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# TxDOT beautification effort to get under way soon

By BILL MCCLELLAN

News Editor

Visitors arriving at Big Spring from the north will soon be greeted by a friendlier "look" as plans to beautify the intersection at Interstate 20 and U.S. Highway 87 are under way.

The landscape development project will include the construction of concrete sidewalks and planting of trees and other vegetation along the north I-20 frontage road. Tenpenny

Construction of Albany was easier for the trucks to make awarded the \$120,000 contract and is doing the work.

Travelers who frequent the area will eventually note the removal of two traffic islands along the service road.

"We are working with the contractor on that right now because it wasn't part of the original plan," said Roy Dill, Department Texas Transportation area engineer. "But we hope to get that done

that turn."

The intersection carries a heavy amount of truck traffic because it is a major crossroads in West Texas and in part because of the Travelcenters of America truck stop on the northeast corner.

Most of the three-month (56 working days) construction period should entail few problems for motorists, Dill said, except during the short time and we think it will make it the two islands are removed.

(construction) out of traffic as much as possible," assured Dill.

There has been a push for several years to improve the look of entrances to Big Spring. The current project is the culmination of those efforts, but is presently the only one that has moved past the planning process.

"We are looking at making some improvements at other McClellan at 263-7331 ext. 235 or locations, but that's in the pre- by liminary stage," said Dill, who newsdesk@bigspringherald.com

"We are going to try to keep it noted funding for future projects hasn't been acquired. "They are just concepts right now.

He said TxDOT has been working with various members of the community, soliciting ideas on how to improve the other entrances.

Contact News Editor Bill e-mail

# **Crosbyton man drowns** at Comanche Trail Lake

**HCVFD** divers recover body after 6 hours of searching

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

A family outing at Comanche Trail Park took a tragic turn Sunday when a Crosbyton man died while swimming in the lake.

Rescue divers recovered the body of Pedro Gonzales, 60, at about 8:15 p.m. Synday evening, more than six hours after he was first reported missing by family mem-

Rescue workers were summoned to the lake shortly before 2 p.m. Sunday and began combing the lake for the lost swimmer.

Big Spring Police Chief Lonnie Smith said that eyewitness reports stated that the man attempted to swim fully clothed from the camping/playground area on the lake's southwestern edge to the dam, a distance of perhaps 100 yards.

Family members said Gonzales nearly made it to the dam before he went under.

Local and county rescue personnel and law enforcement officials quickly arrived on the scene and began their search for the man's body, Smith said.

The park, already crowded with people taking advantage of Father's Day, became even more so as curious onlookers quickly jammed roads leading into the search area.

The situation prompted officials to close the park a short time later.

Howard Eventually, County Volunteer Fire Department rescue divers were called in and located Gonzales' body.



Big Spring Emergency Medical Service personnel search Comanche Trali Lake for the body of a Crosbyton man who apparently drowned while swimming there early Saturday afternoon. Divers later recovered the body of 60-year-old Pedro Gonzales of Crosbyton.

on the scene by Justice of the Peace Quail Dobbs, who ordered an autopsy.

He was declared dead which is scheduled for Steve Reagan at 263-7331, Wednesday in Lubbock.

Contact Staff Writer ald.com.

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# Local sales tax rebates well above last year

By BILL MCCLELLAN

**News Editor** 

Sales tax rebates for June were up throughout the Crossroads area once again, with Big Spring witnessing a double-digit increase, according to the State Comptroller's Office.

Big Spring received \$361,950.08 this month. That's an increase of 14.28 percent over last June's rebate of \$316,697.92. For the year, the Howard County seat has collected \$2,486,492.71 — up 18.26 percent compared to a year ago.

Coahoma continued to experience strong increases. The community took in \$7,058.52 this month compared **\$4,358.56** for June of 2005 a 61.95 percent increase. For the year, Coahoma has received \$38,379.85, up 32.68 percent when compared to the first six months of 2005.

Forsan's sales tax rebates were up 18.79 percent for June. Forsan took in \$6,097.18 this month, compared to \$5,132.71 in June of 2005. For the year thus far, Forsan has received \$41,674.55, a figure ahead of last year's pace by 16.5 percent.

Abilene brought home \$2,361,561.99 this month, up 7.97 percent compared to the \$2,187,238.72 that came in for June 2005. Abilene has received \$15,785,076.50 this year, up 8.88 percent.

Andrews, which increased its sales tax from 1 percent to 1.75 percent in November, continued to post huge increases - 167.65 percent this time — comparing June 2006 rebates of \$198,651.14 to June 2005 rebates of \$74,219.05. For the year, Andrews has received \$1,205,001.61, up 141.69

Brownfield took in

\$71,967.54 this month, a 51.16 percent increase when compared to the \$47,608.77 taken in for June 2005. Through the first half of 2006, Brownfield has received \$511,191.88, up 20.16 per

Colorado City had an increase of 1.66 percent, comparing sales tax rebates received this month - \$31,891.66 to rebates received in June of last year - \$31,369.50. For the year, the Mitchell County seat has received \$239,868.08, up 7.58 per-

Fort Stockton received \$132,161.47 this month, up 22.21 percent compared to the \$108,139.61 received in June 2005. For the year Fort Stockton has taken in \$852,834.76, up 17.12 percent.

Kermit, in Winkler County, took in \$29,061.55 this month, up 2.92 percent when compared to the \$28,235.99 it received a year ago. For 2006, Kermit has received \$230,202.01, an increase of 32.03 percent.

Lamesa \$68,486.77 this month, up 11.03 percent compared to the \$61,680.99 the Dawson County seat experienced in June 2005. This year, Lamesa has received \$506,448.95, up 12.16 percent.

collected Lubbock \$3,284,420.10 in sales tax rebates this month, an 8.94 percent increase when compared to the **\$3,014,686.03** gathered in June 2005. For the year, Lubbock has received \$22,501,441.95, up 10.5 percent.

Midland took \$2,276,078.05, a 26.64 percent increase when compared to the \$1,797,245.24 received in June 2005. For the year, Midland has received \$14,843,056.10, up 22.86 percent.

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By MATT JOYCE

**Associated Press Writer** DALLAS — In his calls and notes from Iraq, Army Pfc. Kristian Menchaca told relatives of his dangerous assignment to work at military checkpoints.

Family members of the 23-year-old Houston soldier said they were hoping for Menchaca's safe return after learning that he was one of two servicemen reported missing in Iraq after an insurgent attack on a checkpoint on Friday.

"I was 95 percent sure he was one of them," Menchaca's brother, Julio Cesar

Vasquez, of Houston, told The Associated Press late Sunday. "I already had an idea because he was at a

Family of missing soldier waits for word

checkpoint."

Vasquez and other members of Menchaca's family said they were waiting for more information as the military conducts a massive search to locate Menchaca and Army Pfc. Thomas Lowell Tucker, 25, of Madras,

The Defense Department said Spc. David J. Babineau, 25, of Springfield, Mass., was killed in the attack. All three soldiers were assigned to Fort

Witnesses said the missing soldiers were led away by masked gunmen, but those reports have not been confirmed by the military.

An umbrella group that includes al-Qaida in Iraq claimed in a Web statement Monday that it had kidnapped two U.S. soldiers. There was no immediate confirmation that the statement was credible, although it appeared on a Web site often used by al-Qaida-linked groups. The Web site did not name the

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# **Obituaries**

## Benito Porras Sr.

Benito "Ben" Mendoza Porras Sr., 69, passed away Thursday June 15, 2006 at Medical Center Hospital in Odessa. Viewing was Sunday June 18, 2006 at Odessa Funeral Home Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Monday, June 19, 2006 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, with the Rev. Francis Frey officiating. A memorial interment is to be scheduled for a later date.

Benito was born March 12, 1937 in Big Spring to Jesus and Dolores Porras. He served in the U.S. Army for six years. After serving in the military, Benito worked for Frontier Furniture, King & King Construction, and for Ector County Independent School District, retiring on Aug. 31, 1999. He was a Catholic, and a fourth degree knight with the Knights

He was a brother of eight siblings, Petrita Porras, Maria Porras, Pascual Porras, Eliordora Guerrero, Pedro Porras, Jesus Porras, Jose Porras, and Antonio

He was married Nov. 28, 1959 in Big Spring to Paula "Pauline" Escobar Porras.

He was preceded in death by grandson Benito Alejandro Porras, Jesus Porras, Dolores Porras, Jesus Porras, Pedro Porras and Jose Porras.

He is survived by his sister, Eliordora Guerrero of Bossier City, La.; brothers Pascual Porras of Big Spring, and Antonio Porras of Odessa; seven children, Mr. and Mrs. Benito Mendoza Porras Jr., Mrs. Sonia Mancha, Mr. and Mrs. Juan "Johnny" Diego Porras, Dorothy Porras, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Porras, Mr. and Mrs. Benny Aguilar and Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Bugarian; and 12 grandchildren.

#### W.R. Darnell

W. R. Darnell, 69, of Big Spring died Sunday, June 18, 2006, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

# **Cleo Bailey**

Cleo S. Bailey, 90, of Forsan, died Monday, June 19, 2006 at the Odessa Hospice House. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

# Take Note

- ROAD TO RECOVERY, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call LaWanda Hamm at 263-7827.
- COAHOMA FREEDOM PARADE begins at 10 a.m. July 1 at the football stadium and continues to the park. Prizes for floats will be awarded in several catagories. Booth spaces for vendors are free and avaliable by contacting Shyrlee Reid at 393-5545.
- THE PET PATROL helps locate lost pets and owners of found pets. To volunteer or for more information, call Melanie Gambrell at 267-PETS (7387).
- BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL STEER BAND 10-YEAR REUNION for classes 1970 to 1980 is planned for July 28-29. Send name and addresses to Steer Band Reunion P.O. Box 103 Big Spring. 79721 or go to the Web site www.bigspringsteerband.org. For more information or to leave a message, call 263-2205.
- BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1986 20th REUNION needs addresses and contact information for classmates. Call Kelly at 816-4540.
- BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1996 10th YEAR REUNION needs addresses and contact information for classmates. Call Mindy at 267-6524 or 267-7631.
- FORSAN EX-STUDENT ASSOCIATION ANNU-AL ALL-CLASS REUNION is Aug. 5. Names, addresses and class years for Forsan exes are needed. Submit information or pictures for a newsletter before June 15 to Ida Lou Raney, 5216 Dawson Dr., Big Spring or call 432 267-2414, Jimmy Anderson at 432 267-6143 or Opal Stout at 325 574-2150, or e-mail hiraney@crcom.net.
- BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1977 is gathering addresses for the 30th reunion. Mail contact information to Emily Boyd, 10817 Sandpiper Lane, Dallas or e-mail emilyboyd1@aol.com.
- HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM IS COLLECTING RECIPES to be included in a 2006 cookbook which will display memories of Big Spring over the years. Share your memories and your recipes. Contact the Hangar at 264-1999 for recipe forms.
- HOME HOSPICE HAS COOKBOOKS with nearly 500 recipes on sale for \$18 with proceeds to benefit Hospice House. Recipes submitted by volunteers, coordinators and owners of Home Hospice. Call Sherry Hodnett at 264-7599 for more information.
- ODYSSEY HOSPICE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS to work in the office and perform patient services. For more information or to volunteer, call 263-5999.



# Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Saturday and 6 p.m. Sunday

- TAMMIE HORN, 37, 100 Kindle, was arrested on a
- charge of driving while intoxicated, second offense. STELLA DELEON CANTU, 35, 4106 Parkway, was arrested on a Howard County warrant.
- · DAVID CONKLIN, 25, no address given, was arrested on a charge of unlawfully carrying a weapon on licensed premises.
- RITA WILKERSON, 43, 624 State, was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- · JOQUIN DUENEZ, 34, 1804 Nolan, was arrested on a charge of criminal mischief.
- JESSE PAUL SILVA, 42, 1313 Lindbergh, was arrested on a charge of violation of a protective order. ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in
- the 4000 block of Parkway. • BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1400 block of Bluebird.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1400 block of Princeton and the 1800 block of Nolan.
- LICENSE DRIVING WHILE SUSPENDED/INVALID was reported in the 1100 block of Goliad.
- UNLAWFULLY CARRYING A WEAPON ON LICENSED PREMISES was reported in the 1000 block of Third.

# Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. Monday:

- · CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 100 block of Arnold Road.
- TRESPASSING was reported in the 6500 block of Midway Road.
- THEFT was reported in the 500 block of Ray Road. • DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 3900 block of Old Colorado City Highway.

# Weather

Today — Partly cloudy in the morning then clearing. Highs around 100. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tonight — Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tuesday — Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 90s: South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tuesday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s. South winds 10 to 20 mph.

Wednesday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower

Thursday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s. Thursday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower

Friday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s. Friday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s. Saturday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 90s. Saturday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower

Sunday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s.

# Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 2-26-29-39-43-50.

Number matching six of six: None.

Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$22 million.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 1-16-20-27-36. Matching five of five: None.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night. in order: 0-4-7

# **Support Groups**

# **MONDAY**

· Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for June 5. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.

# **TUESDAY**

• The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 6 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1005 Birdwell Lane. The next meeting is March 28. Call Tracey at 263-4948 for more information.

# WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Tena at 267-1883 or Lucy at 264-1213 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.

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# **Bulletin Board**

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email editor@bigspringherald.com

#### **TODAY**

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. in the First Christian Church, 911 Goliad. A different program is offered every week, and anyone 7 years old or older is welcome to attend. Enter through the south side door. Call 263-2786 for more information.

• Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in the La Posada Restaurant.

• DAV and Auxiliary Chapter 47 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 610 Abrams St.

· Christian Singles Fellowship meets from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Youth Hall. All singles in the community are invited for an evening of fellowship, food and table games.

· Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

- · Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Big Spring Band Boosters meets at 5:30 p.m. in the high school band hall. All band parents are invited to attend.
- Big Spring Art Association meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library. All working artists and those interested in art are invited to attend.
- Order of the Eastern Star No. 67 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

#### WEDNESDAY

 Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

· Senior Circle meets at 10:30 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.

· Senior Circle meets at 11 a.m. in the Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.

· Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club. • Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in

the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third St.

# **THURSDAY**

• Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.

· Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet Shoppe.

· Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room. Call 267-6479.

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.
- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant. · Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Big Spring Country Club.
- Spring City Senior Citizens Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area seniors are invited.

• Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

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TEXAS NEWS BRIEFS

Craddick promises fair hearing on recorded votes in House

 ${\bf DALLAS\,(AP)-House\,Speaker\,Tom\,Craddick\,says}$ he is open to a change in the policy on recorded votes if that is what House members want.

The Dallas Morning News said in an editorial for Monday that Craddick promised in a recent meeting with its editorial board that a measure on recorded votes would get a fair committee hearing and a floor vote if it is reported out of committee.

"I don't have a problem with recorded votes," he told the editorial board in a recent meeting.

Craddick defended the legislative committee process and the role of House chairmen to independently handle legislation pending before them, the newspaper reported. He said imposing his will on members would disrupt that system.

Texas is one of about 10 states that do not require lawmakers to record their individual votes, making it difficult to know where individual legislators stand.

Attempts to require individual recorded votes through state law or constitutional amendment failed in the 2005 legislative session, although the House and Senate made rules changes in January 2005 that legislative leaders said resulted in more recorded votes.

Craddick called for record votes during the recent special session on school finance. "I thought their constituents should know how they

voted," Craddick told the newspaper.

Nearly 200 organizations and officials in the state, including the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, the Texas Association of Broadcasters, the Texas Daily Newspaper Association and the Texas Press Association, have called for legislation requiring for

#### Torrential downpours cause flash flooding in Southeast Texas

HOUSTON (AP) — Torrential downpours created a nightmare commute for Houston-area residents early Monday, flooding major traffic arteries and threaten-

As much as 10.5 inches of rain was reported by the heart of the morning commute Monday, said Rusty Cornelius, administrative coordinator for Harris County Emergency Management.

The worst problems are reported in southeast Houston and western Pasadena. The National Weather Service reported that almost 6 inches of rain fell within 75 minutes early Monday near Hobby Airport. The weather service also estimated 5 to 8 inches of rain fell in three hours along Sims Bayou in southeast Houston.

Four homes were reported flooded in a neighborhood along Hunting Bayou, across the Houston Ship Channel from Pasadena, Cornelius said. The Washburn Tunnel beneath the ship channel at Pasadena was flooded an impassable this morning, and parts of Interstate 10, Beltway 8, and Texas Highways 225 and 288 in southern and eastern Harris County flooded.

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Menchaca, of Big Spring,

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the military notified her

Saturday that her hus-

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"We're basically just

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because no one else

knows anything about it, no one has heard any-

thing about it," Christina

Menchaca said by tele-

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Christina Menchaca

said she married her hus-

band in September and he

deployed in October. The couple met through her

find him," she said.

Christina

the peak commute period, and the Houston Fire Department reported about a dozen high-water rescues of motorists in southeastern Houston, between Hobby Airport and Pasadena, Cornelius said.

#### Latino political leaders to hold convention in Dallas this week

DALLAS (AP) — Latino political leaders will focus on energizing young Hispanics and legal residents to become voting citizens as they hold their annual convention this week.

They'll try to motivate the two groups of potential voters by capitalizing on the massive participation seen during April's pro-immigrant marches.

"The immigrant march really did spark an enthusiasm ... really inspired a sense of hope among this community," said Arturo Vargas, executive director of the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials.

Vargas is among the more than 5,000 Latino officials from around the country expected at the NALEO convention which runs Thursday through Saturday in

Republican National Committee Chairman Ken Mehlman and Democratic National Committee Chairman Howard Dean, and U.S. Rep. Luis Gutierrez, D-Ill., are among the speakers lined up for the 23rd annual convention.

#### Police search for missing baby comes to happy end after 20 hours

MANSFIELD (AP) — A 7-month-old baby missing for more than 20 hours was reunited with his parents Sunday night.

Officer Danny Baas said Larry Stoxstell, the baby's step-grandfather, returned the baby about 8:45 p.m. Baas said the baby, Joshua Matthew Martin, appeared to be in good health and wasn't injured.

An Amber Alert had been issued for the baby after his mother told police he disappeared with her 37year-old stepfather.

Joshua was reported missing about 2 a.m. Sunday Baas said the family initially thought Stoxstell would return with the infant and they waited before an Amber Alert was issued.

"I didn't take the baby," Stoxstell said as police led him away in handcuffs. Baas said Stoxstell was taken into custody on an unrelated warrant from Dallas

#### Pancho Villa death mask sells for \$17,000 at auction

FREDERICKSBURG (AP) - Pancho Villa's death mask, featuring the famous Mexican outlaw's prominent mustache and eyebrows, sold at auction on Sunday for \$17,000.

The rare mask was sold to a private collector who wished to remain anonymous, said Scott Franks, owner of Waco-based A&S Antique Auction Company, which held the auction.

The mask was among hundreds of eclectic items from the estate of Charles Trois, an eccentric retired artist vho built a European-style village across from Enchanted Rock near Fredericksburg.

\$9,539,463.97, up 15.04 per- \$148,655.52 this month, up 11.49 percent compared to received the \$133,333.65 taken in for June 2005. For 2006, the Scurry County seat has received \$972,166.35,

> up 21.02 percent. Stanton brought in \$19,447.39, a decrease of 7.35 percent when compared to the \$20,991.11 taken in last year. For 2006, the home of the Old Sorehead Trade Days has received \$156,173.02, up 22.2 percent.

Sterling City took in \$7,429.26 this time around, up 19.27 percent

in when compared to the \$6,228.67 accumulated in June of 2005. For 2006, Sterling City has amassed \$52,314.77, up 8.07 percent.

Sweetwater received \$199,175.54 this month, up 22.54 percent compared to the \$162,526.87 taken in for June 2005. This year, the Nolan County seat has received \$1,265,012.23, up 16.16 percent.

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the 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry, 2nd Brigade, 101st Airborne based out of Fort Campbell, Ky.

# Yates' sanity remains focus of second trial set to begin Thursday

By ANGELA K. BROWN Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON - Andrea Yates often struggles with deep depression or hallucinations around June 20, the day in 2001 when she drowned her five children in the bathtub. This year, Yates will be in court at her second murder trial around the anniversary.

In July 2004 Yates was hospitalized after starving herself for up to six weeks, losing about 30 pounds, according to the University of Texas Medical Branch Hospitals' discharge records. She believed she saw "babies yelling for help," records showed.

Jurors in the retrial who will be selected beginning Thursday, will hear largely the same evidence as in the first trial, but also will hear about her psychotic episodes since her 2002 conviction that was later overturned on appeal, defense attor-George Parnham ney said.

"We've got four years of mental health records to show she's still severely mentally ill," Parnham said.

He maintains that severe postpartum psychosis prevented her from knowing drowning her children, ages 6 months to 7 years, was wrong.

prosecutors still insist that Yates does not meet Texas' legal definition of insanity: not knowing at the time that one's actions are wrong. Prosecutors plan to pre-



sent the same evidence of how Yates killed the children after her husband left for work and before her mother-in-law arrived to help care for the kids, and how Yates called 911 to report the crime.

"Everything I've seen has reaffirmed that she was sane at the time she killed her kids," prosecutor Kaylynn Williford said. "What's at the crux of this case is: You can be mentally ill and know right from wrong and be held criminally responsible."

Yates once again is pleading innocent by reason of insanity, and if convicted could be imprisoned for life. Because the first jury rejected the death penalty and decided on a life sentence, prosecutors cannot seek the death penalty again unless they had found new evidence.

Last week, more than 20 individuals and groups asked the court to limit expert testimony to those familiar with postpartum psychosis.

The brief, which would affect some prosecution witnesses, says only those with significant experience treating the rare disorder should testify about whether Yates knew her actions were wrong.

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14.03 percent. Rebates received by San Angelo totaled \$1,276,646.82, an increase of 10.14 percent compared the \$1,159,086.04 received in June 2005. For the year, San Angelo has received \$8,663,611.90, up 13.57 percent.

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from her son a few weeks ago. Along with asking for some treats from home, like Cheetos and cleaning wipes, the soldier told his mother he

"I'm a little bit nervous, "He enjoys being in the and I cannot sleep," she

said. "I worry about Julio Vasquez said his brother joined the military last year and deployed to Iraq within months. He was attending a work-force training cen-

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OUR VIEWS

# Let's make our community the 'Poinsettia City'

's not too early to think about it ... even now in June. In fact, now is exactly the right time to begin making plans for the Big Spring Herald's 21st annual Crossroads Community Christmas Parade, which we plan on making the biggest and best Big Spring has ever seen.

"But it's June," you say? Yes, it is June, but there's method in our madness. Today we're announcing that the them for this year's Christmas parade will be "A Poinsettia

That's because we think Pat Simmons had a wonderful suggestion late last year when she suggested that Big Spring should become known as the "Poinsettia City."

There's absolutely no question in our minds that one of the most stunning Christmas displays we've ever seen is Big Spring's annual Festival of Lights at Comanche Trail Park, and the lighted poinsettias lining the lake's dam are unquestionably one of the display's signature attractions.

We think it's a great idea that as many businesses and individuals as possible get in on the

It has come to our attention that Nick Roberson. the man who constructed the poinsettia frames for the Festival of Lights display, is busy making more at this time during the summer vacation.

When he sells all of them he's built this summer. that will be all that will be available until he gets another break at school.

Anyone interested in purchasing a poinsettia Roberson builds them in three sizes can see samples on display at his mother's home. located at 2700 Coronado, or at his home, 916

Now, don't worry. We're not beginning to ask for entry forms to be submitted for this year's parade. There's still plenty of time for that. But it is time for the entire community to begin thinking about and planning for not only the Saturday, Dec. 2, parade, but what they plan to do during what has become one of our community's signature sea-

Don't forget that parade entries will again be judged and plaques awarded to first-place winners in several categories. In addition, three entries will receive cash prizes — \$100 for the entry best expressing the parade theme; \$75 for the best lighted entry; and \$50 for the best costuming.

We're encouraging church groups, service clubs, riding clubs, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts ... anyone and everyone to planning an entry and get registered.

And don't forget to plan on lighting those parade entries.

We want the Crossroads Community Christmas Parade to continue being known as one of the largest and best events of its kind in West Texas.

And we like want to let this year's parade to help make Big Spring become known as the "Poinsettia City" during the holiday season.

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# A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Amen

You are never elusive, Lord, You are always within reach when we search for You with all our heart.

# Coulter promotion crosses line

adly, it never occurred to me, or my publicist, that insulting 9/11 widows would get my book talked about by every news outlet in America. Clearly, this brilliant, albeit evil, idea has worked for Ann Coulter whose vicious attacks on a group of women whose husbands died during the attack on the World Trade

Center has propelled her up the bestseller list.

Since 9/11-victim bashing has already been taken, I'm toying with releasing a statement going after war widows and maybe something that insults soldiers who have lost limbs defending their coun-

try. I'm also considering a scathing attack on John McCain and Bob Dole, because they certainly seem to have allowed their miserable war experiences to shape their political views.

Of course, no decent person would do these things because while all authors want to sell books, most of us understand the difference between right and wrong. Since my book, "50 Things Every Guy Should Know How To Do," is aimed at male readers, I could probably get a lot of attention for it by insulting women.

I've been on countless major radio shows in the last month and if I had just included a few horrifically sexist comments in each appearance, I could have ridden a wave of bad publicity up the sales

charts. All it would take would be an offensive line like, "Laci Peterson deserved it" and my horrific comments would be reprinted in every paper in the country all of which would print the title of my book.

Pretty much any offensive statement any person could make will find a demographic it appeals to. Coulter completely understands this and she clearly aimed her remarks at her far right wing constituency — a group that she knows would step on a puppy if the puppy had said something nice about a Democrat.

Coulter attacked the 9/11 widows because their grief at the loss of their husbands — under George W. Bush's watch — has made them want to speak out against the President. Their sin, according to the right-wing commentator, was not sitting at home being miserable while thinking only happy thoughts about the man who sat doing nothing while the Twin Towers fell.

"These broads are millionaires." Coulter wrote in her latest book, "lionized on TV and in articles about them, reveling in their status as celebrities and stalked by grief-arazzis. I've never seen people enjoying their husbands' deaths so much." She goes on to call the women "self-obsessed" and

Coulter's basic argument is that by using widows to deliver a message, the Democratic party has offered up spokespeople who can't be argued with. If John Kerry calls Bush an irresponsible buffoon, he can be attacked back, but

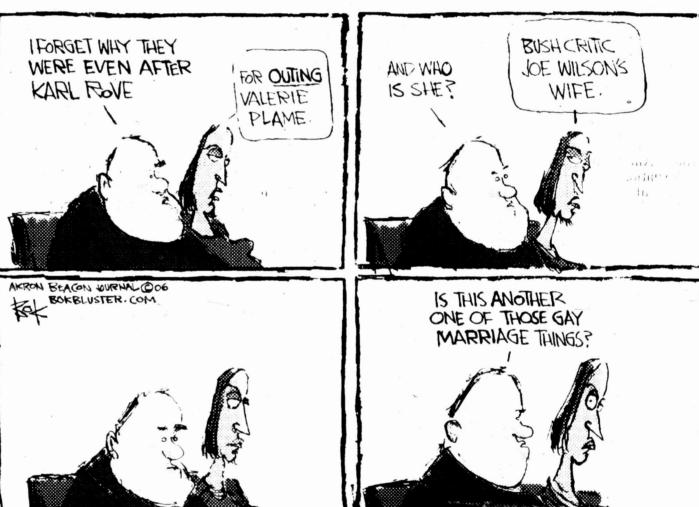
if women with dead husbands do the same thing, the opposition must bite its tongue.

Coulter would have a point, albeit one made with excess cruelty — if adopting a political stance due to grief, pain or suffering was a tactic strictly used by the left. Republicans and Conservatives use this tactic too, however, by making veterans, soldiers and other military figures as spokespeople in favor of whatever war we happen to be fighting at this

The reality is that people become passionate about causes after bad things happen to them. Losing a spouse to a terrorist attack, being a prisoner of war or having a loved one die In Iraq will impact everyone differently, but it's na?ve to think that these types of events won't shape our political views.

September 11 widows should speak about their political views whether their pain makes them against the war or causes them to want to ravage Muslim world as revenge for their suffering. Ann Coulter is the self-obsessed witch in this scenario, but she'll be a self-obsessed witch who sells a lot of books. That might not keep her up at night or distract her when she's counting her money, but the rest of us should remember not to judge each other by how rich and famous someone is, but what they did to get that way.

Daniel B. Kline is the author of "50 Things Every Guy Should Know How To Do." He can be reached at dan@notastep.com.



# United Nations making gun grab

cclaimed actor James Earl Jones summarized it best when he commented, "The world is filled with violence. Because criminals carry guns, we decent law-abiding citizens should also have guns.

Otherwise they will win and the decent people will lose." Although that concept seems quite clear to most Americans, the United Nations has failed to grasp its obviousness and is quickly moving towards a global gun



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As Wayne LaPierre, Executive Vice President of the National Rifle Association (NRA) stated, "This fight is about more than firearms ownership. This is a fight for our national sovereignty, our individual freedoms and the

future of our nation." One organization leading the unprecedented movement to ban guns throughout the world is the International Action Network on Small Arms (IANSA). Its director, Rebecca Peters, has ridiculed the idea of women being permitted to own guns for protection against violent attacks. Ridiculing Americans as paranoid, Ms. Peters stated, "I think that eventually Americans will realize that their obsession with arming themselves

in fear, in a paranoid belief that they're going to be able to stave off the ills of the world through owning guns, through turning every house into an arsenal, eventually Americans will go away from that.'

It should not be left to the communist country of Cuba, the terrorist-sponsoring nation Libya, or Sudan — the only country in the world that still allows slavery to decide whether Americans have the right to bear arms. This summer in the United States, however, these nations, along with others who not only harbor terrorists, but also decry American freedoms, will be drafting the "Treaty on Small Arms" in New York.

As Adolf Hitler warned his fellow fascists, "The most foolish mistake we could possibly make would be to allow the subject races to possess arms. History shows that all conquerors who have allowed their subject races to carry arms have prepared their own downfall by doing so.

The Founders of America knew that fact long before Hitler's tyrannical regime, but the founding fathers had confidence and faith in the power of freedom and selfgovernment to lead us to a better, stronger society than pure force could ever accomplish. James Madison noted this in the Federalist, No. 46: "[The Constitution preserves] the advantage of being armed which

Americans possess over the people of almost every other nation [where] the governments are afraid to trust the people with

Madison's words are still true loday considering the majority of the 100 nations supporting the U.N. gun ban have nothing comparable to the Bill of Rights - they do not support freedom, they do not support self-government, and they cannot comprehend the liberties our troops protect every day in America.

"We the People" must stop the U.N. gun ban, and I would encourage you to join me by supporting the NRA's "Shot Heard 'Round the World on the 4th of July." For more information, please visit http://www.stopungunban.org/, and as the NRA states, "If millions of gun owners speak with one thundering voice of outrage, we'll stop the global gun ban treaty before it destroys our firearm freedoms."

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By Kori Myers

# Need for heat precautions rises with the temperature

little in terms of Texas heat. Intensely temperatures are just as likely in spring and fall as they are in summer. But whatever the time of year, extreme heat can create serious health problems, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS).

The elderly, the very young, people with chronic diseases and those without access to air con-

alendars mean ditioning are those most likely to suffer in extremely hot weather.

Preliminary figures for 2005 show 59 heat-related deaths in Texas, up from the 44 heat-related deaths marked in 2004 and in 2003. Typically, the most deaths are recorded in July, followed by August, then June.

Staying in an air-conditioned area, either at home or in a public place such as a mall, library or recreation center is the

most effective way to combat heat. If air conditioning is not available, open the windows, pull the shades down to keep out the sun and use crossventilation and fans to cool rooms.

Symptoms of heat illness include heavy sweating, muscle cramps, weakness, dizziness, nausea, weak but rapid pulse and headaches. People with these symptoms should find shade, drink water slowly and make sure there is good ventila-

If fluids are not replaced soon enough, heat stroke follow causing extremely high body temperature, red and dry skin, rapid pulse, confusion, brain damage, loss consciousness and death.

To help a person showing severe symptoms, get the victim into shade, call for emergency medical services and start cooling the person immediately with cool water or by fan-

Children especially can quickly become dehydrated. They need to drink fluids frequently, espe-

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"The rate of death was

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the next 11 months among

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that the combination of

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Yet, clinical trials differ

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That's why it was impor-

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cially water, and wear light-colored, loose-fitting clothes. Avoid drinks that are heavily sweetened or contain caffeine. Check on children often, especially if they are playing outside in high tempera-

Other heat precautions from DSHS:

 Never leave anyone in a closed, parked vehicle in hot weather, even for a short time.

 Drink plenty of fluids, but avoid drinks with alcohol, caffeine or a lot of sugar. Don't wait until you are thirsty. Start drinking fluids at least 30 minutes before going out.

 Plan strenuous outdoor activity for early morning or evening when the temperature is lower. Take frequent breaks when working outside.

Wear sunscreen SPF 15 or higher, widebrimmed hats and lightcolored, loose-fitting clothes.

· Eat more frequently, but be sure meals are well balanced, cool and light.

· Dress infants and children in cool, loose clothing. Shade their heads and faces with hats or an

American Heart

umbrella.

 Check frequently on the elderly, the ill and others who may need help.

 Adjust to the environment. A sudden change in temperature — an early heat wave or travel to a hotter climate — will be stressful to the body. Limit physical activity until you become accustomed to the heat.

 Check with a doctor about the effects of sun and heat when taking prescription drugs, especially diuretics or antihista-

The body normally cools down by sweating. But under some conditions, sweating is not enough. The body's temperature may rise rapidly to dangerous levels, leading to the possibility of heat illness or death.

A combination of high temperatures and high humidity especially can cause this natural cooling system to work overtime. When humidity is high, sweat may not evaporate efficiently, preventing the body from releasing heat quickly. The stress of hard physical activity, ers@ag.tamu.edu

fatigue, dehydration, heart disease, obesity, poor circulation, sunburn and prescription drug and alcohol use also contribute to heat-related health problems.

Prevention is the best defense against heat-related illness. Staying cool, drinking plenty of fluids, wearing cool clothing and monitoring outdoor activities are essential to staying healthy in hot weath-

Remember: "Raising kids, eating right, spending smart, living well."

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# Stopping medication too soon after receiving a drug-eluting stent raises the risk of death

An American Heart Association rapid access journal report

The risk of stent throm-

Heart attack patients apy. who stopped taking antiplatelet drugs (which help prevent blood clots) within 30 days of receiving a drug-coated stent had nine times the risk of death compared to patients who followed doctors' orders, according to a study reported in Circulation: Journal of American Heart Association.

"An alarming one in seven patients in our study stopped taking their antiplatelet medication within the first 30 days of receiving a drugeluting stent (DES), even though they were prescribed the drugs at the time of hospital discharge and recommendations are to continue them for a minimum of three to six months after the procedure," said John A. Spertus, M.D., M.P.H., lead author of the study and director of cardiovascular education and outcomes research at the Mid America Heart Institute in Kansas City. Mo.

Researchers looked at the real-world use of DES in heart attack patients and a class of drugs called thienopyridines that work along with aspirin to help keep platelets in the blood from clumping and leading to the formation of blood clots. Thienopyridines include the drugs clopidogrel and ticlopidine. Blood clots can obstruct a coronary artery, causing a heart attack.

Several studies have confirmed the benefits of preventing restenosis (reclosing of the artery that had been treated). However, with stents there is the potential problem of stent thrombosis (blood clots forming inside the stent), which can be associated with devastating conse-Antiplatelet quences. including agents. thienopyridines, reduce the likelihood of stent thrombosis. According to Spertus, no previous studies have defined the frequency and consequences of prematurely discontinuing thienopyridine ther-

Dr. Kimberly Saenz

bosis with bare-metal stents (stents not coated with a drug) decreases rapidly after two to four weeks, and patients typically need thienopyridines for only about one month. In comparison, with drug-eluting stents the risk of stent thrombosis lasts for a longer peri-

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"An alarming one in seven patients in our study stopped taking their antiplatelet medication within the first 30 days of receiving a drugeluting stent ..."

In a 19-center study of 500 heart attack patients (average age 61 years and 68 percent male) received a DES and were discharged with prescriptions for thienopyridines, 68 patients (13.6 percent) stopped their medication within 30 days. Those who stopped were:

- older;
- less likely to have completed high school; · less likely to be mar-
- · more likely to avoid health care due to cost;
- · more likely to have pre-existing cardiovascular disease or anemia when they arrived at the hospital; and
- less likely to have received discharge instructions about their medications or referred for cardiac rehabilitation.

Association. After one year, 7.5 percent of patients who stopped their medication "The lack of a high within the first 30 days

school education was had died compared to 0.7 associated with a 79 perpercent of the compliant cent higher risk of stoppatients. In addition, 23 ping treatment," Spertus percent of those who said. "This finding indistopped their medication cates that more patient early were readmitted to education about why the the hospital, compared to medicine is necessary 14 percent of those who could save lives." continued their medica-Treatment decisions

made at the height of clinical urgency can have long-lasting consequences on the chronic care that patients need in order to have the best possible outcomes. In this case, prolonged use of thienopyridines after DES implantation for heart attack treatment is clearly required for patients to get all the benefits of reduced restenosis and to avoid the catastrophic complication of stent clotting, he said.

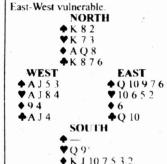
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The research was funded in part by CV Therapeutics, Palo Alto, Calif.

# Contract

By Steve Becker

#### Famous Hand



South dealer.

The bidding: North East Pass Pass 4 NT Dble

Opening lead — ace of spades

If you look at all four hands, it seems impossible to make five diamonds. Declarer apparently must lose two club tricks, as well as a heart, and go down one. But when the deal was played in the match between Taiwan and Austria at the World Bridge Olympiad, Patrick Huang of Taiwan made the

It is true he was assisted by the opening lead of the ace of spades, which was induced by East's fourspade bid. However, this lead by itself did not present Huang with the contract; he still had to play his cards After ruffing the spade ace,

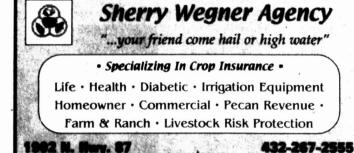
Huang drew two rounds of trumps, ending in his hand, and then led the nine of hearts, putting West on the horns of a dilemma. Had West followed low, declarer would have won the heart with the king, discarded his queen of hearts on the king of spades, and later lost two club tricks to bring the contract home In practice, however, West took

the nine of hearts with the ace and returned a heart to South's queen. With dummy's king of spades and king of hearts now available to fur-nish two club discards, Huang eventually lost only one club trick after leading a club toward dummy's king. Making five diamonds doubled was worth 550 points.

The contract would have failed had West led a trump, a heart or a club originally. However, the actual ace-of-spades lead gave declarer an advantage in the play from which the Huang made the most of it.

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# U.S. military expands search for missing soldiers

By SAMEER N. YACOUB

**Associated Press Writer** 

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The military Monday it has intensified its search for two missing soldiers, with more than 8,000 Iraqi and U.S. troops deployed across the volatile area south of Baghdad where the men were attacked.

U.S. spokesman Maj. Gen. William Caldwell also said the military has killed three suspected insurgents and detained 34 others in fighting that left seven U.S. servicemen wounded during the search that began Friday evening.

jets. **Fighter** helicopters. unmanned drones, boats and dive teams are being used to find the two men who disappeared an attack on their checkpoint that left one of their comrades dead. Caldwell said.

had been seized by insurgents, saying only that they were listed as "duty status and whereabouts unknown."

Foreign Minister Hoshyar Zebari said the soldiers appeared to have been taken prisoner by insurgents. "Hopefully, they will be found and released as soon as possible," he told CNN on Sunday.

Ahmed Khalaf Falah, a farmer who said he witnessed the abduction Friday, also told The Associated Press that the two soldiers had been captured by seven masked gunmen who were heavily armed during the attack near Youssifiyah, about 12 miles south of Baghdad.

The town is in the "Triangle of Death," a predominantly Sunni

reports that the two men ambushes of U.S. soldiers and Iraqi troops.

Insurgents also continued to defy a security crackdown in Baghdad, although appeared to have ebbed somewhat after several bloody attacks in recent days.

A parked car bomb

struck an Iraqi army convoy near a busy Baghdad square Monday, killing five people, including four Iraqi soldiers, and wounding nine passers-Ahmed Muhammad Ali said. A policeman also was gunned down in a driveby shooting in western Baghdad.

In another development, 500 detainees were released from U.S. run detention centers in Iraq, the Justice Ministry said, part of Prime Minister

frequent promote national reconciliation.

> The U.S. military also said the Central Criminal Court of Iraq has sentenced 29 insurgents to up to 15 years in prison for offenses ranging from possessing illegal weapons to membership in armed groups. Five were foreigners, including an Iranian who received six years in prison after he was caught entering the coun-

> try illegally. The sentences were handed down between May 31 and June 13, according to the statement. The court has tried 1,229 suspected insurgents and convicted 1,066, it said.

In Friday evening's attack that left the two Americans missing, the U.S. military has said that soldiers at a nearby Nouri al-Maliki's plan to checkpoint heard smallregion that has been the release 2,500 prisoners to arms fire and explosions,

force reached the scene checkpoint." within 15 minutes. The force found one soldier dead but no signs of the other two.

Defense Department identified the missing men as Pfc. Kristian Menchaca, 23, of and Pfc. Houston, Thomas L. Tucker, 25, of Madras, Ore. It said Spc. David J. Babineau, 25, of Springfield, Mass., was killed. The three were assigned to the 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Ky.

Menchaca's family members said they were hoping for his safe return upon learning he was reported missing.

"I was 95 percent sure he was one of them," Menchaca's brother, Julio Cesar Vasquez, of Houston, told AP late whereabouts of our sol-Sunday. "I already had an diers," he said.

and a quick-reaction idea because he was at a

Caldwell said seven other U.S. service members had been wounded in action during the search. He said more than 8,000 U.S. and Iraqi troops were participating.

"While searching for our soldiers, we have engaged in a number of actions significant against the anti-Iraqi forces," he said, adding that three insurgents had been killed and 34 taken into custody.

He also said the military had received 63 tips and had launched 12 cordon and search operations and eight air assaults.

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"Approximately 12 villages have been cleared in the area, and we continue to engage local citizens for help and information leading to the

# Senator cites report of planned NYC attack, calls for restoration of trimmed terror funds

By RICHARD PYLE

**Associated Press Writer** 

NEW YORK Democratic lawmaker seized on a reported plot by al-Qaida terrorists to kill thousands in the city's subways to renew his call for the Homeland Security Department to restore New York's antiterrorism funds.

"This is just more evidence that Homeland Security did to us was terribly misguided and just wrong." Sen. Charles Schumer said Sunday after the alleged plot to spread cyanide gas in the subway was revealed. "It shows that New York is the prime target, and 'shows the importance of prior intelligence and of manpow-

Schumer and other New York legislators, as well as state and municipal officials, have pledged efforts to reverse the department's recent decision to cut the city's federal anti-terror allocations by 40 percent, some \$83 million less than the \$207 million it received last year.

The cyanide plot is described in a new book by author Ron Suskind. An excerpt of "The One Percent Doctrine" appears in the current issue of Time magazine.

According to the book, U.S. intelligence agencies learned the plan involved the use of a crude but effective device made of Mason jars that would release the deadly gas through several subway cars. The attack was called off, 45 days before it was set to occur, by Osama bin Laden's second-in-command, Ayman al-Zawahri, the book says.

Schumer quoted security authorities, "both federal and local," as saying the plan, set for 2003, was considered a valid threat.

"It came from a serious source. It was never corroborated, but it was certainly enough to be taken seriously; and

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"This is just more evidence that what Homeland Security did to us was terribly misguided and just wrong,

Sen. Charles Schumer D-New York

The plan to attack the

New York City subway

system was one of at least.

enforcement, including the Joint Terrorism Task Force, worked together, taking all the precautions," Schumer said in a telephone interview.

He said he could not vouch for all details outlined in the book but "the basic thrust of the story seems to be true. There were only inklings about it at the time."

Paul Browne, a New York Police Department spokesman, said Saturday that authorities had known about the planned attack. "We were aware of the plot and took appropriate precaution," he said.

spokesman Bill Carter said the bureau would have no comment on the excerpted material. On Sunday's CBS' "Face the Nation," White House secretary spokesman Tony Snow said: "I don't want to confirm or deny this particular story."

The book says U.S. officials had discovered plans for the device in the computer of a Bahraini arrested in February 2003, and were able to build a working model.

Shown the model, the author says. President Bush ordered government alerts, and when reports said al-Zawahri had canceled the plan, Bush worried that something worse

an attack even more destructive than the Sept. 11 attacks might be coming, according to Suskind.

four that were exposed or reported in the past decade. To increase security,

more than 1,000 surveillance cameras are now in use, with 2,000 more planned by 2008 if the funds are available to install them. The recent

by cuts Homeland Security may force a freeze on other city surveillance camera plans, Police Commissioner Ray Kelly has said.

Over the protests of some civil rights advocates, police subject passengers to random searches of bags and backpacks. Until means are developed for detecting chemical, biological or nuclear Schumer substances, said, "intelligence is the only way of finding out ahead of time if a threat

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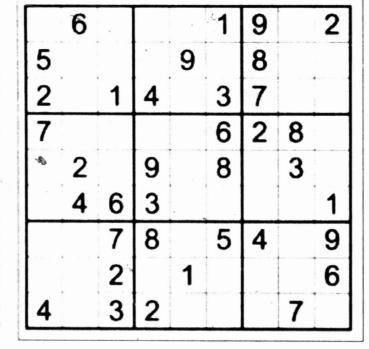
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# IN BRIEF Mavericks miss big opportunity

 Wade takes over in crunch time, Miami wins pivotal Game 5

By TIM REYNOLDS

**AP Sports Writer** 

MIAMI — On the night when Dwyane Wade broke a 48-year-old NBA finals record for free throws made in a game, Shaquille O'Neal continued missing with amazing regularity, shooting so badly that his wife couldn't bear to watch.

He was 2-for-12 in the game. He's 13-for-44 in the

series. matter.

Wade saved his teammate — and the Heat, hitting two free throws with 1.9 seconds left in overtime for the last of his 43 points in the Heat's 101-100 victory over Dallas in Game 5 of the NBA finals on Sunday night.

The Heat lead the bestof-seven series 3-2, and can win the title in Dallas on Tuesday night. If the Mavericks win that one, it's a winner-take-all Game 7 on Thursday night, also in Dallas.

"I really wanted to hit them," O'Neal said. "They felt good leaving my hand. But, you know, just didn't go in today. But Dwyane Wade had a fabulous game. He stuck up for me. I told him that I owe him one."

O'Neal's struggles are now so mighty that the See FINALS, Page 8

Mavericks didn't even fear intentionally fouling him when they had the lead in the fourth quarter. They went to the Hack-a-Shaq twice in the final period of regulation, utilizing the scheme invented by former Mavs coach Don Nelson.

O'Neal went 1-for-4 on those two trips, not counting one brick waved off by a lane violation. Shaunie O'Neal had her head bent for some of those foul shots, the magnitude of the moment making it impossible for her to look up.

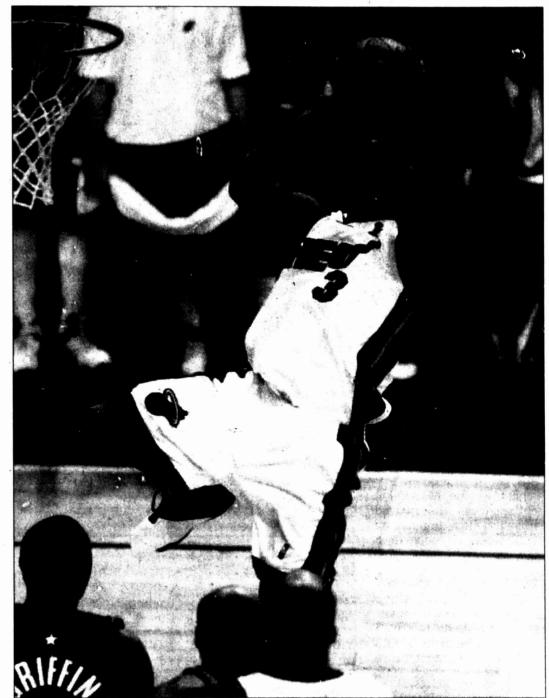
In the end, though, And somehow, it didn't everything looked up thanks to Wade.

> He was 21-for-25 from the foul line, two more makes than Bob Pettit had for St. Louis against Boston on April 9, 1958. Go figure: The third-most free throws made in a finals game is 18, accomplished by O'Neal for the Los Angeles Lakers against Indiana in the 2000 title series, when he won his first ring.

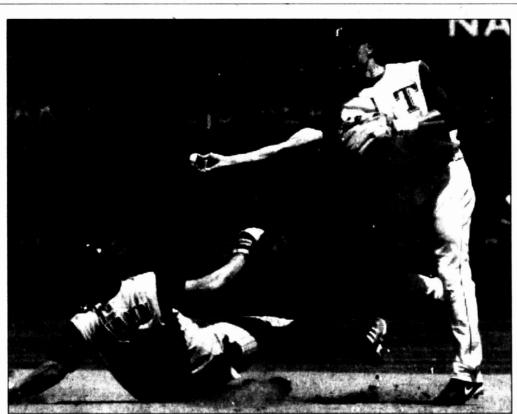
> Now, misses and all, he's one win from his fourth championship and feeling good about his chances.

"I told the guys, 'The job is not done yet," O'Neal said. "We've still got to go to a hostile arena in Dallas and take care of business. And I look forward to doing that."

For the game, Miami



Miami Heat's Dwyane Wade hits the game-tying shot during the fourth quarter against the Dallas Mavericks in Game 5 of the NBA Finals at the American Airlines Arena Sunday in Miami, Fla. The Heat won, 101-100, in overtime and now lead the series 3-2.



Arizona Diamondbacks' Jeff DaVanon (30) slides under Texas Rangers shortstop Mark DeRosa's throw after being forced out at second Sunday at Ameriquest Field in

# Arlington. The Rangers won 10-7. Texas sweeps slumping Arizona

ARLINGTON (AP) Michael Young singled in the go-ahead run in the eighth and matched a career high with five hits, helping the Texas Rangers beat Arizona Diamondbacks 10-7 on Sunday to complete a three-game sweep.

Texas took a 7-6 lead into the eighth but Shawn Green's leadoff homer off Francisco Cordero tied it.

In the bottom of the eighth, the Rangers got back-to-back singles from Rod Barajas and Gary Matthews Jr. against Luis Vizcaino (2-3), and Young followed with an RBI single, scoring pinch runner Gerald Laird from second without a throw. Young added a home

run in his first start as a

designated hitter this



Texas Rangers' Hank Blalock chips his bat as he swings at a pitch against the Arizona Diamondbacks Sunday at Ameriquest Field in Arlington. Akinori Otsuka got

two-run double in the eighth to extend Texas' lead to 10-7.

only the homer to Green

in his one-inning stint.

Mark Teixeira added a Cordero (6-4) allowed

three outs for his 13th save in 15 chances.

Vizcaino allowed three runs and four hits, failing to register an out.

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# Mickelson chokes away title at Open

By DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

MAMARONECK, N.Y. The new Mickelson won two green jackets with spectacular birdies or steady pars, whatever he needed. The new Phil won the PGA Championship by keeping his tee shots in the short grass and working magic with his wedge.

Sunday in the U.S. Open, the old Phil showed up in a New York minute.

After yet another tee shot clattered through the trees, he went for a par on the 18th hole that would have won at Winged Foot. With a reckless attempt to get out of trouble, he wound up with a double bogey that gave Geoff Ogilvy the trophy and put Mickelson in the wrong kind of company.

He was poised to join Tiger Woods by winning his third straight major but ended up more like Jean Van de Velde, making a series of miscues that converged into a spectacular crash on the 72nd hole.

"I still am in shock that I did that. I just can't believe that I did that," Mickelson said. "I am such an idiot."

Of the half-dozen players who came to the 18th hole at Winged Foot believing they still had a chance to win, Ogilvy was the only one who made par. And even the 29-year-old Aussie thought his 6-foot putt was only going to be good enough for second place.

"I thought, 'Make this and come in second in the Open on your own." Ogilvy said. "I never thought Phil would make bogey at the last. He ended up making double, See OPEN, Page 8

and it's got to be a hard one to swallow for Phil, because he's obviously been the outstanding player at majors in the last eight or nine months. "He's obviously worked

out the major formula – he'll hit it on the green, make a par, make New York happy," he remembered thinking. "But it worked out in my favor."

Ogilvy wasn't without credit for his first major championship.

He chipped in from mangled rough on the 17th hole to save par, then overcame a miserable break on the 18th when his tee shot came to rest in a divot. The approach lost power as it reached the green, tumbling down the false front, and he did well to pitch up the hill to about 6 feet behind the cup.

He made the putt, unlike Colin Montgomerie and Jim Furyk before him.

"It's pretty hard to believe," Ogilvy said, a comment that went a long way at this U.S. Open. "Obviously, you dream about winning a major championship. To have it actually happen, once it sinks in, it's pretty special."

Even so, this was Mickelson's major to win, and the first one he threw

"This one is going to take a while to get over.' Mickelson said. "This one is pretty disappointing."

At least Van de Velde got a second chance in a playoff in the '99 British Open at Carnoustie after he made triple bogey on the last hole. Mickelson could only cup his hands

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over his cap and acknowledge a New York crowd that he disappointed again.

And he had only himself to blame.

He had a two-shot lead with four holes to play, but he continued to miss fairways, and his miscues finally caught up with him. Mickelson hit only two fairways in the final round, none on the back nine.

And while he found a way to escape most times, Winged Foot got its vengeance at the end.

Mickelson's tee shot on the 18th went so far left that it clattered through the trees by a hospitality tent, into the trampled rough. Instead of playing out to the fairway and trying to get par — just as Payne Stewart and David Toms had done in beating Mickelson in majors he went after the green and hit a tree, the ball

advancing only 25 yards. "If I would make par, I'd win the tournament," Mickelson said. "I just thought, 'I can slice this.' I thought I'd just put the 3-iron on the green — or if not on it, around it and get up and down."

Lost in the Mickelson collapse was what proved to be the most demanding U.S. Open in more than 25 years.

Ogilvy closed with a 72 and finished at 5-over 285, the first time a U.S. Open champion finished over par since Andy North at Cherry Hills in 1978. And it was the highest score by a winner since Hale Irwin was 7 over at Winged Foot in the '74 U.S. Open. There were only 12 rounds under par all week, and Ogilvy joined Irwin in another footnote: Neither broke par in any of the four rounds.

Mickelson wasn't the only guy to blow it on the

Montgomerie had his best chance in 11 years to win that elusive major. He holed a 75-foot birdie putt on the 17th hole for a share of the lead and was in the middle of the 18th fairway, 172 yards from the hole, in prime position to do no worse than a playoff. But he missed well to the right, down a steep slope into rough that covered the cuffs of his pants.

Padraig Harrington played bogey-free for 15 holes for a share of the lead, then bogeyed the last three for a 71 to finish fifth, two shots behind. Kenneth Ferrie of England was tied with Mickelson starting the final round and stayed with him for nine holes before he crashed to a 39 on the back nine and shot

"I feel for Phil," Ogilvy said. "He's 'won a few majors recently, so I can take one away.'

He never imagined it would happen like this. No one did.

Mickelson had been so dominant in the majors, and had poured so much into studying ever nook and cranny at Winged Foot, that it appeared he would win this the way Woods often captures making the majors fewest mistakes in the

final round. Ogilvy earned \$1.225 million for his first major, and his third career victory on the PGA Tour, and it should be enough to put him into the top 10 in the world ranking.

He became the first Aussie to win a major since Steve Elkington in 1995 **PGA** the Championship, Ogilvy showed he can never be counted out.

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was 32-for-49 from the foul line.

Dallas was 21-for-25. And yes, while that discrepancy looks huge, consider that the Mavericks were fouling O'Neal early and often — accounting for much of the imbalance in that category.

Still, as Miami fizzled from the line, the Mavericks sizzled, missing only one free throw in regulation coming down the stretch by Dirk Nowitzki, who missed a crucial one at the end of Game 3 as well, the game where the Heat rallied from 13 points down with 6 1/2 minutes remaining.

Dallas was 18-for-19 in the first four quarters, with that sole miss being the one that could have saved the Mavs from going to overtime — and moved them one win from a title. And Dallas went 3for-6 from the line in overtime.

"Obviously, they are free and, you know, we normally make them," Mavericks coach Avery Johnson said. "So we had two or three that didn't go in for us. It's kind of disappointing. But I don't know if that's why we lost the game.'

Regardless, it's now



KRT photo/Paul Moseley, Fort Worth Star-Telegram Miami Heat's Antoine Walker, left, fouls Dallas Mavericks' Josh Howard during the third quarter in Game 5 of the NBA Finals at the American Airlines Arena Sunday in Miami, Fla.

Miami in the driver's

"We can smell it," Wade

said before trotting triumphantly into the locker

#### **RANGERS** career. Eric Byrnes and

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Rookie Ian Kinsler contributed a three-run triple in the first for the Rangers, who have won four of five.

Young, the Rangers' starting shortstop for the first 69 games before getting a break on a humid, 90-degree afternoon, wasn't thrilled with the idea of being the designated hitter when manager **Buck Showalter suggested** he take a day off on defense.

But Young handled the role well, doubling in the second, hitting a two-run homer in the fourth to extend Texas' lead to 7-4, and getting five hits for the third time in his

Orlando Hudson had back-to-back homers for stumbling the Diamondbacks, who've lost five in a row and 12 of

Diamondbacks rookie starter Enrique Gonzalez allowed seven runs and nine hits in five innings. Rangers rookie Fabio

Castro came on in relief after starter Kameron Loe faltered and gave up two runs, one hit and four walks in 2 2-3 innings.

Arizona took a 2-0 lead in the first off Loe on Jeff DaVanon's RBI double and Luis Gonzalez's sacrifice fly.

Texas answered with a five-run first on RBI singles by Teixeira and Mench Kevin and Kinsler's bases-loaded

triple.

Consecutive homers from Byrnes and Hudson in the second cut the deficit to 5-4.

When Arizona loaded the bases with one out in the third, Showalter pulled Loe and brought in Castro, who got Green to bounce into a double play.

Loe allowed four runs

and six hits in 2 1-3

innings, the shortest outing in 24 career starts. After Young's homer made it 7-4, Arizona

loaded the bases in the sixth on three straight walks by Castro.

The Diamondbacks got a run off Castro on Johnny Estrada's infield single, then pulled within 7-6 later in the frame on Byrnes' sacrifice fly off Joaquin Benoit.

# Tar Heels knock off Clemson, **Fullerton eliminates Jackets**

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) Robert Woodard threw a three-hitter to help North Carolina beat top-seeded Clemson 2-0 in the College World Series Sunday night.

Clemson (53-15), which had come from behind to win its previous four games, was shut out for the first time since a 10-0 loss to East Carolina in February 2005. That's a span of 131 games.

Reid Fronk and Josh Horton had consecutive doubles in the third inning to provide the only offense that the Tar Heels would need.

North Carolina (52-13) won its first two games at the CWS for the first time in five visits to Omaha and now is in command of Bracket 1. The Tar Heels play Wednesday against the winner of a Tuesday elimination game between Clemson and Cal State Fullerton. One win sends North Carolina to the best-ofchampionship beginning series

Saturday.

Woodard (7-1) threw his second shutout in five starts and the first at the CWS since Fullerton's Jason Windsor blanked South Carolina in 2004.

#### Cal State Fullerton 7, Georgia Tech 5

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) Pinch-hitter Vanderhook's go-ahead, two-run single keyed Cal State Fullerton's ninthinning comeback as the eliminated **Titans** Georgia Tech.

With Georgia Tech leading 5-4 and an out away from sending Cal State Fullerton home, Blake Davis singled, Brett Pill doubled and Danny Dorn was intentionally walked by closer Matt Wieters.

Ryan Paul (3-1), who came in with two outs in the eighth, got three more outs for the victory.

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#### Move leaves Horns depleted for next year

HOUSTON (AP) Texas guard Daniel Gibson said he will leave the Longhorns after two seasons to enter the NBA draft.

"I've decided I am going to pursue my dream and go after trying to make an NBA roster," Gibson told KRIV-TV on Saturday.

Gibson had already submitted his name for the

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with an agent. Sunday is the last day for him to withdraw.

"I sat down with my family," he said. "It's something we talked about numerous times. We came to the decision that this is what we want to do."

Gibson's departure will leave the Longhorns without a returning starter from last season's team that won a school record

Atlanta Regional final in the NCAA tournament.

Seniors Kenton Paulino Brad Buckman expired their eligibility and underclassmen LaMarcus Aldridge, Gibson and P.J. Tucker, the Big 12 player of the year, entered the NBA

Gibson averaged averaged 13.4 points per game in his sophomore season with the Longhorns.

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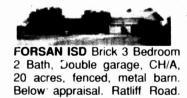
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# Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS The ever-surprising sev-

enth planet goes retrograde today, a transit that last

through Nov. 19. That's Uranus, the revolutionary — the one who represents change in an instant. If you listen

closely, you

can hear the

HOLIDAY MATHIS

distinct clattery-click of the first domino falling down in a long, swirling line of perfectly spaced dominos.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Matters of identity are of key importance to your sign. You create an image of yourself in your mind — is this really you? The exploration lasts your entire life, but it's particularly interesting today.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Why merely "date" or "meet" or "hook up" when you can genuinely and profoundly share an experience? The former takes planning, the latter takes everything in the moment.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The only thing between you and the person you want to be is a habit or two. For instance, the habit of giving time to your creative life could be revolutionary for you.

CANCER (June 22-July

realism is great for some friends and not so effective with others. Know your audience. Those who are as sensitive as you could use a little more coddling — can you blame

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The planets align to crossexamine your conscience. Where were you on the night of (fill in the blank)? If you're feeling guilty for any reason, now is the time to get it off your chest.

VIRGO (Aug. 25-Sept. 22). Your best luck is born in practicality. It also helps that you have sound business judgment and good taste — you're discriminating and, truth be told, a bit of a snob, too! Use all of your gifts on today's opportunity.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). What some people would call a luxury, you call a necessity. You created this lifestyle you've become accustomed to, and a Gemini can help you create even more of

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The images in your mind have power. Take them to the next level. Don't imagine yourself as you think everyone else imagines themselves. Even your daydreams should bear your signature style.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The stars suggest this is a vivid, heightened, anything-can-happen day. You might want

ble — sensible only limits your options.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The difficult experiences in your life have made all the rest better than they would have been otherwise. Contrast is a basic human need. The stars provide an example of this in the

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're there to protect the weak, but someone strong also needs your protection. Just knowing your support is available may be enough to make this person feel

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You sometimes think of the heart you broke long ago. The healing has made it better than ever, and love is given freely to someone else as a result. Just living your truth is a good deed.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUES-**TIONS: "I have a friend who was born on May 20, 1964. I have found that his horoscope is more Gemini than Taurus. I've heard that the older you get, the more you slip out of your sign and into the next. Is that true?"

To some extent, that can be true. Another theory among some of those who believe in reincarnation is that your soul progresses through the zodiac. (If you were born an Aries, in the next incarnation you would be a Taurus, etc.) Your friend's chart is rich with 22). Your matter-of-fact to give up on being sensi- Taurus influences — the

sun, Mercury, Mars and Jupiter are all in the earth sign of the bull. Is he drawn to beauty, luxury and quality? Is he someone people can count on? Does he love to spend money? If not, maybe he just plain doesn't fit the Taurus mold! I suggest that he read the sign he most identifies with. This is true for everyone. I don't believe astrology is meant to limit our selfdescription or our choices. It's best used to inform them and cause us to be more mindful of who we are and what affect we have on others.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Striking tennis phenom Venus Williams utilizes her dynamic Gemini energy to conquer the world both on and off the tennis court. Self-confidence and focused ambition fuel the incomparable Williams to inspire countless fans throughout the world. I predict she will channel all this positive Gemini energy into her personal life with a whirlwind courtship culminating in a 2007 wedding.

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# Annie's Mailbox .: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I've been married four years to a man, I love dearly. But in that time, my husband has twice been accused of sexual harassment

once by the woman who runs the daycare center where my children go, and the second by members of the female staff at his job. He was fired because of that last one.

When he was accused the first time, I thought the woman was out of her mind. But now, I'm not sure what to do. I want to believe my husband, and part of me does, but the other part says he could have done it.

I guess what I'm asking is, do I go with my heart and forget it — or go with my gut feeling and ask him to leave until I make up mv mind?

Undecided Dear Undecided: We think you should "stand by your man" and get some help for him. If he is guilty of sexual harassment (and his track record is incriminating), your support could make the difference in teaching him what sexual harassment is and how to stop doing it. You'd be surprised how many people

are totally clueless. Contact your local universities, hospitals, community centers and YMCA to see if they offer sexual harassment awareness programs, or, if your husband has a new job, see if his employers sponsor any such programs. Tell him he must attend as a condition of your continued emotional support.

Dear Annie: I'm a 13year-old girl having trouble with one of my best



friends. "Kelsey" is very mad at me for reasons unknown. I have called her multiple times and left messages saying, "I'm sorry for whatever I did wrong. Can you call me back so we can talk this over?" but she hasn't replied to any of them.

Kelsey told me she is never talking to me again. At school, if I try to speak to her, she ignores me and walks away. This has been going on for almost a week. I honestly don't know what to do.

I've thought about walking over to her house, but I'm afraid she'll slam the door in my face. I feel sorry for my other friends because I have sort of been taking out my frustration on them, and I sometimes cry and scream while talking with them on the phone. They're probably sick of

Do you know how I can find out what I did wrong and get Kelsey to talk to me again? — Losing My **Best Friend** Dear Losing: We don't

know if you did something, or if Kelsey heard or witnessed something that upset her, but it is childish of her not to allow you a chance to explain. How sad that she is willing to lose a good friendship over what may be a misunderstanding. And it's possible that she simply needs a week or so to cool off. So, your best bet is to get one of your mutual friends to find out what happened and act as a mediator. Of course, if Kelsey won't budge, we're sorry to say the friendship is over. Instead of

taking it out on your ries far, far, far from the other friends, remember to appreciate them.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Traveling Brush Customer." She has every right to be worried about coming in contact with lice from a dirty brush in a salon.

I have been a cosmetoloseen it all. If clients feel their stylists are ignoring safety and health rules, they can notify their state Cosmetology Commission. This will result in a surprise visit, and any laws that have been broken will be written up and the salon can be fined.

Here is another tip for all clients: Make sure they put a neck strip on before placing the cape around you. This prevents any sweat (or whatever) left by the previous patron from touching your skin. A Stylist Who Cares

Dear Stylist: Not all salons use capes or neck strips, but it's good to know they serve a useful purpose. Thanks for the heads up.

Dear Annie: I have a sister-in-law I just CANNOT stand. "Penny" is arrogant, selfish and greedy, and has nothing nice to say about anyone but herself. She has caused a lot of grief between my husband and me, because I refuse to go anywhere if she's involved.

I have tried to play the sweet sister and talk with Penny, invite ber along with me to functions and treat her like a friend. But when I get home, I feel totally drained, she takes so much out of me. Her negativity is like a dark cloud.

I've tried to ignore Penny's annoying traits for my husband's sake and accept her for the backstabbing liar she is, but it isn't working. My husband knows what his sister is like and what I have to put up with. He notices how angry she gets when I am not at her beck and call. Sometimes he just wishes I could be straightforward and tell her how rude she is. I would love to tell this girl off, but she can spin stotruth, and the next thing you know, I'd have the aunties and grandparents knocking on my door.

Penny has absolutely no friends. Her cousins stay a mile away, leaving me, the sister-in-law, as the only person she can talk to or go anywhere with. gist for six years and have How do I tell her how I feel without hurting my husband? — Fed Up With Sister-in-Law

Dear Fed Up: You don't have to tell her how you feel. That would undoubtedly offend her and would cause tremendous damage. What you need to do is be less available in the most polite way. You are "too busy" to chat right now, so terribly sorry. You have "another commitment" and can't go shopping, it's really too bad. If you are unfailingly friendly, while keeping your distance, she will have nothing to pin on you. In exchange, please do not avoid family functions where Penny is involved. If you see less of her the rest of the time, you should be able to tolerate her on those necessary occasions.

Dear Annie: My son has been invited to a party celebrating the birthdays of two children. These children are not related. The parents said that because the children's birthdays are within a week of each other, it was easier to have a combined party than to expect guests to attend two parties in the same weekend.

The party is at a national chain restaurant where I expect my child will receive one slice of pizza, one soda and one piece of combined birthday cake. Am I wrong to feel that because the cost of one party is being split between two families, I should split the cost of one gift between the two birthday children? -Party Pooper

Dear Pooper: Sorry, no. You don't attend a party to tally up how much cake and pizza you get out of it. You attend to celebrate someone's birthday. Please let your son bring an appropriate gift for each child.

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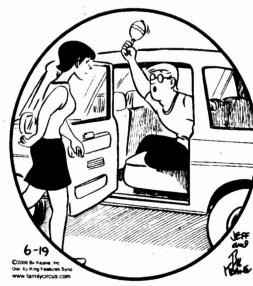
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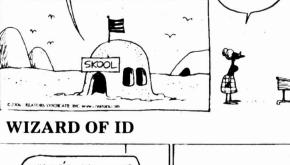


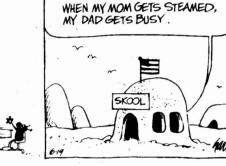
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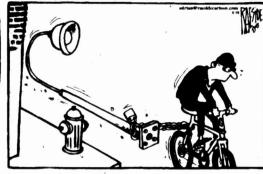
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# This Date In History

Today is Monday, June 19, the 170th day of 2006. There are 195 days left in the year. Highlight in Today's History:

On June 19, 1865, Union troops commanded by Maj. Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, with news that the Civil War was over, and that all slaves were free. (The anniversary of this celebration is called "Juneteenth.")

On this date: In 1586, English colonists sailed from Roanoke Island, C., after failing to establish England's first permanent settlement in America. In 1862, slavery was out-lawed in U.S. territories.

In 1910, Father's Day was celebrated for the first time,

in Spokane, Wash. In 1917, during World War I, King George V ordered the

British royal family to dispense with German titles and surnames. The family took the name "Windsor." In 1934, the Federal Communications Commission was created; it

replaced the Federal Radio

Commission. In 1953, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, convicted of conspiring to pass U.S. atomic secrets to the Soviet Union, were executed at Sing Sing Prison in Ossining, N.Y.

In 1964, the Civil Rights

Act of 1964 was approved by the Senate, 73-27, after surviving a lengthy filibuster.

In 1982, in a case that galvanized the Asian-American community, Vincent Chin, a Chinese-American, was beaten to death outside a nightclub in Highland Park. Mich., by two autoworkers who later received probation for manslaughter.

In 1986, University of Maryland basketball star Len Bias, the first draft pick of the Boston Celtics, suffered a fatal cocaine-induced seizure.

In 1986, artificial heart recipient Murray P. Haydon died in Louisville, Ky., after 16 months on the manmade pump.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Gena Rowlands is 70. Singer Al Wilson is 67. Singer Spanky MacFarlane (Spanky and Our Gang) is 64.



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- holder 45 Not wordy
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- 48 Jules Verne captain
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