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Friends of the Library of Howard County is requesting donations of books in good condition for their book sale in September.

Donations can be taken to the Howard County Library Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Friends of the Library is a non-profit organization which provides supplemental support for the Howard County Library, outside of the budget furnished by Howard County.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

- Town Hall meeting on city master plan, 6 p.m., Dora Roberts Community Center. **Everyone is invited.**
- Big Spring Band Booster, 6 p.m., high school band hall. **Band parents are invited.**
- Big Spring Art Association, 7 p.m., Howard County Library basement.
- Big Spring Chapter 67, Order of the Eastern Star, 7:30 p.m., Mason Lodge, 219 Main.

WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard County Cactus Room.
- Senior Circle Sit and Be Fit Chair aerobics, 10 a.m., SMMC Cafe.
- Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard County Cactus Room.
- Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizen's Center, Industrial Park
- Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring Country Club.
- Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge 203 W. Third.

THURSDAY

- Gideon's International Big Spring Camp U42060, 7 a.m., Herman's.
- Big Spring Senior Citizen's Center, art classes, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizen's Center, 55 years and older.

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Community to discuss Comprehensive Master Plan

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

After guiding area development for almost 10 years, Big Spring's Comprehensive Master Plan is due for an update.

A Town Hall meeting scheduled for 6 p.m. today at the Dora Roberts Community Center will focus on what aspects of the master plan have



SPARKS

been achieved. The public is invited to attend and participate in the discussion.

"Tonight's meeting will provide the assessment of what we have accomplished on our master plan," Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors President Cheryl Sparks said. "It will also show, I believe, that we have accomplished much. We have accomplished such a great deal that it is time to begin thinking about, 'Now where do we go?'"

Sparks said work on the current plan was begun in

1993.

"That's almost 10 years ago," she said. "When you have a plan in this day and time, your plan is changing constantly. You have to stay on top of the world, the changing forces that we have."

Although the plan was updated in 1999, community feedback at Town Hall meetings last year indicated the plan doesn't meet the interests of the public.

"We're picking up some of that from the Town Hall meetings last spring," she said. "We're picking up

INFORMATION

What: Town Hall meeting on Comprehensive Master Plan

Where: Dora Roberts Community Center

When: 6 p.m. today.



some ideas that centered around quality of life issues. One of the things that was discussed in great detail last summer was our park, our amphitheater in particular. What we could do to

enhance assets that we already have. I know that that was a big topic of discussion."

The goals of the public are shifting due, in part, to the success of the current Master Plan, Sparks said.

"I think the reason we're seeing other interests is that we've accomplished some of those things and it's now time to focus on other things," she said.

After tonight's meeting, another meeting or series of meetings will be necessary

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Asphalt project coming along

Delays push online date to early July

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

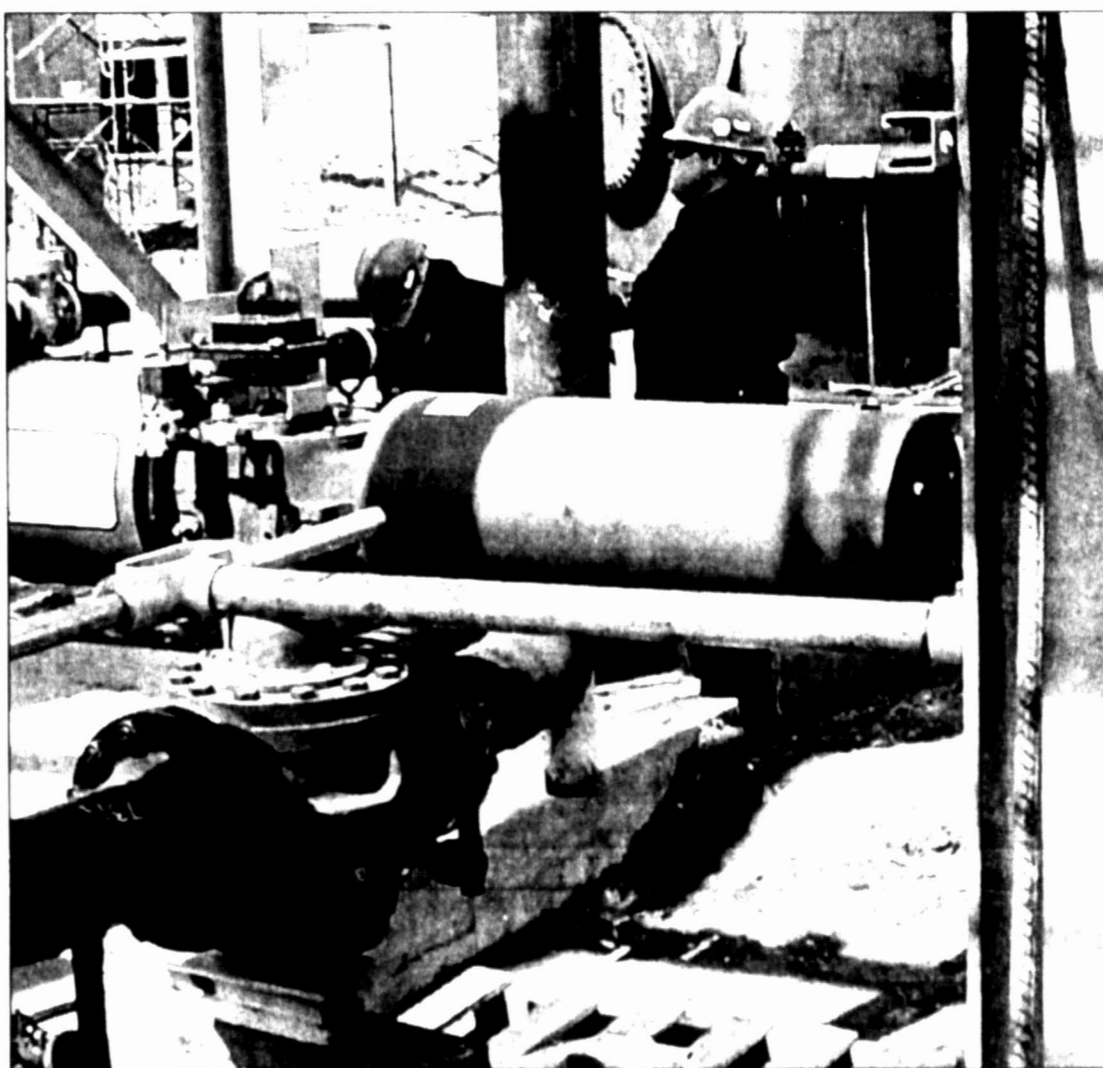
A new tire rubber asphalt plant under construction at Big Spring's ALON USA Refinery won't be on line as early as anticipated.

The plant, which will mix pre-ground tire rubber pellets with asphalt to create a rubberized asphalt product for street maintenance and repair, was projected to be on line by May, but delays pushed that date back to early July.

"We're hoping for the first part of July," said Kevin Armstrong, ALON's asphalt coordinator. "I'm not going to commit to a certain date because it's one of these things that you never know when you're going to get it lined out."

Armstrong said the project contractor, Lauren Engineers and Constructors Inc. of Abilene is doing a good job, but delays are to be expected in such a big project.

"It's hard to build something this big and be on time," he said. "We had some delays, some equipment delays as far as getting parts ordered and so on. They're putting in a whole lot of overtime and weekends and stuff now, so



Fernando Anguiano, left, and Byron Ford, employees of Lauren Engineers and Constructors Inc., work on Big Spring ALON USA's new tire rubber asphalt plant. The plant should be operational in July.

they should be done pretty soon."

Once online, the plant should produce about 1,000 barrels of ground tire rubber asphalt products each day.

"We'll be bringing in the tires already ground up," Armstrong said. "We'll have a large silo that can hold up to 100,000 pounds. That silo will drop the GTR into a vessel where it will meet the asphalt."

The mixture is then chemically bonded together

because it uses old tires. We blend the ground tires with asphalt, and the rubber from the tires chemically bonds with the asphalt. It makes a very tough road surface."

According to the Asphalt Rubber Technology Service, 270 million waste tires weighing a total of 2.2 million tons are discarded each year.

"Building a new tire rubber modified asphalt plant

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Belew takes workforce development post at HC

By MARSHA STURDIVANT

Special to the Herald

Howard College officials announced today that Virginia Belew, area manager for Howard, Dawson, Glasscock and Borden counties of the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission and local Texas Network of Big Spring, has accepted the position of associate vice president for workforce development.

"Virginia's experience with state, regional and local workforce development initiatives are a natural prelude to the duties she will perform for the college district," said Dr. Cheryl Sparks, president of Howard College.

"Her contacts with the workforce and business industry provide her with a broad understanding and vision of the needs of our area," she said.

Belew has 22 years experience with workforce development programs. She currently serves on the Skills Committee of the Permian Basin Workforce Development Board. She began her career with the state employment agency in 1980 following completion of her bachelor's degree in sociology from the University of Texas El Paso.

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Monastery to receive state historic landmark's highest honor

HERALD Staff Report

It's been a long haul, but a Stanton landmark will soon receive a Texas Historic Landmark from the Texas Historical Commission.

The historic Carmelite Monastery, built in 1884, will receive the THC's highest honor given to a historic structure for architectural integrity and historical associations, the "Recorded Texas Historic Landmark" designation.

The monastery has also been recognized by the Department of Interior and is now part of the National Register of Historic Places.

"It is vital that as we move forward, we do not forget our past," said Danny Fryar, Stanton city manager, in a press release. "Not only will the RTHL provide awareness in the community of our fascinating history, it will become a building block of the promotion of local tourism."

A historical marker dedication ceremony will take place in conjunction with the 69th annual Old Settlers Reunion on Saturday, July 13, at the front gate of the

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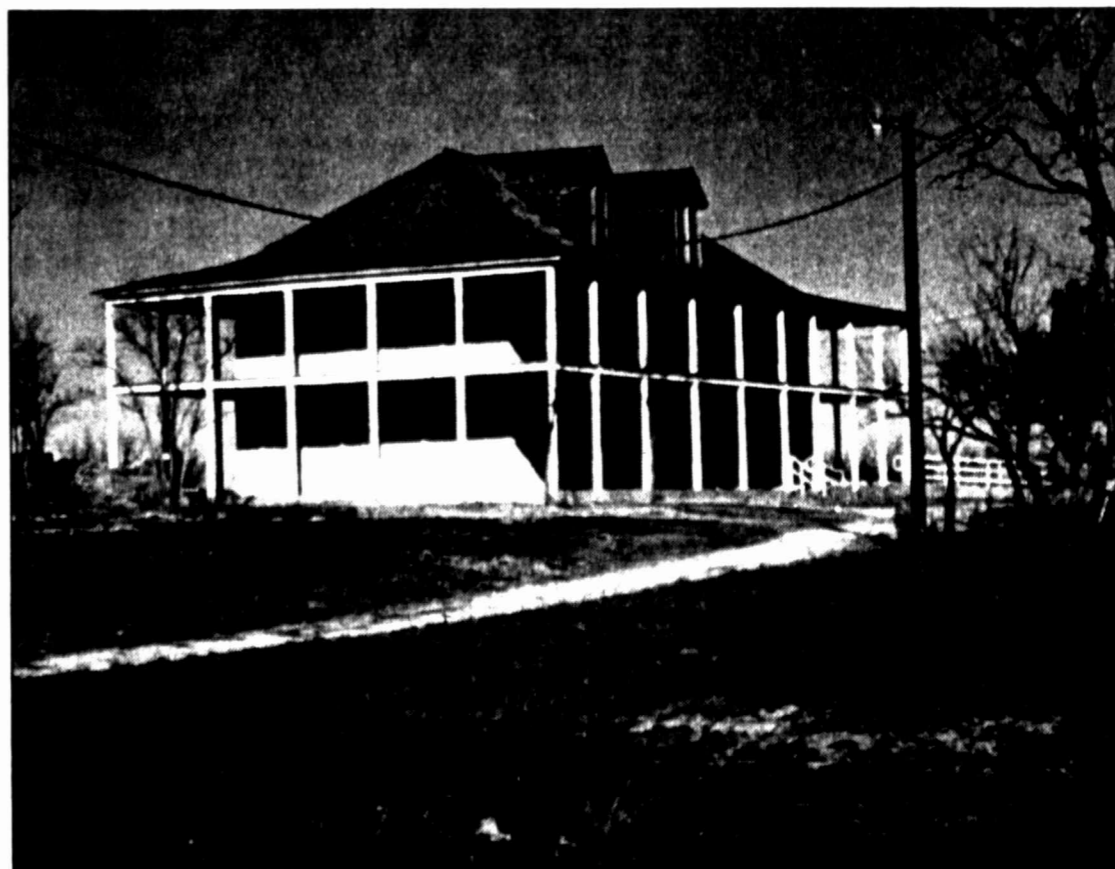
monastery site in Stanton. The dedication ceremony will begin at 11:15 a.m., right after the parade.

Established in 1987, the Martin County Convent Association has been working to restore the 118-year-old structure through grants.

In 1882, six German friars from St. Boniface Monastery in Scipio, Kan., founded a new Carmelite monastery in the city. The building was constructed in 1884 to serve as the living quarters for the friars serving at the monastery.

In 1897, the Carmelites sold the building to the Sisters of Mercy, who developed an academy on the site in 1898.

"There used to be a school there but in 1938 a tornado blew away that part," Fryar said.



The Carmelite Monastery, built in 1884, will receive a Texas Historic Landmark from the Texas Historical Commission. A dedication ceremony has been planned for Saturday, July 15 at 11:15 a.m., immediately following the Old Settlers Reunion parade.

"What is left is the original monastery." Eventually the building was sold to the editor of the

local newspaper who used the building as a boarding house during World War II. The monastery was passed

down to his daughter. After a few more owners the convent association became the owners.

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In the news

By The Associated Press

Judge throws out murder verdict against dog owner

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Friends and relatives of a woman mauled to death by two large dogs last year were stunned when the murder conviction of one of the dogs' owners was thrown out by a judge who said the evidence did not support the charge.

In issuing his surprising ruling Monday, Superior Court Judge James Warren called Marjorie Knoller and her husband "the most despised couple in this city," but said Knoller had no way of knowing the dogs would kill someone when she left her apartment Jan. 26, 2001.

"There is no question in this court's mind that in the eyes of the people, both defendants are guilty of murder," Warren said. "In the eyes of the law, they are not."

Knoller, 46, was convicted in March of murder, involuntary manslaughter and having a mischievous dog that killed someone. Her husband, Robert Noel, 60, was found guilty of the manslaughter and mischievous dog charges.

The couple were arrested after their neighbor, Diane Whipple, 33, was attacked by the two huge Presa Canario dogs in their apartment hallway last year.

Three killed in airplane crash California fire

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. (AP) — An air tanker erupted in flames and crashed while battling a wildfire in Northern California, killing all three crew members in an explo-

sion that came on a tumultuous day of firefighting in California.

Within hours of the crash, a fire engulfed crews trying to corral a blaze in Southern California, causing three injuries and snarling traffic as it shut down a major highway.

The mishaps could signal the beginning of an especially dangerous fire season in the West as crews battle 20 large blazes burning in 11 states.

"These things happening in the middle of June do not bode well for the remainder of the year," said Bill Peters, spokesman for the California Department of Forestry's San Bernardino unit.

The Northern California fire, near Yosemite National Park, destroyed at least one home and forced 400 people to evacuate as it consumed some 10,000 acres of brush and forest land near the small mountain resort town of Walker.

Enron Corp. top employees were paid \$744 million

NEW YORK (AP) — In a disclosure that outraged former employees, Enron Corp. reported that its 144 senior managers were paid \$744 million in the year before the energy company's collapse, including more than \$150 million for former chairman Kenneth Lay.

Enron outlined the compensation in a filing late Monday with federal bankruptcy court in New York — documents that provide a glimpse into the company's finances as it spiraled into the biggest bankruptcy in the nation's history.

"The payments and stock given to the managers do not in themselves indicate any wrongdoing. Former

employees could try to recover some of the money, but they would have to show that the company made illegal "preferential payments," or payments just before a bankruptcy filing that obstructed creditors from getting their fair share.

Nonetheless, representatives of former workers and shareholders responded angrily after the disclosure, accusing Enron's senior managers of essentially raiding the company's coffers while leaving their clients with a pittance.

"It's outrageous. My clients find it outrageous and it's just more evidence that people at the top knew that they better get while the getting was good," said Eli Gottesdiener, an attorney representing 24,000 participants in Enron retirement plans who lost as much as \$1 billion as the company's stock slid.

Pre-teen could be facing manslaughter charge in death

GRAND PRAIRIE (AP) — A Dallas County juvenile court judge has ruled that a 12-year-old boy should remain in custody and face charges of juvenile manslaughter in connection with the shooting death of an 8-year-old boy.

Cordell Wade Johnson II was killed Friday by a gunshot to the head. Police say the boy apparently was playing video games with the older boy in a Grand Prairie apartment where the older boy lived with his grandmother.

The 12-year-old boy told police the two were left alone while his grandmother went to an appointment. He said he shot the other boy accidentally.

He led police to a small-caliber pistol used in the shooting.

Initially, police termed the shooting accidental. Monday, they qualified that suspicion, saying they would pursue a manslaughter charge.

"Accidents are preventable. In this case, the child was reckless," Grand Prairie detective Rick Oseguera was quoted in a story in Tuesday's editions of The Dallas Morning News. "We can't prove intent, but we can prove recklessness in handling a firearm."

Duncanville dress code draws protests

DUNCANVILLE, (AP) — No more blue jeans, no shirts unless they're solid white, black or navy blue. No pants or dresses unless they're khaki or solid navy. And no logos, markings, trim or piping.

The new dress code of the Duncanville Independent School District drew a crowd of about 500 people Monday night to the school board meeting. It appeared all of them disapproved of the dress code, which the school board approved last month.

The new policy essentially requires school uniforms for all students from grades 7-12, starting this fall.

The existing dress code, not unlike those of most area school districts, was tightened up to ban logos on shirts, outlaw jeans and mandate acceptable solid colors for shirts and pants.

Cheers accompanied each criticism as parents lined up to say what they think. Superintendent Jerry Cook said he got the message and will recommend to the school board that the dress policy be reconsidered.

"I will recommend to the board that we step back and get to a code that will be acceptable to everyone," he said.

Cedar Hill Unit inmate suffers apparent assault

HERALD Staff Report

An inmate from Cornell Corrections Cedar Hill Unit was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center Monday after an apparent assault involving two other inmates.

Cornell Public Relations Director Janice Bishop said she couldn't release much information about the incident.

"We had one inmate assaulted by some other

inmates, really is all I have to tell you about it," she said. "A couple of inmates jumped on another inmate and assaulted him, and they took him to the hospital to have him checked out."

Fire Marshal Carl Condray said Big Spring Emergency Medical Services could offer no comment on the assault.

Scenic Mountain Medical Center has a policy not to release any patient information.

APPLICATION NOTICE
HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM

The City of Coahoma HOME Program Fund provides help to eligible homeowners within the City for home repair. A program information sheet is available from Coahoma City Hall. Applications will be taken Thursday, June 20th from 9:00am to 4:00pm and Friday, June 21st from 9:00 to 12:00 noon at Coahoma Community Center, 306 North Avenue. Applications will only be taken these two days unless there is further notice. Please bring the following: 1) Proof of income (3 months of pay-stubs, social security benefit letter, bank statements, etc.)

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2) Homeownership: warranty deed or other proof. NO CONTRACT FOR DEED.
3) Tax receipts verifying ALL property taxes paid 4) Proof of Occupancy driver's license or photo I.D. 5) Verification of disability, if applicable 6) Social Security Card for all household members

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Bush condemns suicide attack

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House deplored a suicide blast that killed 20 people in Jerusalem Tuesday as President Bush prepared a Mideast address on how to move the peace process forward.



BUSH

"The president condemns this act of terror in the strongest possible terms," White House spokesman Scott McClellan said as Bush and his aides huddled early Monday on how to move forward.

It wasn't clear how the bombing of a crowded bus, carried out by a Palestinian man carrying nail-studded explosives, would affect Bush's plans. McClellan declined to comment immediately on the timing or substance of Bush's speech.

Administration officials had said Monday night Bush would announce a proposal for Palestinian statehood Tuesday or Wednesday that would require democratic reform in a movement long dominated by Yasser Arafat.

The proposal could be affected by political fallout from the latest bombing: Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon rushed to the scene of the attack and vowed to fight Palestinian terror groups, then convened security chiefs for emergency consultations.

Bush envisioned a step-by-step process, with each step conditioned on changes designed to develop a democratic state that could live in peace alongside Israel.

Reform is the key, said a

senior U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity as Bush concluded talks with his foreign policy advisers and polished the speech the official said he would make soon.

Already, there is Arab skepticism that Bush will go far enough to satisfy Palestinian aspirations. And Israel's prime minister, Ariel Sharon, says even a limited Palestinian state is premature.

The State Department is criticizing Israel's plan for an electronic fence the length of the West Bank as a barrier to terror attack.

Bush's wife spoke out against it, too.

"I don't think a fence will be some long-lasting sign of peace," Laura Bush said Monday on American Urban Radio Networks. "Right now there is a huge barrier of hate and distrust between all the parties in the Middle East. I hope they can tear that barrier down."

Chiding Israel, State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said, "To the extent that it is an attempt to establish a bar-

rier, we would have to say that that really has to be done through direct talks" with Palestinian officials.

"We do remind the Israelis that offering hope to Palestinians, offering them a decent life, an end to the barriers, is an important part of achieving security and peace," he said.

Ephraim Sneh, Israel's transportation minister and a retired general, said the fence would serve a defensive purpose.

"The purpose is to make the penetration of suicide bombers to Israel impossible," he said at the National Press Club. Suicide bombers now cross easily into Israeli towns and villages, he said. "It's about to put an end to it," he said of his government's action.

Bush's deliberations on an embryonic Palestinian state on West Bank land already under the Palestinian Authority's control follow a series of meetings with Arab and Israeli leaders.

On Friday, Arafat's emissaries submitted an unofficial proposal for more formal statehood.

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Along with the American works, we will pay tribute to our French founders from September 6 to January 5 with Picturing French Style: 300 Years of Art and Fashion at the new Mobile Museum of Art. This unique collection covers the evolution of French art and fashion with works by such notable artists as Renoir and Cezanne.

Fine art is going South in Mobile. Come join us!

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EDITORIAL

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS

Your input
is needed at
town meeting

We've always been impressed with the ability of Big Spring citizens to get things done. Removing unsightly buildings from the downtown area, construction of the airport terminal, renovation of the swimming pool, a proactive step by the city to replace water lines throughout the community — these are just a few examples. Others are the recently completed activities such as Relay for Life and the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo, and the soon-to-be-held Pops in the Park celebration. All of these, whether they be one-time activities, ongoing projects or annual events, make our city a better place to live.

It all requires planning. Tonight, citizens are being asked to take part in a Town Hall meeting at the Dora Roberts Community Center. The purpose of the meeting is to study a city master plan that was drawn up some seven years ago and updated in 1999. The master plan targets just about everything you might think of, from city streets to education and recreation. It sets goals and ways to implement them.

Some of those goals have been met, some are ongoing, and others may not have been addressed yet. During tonight's meeting, those who attend will have an opportunity to help redefine goals that might need redefining, and address other issues. It's an opportunity to see how far we've come, and where we need to go in the future.

If you have a sense of pride about our community and a willingness to see it prosper, you need to attend. That spirit and unity are necessary if we are to promote our community as a place to have fun, be educated and conduct business.

It is our sincere wish that every member of the Big Spring community take part. Each of us has ideas; each of us has talents. It would be a shame for anyone's opinion to go unheard, or talent be unused.

The meeting begins at 6 p.m. We hope to see you there.

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- Letters from our circulation area will be given preference.
- Letters should be submitted to Editor, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721. They can also be e-mailed to johnmoseley@bigspringherald.com.

A conservative or a blockhead?

Word has come that some folks have begun to question my conservative credentials. That's easy to understand. There are quite a few blockheads in America today who falsely wear the label "conservative."

Some blockheads equate being a conservative with ardent support of any war, no matter how unconstitutional, unnecessary and unjust the war might be. A true conservative supports the Constitution and does not support anybody or anything that violates it. Some people have said there is a resemblance between America today and the Weimar Republic, which eventually produced Adolf Hitler. I think there is some truth to that comparison. There are an awful lot of heel-clickers who swoon with admiration for any

politician willing to bomb some foreigners. These same people are more than willing to trade liberty (which they make little use of anyway) for security. That is not conservatism.

A wonderful Southern scholar, Dr. Clyde Wilson, has defined the difference between patriotism and nationalism. A patriot, he says, loves his land and his people; a nationalist loves his government. A conservative wishes to preserve the prosperity and health of both the land and the people, not squander them in unnecessary wars.

Then there are those blockheads who think that if you do not support Republicans you can't be a conservative. These people merely show their ignorance of American politics. The Bush family has always been a pillar of what conservatives refer to as the "Rockefeller Wing" of the Republican Party. That's the liberal wing. They are for big government, globalism and imperialism. Bush only seems conservative in comparison with the radical left, which now constitutes the majori-

ty in the Democratic Party. There has been a sea change in American politics since the end of World War II. Politics has moved massively to the left.

Today's nominal conservatism would have been a liberal 60 years ago, and today's liberal is in fact a socialist or a communist in beliefs, if not in name. Americans have been stuck with a choice between advocates of total government and advocates of big government.

Where is George Bush's conservatism? He's taken another massive step in nationalizing the education system, he's busted the budget, he shows unwavering loyalty to the military-industrial complex, his foreign policy is imperialistic, and he is expanding government at the expense of liberty. If he's an example of conservatism, then Joe Stalin was a humanitarian.

There has been only one conservative Republican in the recent presidential primaries, and that is Pat Buchanan. Of course, the Republican Party feels the same way about Pat as the Pharisees felt about Jesus.

Today's Republican Party is firmly in the hands of liberals, and if you think otherwise, you are deluding yourself.

Finally, there are those blockheads who equate conservatism with support of big business. Again, a show of ignorance. The chief executive officers and the boards of directors of today's giant corporations are, with the rarest exception, liberals. In fact, the radical left receives its financial support from these corporations and the foundations they set up.

Nor does American business support a free economy. What it supports and what we have is mercantilism. In its present form it retains its old core — a strong centralized government that manages the economy, and a standing army to protect corporate assets overseas. The Taliban was overthrown not because it supported al-Qaida but because it opposed an oil pipeline from the Caspian Sea fields.

I'm a true conservative, and there are damned few of us left.

ADDRESSES

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Penny and dollar coins on the way out

When was the last time you used a Dwight D. Eisenhower or Susan B. Anthony dollar coin or the new Sacagawea golden dollar coin? When was the last time you saw a John F. Kennedy half-dollar or bought anything with a single penny? America's coins are changing.

Are they destined to go the way of the half-cent coin (phased out in 1857), the two-cent coin (phased out in 1873), the three-cent coin (phased out in 1889), the half-dime (phased out in 1873), or the 20-cent coin (phased out in 1878)?

All three attempts at circulating dollar coins have been failures. The U.S.

Mint believes it has tried just about everything to make these coins palatable to the public, including the placing of a brass rim around the latest version, hence we have the Sacagawea Golden Coin. It didn't work. In 2000, its first year, 1,286,056,000 Sacagawea were minted. This dropped dramatically to 133,407,500 in 2001 and only 4,712,000 in the first third of 2002. Like its predecessors, it is well on its way to extinction.

The dilemma of the dollar coin is rooted in two problems. First, the government has never seemed to understand the problem of size. The dollar's diameter is 1.043 inches compared with 0.955 inches for the quarter. The difference is not sufficient to easily be distinguished when people rummage around for coins. Placing a golden ring around it doesn't help when the sense of touch predominates.

The other problem is more elusive. There are

simply too many coins. The introduction of one coin is made easier by the elimination of another. The object in point is the penny. Virtually nothing can be purchased with a penny, though penny advocates note the discount value apparent in 99-cent hamburgers and the like.

U.S. Mint spokesperson Sharon McPike told us that "over 60 percent of the American public favor keeping the penny." There are even "Save the Penny organizations," she said.

Even so, pennies tend to occupy glass jars more than pockets. Two hundred years of inflation have taken their toll. It is time to admit it and eliminate the penny.

The half dollar is the other under-used coin. A full 1.205 inches in diameter, it is the largest coin, but only 40,704,000 of them were produced last year — about one per every two families.

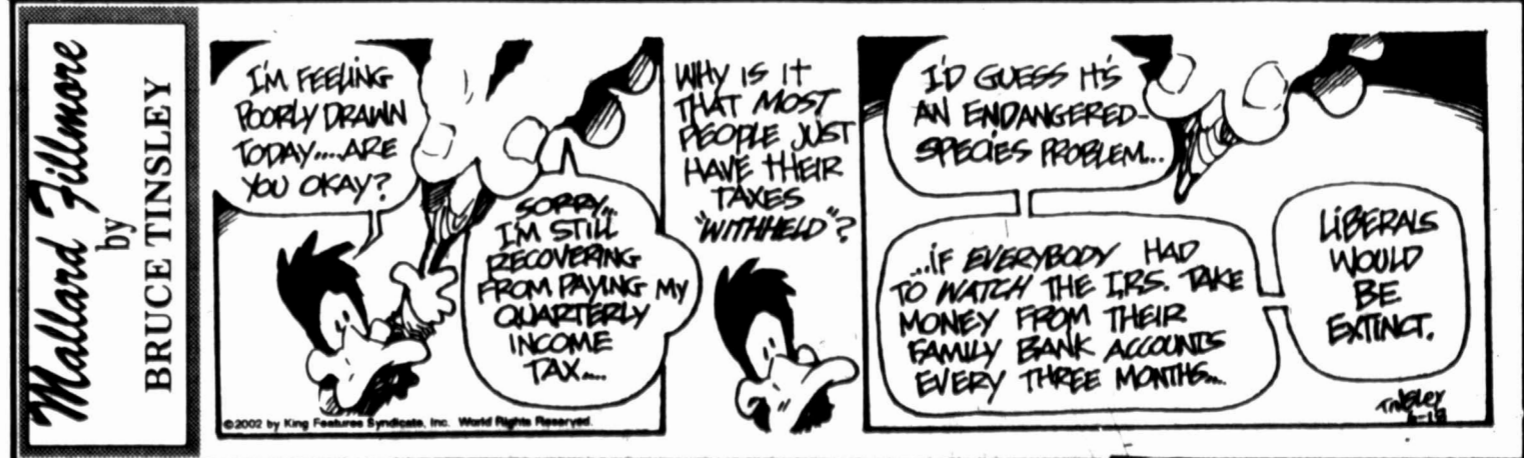
Theoretically, the Mint could discontinue both the

penny and the half dollar, and increase the size of the dollar coin. Problem solved. Not so fast, said Ms. McPike.

"The primary use for coins," she says, "are for use as tokens and in vending machines." In other words, there is a lobbying group with a vested interest. Change the size of coins and their clients will be compelled to change their machines.

And what entity determines the size of coins? Congress and the president. It takes a law to change the size of a coin. It takes a law to eliminate or create a coin. "The Mint doesn't make those decisions," McPike said. It also does not decide how many coins to make. "All coin demand is down," she said. "When the Federal Reserve orders coins from us, that's what we make."

Prediction: The penny and half dollar will be eliminated. The dollar coin will be resized to the size of the half dollar.



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Big Spring So
Camp set for

The 2002 Big Spring All-Skills Softball will be held from 24-26 at the Big Spring High School Complex.

The camp, divided into groups of players in grades 7-8, is an all-skill mental camp with the basic training, fielding and hitting.

Campers in grades 7-8 will workout from 7-8 a.m. on the three-day event and Eighth graders from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. daily.

The cost for the camp is \$50 per player, which includes a T-shirt, is due the first day of camp.

Campers should be dressed in shorts, a shirt, tennis shoes and bring a glove.

Local seniors
for all-star game

The promote 2002 All American basketball game and to add a few area athletes to the team. Any high school seniors that graduate in May from Big Spring, Coahoma, Westbrook or like to participate contact Tommie (915) 816-3663.

The All American is scheduled to Friday, July 19, in Gordon, Texas.

CTGC to host
of the Rest'

Comanche Course will host "The Best of Golf Tournament" 22-23.

Entry fee is \$10 per person, except for a cart. Prizes will be furnished, cash awards included.

The tournament will be a mini-man low ball format. The tournament will be a mini-man low ball format. The tournament will be a mini-man low ball format.

For more details contact the Comanche Golf Course at (905) 268-1193.

Ragball tournament
for R.A. Cor

A Ragball Tournament is scheduled for 23 at the Roy Sports Complex.

The cost for the tournament is \$10 with a mini-man low ball format. The tournament will be a mini-man low ball format.

Registration for the tournament is from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on June 21 at the Big Spring High School Complex. Registration can also be done at the Big Spring High School Complex.

For more details contact Jason (905) 268-1193.

Ragball tournament
set for July

Booths are being set up for the 10th Ragball Tournament sponsored by the Coahoma Union Softball Association. For more details about reserving a booth for the tournament contact Laura Martin (905) 268-1193.

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4 bdr., 1-1/2 bath.
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3/2 house
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3bdr., 2bath, CHA, fresh paint, ceiling fans, garage, fenced yard. Prefer No smoking or pets. \$500. 267-5855.
For Lease: 3703 Connelly, 3BR, 2 full bath, brick home. Garage, fenced yard, refrigerated air, central heat. Open living area. \$475/mo. with \$300/dep. No Pets. 263-3266

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, June 19:
Cut the unduly serious attitude and loosen up this year. Allow happiness to flow through your day-to-day life. Often, you will take your responsibilities too seriously. Realize what is going on with a loved one you're close to. Sometimes your grave attitude takes away from the fun associated with you. You will gain financially and, as a result, become much more care-free with your spending. When you go overboard, you go big time. Learn to detach from immediate issues. Learn to relax. If you are single, a relationship will become far more important to you. The likelihood of meeting someone

increases as the year gets older. If you are attached, your lack of levity takes a toll on your bond. Learn new techniques of relaxing. LIBRA understands you.
The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult
ARIES (March 21-April 19) *** What you say could vary with how others approach you. You might wake up on the wrong side of the bed, but others cheer you up with their different attitudes and playful ways. Work with others and you'll get results. Focus your energy appropriately. Tonight: Say yes.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) *** Get plenty of exercise and pace yourself. As

the day gets older, many touchy partner or someone with whom you might have a financially touchy situation. Consider alternatives involving your funds. Another might whisper some gossip, which you find to be good news. Before celebrating, check out this morsel of information. Tonight: Rest up.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) *** Make the most out of a meeting. Not everyone will be as easy to convince as you are to see that a solution heads your way. Don't worry; others will come around to your way of thinking soon. Just let others air out their views. Celebrate a financial or emotional gain. Tonight: Just don't be alone.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) *** Your serious attitude seems to sober up associates. Everyone buries his or her nose into work. Yet, understand there is a right moment to loosen up. Allow more fun and frolic into your life. Understand that all work and no play doesn't work for others, even if it might work for you. Tonight: Accept an invitation that mixes work with dinner.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) *** Get away from risk-taking and perhaps a difficult emotional problem. Detachment proves to be the answer. Dig into work or a project, and before you know it, you're much happier. Accept an invitation involving a co-worker. Tonight: Opt for inventive.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) *** Dig into your bag of tricks, understanding that there is a serious change happening with a family member or with something domestic. Try to make this person feel better. You seem capable of sleuthing through nearly anything you want. Tonight: Take a midweek break.
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More than one alternative for unwanted pregnancy
Dear Ann Landers: I recently married "Jan," the girl of my dreams. The problem is, one week before the wedding, Jan had too much to drink at a party and slept with some guy she barely knew. We found out yesterday she is pregnant.
Ann Landers: Mimi is now angry with me. She says I didn't need to see a doctor after all and insists I made a big fuss over nothing. I apologized for causing her unnecessary aggravation, but I believe my health should come first.

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Dear Queens: Mimi is angry because her home environment came under scrutiny, and she is taking it out on you. She needs time to cool off.
You already have apologized, so stop begging for forgiveness. Send Mimi a letter or e-mail, and chat about something else. Be friendly. In a few weeks, she will come around. I guarantee it.

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TUESDAY JUNE 18

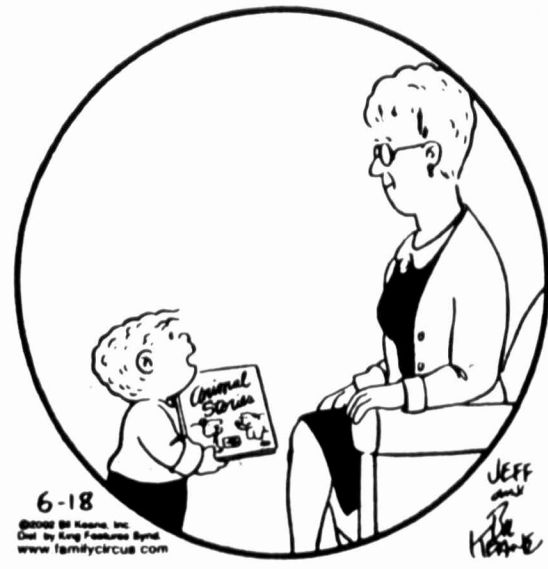
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DENNIS THE MENACE



"It's a diving board, in case we ever get a swimming pool."

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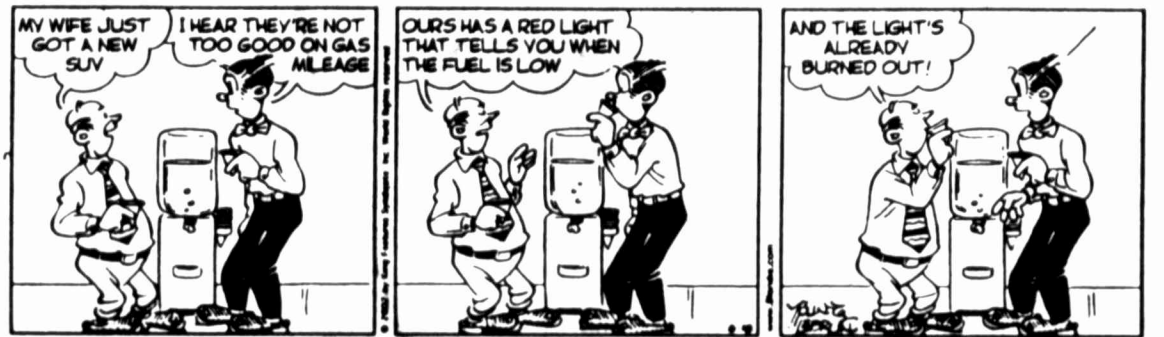


"I'm not a good reader, Grandma. Right now I'm just a looker."

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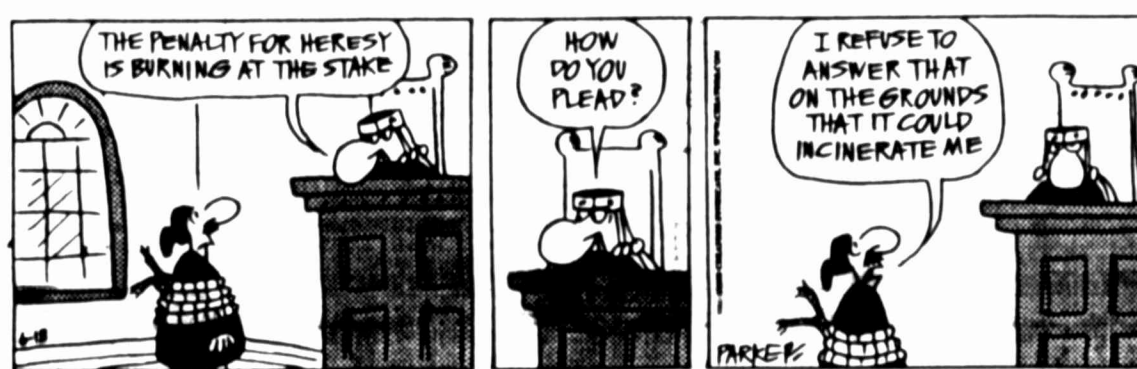
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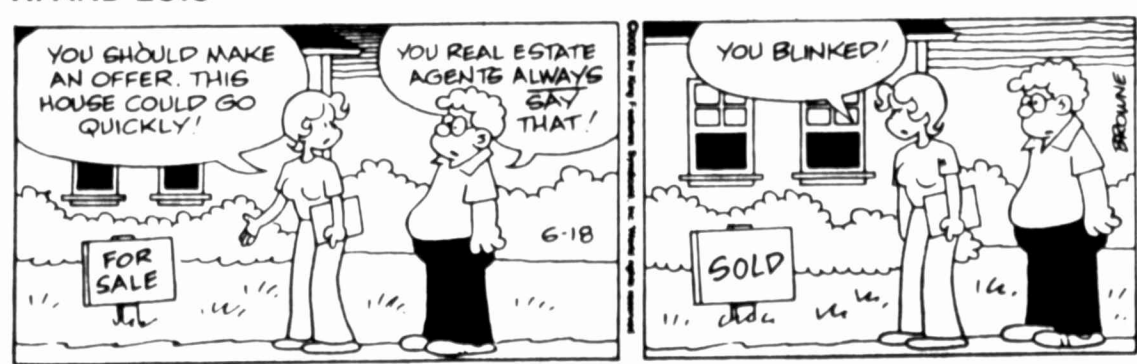
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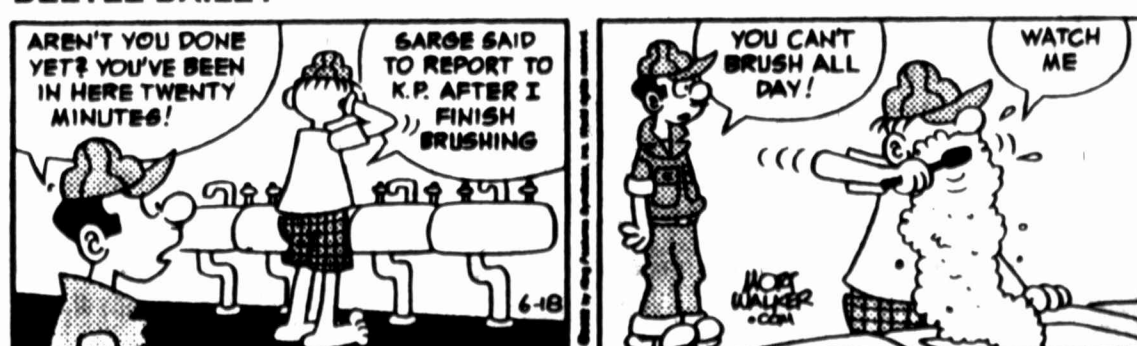
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS
Today is Tuesday, June 18, the 169th day of 2002. There are 196 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History:
On June 18, 1940, during World War II, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill urged his countrymen to conduct themselves in a manner that would prompt future generations to say, "This was their finest hour."
On this date:
In 1778, American forces entered Philadelphia as the British withdrew during the Revolutionary War.
In 1812, the United States declared war against Britain.
In 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte met his Waterloo as British and Prussian troops defeated the French in Belgium.
In 1873, suffragist Susan B. Anthony was fined \$100 for attempting to vote in the

1872 presidential election. The fine was never paid.
In 1928, aviator Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly across the Atlantic Ocean as she completed a flight from Newfoundland to Wales in about 21 hours.
In 1945, William Joyce, known as "Lord Haw-Haw," was charged in London with high treason for his English-language wartime broadcasts on German radio. He was hanged the following January.
In 1948, the United Nations Commission on Human Rights adopted its International Declaration of Human Rights.
In 1979, President Carter and Soviet President Leonid I. Brezhnev signed the SALT II strategic arms limitation treaty in Vienna.
In 1981, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart announced his retirement; his departure paved the way for Sandra Day O'Connor to become the first female associate justice.
In 1983, astronaut Sally K. Ride became America's first woman in space as she and four colleagues blasted off aboard the space shuttle Challenger.
Today's Birthdays: Actor Ian Carmichael is 82. Columnist Tom Wicker is 76. Rock singer-composer-musician Paul McCartney is 60. Movie critic Roger Ebert is 60. Actress Constance McCashin is 55. Actress Linda Thorson is 55. Actress Isabella Rossellini is 50. Actress Carol Kane is 50. Singer Tom Bailey (The Thompson Twins) is 45. Rock singer Alison Moyet is 41. Country singer-musician Tim Hunt is 35. Rock singer-musician Sice (The Boo Radleys) is 33. Rhythm-and-blues singer Nathan Morris (Boyz II Men) is 31.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

CLOSE-UPS by Lee Weaver
Edited by Stanley Newman

ACROSS

- 1 Identical
- 5 Southern state, for short
- 9 That girl
- 12 Recommends
- 14 Brit's streetcars
- 16 Remind too often
- 17 Exactly
- 19 Chicken ___ king
- 20 Garment size
- 21 Out of funds
- 23 Morsel for Miss Muffet
- 25 Saharan
- 26 Succeed financially
- 29 Sly looks
- 31 TV broadcasting band
- 32 Blends batter
- 35 Hardly any
- 37 Umps' counterparts
- 39 Furry foot
- 40 Sponsorship
- 41 Wooden slats
- 43 Unyielding
- 46 ___-Locka, FL
- 47 Physique
- 49 Light lager
- 51 Yale students
- 52 Environmental sci.
- 53 Physically active
- 57 Bustling activity
- 61 Pooh's pal
- 62 Fancy window covering
- 64 Psyche element

DOWN

- 1 Don't move
- 2 Top rating
- 3 Mongrel
- 4 Business-school topic
- 5 Heat meas.
- 6 ___ and crafts
- 7 Lauer of Today
- 8 Without principles
- 9 Mouth-shaped garden flower
- 10 Robust
- 11 Oath of old
- 13 Arrangements
- 15 Drum attachments
- 18 Henri's hat
- 22 Portion
- 24 Faucet problems
- 26 Knitting stitch
- 27 Ostrichlike birds
- 28 Out of trouble
- 30 Marsh bird
- 33 Cat's prey
- 34 Puffer
- 36 Onetime Russian ruler
- 38 "___ We Dance?"
- 42 Barkers' pitches
- 44 Triangular shawl
- 45 Overwhelms
- 48 Posh property
- 50 Tree-dwelling mammals
- 53 Field of study
- 54 Attire
- 55 Topped the cake
- 56 Canary's "nose"
- 58 Vessel for Jack and Jill
- 59 Bus route
- 60 From square one
- 63 Larry King's employer

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