, a reading researcher at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville. In 2007, Allington reported that when researchers let low-income elementary school students choose and take home 10 to 20 books at the end of the school year, as many as half not only kept up their reading skills — they improved them.

Book packs cost an average of \$50. Summer school, by contrast, can cost as much as \$1,500 per student. This year, Allington will publish results of a three-year study of 17 high poverty elementary schools in Florida, where 852 kids were each sent home with 12 books. When summer ended, these kids had "significantly" higher reading scores and less summer slide than their 478 peers at the same schools who didn't get books, Allington says. ...

Owning books, it turns out, seems to do more than shore up reading during the elementary years. Amazingly, a huge new study shows that books in the house correlates with the number of years a child actually stays in school. ...

More subtly, parents who grew up without books may feel intimidated by environments designed for readers. This may be why books in the home seem to have such a pronounced impact, even in families where parents themselves aren't educated. With a home library, even a small one, a child can relax. And she doesn't simply own a book — she owns an identity: of a person who is at home around books.

HISD has many claims on its resources, including its federal dollars. But it's worth asking what other investments get the same apparent returns as sending a low-income student home with a backpack full of books on the last day of school. Walmart, Barnes & Noble, Half Price Books and others could nudge the idea forward, vying to be the go-to vendors for a Discount Dozen. Meanwhile, summer 2010 is still under way. Those of us who love books, and can afford them, might look around for a needy youngster and consider treating her to a 12-book shopping spree.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

The answers to all our problems are clearer, Lord, when we give them to You. Amen

Pete Stark's latest rant

While Washington incumbents are trembling at the prospect of losing their seats and Democrats fear losing their majority in Congress, Rep. Pete Stark, D-California, is a man apart. As a gone-viral videotape of a June 26 Fremont town hall meeting shows, Stark, 79, is the rare D.C. pol so secure that he feels little need to be civil to folks who show up at his town hall meetings.

Is there anything more pernicious than a safe congressional seat?

First elected in 1972, Stark has called various colleagues in the House "a whore for the insurance industry," a "fruitcake" and a "fascist."

In 2008, he made Esquire's list of the 10 worst lawmakers on Capitol Hill. "Stark gives bumbling, dyspeptic old fools who say stupid things a bad name," Esquire explained.

When the Office of Congressional Ethics investigated charges that Stark wrongly claimed a homestead tax exemption for his Maryland home, committee staff found that Stark "was extremely belligerent" and insulted them.

Stark is so problematic that House Speaker Nancy Pelosi could not name him as the new

House Ways and Means Committee chairman in March, even though he was first in line. Apparently, Stark's Blue Dog Democrat friends did not appreciate being called "brain dead."

Stark ranks third among the House's top vote-missers.

Back in Fremont, however, Stark is king, if a cranky king.

At the town hall meeting, Stark went out of his way to insult Steve Kemp, who identified himself as a member of the Minute-man movement, which supports tougher border enforcement. "Who are you gonna kill today?" Stark asked.

He then told Kemp he would "try to get you some more arms and get you" to the border "to shoot people."

The really amazing part: Kemp, who was taping the meeting, had caught Stark on tape before. Remember? A man told Stark, "Don't pee on my leg and tell me it's raining," and the Beltway big shot responded, "I wouldn't dignify you by peeing on your leg. It wouldn't be worth wasting the urine."

Chris Pareja, who is gathering signatures to challenge Stark as an independent in November, observed that Stark went for the bone against "a dog that's already bitten him."

GOP challenger Forest Baker isn't a fan of Kemp's tactics. Yet he noted, Stark "rose to the bait just exactly the way they wanted him to. He disgraced himself. He whipped himself into a lather.

He really lost control."

Liberal blogger Robert Cruikshank, however, lauded Stark's performance as "one of the best responses I've seen by anyone to these immigrant-bashers: Mock them relentlessly."

Cruikshank's wrong for two reasons. One, while he dismissed Kemp and others as "anti-immigrant" — which is code for racist — and "crazies," some constituents complaining about immigration policies were Asian and Latino, and some are immigrants.

Two, Stark came across as an amateur. He didn't listen. He failed to present a reasoned argument. He failed to marshal facts to support his case. To the contrary, at one point, Stark claimed "we still have the bracero program" for agriculture, when it ended in 1964.

He was mean, and wrong.

As a senior member of Congress, Stark should act with more decorum than might be expected of angry town hall attendees.

But he can't.

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How much cyber-parenting must schools do these days?

A boy has apparently sent filthy text messages to your daughter over the weekend.

Both are sixth-graders at the same school. You, the girl's father, coach sports with the boy's father. What would you do?

a. Disconnect your daughter from all texting services.

b. Talk to the boy's father, whom you know.

c. If the father refuses to do something about it, stop socializing with him.

d. Call the police.

e. Do some combination of a, b, c and d.

f. Complain to the school principal.

This is a real-life example, and the parents chose only f.

The two students attended Benjamin Franklin Middle School in Ridgewood, N.J. The principal, Tony Orsini, asked the girl's parents whether they had contacted the boy's family. No. That would upset the coaching arrangement. He asked whether they had called the police. They again said no, making several excuses.

In olden days, the parents probably would have intervened personally. They could have cut off their daughter's texting capabilities and diplomatically called the other parents. Or they might

have gone directly to the door of the offending schoolmate's house to make their displeasure very clear.

The more aggressive approach is best done with calm. The parents may have had no idea of their child's activities and would be grateful for the information. Or, the odious messages may have come from someone else who had found the cell phone. That had happened in the above case.

But outsourcing this parenting role to teachers and principals seems to have become the common practice. (By the way, some students also viciously smear teachers and principals on networking sites.)

Most schools understandably don't have the time or desire to monitor their charges' electronic communications. And what's a school to do when one student sends obscene texts to another from home on a weekend? Obtain a search warrant?

Suppose the principal confiscates a cell phone and finds provocative photos of the owner on it, not uncommon for those who do "sexting." The educator risks having an unhinged parent retaliate by charging him (or her) of trafficking in child pornography.

Schools have come up with varied responses to the cyberbully problem.

A Seattle middle school suspended 28 students who ganged up on a classmate on Facebook. By contrast, a mother asked a school in Fairfax, Va., to punish students involved in a Facebook pile-up on her son and was told there was nothing it could do.

My favorite response was

Principal Orsini's. He sent an e-mail to all parents that described their responsibilities.

"There is absolutely NO reason for any middle school student to be part of a social networking site," Orsini wrote. He noted that cruel 12-year-olds pose more a threat to their middle-schoolers' well-being than the adult predators of parental nightmares. And he told parents whose children were attacked through networking sites or messages: "IMMEDIATELY GO TO THE POLICE!"

Typing these words, I feel like reaching for the hand sanitizer. You who have hung in this far may feel similar revulsion. You wonder why any sixth-grader has texting privileges at all. Why parents let their tender-age teens do social networking. Why Facebook opens its service to people as young as 13.

There are ways to pressure Facebook. Parents, meanwhile, must do their job. They must confront the parents of their children's assailants, contain their kids' computer use and, if necessary, call the police.

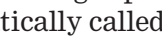
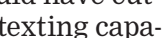
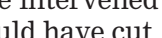
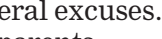
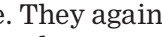
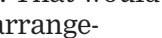
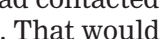
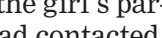
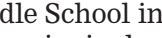
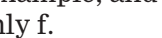
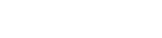
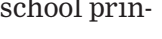
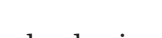
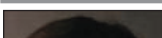
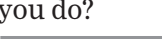
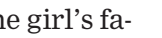
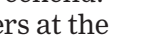
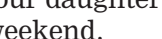
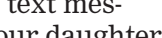
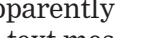
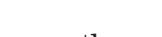
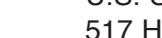
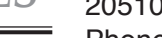
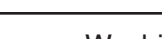
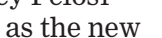
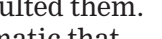
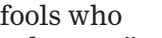
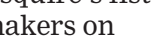
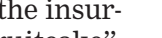
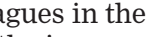
And all parents need reminding that the wretched writings, photos and videos their children post in cyberspace are there forever. Ten years from now, they will haunt their kids a lot more than the schoolmate that was bullied.

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Why not check this out? At the library

If you have seen the movie "Shutter Island," then you may want to check out Dennis Lehane's book by the same name. Just by reading the book flaps I am convinced that: a. I am not reading the book; and b. I will not see the movie!

Renée Michel is the dumpy, nondescript, 54-year-old concierge of a small and exclusive Paris apartment building. Paloma Josse also lives in the building.

Acutely intelligent, introspective and philosophical, this 12-year-old views the world as absurd and records her observations about it in her journal. These two characters provide the double narrative of "The Elegance of the Hedgehog" (F BAR M) by Muriel Barbery, and you will — this is going to sound corny — fall in love with both. In Europe, where Muriel Barbery's book became a huge bestseller in 2007, it has inspired the kind of affection and enthusiasm American readers bestow on the works of Alexander McCall Smith. Still, this is a very French novel: tender and satirical in its overall tone, yet most absorbing because of its reflections on the nature of beauty and art, the meaning of life and death. Out of context, Madame Michel's thoughts may occasionally sound pretentious, just as Paloma might sometimes pass for a Gallic (and female) version of Holden Caulfield. But, for the most part, Barbery makes us believe in these two unbelievable characters. Review is from the Washington Post



HOLLIS
McCRIGHT

Book Review. It has been on the NYT Bestseller list.

V.C. Andrews has begun a new series: The Heavenstone Series. The first book is "The Heavenstone Secrets" (F AND V) and the Heavenstone sisters are the main characters. Samantha is the younger one and is afraid of so many things. Cassie, her older sister, is always telling Samantha what to do and how to do it. Needless to say, tragedy strikes and Samantha feels like she is in a prison with no escape. V.C. Andrews is popular with many readers and the series will no doubt be popular as well.

In response to a patron, the library ordered some W.E.B. Griffin books on CD. Griffin (and along with his son by the same name, but is No. 4) writes books that deal with WWII, the Corp, presidential agents and several "military" series. The library has the first four Presidential Agent series: "By Order of the President" (AUCD F GRI W) No. 1; "The Hostage" (AUCD F GRI W); "The Hunters" (AUCD F GRI W) and "Black Ops" (AUCD F

GRI W). The president of the United States is fed up with faulty intel and turns out of the mainstream military

F PAT J) from James Patterson has a character called "Teacher" who is murdering people who are not minding their manners. From a loud-mouthed girl on her cell phone to an upper crust person, no one is safe from Teacher "teaching" manners by death. This is not a new book, but is new in another format.

Lee Child has Jack Reacher, as one of five persons, riding the NYC subway at 2 in the morning, when it all goes wrong. "Gone Tomorrow" (AUCD F LEE C) is another well-written thriller.

"The Cake Doctor Returns" (641.865 BYR A by Anne Byrn) will show you how to use cake mixes, oil, instant puddings and other ingredients to make fresh, delicious cakes. We also have "The Best of Southern Living Cookbook" (641.597 SOU L) available for checkout.

Shelly Wachsmann, a nautical archeologist, led an Israel team (in 1986) that excavated a fishing boat that may have plied the Sea of

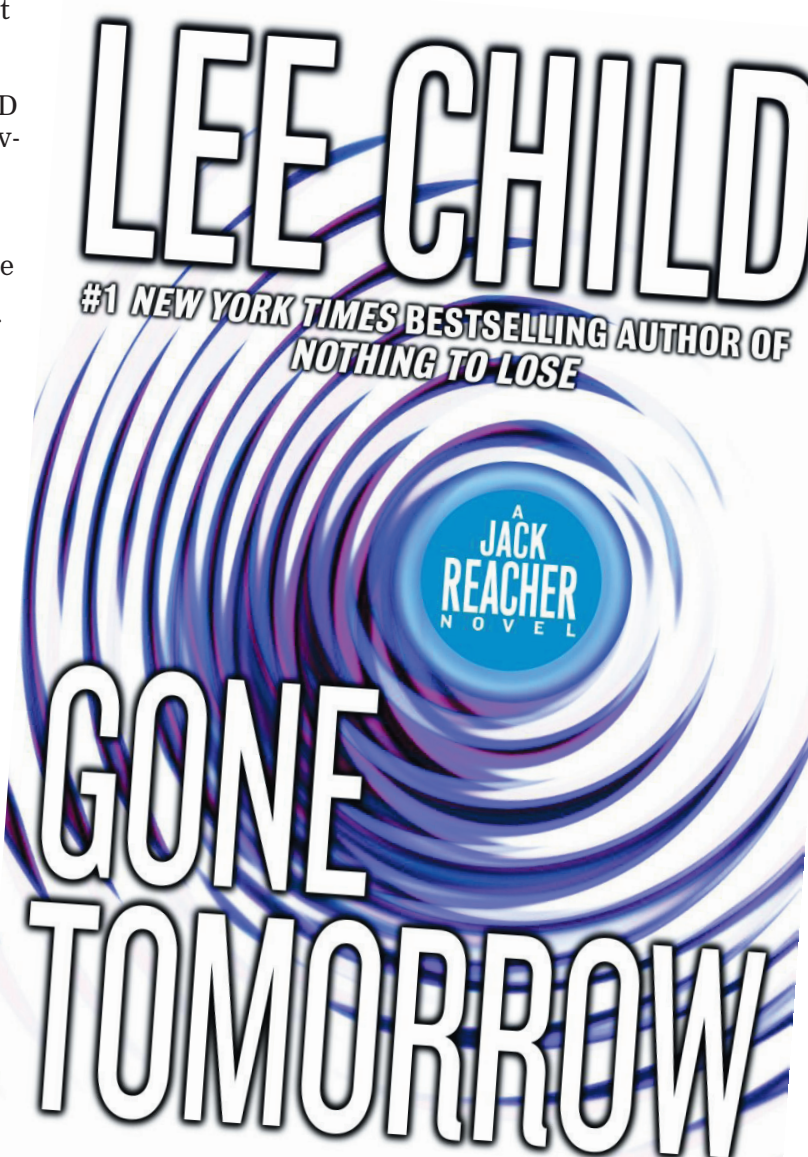
Galilee in the time of Jesus. Discovered by kibbutz members on the sea's muddy floor, the 26-foot-long vessel, built mainly of Lebanese cedar and oak, has been radiocarbon-dated to roughly 15 B.C. (give or take 85 years).

An arrowhead like those used by Roman archers in the First Jewish Revolt was found on the boat, leading to speculation that the vessel was used by Jewish rebels in the naval battle of Migdal (birthplace of Mary Magdalene), when Roman soldiers slaughtered some 6,700 Jews in 67 A.D.

Although this "generic fishing boat" cannot be definitively linked to either the Gospel stories or the Jewish rebellion in Galilee, Wachsmann's engrossing account of its excavation and restoration, enlivened by photographs and drawings, provides a well-positioned window on the biblical past. The title is "The Sea of Galilee Boat" (933 WAC S) and is available for checkout. The author is an assistant professor of biblical archeology at Texas A&M University. Review is from Publisher's Weekly.

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Hollis McCright is director of the Howard County Library.



intelligence to homeland security Delta Force Major Carlos Guillermo "Charley" Castillo to shed light on the problem. Each of these audio CDs will have Castillo and his co-horts fighting on several different fronts. They are full of techno-military stuff and are very fast paced. It will take you awhile to listen to them, as they usually run about 18 hours.

"Run for Your Life" (AUCD

Parent's Corner: Horses' behinds

I was looking through a history book the other day and came across the picture of what is classified as one of the greatest historical events in transportation in the United States. It was the joining of the Union Pacific and the Central Pacific railroads at Promontory, Utah on May 10, 1869.



DARRELL
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Remember the picture where the two railroad tracks were coming together with different width tracks? Well the building of the railroad was the culmination of a difficult plan that would connect our country by rail.

Congress passed the Pacific Railroad Act in 1862 and it was signed by President Abraham Lincoln. The plans for construction were that two railroad companies, coming from opposite sides of the country, would work their way towards each other until they met. Both of these railroad lines were given a lot of financial support, but not only monetary but areas of land as well.

For every mile of track laid, each company was given 6,400 acres of land. Two years later these figures were changed and each rail-

road were granted twice as much land as before. However, an important consideration was the setting of the track width.

Unlike the famous picture, it was decided that America's railroad tracks would have a standard setting of 4 feet, 8.5 inches in width. Now the question is where did this specific width originate? It seems that this particular distance was figured because that was the distance between the rails in England which was derived from the original specifications for an Imperial Roman war chariot.

So, why was the war chariot designed at that width? Interestingly enough, that was the width of the two horses that pulled the chariot! So those responsible for the building of the first

roads in England were the same who built wagons and eventually the railroads. The wagons used that width so that the wagon wheels would not break on some of the old roads in England that were rutted initially by old Roman chariots. But the story doesn't stop there.

An even more interesting concept than the train track width is a more modern structure. If you will notice a space shuttle sitting on the launch pad has two big booster rockets attached to the sides of the main fuel tank. These are called solid rocket boosters or SRBs which are made by a factory in Utah.

The engineers who designed the SRBs would have preferred to make them a bit larger, but the SRBs

had to be shipped by train from the factory to the launch site. The railroad line from the factory happens to run through a tunnel in the mountains. The SRBs had to fit through that tunnel. The tunnel is slightly wider than the railroad track, and the railroad track, as we noted earlier, is about as wide as two horses' behinds. So, a major space shuttle design feature of what is arguably the world's most advanced transportation system was determined more than two thousand years ago by the width of — you guessed it — two horses' bottoms!

And so goes "the rest of the story!"

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll be noticed, maybe even praised poetically. It all starts here: Your eyes are set in your head like shiny jewels; your face is a drop of honeyed sunlight that draws everyone in.



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TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You typically feel upbeat, but today brings a rogue wave of positive energy. To ride it, you must take a chance. Just like a surfer, you'll stand up,

grip your feet to your board and become one with the wave.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Hard work is easy when you can see the end for which you're reaching. Each drop of sweat means you're getting closer. Tonight, goals reached make for sound, solid sleep.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Little do you know it, but you are someone's muse. Right now someone is thinking of you with a little ache in his or her heart, trying to find a way to turn the longing into something beautiful.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The worry that was bothering you a few

days ago has been replaced with a confidence that in this case, as in the ones that came before, there will be a positive outcome. Fate is smiling.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You have something important to finish by the end of the day. To complicate things, your attention span varies from hour to hour. The important thing is to keep bringing your focus back when it wanders.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It's not so much what you say as how you say it. The mere tonality of your voice is a bubbly champagne that fills the room and

sets everyone at ease. You could tame lions, charm snakes, hush babies...

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You may feel overwhelmed at the enormity of the challenge before you. If so, focus your attention on an immediate task, one that can be completed. Then use that momentum to carry you forward.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You are a help to people even when you're not around, because you've set out to do something a timid heart would never dream of. Yours is the gift of inspiration: Because you try, others

feel they can try, too.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). No one really looks at your appearance as much as you think they do. This is good news. You can dress how you want without fear of outside evaluation. Freedom is one of life's purest delights, after all.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You are sensitive to the feelings of others, and you respond to their needs in a loving, compassionate way. Your ability to be selfless comes only after your own needs are met.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You are constantly working on

yourself. At some point, it would be nice just to relax and enjoy who you are. Perhaps it's not necessary to try so hard. Just be.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I've lived in the same apartment for almost a decade and have seen many neighbors come and go.

Three years ago, I married "Joe" and he moved in. Joe quickly befriended "Nick," a fairly recent arrival.

We often share drinks on the patio. Nick does repairs around the building and has master keys.

For the past two days, when I've come home from my office, Nick has said, "Hello, honey," to me in a really creepy way. He knows my name, and I have asked him to use it.

When I told my husband about Nick's disturbing behavior, he told me that when he was at Nick's helping him fix his computer, he saw a paper in plain view stating that Nick was on probation for a sexual offense.

I asked him why he didn't tell me sooner, and he said it's not something you broadcast. I told him information shared between spouses is not broadcasting — especially in a case like this.

Was Joe right not to tell me about this right away? After all, I'm sometimes alone and Nick has the master key to our apartment.

What is the best way to handle Nick's sudden creepiness? Please don't tell us to move. Other than Nick, we love this place. — *Cautious Canadian*

Dear Cautious: You are right that sharing information with a spouse is not broadcasting, but even so, we're going to give your husband a pass.

He apparently felt it was Nick's private business, and not every sexual offense is cause for alarm.

However, Nick's creepiness, along with the fact that he has access to your apartment, would worry any



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

enjoy this. Some tolerate it because they love the woman's other qualities. Some don't even notice. He's marrying Michelle whether he speaks for himself or not. Please wish him well and move out as soon as possible.

Dear Annie: I was horrified at your suggestion to "Once Widowed" that one possible solution would be to divide her dead husband's cremated remains.

Would the relatives divvy up the body parts so each could have a "portion"? Cremains are no different.

We need to respect the sanctity and dignity of a person's remains.

The woman should follow her late husband's wishes and keep the remains with his wife and children.

Since she has remarried, I think it would be perfectly correct for the remains to be buried with the daughter. The man's brother has no place in this situation. — *J.P. in N.H.*

Dear J.P.: While cremains should be treated with respect, they are not the same as a body. After all, people often disperse a loved one's ashes into the air as a way to honor their memory at a place of significance.

We do agree, however, that burying them with her daughter is quite appropriate. It is entirely her decision.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, long-time editors of the Ann Landers column. Please 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.

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News in brief

Hand-drawn ferry in Texas closes amid flooding

LOS EBANOS (AP) — The last hand-drawn international ferry crossing on the southern U.S. border has closed due to equipment failure blamed on Rio Grande flooding.

Operators of the historic Los Ebanos (lohs EB'-uh-nohs) Ferry had to shut down when a cable broke. Capt. Mark Alvarez told KRGV-TV that the ferry remained closed Wednesday.

Nobody was injured when the ferry, which shuttles pedestrians and vehicles, was forced to halt operations Tuesday afternoon.

The Vega Verde neighborhood of Del Rio was evacuated as more water was being released into the Rio Grande from the Amistad Lake.

The National Weather Service says the Rio Grande was expected to reach 10.5 feet by Wednesday.

Seguin man convicted over infant's death

SEGUIN (AP) — A jury has convicted a 34-year-old Seguin (sih-GEEN') man of a lesser charge over the death of his girlfriend's 27-day-old daughter.

Michael League was acquitted of capital murder Tuesday night, but convicted of reckless injury to a child using a deadly weapon, his hands.

The penalty phase was scheduled Wednesday. League faces up to 99 years in prison.

The case involve the 2007 death of Kyndra Billig. A police affidavit indicates League says he shook the baby when she wouldn't stop crying and tossed her on an ottoman.

An autopsy revealed the girl suffered a fractured skull, a blood clot and a broken collarbone.

Defense attorney Gina Jones says League and the girl's mother had been together, on and off, for several years and he intended to raise the baby as his own.

Need for Texas state jails draws scrutiny

AUSTIN (AP) — The chairman of the Texas House Corrections Committee says he thinks the state jail system may have outlived its usefulness.

Rep. Jim McReynolds of Lufkin says recidivism rates for state jail inmates are higher than for regular Texas prisons. McReynolds says the state may need to consider modifying the original model.

State jails were established by legislators in 1993 for nonviolent drug offenders, thieves and first-time offenders to be housed in separate lockups, with treatment and rehabilitation programs.

Senate Criminal Justice Committee

Chairman John Whitmire of Houston, who authored the state jail law, said Tuesday that he wants the program to continue and "the system has worked well."

Dallas chief back at work after son death, 2 slain

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Police Chief David Brown is resuming his public duties more than two weeks after his son was killed after being blamed for the slaying of a Lancaster officer and another man.

Brown was scheduled to return to work Wednesday. His schedule included an appearance at a North Texas Crime Commission event in Dallas.

An autopsy found that David Brown Jr. had marijuana and PCP in his system when he fatally shot Lancaster police Officer Craig Shaw and neighbor Jeremy McMillan on June 20.

The Father's Day shootings took place during a domestic dispute at an apartment complex.

Officers returned fire and killed Brown Jr.

Chief Brown took over the department's top position in May.

Lancaster is a city of 35,000, located 15 miles south of Dallas.

El Paso border check, drugs in washing machine

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — An unusual load turned up in a washing machine in El Paso.

What was packaged as a new washing machine yielded about 66 pounds of marijuana during an inspection at a border crossing.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection says a pickup hauling a washer, in a cardboard box, drew additional inspection. A CBP statement Tuesday says agents at the Bridge of the Americas on Friday discovered numerous marijuana-filled bundles concealed inside the appliance.

The 50-year-old male driver, from Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, has been detained in the drug-smuggling investigation.

Mexican town evacuated amid fears dam will burst

NUEVO LAREDO, Mexico (AP) — More than 18,000 people were evacuated Tuesday from a town in northern Mexico that was flooded after authorities opened a dam's floodgates for fear it would overflow from rains that accompanied Hurricane Alex.

Evacuees from Ciudad Anahuac, near the Texas border, were taken to shelters in nearby towns and cities, Mayor Santos Garza Garcia said. About 4,000 people were taken to schools in higher ground, he said.

The Venustiano Carranza dam, about 70 kilometers (43 miles) away, reached capacity after days of heavy rains, including remnants of the hurricane that slammed into Mexico's northern Gulf coast last week.

Garza Garcia said that to avoid overflow, 20 floodgates had been opened by late Tuesday. He said authorities hadn't been able to open six others because of electrical failures.

The mayor said the dam was releasing 600 cubic meters per second into the Salado River, a tributary of the Rio Grande.

"It was preferable having controlled flooding than having the whole town disappear," Garza Garcia said. "The situation is very critical."

Oil spills into West Texas river after pipe breaks

JUSTICEBERG (AP) — A four-inch pipeline from a West Texas oil well broke after being washed out by heavy rains, spilling oil into a river that flows into nearby Lake Alan Henry.

Lubbock city spokesman Jeff McKito says no oil has reached the lake about 15 miles from the spill. He says the well has been shut off and the pipeline owner, Plains All American Pipeline LP, notified of the spill Monday afternoon.

He tells The Associated Press there are oil containment booms placed on the Double Mountain Fork of the Brazos River upstream from the lake.

Lake Alan Henry is a recreational lake about 45 miles south of Lubbock.

TXI to keep Midlothian wet cement kilns closed

DALLAS (AP) — Texas Industries announced Tuesday that it will close all four of its wet-process cement kilns

in Midlothian permanently, handing a victory to grass-roots opponents who had waged a lengthy fight over downwind pollution from the plants.

The TXI plant in Midlothian, 25 miles southwest of Dallas, is part of the nation's greatest concentration of cement plants.

The Dallas-based construction materials company said in a statement that, henceforth, it would rely on the plant's dry-process kiln that the citizen activists agree burns cleaner and uses more up-to-date technology.

"It's the culmination of a 21-year fight that began in 1989 by a group of residents who found that burning hazardous waste in cement kilns was not a good idea," said Jim Schermbeck, director of the group Downwinders at Risk.

TXI called the closings "an opportunity to enhance the operational efficiency of TXI's modern (dry-process) kiln at the same plant," as well as "result in reduced emissions."

Texas group will look at oil, natural gas drilling

HOUSTON (AP) — A new group will pool Texas' brightest minds to come up with better and safer ways of drilling and producing oil and natural gas in the wake of the Gulf oil spill, Gov. Rick Perry announced Tuesday.

The Gulf Project will focus on developing and testing current equipment as well as new technologies for the next generation of oil and gas drilling, Perry said.

The group also will look to develop better ways of monitoring the equipment once it's in place and improve training for responding to oil spills.

"Texas must take the lead in this effort because Texas leads in energy," Perry said at a news conference at Johnson Space Center.

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The Great "Peace Flotilla" Ambush

How Israel fell into a trap, carefully set by its enemies

A short while ago, a "peace flotilla" of six ships set out to bring relief to the so-called "beleaguered" Gaza Strip and to break a naval blockade that Israel had imposed. Five of the ships peacefully obeyed the instructions of the Israeli military to unload their cargo in Ashdod, an Israeli port. There the cargo was examined. That which was, indeed, peaceful cargo, was promptly transferred to Gaza. The sixth vessel, the MAVI MARMARA, offered violent resistance to the Israeli commandos who had boarded the vessel. A melee ensued in which nine of the "peace lovers," all Turks, offered violent armed resistance and were killed.

What are the facts?

Sponsored and egged on by Turkey. This "peace flotilla" was sponsored by a Turkish terror organization disguised as a "charity" and encouraged and egged on by the Turkish government. Its principal purpose was not to bring supplies to Gaza, but to confront Israel, which had instituted a naval blockade against the Gaza Strip. It was a win-win situation for the flotilla: Either they would reach Gaza and thus accomplish their stated purpose or they would become "martyrs," an almost more desirable outcome for this group.

Gaza is under the control of Hamas, which is considered to be a rogue terror regime by the United States and many other countries. It is sworn to the destruction of Israel. Israel, in a splendid gesture of good will, had abandoned Gaza, removed its military and evacuated all 9,000 of its citizens, who had lived there for generations. This gesture of good will was a futile one. Instead of showing any appreciation for Israel's accommodation, the Hamas government of Gaza showed its "gratitude" by lobbing thousands of rockets on an almost daily basis into Israeli cities within its reach.

Hundreds of tunnels connect the Egyptian-controlled Sinai with Gaza. Huge amounts of contraband, including rockets and other weapons – virtually all of them of Iranian provenance – enter Gaza through these tunnels, under the benevolent neglect of the Egyptian military.

No hunger or emergency in Gaza. The clamor that Gaza needs outside help, that its inhabitants lack the essentials for leading a normal life, is simply not correct. It is a propaganda ploy to demonize Israel. There is no hunger in Gaza and no hardship other than that imposed by its terrorist government, whose only inalterable purpose is the destruction of Israel. Tens of thousands of truckloads of food,

medicines, and other essentials are allowed into Gaza on a daily basis. There is no shortage of medicine. Gasoline and diesel oil are amply provided. Israel supplies electricity to the Strip. The only thing that Israel does not allow to enter is material that could be used to construct weaponry.

Every day all Gazans who need medical attention that is not available in the Strip are allowed passage to be treated (without cost, of course) in Israel's world-class hospitals. It is remarkable that all this help is being extended while Gilad Shalit, the Israeli soldier who was kidnapped by Hamas over four years ago, is not allowed even a visit by the Red Cross.

The blockade of the Gaza coast is essential for preserving the peace. Had Israel allowed the "peace flotilla" to enter a Gaza port, it would inevitably have led the way to the establishment of a de facto Iranian port in the Mediterranean, 40 miles from Tel Aviv and not much farther from Jerusalem. It is quite likely that the cargo of the "peace flotilla" was indeed peaceful goods. But there can be no question at all that, once the blockade was broken or abandoned, subsequent shipments would have included Iranian armaments too bulky or too heavy to supply through the tunnels and, most likely, also well-equipped and well trained-Iranian military personnel. What country would possibly allow anything like that to happen?

It is, of course, most regrettable that the intervention of Israeli commandos to stop the "peace flotilla" caused the deaths of nine Turks. But it was unavoidable. The trained "activists" of the MAVI MARMARA confronted the Israelis with hatchets, spears, clubs, and firearms, threw one commando overboard, and insured that a fire fight could not be avoided. Nine deaths, nine martyrs, was the expected and ultimately desired result.

Israel acted exactly as it should have and as could have been expected. No country would allow a blockade to be broken. Can anybody imagine that, even without an established blockade being in place, the U.S. Coast Guard would allow a vessel of a foreign country to dock in an American port without obeying an order to stop and be searched if necessary? But the world got into an uproar, the U.N. went into overtime, and Turkey – the instigator of the whole affair – declared Israel to be a criminal nation and recalled its ambassador. All of this happened only a short time after North Korea, without provocation, torpedoed a South Korean vessel, causing the deaths of 46 sailors. The world barely noticed. Angry mobs did not parade through the capitals of the world and no North Korean flags were burned. But Israel's effort to stop the "peace flotilla" exercised the irate attention of the whole world and cast righteous Israel (once again) in the role of villain. What a sham!

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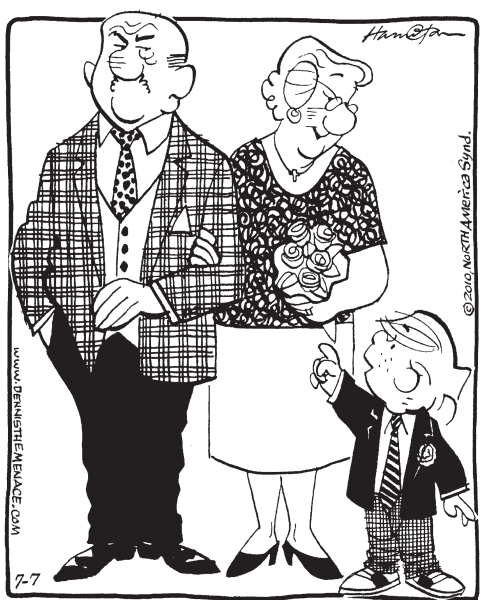
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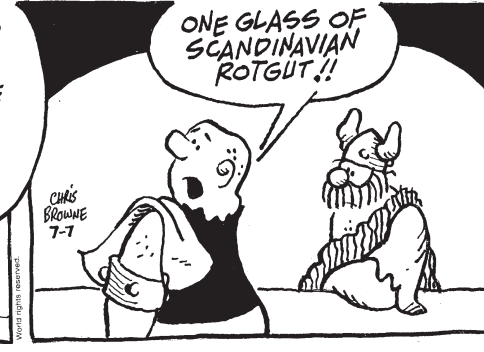


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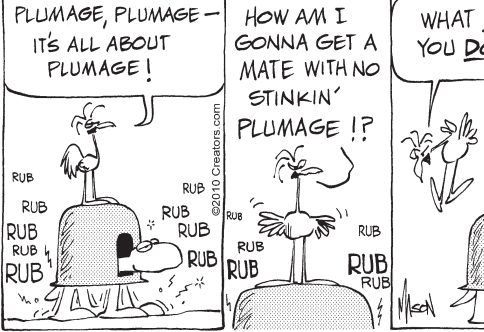


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"PLUMAGE, PLUMAGE-- IT'S ALL ABOUT PLUMAGE!"

"HOW AM I GONNA GET A MATE WITH NO STINKIN' PLUMAGE!?"

"WHAT ARE YOU DOING?"

"KNOCK 'EM DEAD, KID!"

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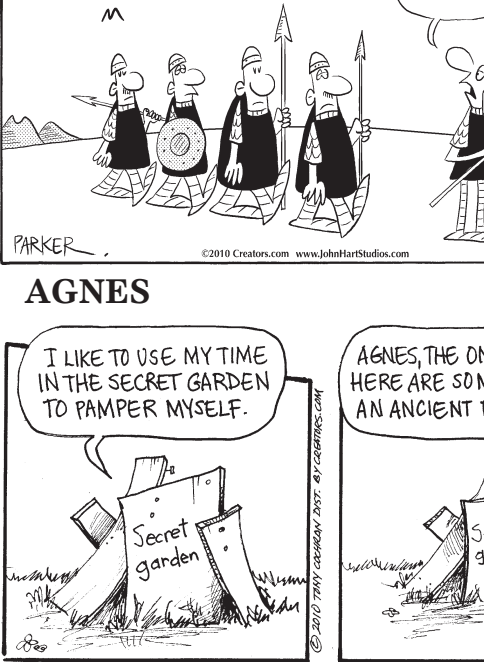


"HALT!"

"WHAT'S THIS?"

"A DETOUR SIGN"

AGNES



"I LIKE TO USE MY TIME IN THE SECRET GARDEN TO PAMPER MYSELF."

"AGNES, THE ONLY THINGS IN HERE ARE SO ME OLD RAGS AND AN ANCIENT TIN OF CAR WAX."

"THIS MORNING, I BUFFED MY FOREHEAD TO A LOVELY LUSTER."

"I NOTICED THAT FLIES WEREN'T STICKING TO IT AS WELL."

HI AND LOIS



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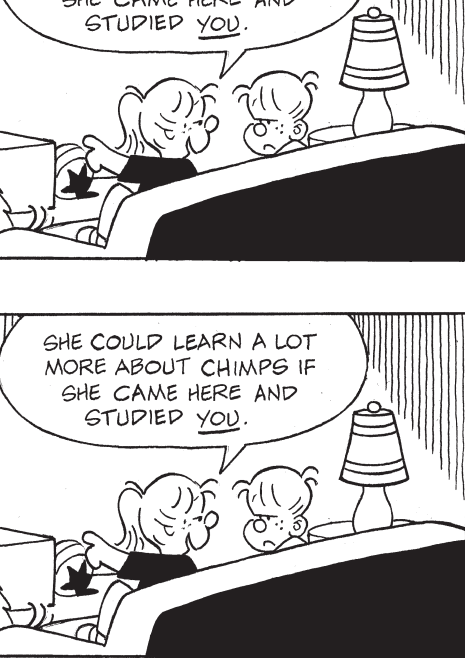
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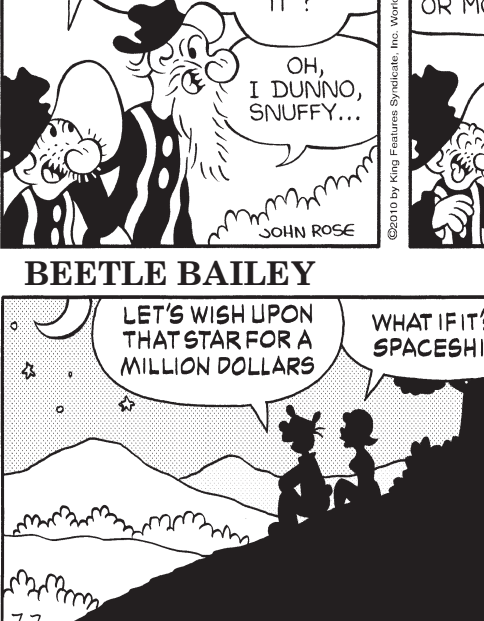


"DON'T TAKE LONG FER TH' WEATHER TO CHANGE 'ROUN' HERE, DOES IT?"

"OH, I DUNNO, SNUFFY..."

"I'VE SEEN STORM FRONTS THAT HANG 'ROUN' FER A WEEK OR MORE!!"

BEEBLE BAILEY



"LET'S STAR UPON THAT STAR FOR A MILLION DOLLARS"

"WHAT IF IT'S A SPACESHIP?"

"THAT'S OKAY, WE'LL JUST SHARE OUR WINNINGS WITH THE CREW"

This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, July 7, the 188th day of 2010. There are 177 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 7, 1860, late Romantic composer-conductor Gustav Mahler was born in Kalischt, Bohemia, Austria-Hungary (in the present-day Czech Republic).

On this date:

In 1846, U.S. annexation of California was proclaimed at Monterey (mahn-tuh-RAH') after the surrender of a Mexican garrison.

In 1865, four people were hanged in Washington, D.C. for conspiring with John Wilkes Booth to assassinate President Abraham Lincoln.

In 1898, the United States annexed Hawaii.

In 1908, the Democratic national convention, which nominated William Jennings Bryan for president, opened in Denver.

In 1919, the first

Transcontinental Motor Convoy, in which a U.S. Army convoy of motorized vehicles crossed the United States, departed Washington, D.C. (The trip ended in San Francisco on Sept. 6, 1919.)

In 1930, construction began on Boulder Dam (later Hoover Dam).

In 1948, six female reservists became the first women to be sworn into the regular U.S. Navy.

In 1969, Canada's House of Commons gave final approval to the Official Languages Act, making French equal to English throughout the national government.

In 1981, President Ronald Reagan announced he was nominating Arizona Judge Sandra Day O'Connor to become the first female justice on the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1983, 11-year-old Samantha Smith of Manchester, Maine, left for a visit to the Soviet Union at the personal invitation of Soviet leader Yuri V. Andropov (ahn-DROH'-pawf).

Today's Birthdays: Blues musician Pinetop Perkins is 97. Musician-conductor Doc Severinsen is 83. Country sing-

er Charlie Louvin is 83. Pulitzer Prize-winning author David McCullough is 77. Rock star Ringo Starr is 70. Singer-musician Warren Entner (The Grass Roots) is 66. Rock musician Jim Rodford is 65. Actor Joe Spano is 64. Pop singer David Hodo (The Village People) is 63. Country singer Linda Williams is 63. Actress Shelley Duvall is 61. Actress Roz Ryan is 59. Actor Billy Campbell is 51. Rock musician Mark White (Spin Doctors) is 48. Singer-songwriter Vonda Shepard is 47. Actor-comedian Jim Gaffigan is 44. Rhythm-and-blues musician Ricky Kinchen (Mint Condition) is 44.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 "Beat it!"
 - 5 Convenience-store conveniences
 - 9 Pasta, potatoes, etc.
 - 14 Miner's strike
 - 15 Daytime drama
 - 16 More or less
 - 17 Supplies weapons to
 - 18 Wee bit
 - 19 Snazzily dressed
 - 20 Subtle intimidation
 - 23 Posh residence
 - 24 Phillies' div.
 - 28 Play for a sap
 - 30 Junk mail, often
 - 31 Poor grade
 - 32 Suffix for farm or home
 - 36 Late-night TV returnee
 - 38 Leonine locks
 - 39 Frisker's find
 - 42 Inauguration ritual
 - 43 Talk-show clip-on
 - 44 Take another crack at
 - 45 "To a..." poem
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 - 47 Visit Vail
 - 49 Power of old films
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 - 65 Be gaga about
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 - 69 Head the cast
 - 70 Visibly terrified
 - 10 Drop off
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 - 12 Exception
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 - 21 Pianist's exercise
 - 22 Fund, as a museum
 - 25 Modify to fit
 - 26 Madrid mister
 - 27 Minuscule
 - 29 Former
 - 30 Lake Titicaca's range
 - 32 Scurry around
 - 33 Kowtowel
 - 34 Key above
 - 35 Essen
 - 37 Comics squeal
 - 38 Ginnie
 - 40 Excited, with "up"
 - 41 Novelist Jong
 - 46 Came together
 - 48 Football-team specialist
 - 50 Chicago hub
 - 52 Greek alphabet ender
 - 53 Central point
 - 54 From Waterford
 - 55 Slyly malicious
 - 57 Home, so to speak
 - 58 Give off
 - 59 Astronomer's sighting
 - 60 Urban transport
 - 61 Ballyhoo
 - 62 Propel a dinghy

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News in brief

Federal government flexes its muscle in battle with Arizona over new state immigration law

PHOENIX (AP) — The federal lawsuit against Arizona's tough new immigration law focuses heavily on a question that has been in the spotlight repeatedly the past decade and dates back to the Founding Fathers: The right of the government to keep states from enacting laws that usurp federal authority.

The lawsuit filed in Phoenix federal court on Tuesday sidestepped concerns about the potential for racial profiling and civil rights violations most often raised by immigration advocates. Experts said those are weaker arguments that don't belong in a legal challenge brought by the White House to get the measure struck down.

Instead, the suit lays out why the government believes that immigration laws passed by Congress and enforced by a range of federal agencies must take precedence to any passed by a state Legislature.

The Arizona law requires officers, while enforcing other laws, to question a person's immigration status if there's a reasonable suspicion that they are here illegally, such as speaking poor English, traveling in an overcrowded vehicle or hanging out in an area where immigrants typically congregate.

The law also makes it a state crime for legal immigrants to not carry their immigration documents.

Independent inquiry into climate e-mails leaked from British research center to release report

LONDON (AP) — An independent report into the leak of hundreds of e-mails from one of the world's leading climate research centers is being published Wednesday, with many scientists hoping it will help calm the global uproar kicked up by their publication online.

Muir Russell's inquiry is the third major investigation into what some have dubbed "Climategate" — the theft and dissemination of more than 1,000 e-mails exchanged between climate scientists over more than a decade.

The messages, pilfered from a server at the University of East Anglia's Climatic Research Unit, captured re-

searchers speaking in scathing terms about their critics, discussing ways to stonewall skeptics of man-made climate change, and talking about how to freeze opponents out of peer-reviewed journals.

Their dissemination across the Internet late last year created a sensation, energizing skeptics and destabilizing the international climate change talks in Copenhagen. The research center's director Phil Jones stepped down and the university called in Russell, a high ranking administrator, to investigate.

Hawaii gov. vetoes same-sex civil unions bill, ending months of emotional debate

HONOLULU (AP) — Hawaii's governor ended months of speculation by vetoing contentious civil unions legislation that would have granted gay, lesbian and opposite-sex couples the same rights and benefits that the state provides to married couples.

Republican Gov. Linda Lingle's action on Tuesday came on the final day she had to either sign or veto the bill, which was approved by the Legislature in late April.

The measure would have made Hawaii one of six states that essentially grant the rights of marriage to same-sex couples without authorizing marriage itself. Five other states and the District of Columbia permit same-sex marriage.

Lingle said voters should decide the fate of civil unions, not politicians.

Officials: NATO airstrike accidentally kills 5 Afghan troops on patrol

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — NATO mistakenly killed five of its Afghan army allies in an airstrike Wednesday while the Afghans were attacking insurgents in the country's east, officials said.

An Afghan defense official condemned the latest "friendly fire" deaths, which came at a time when international troops are trying to improve coordination with Afghan security forces in hopes of handing over more security to them nearly nine years into the war. Three American soldiers were also reported killed Wednesday in a roadside bomb in the south.

The Afghan soldiers were launching an ambush before dawn against

insurgents reportedly on the move in Ghazni province when NATO aircraft began firing on them without warning, Afghan Defense Ministry spokesman Gen. Mohammad Zahir Azimi said.

Five Afghan soldiers died and two more were wounded in the airstrike in Ghazni's Andar district, he said.

'It's just too hot': Unrelenting sun scorches East Coast, with no respite from heat forecast

NEW YORK (AP) — It's just no fun in the sun.

That was the conclusion in the

streets of the Bronx as 14-year-old Miguel Pena and 13-year-old Vincent Quiles walked their bicycles up a hill on one of the hottest days in the past decade in the Northeast.

"Man, this stinks," said Miguel, who, like his friend, was wearing a white handkerchief to keep the sweat out of his eyes.

"We just got out of school, and this is supposed to be when we have fun, but this is too much. We thought it would be cooler on the bike, but now we're going home.

"It's just too hot," he added.

Vincent, feeling punished by the unrelenting sun and record-breaking 103-degree heat on Tuesday, chimed in: "You can't breathe out here."

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- Choosing a new physician. At the new physician's office, ask to sign a request for medical records from our office. If we receive this written authorization before **July 16th**, a copy of your records will be directly transferred.
- Come to our office and sign a release to receive a copy of your records, before **July 16th**.

After July 16th, requests for records can be made to Family Medical Center as below:

Family Medical Center
2301 S. Gregg Street
Big Spring, TX 79720
Phone: (432) 267-5531
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Feel free to call our office during this transition for any questions or concerns. It has been a great pleasure providing for your health care needs. I wish future health and happiness to everyone.

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This time, it's oil trouble for Lake Pontchartrain

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Oil from the ruptured well in the Gulf of Mexico is seeping into Lake Pontchartrain north of New Orleans, threatening another environmental disaster for the huge body of water that was rescued from pollution in the 1990s.

The lake rebounded then to once again become a bountiful fishing ground and a popular spot for boating and swimming.

"Even the people involved in the restoration didn't believe it could be restored. It was completely written off. It was thought to be an impossible task," said John Lopez, a scientist with the Lake Pontchartrain Basin

Foundation, which led the restoration effort. "It has been a dramatic turnabout."

It is threatened again after a weekend when tar balls and an oil sheen pushed by strong winds from faraway Hurricane Alex slipped past lines of barges that were supposed to block the passes connecting the Gulf of Mexico to the lake.

"Our universe is getting very small," said Pete Gerica, president of the Lake Pontchartrain Fishermen's Association.

The oil could be the second setback in five years. Hurricane Katrina knocked out seafood docks and lake-side restaurants in 2005. The

lake's water quality also took a hit when the Army Corps of Engineers drained New Orleans' contaminated floodwaters into the lake.

"So far, this stuff has been offshore for the majority of the population in the southeastern portion of Louisiana," Anne Rheams, executive director of the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation, said of the oil spill. "This is bringing it closer to home."

State authorities closed the lake's eastern reaches to fishing Monday, though most of it remained open. Barges were lined up at bayous and passes to stop the oil from coming in, and cleanup crews Tuesday

used nets to collect tar balls from marinas and docks.

They also planned to lay 9,000 feet of special permeable booms, but the lake was too choppy for skimmer vessels to operate.

About 1,700 pounds of oily waste has been collected, said Suzanne Parsons Stymiest, a spokeswoman for St. Tammany Parish.

The amount of oil infiltrating 600-square-mile Lake Pontchartrain (pronounced PAHN-chuh-trayn) appears small so far. And tests on seafood have not turned up any oil contamination, said Brian Lezina, a state biologist. But the pollution is distressing to the many people in Louisiana

who have a deep attachment to the lake.

"You won't hear songs about a lot of the marshes in south Louisiana, but you will hear songs about Lake Pontchartrain," Lezina said.

Out in the Gulf, meanwhile, stormy weather kept skimmers from working offshore Tuesday for yet another day and delayed the hookup of a big new ship intended to suck more crude from the gushing blown-out well a mile underwater. Also, the arrival of a Navy blimp intended to hover above the relief effort was delayed until Friday.

Tar balls from the spill also washed up on Texas beaches over the holiday weekend.

Is human trafficking a punishable crime?

Human trafficking is considered a federal crime in the U.S. under the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000. The Trafficking Victims Protection Act was reauthorized in 2003 providing an additional \$200 million to be spent on fighting domestic human trafficking.

Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000

The Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 describes "severe forms of trafficking in persons" as:

- 1) sex trafficking in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud or coercion or in which the person induced to perform such an act is under 18.
- 2) the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud or coercion, for the purpose of subjecting that person to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage or slavery.

Do human trafficking victims qualify for benefits?

A person who is identified by law enforcement as a victim of 'severe forms of trafficking' may be referred for certification from the Health and Human Services Office of Refugee Resettlement.

They may be eligible for:

- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Medicaid
- Health Screening
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Food Stamps
- Refugee Cash and Medical Assistance
- Refugee Social Services
- Immigration Relief-Protection includes T Visa, U Visa, or Continued Presence Status

For Help and Resources in Texas

Health and Human Services Trafficking Information and Referral
1-888-373-7888

Catholic Social Service Network for Victims
anywhere in US: 202-541-3385

Mosaic Family Services, Inc.
Dallas
214-821-5393
www.mosaicservices.org

YMCA International
Houston
Trafficked Persons Assistance Program
713-339-9015 for victim services
*After 5 p.m. call 713-339-9783
www.ymcahouston.org

Federal Trafficking-Related Links

The Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000
www.state.gov/documents/organization/10492.pdf

The Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection and Reauthorization Act of 2003
www.state.gov/documents/organization/28255.pdf

Office of Refugee Resettlement Trafficking Efforts
www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/orr/programs/actvict.html

Office for Victims of Crime Trafficking Effort
www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/help/tip.html

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What is human trafficking?

Human trafficking (formerly known as trafficking in persons) is a form of modern-day slavery. It is the illegal trade in human beings through abduction, the use or threat of force, deception, fraud or sale for the purposes of sexual exploitation or forced labor. Victims include women, men and children.



What is the prevalence of human trafficking?

- Between 600,000 and 800,000 people are trafficked across international borders annually.¹
- Between 14,500-17,500 people are trafficked into the U.S annually.²
- Human Trafficking provides organized crime annual profits between \$8-10 billion.³
- The U.S. is ranked as the third largest destination country for Trafficking.⁴
- Hundreds of thousands of U.S. citizens are estimated to be trafficked within the U.S.⁵

These are just best estimates. No one really knows the true numbers of trafficking victims.

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How To Identify a Trafficking Victim

- Why and how did the person come into the country? Many victims have come willingly when promised a good job.
- How was the person recruited? Many victims are recruited by acquaintances from the same ethnic group or country of origin.
- Does the person have identification papers? Many times the traffickers have custody of the victim's documents and identification papers.
- Does the person owe money to their "employer?"
- When encountering a group, does a "spokesperson" tend to speak on the group's behalf and not allow anyone else to converse with authorities?
- Does the person seem submissive or fearful?
- Can you detect any physical or psychological abuse?



Is there a state law prohibiting trafficking?

- The 78th Texas State Legislature passed H.B. 2096 (Penal Code Ch. 20A.02), which prohibits trafficking.
- The law became effective Sept. 1, 2003.
- The offense is a second-degree felony, with an enhancement to a first degree felony for involving a child younger than 14 years of age, or of any trafficking offense that results in the death of a trafficked person.



Why don't trafficking victims just go to the police?

1. Most victims do not speak English and do not understand American culture.
2. Most victims do not know what city or state they are in because they are often forced to move.
3. Most victims have a strong sense of distrust of authorities for fear of deportation or from prior experiences with corruption within the system.
4. Most do not identify themselves as a victim.
5. Confidentiality is vital for victims of human trafficking.