Munson, Biggio lead Astros past Rangers Sunday

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Celebrating our freedom

Pops, Funtastic Fourth among events for Crossroads families

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Managing Editor

Those planning to attend tonight's Pops in the Park concert and fireworks show at the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater need to be aware that officials are strictly enforcing traffic flow into and out of the park.

"With many people and so many vehicles, we've just got to simplify the people enter and exit the park," said



Jan Hansen, who heads the Fourth of July Foundation organizing committee, explaining that virtually all vehicles entering the park will need to use the Wasson Road park entrance, including all those wanting handicapped parking spots just south of the amphithe-

"We will have limited entrance to the park off the (U.S. Highway) 87 entrance, but only by the people who have permits to do so," Hansen noted.

parking at the Dora Roberts Community Center. People can enter the park on Whipkey Drive and park in the community center parking lot. We'll have shuttle trailers coming by every 15 minute or so that will take them to the amphitheater."

The remainder of public parking will be located to the west and north of the swimming pool.

The concert will feature the Big Spring Symphony and Chorus, as well as local band Los Greengos and an appearance by U.S. Congressman Randy Neugebauer.

Gates open at 5 p.m. today, with Los Greengos beginning its show at 6 p.m. The symphony and chorus take the stage at 8:30 and the fireworks display begins around 9:45.

But Pops in the Park is just the start of the activities for the holiday in Big Spring.

For many area resi-Tuesday's dents, Funtastic Fourth Festival in the Heart of the City Park will be a time to relax and enjoy the sights, sounds and food



Members of the Coahoma First United Methodist Church Youth Group prepare to participate in the annual Freedom Parade Saturday morning in Coahoma.

Highland South readies for parade

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Area residents will get the chance to show off their red, white and blue Tuesday, as the annual Highland South Fourth of July Parade gets ready to hit the streets.

The parade, which is set

"The residents of Highland have been putting this parade on for more than 20 years. There's a lot of pride here in Big Spring, and this parade means a lot to everyone."

—Shayla Seymore, parade coordinator

to get under way at 10 a.m., will begin with registration, according to Shayla Seymore, coordinator and spokesperson for the event.

"Everyone who plans to participate in the parade will begin meeting at 9:15 a.m. at the corner of Stonehaven and Highland Drive," said Seymore.

prizes in a number of categories."

Parade categories include bikes, golf carts, wagons, horses, scooters, roller blades, walkers, children's battery operated vehicles and ATV 4wheelers.

"In the ATV category, we're asking that the drivers of the 4-wheelers be "We're going to award at least 21 years old," said See PARADE, Page 3A

Seymore. "We'll also have mailbox and house categories for Highland residents who want to participate."

Seymore said the parade will come to an end near the intersection of Highland and Goliad, where participants will get the chance to take part in a Fourth of July party.

"We'll have live music from Jackie Henry, who is going to sing for us this year," said Seymore. "We'll also have refreshments and other activities following the parade. We really hope the communi-

Neugebauer praises legislation supporting Big Spring, Post prisons

Special to the Herald

Washington Congressman Randy Neugebauer praised last week's passage of legislation that supports the mission of two 19th District prisons.

The legislation is included in the bill to fund the Department of Justice (DOJ) for the 2007 fiscal year, H.R. 5672. Specifically, the bill directs DOJ's Bureau of Prisons (BOP) to renew inter-governmental agreements (IGAs) in local communities, such as those in Big Spring and

Police seek help in soving case



ons that house illegal immigrants convicted of breaking federal laws. "The passage

of this bill is Neugebauer good news for and Counties," Neugebauer "Renewing these agreements in Big Spring and Post will ensure that the federal government can meet the increasing demand for much-needed prison space. It will also allow these localities and the federal government to

Post, that are continue to build upon already strong relationships for the long term."

Neugebauer has been working with the Bureau of Prisons and local officials for the past several months to put together a solution that benefits both sides of the issue. The final policy directs the BOP to renew IGA's as long as the facilities meet the Bureau of Prisons' standards and a fair and reasonable price is offered.

As a result, Neugebauer believes that this is not

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Kylie Moran, left, and Kobe Cervantes wait for the annual Freedom Parade to pass by their vantage point on First Street in Coahoma Saturday morning.

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By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

It's all fun and games until someone loses an eye - or a car window.

windows. Big Spring Crimestoppers is seeking information regarding a felony criminal mischief in the 1200 block of Mesquite,

Make than more than 20 car

To assist, call Crimestoppers at 263-TIPS; you can remain anonymous believed to have happened on value on the broken windows or about Wednesday.

"The victim reported that several windows had been broken on his cars," said Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer for the Big Spring Police Department. "Windows were broken on more than 20 classic cars, all of which were Lincoln Continentals from 1958 to 1979. The total replacement

is estimated at \$10,000." Crimestoppers is authorized to pay up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and indictment of any person or persons involved in criminal activity.

Everett said area residents with information regarding the glass-breaking spree should call Crimestoppers at 263-TIPS (8477) or the police department at 264-2550.

"Information provided through Crimestoppers is confidential and callers may remain anonymous," said Everett. "And no caller-ID is ever used."

Contact StaffThomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

Obituaries

Amado "Maro" Trevino



Amado "Maro" Trevino, 61, of Big Spring, died Sunday, July 2, 2006, in a Midland hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 5, 2006, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Bishop Burr Lea Settles, of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, officiating.

Amado was born Sept. 30, 1944, in Dawson County and married Julia Cano Jan. 11, 1971, in Big Spring.

He enjoyed music, especially classical music, and was an avid reader before his illness. Amado was also a fantastic artist, using all mediums in his art.

He loved his family, his pets and friends and he will leave many who loved him.

He was a Catholic.

Amado served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam Conflict. He was a member of the Disabled American Veteran's Chapter.

Survivors include his wife, Julia Trevino of Big Spring, one brother, Ramiro Moreno, two sisters, Lena Castro and Dora Quintanilla, all of Lamesa, a brotherin-law, Ralph Cano of Victoria, two sisters-in-law, Marina Garcia of Lamesa and Gloria Cano of Big Spring, and his pets, Little Guy Canine and General Lee Feline.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Gabriel and Teresa Trevino; two sisters, Mary Moreno and Ageda Sturgeon; and several of his pets, Jake, Arche, Mickey Canine and Gino Feline.

The family suggests memorials be made to; Disabled American Veterans Chapter 47, 2405 Carlton, Big Spring 79720 or Texas Kidney Foundation, 1525 W. Mockingbird Lane, Dallas 75235.

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

Paid obituary

Floyd H. Smith



Floyd H. Smith, 94, of Big Spring died Saturday, July 1, 2006, at Marcy House. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Walter McCall, Odyssey Hospice chaplain, and Dr. Shane Brue, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Big Spring, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born June 25, 1912, in Stanton to Mary Jane and Bartley Fife Smith. He grew up in Stanton and lived most of his life there

until 1969 when he moved to Dallas. He moved to Big Spring in 1977. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church and a lifetime Methodist. He is survived by one daughter and son-in-law,

Barbara and Delbert Donelson of Big Spring; one daughter-in-law, Galenna Smith of San Angelo; three grandchildren; four great grandsons; a niece; a nephew; and several cousins.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by one son, Floyd C. "Smitty" Smith Nov. 22, 2000; and one sister, Faye Forrest.

The family suggests memorials to First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry, Big Spring 79720.

The family will be at 1101 Highland Drive. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity: MARCUS ARMENDAREZ, 42, was arrested

Friday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated - third or more offense with open container. KEVIN DWAYNE RODGERS, 32, was arrested

Friday by the HCSO on a charge of bondsman off bond for possession of a controlled substance. ROSELLA PEARL HUDSON, 51, was arrested

Friday by the HCSO on charges of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less and possession of a dangerous drug. JAMES JOHN HOLMESLY, 44, was arrested

Friday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less. • ADRIAN ESCOVEDO YANEZ, 15, was transferred

possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

• IRMA MORIN YANEZ, 33, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while license invalid.

 JOSE MANUEL JIMENEZ JR., 31, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a

charge of driving while license invalid. • ROBERT LEE EVANS, 24, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a revocation of

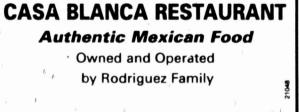
• SAMUEL JAMES DAVIS JR., 32, was arrested Friday by DPS on a charge of driving while license

invalid. RONALD DOUGLAS HOLT JR., 21, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while license

invalid. JERRY LOUIS HINOJOSA, 37, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxica-

tion. · MANUEL ESCAMILLA JR., 20, was arrested

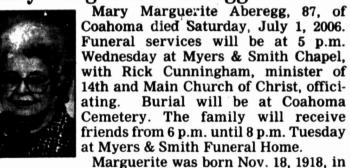
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Mary Marguerite Aberegg



Jacksonburg, W. Va., to Blanche and Betras Thomas. She married Lawrence Henry Aberegg Oct. 27, 1935, in West Virginia. He preceded her in death May 14, 1985, after nearly 50 years of marriage. They came to West Texas in 1938 and settled in Coahoma. They owned and operated Welcome Well Service. She was a member of the 14th and Main Church of Christ.

She is survived by three sons, Tommy Aberegg and his wife Roma Lee of Abilene, Harold Aberegg of Sand Springs and Dee Aberegg and his wife Janie of Carbon; two daughters, Brenda Amonett and her husband Eldon of Denver City and Judy Latimer and her husband Bill of Sand Springs; 13 grandchildren; and 25 great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a brother, sister and daughter-in-

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Marvin Kirkham



Marvin Kirkham, 68, of Abilene died Friday, June 30, 2006, at his granddaughter's, residence in Big Spring. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring with the Rev. Randy Cotton, pastor, officiating. Graveside services will be at 2:30 p.m. Thursday at Valley Memorial Park in Mission with the Rev. Johnny Tidsdale officiating. The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. until 4

p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. He was born Aug. 14, 1937, in Canton, Okla., to Cecile and Cyrus Kirkham. Marvin married Frances Tisdale Oct. 26, 1963, in Canton, Okla. She preceded him in death June 14, 1991. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. Marvin was in the printing industry in Denver and Abilene and later worked in admissions at Hendrick Medical Center. He is survived by two sons, Michael David Kirkham

of Hondo and William "Bill" Womack and his wife Cindy of Amarillo; one daughter, Barbara Bond of Vernon; one brother, Gene Kirkham and his wife Micki McGuire-Kirkham of St. Louis, Mo.; one sister, Sharon Gray and her husband Albert of Buhler, Kan.; nine grandchildren; and 13 great grandchildren.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by his twin brother, Melvin Kirkham, in August 1999.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society, in care of Lucy Bonner, P. O. Box 2121, Big Spring 79721.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Emery W. Thompson Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Zita Corgill Bernhardt

Zita Corgill Bernhardt, 78, of Olney, died Saturday, July 1, 2006, in Stephenville.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Monday, July 3, 2006, at the St. Luke Lutheran Church in Olney with the Rev. Sean Reeves and the Rev. Tom Konz officiating. Interment will follow in Restland Cemetery under the direction of Lunn Funeral Home.

Zita was born May 21, 1928, in Estelline to the late Ruben and Lillian (Martin) Corgill. She and Louie Bernhardt were married Dec. 25, 1947, in Olney. He preceded her in death April 25, 1982. Zita served as the executive director of the Olney Board of Industry and Commerce and served on the Olney City Council. She was a member of the St. Luke Lutheran Church and a lifetime resident of Olney.

Survivors include three daughters, Suzanne Haney and husband Rob of Big Spring, Cindy Stafford and husband David of Stephenville and Nancy Duhachek and husband Richard of West Des Moines, Iowa; two brothers, Wayland Corgill of Gatesville and Wortham Corgill of Tomball; one sister, Lavaughn Lively of Sherman; five grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials be made to Olney Community Library, P.O. Box 67, Olney 76374 or the charity of one's choice.

Condolences may be expressed to the family at lunnfuneralhome.com

Ralph Parkison

Ralph Parkison, 100, of Big Spring, died Thursday, June 29, 2006, in a local hospital. A memorial service will be held Wednesday, July 5, 2006, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park, at 10 a.m., with the Rev. Byron Brown, pastor of the First Church of the Nazarene, officiating.

Ralph was born to Isaac and Annie Copeland Parkinson, April 18, 2006, in Little Rock, Ark., and married Dorothy Evans in 1930. She preceded him in death in 1984.

He served in the Army and worked as a chef. Ralph was a Baptist but attended the Church of the Nazarene since moving to Big Spring 12 years ago.

Survivors include one daughter, Gene Snyder of Rancho Murieta, Calif.; three grandsons; and one granddaughter.

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

Lester Hopkins

Lester Hopkins, 77, of Colorado City died Saturday, July 1, 2006, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Big Spring. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Dolores Salazar

Dolores Salazar, 76, of Big Spring died Sunday, July 02, 2006, at her residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Emery W. Thompson, 85, of Big Spring, died Sunday July 2, 2006, local care facility. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Sheriff's report

cated - open container, no driver's license and no liability insurance.

NICHOLAS JOSEPH HORVATICH, 26, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while

intoxicated - open container.

 RICHARD ANDRES MARQUEZ, 36, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on charges of driving while license invalid, displaying a fictitious registration certificate and public intoxication.

• JACOB ANDREW FERRO, 26, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• EDWARD BOBLEDO RANGEL JR., 25, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of purchasing/furnishing alcohol to a minor.

• ALFRED RAY MIEARS, 45, was arrested to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of tampering with governmental records.

• FRANK LEE JACKSON, 47, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

 DON RAY HENSON, 46, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated - open container third or more offense.

• FIDEL PEREZ, 66, was arrested Sunday by DPS on charges of driving while intoxicated - second offense and driving while license invalid.

• EVRIN JAMALL WINTERS, 18, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxica-

• JOHNATHAN CORTEZ, 23, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated - open container.

 JOHN MICHAEL SOLIS, 23, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of driving while license invalid/suspended.

 JENNIFER JANE BELCHER, 20, was arrested Sunday by DPS on charges of theft by check, no lia-



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bility insurance and an unrestrained child under the age of two years.

· RODOLFO ORDONEZ AGUILAR, 33, was arrested Monday by DPS on a charge of driving while license invalid.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 5-16-19-26-49-54. Number matching six of six: 0.

Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$5 million.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 36-26-19-7-25. Number matching five of five: 0. Next Cash 5 drawing: Monday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-3-8

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cians, however, July 4

will be anything but a

Touting its Battle of the

Bands since its inception,

the Funtastic Fourth

genres, including Tejano,

rock, country and gospel

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PARADE

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Seymore said the

Highland South Parade

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The bidding: West North 3 NT 3 • Pass Pass Pass Pass Pass

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Opening lead — king of clubs.

The scene was the 1979 World Team Championship in Rio de Janeiro, and the contestants in the final round — as had happened so many times before - were Italy and the United States. The U.S. won the match by a very slender margin (253 International Match Points to 248), and this is one of the deals that contributed to the American victory.

The Italian South (Giorgio Beladonna, playing with Vito Pittala) wound up at four diamonds doubled as shown. West (Billy Eisenberg,

playing with Edwin Kantar) led the king of clubs and shifted to the K-Q and another heart. East took the ace and returned a club to partner's ace, and Belladonna ruffed the next club

Declarer now led the spade nine to the queen and played a low trump from dummy. Kantar went up with the ace and returned a fourth round of clubs, thereby creating a trump trick for Eisenberg to put the contract down four — 700 points (800 in

today's scoring).

This should have resulted in only a small loss for Italy - Kantar would have scored 600 or 630 points at three notrump - but the Italian East-West pair at the second table made only a partscore when the bidding went:

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West North East Pass 1 NT Pass West's opening one-spade bid

with such a terribly weak suit shocking by American standards was an integral part of the Italian bid-ding system. On this occasion, though, it caused them to miss a good three-notrump contract.

West finished with eight tricks to score 110 points, but Italy suffered a net loss of 590 points on the deal. This cost them 11 IMPs, which was more than the margin by which the U.S. won the championship.

Tomorrow: Sorry, wrong number. C2006 King Features Syndicate Inc

South

Pass

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 10 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today:

- DERRICK POPE, 22, of 1300 College, was arrested Saturday on a charge of Class C assault - family vio-
- · JOHNATHAN CORTEZ, 23, of Lamesa, was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while intoxi-
- cated. BILLY ALVARADO, 27, of 1611 Harding, was
- arrested Sunday on a local capias warrant. • EARNEST CLARK, 66, transient, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- JACOB DICK, 17, of 2612 Langley, was arrested Sunday on a charge of disorderly conduct - language.
- MARKUS GRAVES, 20, of 1005 Stadium, was arrested Sunday on a charge of minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage.
 - THEFT was reported:
 - in the 2300 block of Wasson. - in the 1100 block of Lamesa.
- RESISTING ARREST, SEARCH OR TRANS-PORTATION was reported in the 10000 block of Moss Lake Road.
- FAILURE TO IDENTIFY GIVING FALSE INFORMATION was reported in the 10000 block of Moss Lake Road.
- PURCHASING/FURNISHING ALCOHOL TO A MINOR was reported in the 1400 block of 14th Street.
- POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA TWO OUNCES **OR LESS** was reported in the 1900 block of Mittel. • CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 2100
- block of Johnson.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported:
- in the 2600 block of Hunter.
- in the 1300 block of Steakley. - in the 3600 block of Dixon.
- in the 1400 block of Park.
- ASSAULT/CLASS C was reported:
- in the 1000 block of Main Street. - in the 900 block of Gregg Street.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported:
- in the 500 block of Seventh Street. - in the 1000 block of Main Street.

Fire, EMS

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

• **MEDICAL** reported in the 2500 block of March. One person was transported to SMMC.

TRAFFIC ACCI-**DENT** reported in the 200 block of West Marcy. One person was transported to SMMC.

TRAFFIC ACCI-**DENT** reported in the 200 block of West Marcy. Service was refused.

 MEDICAL reported in the 600 block of Second Street in Coahoma, One person was transported to SMMC.

 MEDICAL reported in the 500 block of Birdwell Lane. One person was transported to SMMC.

 MEDICAL reported in the 1000 block of Gregg

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Street. One person was transported to the VAMC.

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 GRASS FIRE reported near the intersection of North Runnels and North 11th Street.

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· MEDICAL reported in the 700 block of Marcy. One person was trans-

• MEDICAL reported in the 1600 block of Stadium. One person was trans-

Xtremo will perform at

competing.

11 a.m., with La Formula set to go on at 11:50 a.m. and Titan going on-stage at 12:40 p.m.

Big Spring, which will be

In the country category, Guy Will Zant and Texas Pride of Big Spring and Nikki Lee of Lamesa will perform during the evening hours.

Festival will offer music Nikki Lee is set to perfrom several different form at 1:30 p.m., with Texas Pride going on stage at 2:20 p.m. and the — and a healthy does of Guy Will Zant Band performing at 3 p.m.

First-place bands in Scheduled to perform in each category will receive the rock category is \$2,500. Second place will Idioma of Odessa, Rich receive \$250 and third Like Me of Burkburnett and Nothing More of "The Battle of the bands Boerne.

is always exciting," said DRA President John Rich Like Me is expected to take the stage at 3:50 Bryans. "We always look p.m., with Idioma performing at 4:30 p.m. and Also looking forward to Nothing More at 5:20 p.m. the July Fourth celebration are Tejano bands

lot to everyone.

Each band will have 20 minutes to perform for the judges, who will be

pride here in Big Spring,

and this parade means a

"There's just a strong

sense of community (at

the event)," she added.

"All the neighbors come

out and sit in front of

their houses to watch the

parade and wave at the

kids ... It's just a good

time for us to come

together and help cele-

to participate in a Fourth more than 20 years," said brate the Fourth with the Sevmore. "There's a lot of kids."

> Entries will be welcome right up to until 9:15 a.m. Tuesday. For more information or to make a donation to the annual event, contact Seymore at 267-4854.

presence, sound and audi-

p.m. at Heart of the City

Park and is being promot-

ed as a family event, with

ice cream eating and seed

spitting competitions,

washer pitching, pony

rides and lots more.

There will be numerous

food booths and gospel

music in addition to the

Highland South resi-

dents will hold their

annual Fourth of July

Parade Friday at 10 a.m.

Tuesday. The parade will

start at the intersection of

Stonehaven and Highland

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an end near the intersec-

tion of Highland and

Goliad, where partici-

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all the way to Goliad.

Battle of the Bands.

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Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

Bulletin Board

TODAY

Mountain.

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 Pops in the Park at Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater. Gates open at 5 p.m., entertainment starts at 6:30 p.m. with Los Greéngos. Parade of Flags and symphony, chorus perform at 7:45 p.m. Pictorial tribute to service men and women at 9:20 p.m. and fireworks display at 9:45 p.m.

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of the City Park begins at 10 a.m. and runs until midnight. Games, food, rides, Battle of the Bands throiughout the day. Mickey and the Mortor Cars will play for a street dance that night.

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• Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Gale's Sweet Shoppe. 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.

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

• Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. at the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-

 Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie Funtastic Fourth Festival in Heart meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge at 703 W. Third.

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

· Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in

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only a solution beneficial to the local communities, but a fiscally responsible one as well.

"This provision shows a commitment to fiscal discipline," Neugebauer said. "Big Spring and Garza County offer secure facilities to house dangerous individuals, while doing so at a low cost to the American taxpayers."

MYERS & SMITH **FUNERAL HOME** & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-3288 Richard Salazar, 54, died Thursday, Funeral Services will be at 11:00 AM Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with bur ial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Marvin Kirkham, 68, died Friday. Funeral Services will be at 10:00 AM Wednesday at Trinity Baptist Church. Graveside Services will be at 2:30 PM Thursday at Valley Memorial Park in Mission, TX The family will receive friends from 2:00 unti-4:00 PM Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Tonight...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph. The chance of rain is 20 per-

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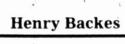
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OUR VIEWS

Funtastic Fourth to feature plenty of fun and music

ll right, music fans, get ready because this year's Funtastic Fourth Festival in the Heart of the City Park will be a time to indulge yourself in everything from Tejano, to country to rock 'n' roll. Not to mention that it will also be a perfect opportunity to relax and enjoy the foods and carnival-like atmosphere the annual event brings to downtown Big Spring.

This year's Battle of the Bands — a mainstay of the festival — promises to be the best competition Funtastic Fourth has ever staged.

And for good reason.

First-place bands in each category will receive \$2,500. Second place will receive \$250 and third place will receive \$150.

Tejano bands looking forward to the celebration are Titan and LaFormula, both groups from San Angelo, and Xtremo of Big Spring. Xtremo will perform at 11 a.m., with La Formula set to go on at 11:50 a.m. and Titan going on-stage at 12:40 p.m.

In the country category, Guy Will Zant and Texas Pride, both of Big Spring, and Nikki Lee of Lamesa will perform during the evening hours. Lee is set to perform at 1:30 p.m., with Texas Pride going on stage at 2:20 p.m. and the Guy Will Zant Band performing at 3 p.m.

In the rock category, Idioma of Odessa, Rich Like Me of Burkburnett and Nothing More of Boerne will vie for the top money. Rich Like Me is expected to take the stage at 3:50 p.m., with Idioma per forming at 4:30 p.m. and Nothing More at 5:20 p.m.

Each band will have 20 minutes to perform for the judges, who will be grading them on stage presence, sound and audience interaction. Results of the contest are expected to be announced at 7 p.m.

The festival will begin at 10 a.m. and will continue until 11 p.m. The family event will offer plenty of food and fun with ice cream eating and seed spitting competitions, washer pitching, pony rides and more. There will be numerous food booths and gospel music in addition to the Battle of the Bands.

Following the Battle of the Bands, Mickey and the Motor Cars, an Austin-based country rock band, will perform.

And, of course, there's the food — everything from fajitas to hot dogs, hamburgers, curly fries, chips, nachos, Frito pie... Just about any festival food one can think of will be available.

Best of all, there is no admission fee, so we hope to see you all there.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

When our life doesn't go as we plan, Lord, may we trust in You.

No death penalty for sex offenders

klahoma's governor, Brad Henry, a Democrat, signed a bill this month that would allow jurors to sentence to death repeat sex offenders for crimes against children younger than 14. The day before, South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford, a Republican, signed a bill that

would allow capital punishment for repeat offenders guilty of sex crimes against children younger than 11. Sanford announced that the bill would be "an incredibly powerful deterrent to offenders that have been released.'



I could not disagree more — and I support the death penalty, and believe that men (and women) who repeatedly rape or molest children deserve harsh punishment and long, hard time in the big house.

Michael Rushford of the prodeath penalty Criminal Justice Legal Foundation in Sacramento, Calif., captured my thoughts exactly when he said: "It's like this. If you get a death sentence for raping a little girl, and you get a death sentence for a raping a little girl and killing a little girl, and the only witness to the crime is the little girl, why not kill them

These bills are likely to eat up a lot of tax dollars on appeals -

then lose, as the U.S. Supreme Court seems predisposed to overturn the new legislation.

Since the U.S. Supreme Court reinstated the death penalty in 1976, no one has been executed in America for a crime that did not involve murder. In 1977, the court ruled that it was unconstitutional to execute a man for the crime of raping an adult woman — and this rape occurred as the rapist escaped from a Georgia prison, where he was serving time for murder, rape, kidnapping and aggravated assault.

The Big Bench ruled that "a sentence of death is grossly disproportionate and excessive punishment for the crime of rape and is therefore forbidden by the Eighth Amendment as cruel and unusual punishment." It is a fine principle of American jurisprudence that the state does not mete out a punishment greater than the crime.

Since 1976, five states have passed laws to allow execution for sex crimes against children, but according to The Associated Press, only one inmate has been sentenced to death - he raped an 8year-old girl in Louisiana - and his case is pending on appeal.

Rushford noted the many judges who would oppose the death penalty, even for an unrepentant multiple murderer like Stanley "Tookie" Williams, who was executed in December. Ergo, even more judges will look at the death penalty for sex offenders and "are going to step up to say, 'This is

over the line."

And: "If I were an opponent of the death penalty, I would probably support the Oklahoma law." I called Lance Lindsey of Death Penalty Focus, which opposes capital punishment. Lindsey told me he opposes the law, too:

"Essentially, I'm against the government killing prisoners."

Here are two additional reasons other states should not follow Oklahoma. First, the hint of child abuse can spawn a witch-hunt atmosphere in the courts. Authorities have been known to coax young children to accuse innocent adults, and prosecutors have charged child-care providers based on testimony that was hard to believe when cooler heads prevailed. Witness the infamous McMartin preschool case in 1983.

Second, America's laws should not send a message that the victims of sexual assaults have been harmed irrevocably, as murder victims are. No victim survives murder. Rape presents horrific trauma - however, over time, most victims, even child victims, can overcome the pain and sense of violation. I don't want laws that tell child victims they have experienced something as damaging as murder. They've been hurt enough.

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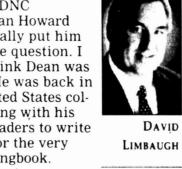
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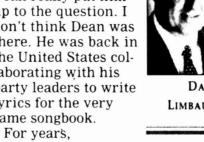
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Leftists: A symbiotic relationship?

t a press conference in Vienna last month, a questioner asked President Bush, "Most Europeans consider the United States the biggest threat to global stability. Do you have any regrets about that?" Could that man with a British accent actually have been a DNC plant?

Of course, I don't believe DNC Chairman Howard Dean really put him up to the question. I don't think Dean was there. He was back in the United States collaborating with his party leaders to write lyrics for the very same songbook.





Democrats have charged that President Bush has employed an arrogant approach to foreign policy and alienated our European allies. They denounced him for refusing to endorse the Kyoto climate change treaty and the International Criminal Court. They shuddered with horror when he designated Iraq, Iran and North Korea as an "axis of evil." They said he acted unilaterally on Iraq. They said he hasn't been deferential enough toward the United Nations. They said his cowboy approach to the war on terror was creating more terrorists than it was ca turing or killing.

Former President Clinton snuggled up to the America-bashers at a global conference in Montreal last December, telling them Bush was "flat wrong" that signing on to the Kyoto treaty would damage the U.S. economy. An appreciative attendee, Kenya's Emily Ojoo Massawa, chair of the African group of nations at the conference, said, "It's such a pity the United States is still very much unwilling to join the international community, to have a multilateral effort to deal with climate change.' Obviously, the Democrats' talking

points memo on Bush's "unilateralism" made its way to Kenya.

Howard Dean, during his 15 minutes of presidential contender fame in 2003, slammed President Bush for his "go-it-alone approach to every problem," his "radical unilateralism" and his "brash boastfulness." Bush, said Dean, has "created a new rallying cry for terrorist recruits." As if auditioning for a role as questioner in the 2006 press conference in Vienna, Dean said, "We find ourselves, too often, isolated and resented." The Bush administration, said Dean, "seem[s] to believe that nothing can be gained from working with nations that have stood by our side as allies for generations."

Demonstrating his softness on American sovereignty, Dean added that he "would not have hesitated" to attack Iraq "had the United Nations given us permission and asked us to be a part of a multilateral force." (Not that we're keeping track, of course, but this same Howard Dean had urged President Clinton to enter the war in Bosnia in 1995, saying, "the efforts of the United Nations and NATO in Bosnia are a complete failure. Ö We must take unilateral action.") But I digress.

Early in 2002, former President Clinton's Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said President Bush's "axis of evil" designation was a "big mistake" and was alienating our allies. Albright said Bush's conduct of foreign policy was causing many in the international community to believe the United States had "lost [its] mind." Sound familiar?

Albright criticized the "axis of evil" designation as a simplistic, "cookie-cutter approach. Those three countries, specifically, are quite different from each other.' But as events are shaping up, President Bush's grouping of the three rogue nations doesn't look quite so incongruous anymore. I'm sure you've read by now that Saddam Hussein really did have

Moreover, now that we've deposed Saddam Hussein, Iran and North Korea are looking more alike every day, especially in their belligerence toward the United States. I wonder if liberals would mind if we redesignated North Korea and Iraq as twin monsters? They are each run by terrorists and sympathetic to other terrorists who might do their bidding against America. They are each hellbent on developing WMD, including nuclear weapons and delivery systems. They have each demanded talks with the United States alone.

But these monsters may be offended if we call them monsters. So let's not agitate them. Let's not make the monsters mad. Let's quit making the whole world mad. We must do something to reverse our falling poll numbers in Europe. And we must negotiate with each of the monsters alone, excluding European countries from the talks. (Sorry, I know that last line sounds off-script from those who have been insisting on multilateralism and the inclusion of Europe. But that is, indeed, what many Democrats have been demanding.)

Perhaps the reason these monsters want to negotiate with just America is simply to divide (us from Europe) and conquer (discredit us). By peeling us off from Europe, they can blame any breakdowns in the respective negotiations on the evil United States.

That strategy makes perfect sense from the monsters' perspective. But why in the world would Democrats advocate such a selfdestructive approach for America? Don't ask me. Try the guy with the British accent. He would probably have better insight on the matter.

To find out more about David Limbaugh, please visit his Web site at www.davidlimbaugh.com.

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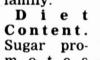
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How you can prevent cavities

s I mentioned in my last article, dental decay runs rampant in Howard County. Cavities are actually caused by acid pro-

duced by bacteria as they metabolize sugars. Here are some brief strategies on how to reduce cavities in your family.



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American diet, being very high in sugar, is promoting many health problems like obesity and diabetes. It also promotes cavities, big time. Table sugar, sucrose, is the most cavity producing. Other sugars (like fructose, corn syrup, lactose) that are in many processed foods cause cavities as well.

Parents give your kids lots of water (instead of flavored drinks or fruit juices) to drink and give them more fruit, nuts, or other healthy snacks. However, almost anything, even healthy things, in the mouth all the time will cause prob-

Diet Frequency. Yes, the frequency can make even healthy food and drink cause decay. Even milk can cause cavities if a young child is sipping on it all day or if a very young child is put to bed with a bottle. This can be an adult problem as well. Many patients I examine will have a mouth full of cavities from sipping on sweetened beverages or nibbling on candies all day at work.

Home Care. Most people know that plaque is the sticky, gooey film that adheres to all surfaces of the teeth. It is composed of bacterial that cause cavities and gum disease and their products. If the

least once a day by effective brushing and flossing, cavities become far less common. The bad news is that most people are relatively ineffective in their brushing and flossing is only occasional if at all.

Fluoride. Fluoride in proper amounts is a safe and effective way to reduce cavities. Most people in Howard County drink RO which has no fluoride in it. I recommend parents of kids up to 12 consider buying bottled water "with fluoride" to help. Toothpastes with fluoride are helpful, assuming the child is old enough to spit after brushing. People with severe cavity problems are often prescribed toothpastes that have more fluoride.

Professional Care. It is critical that people see their dentist regularly, meaning twice a year for most people. Your teeth be thoroughly

tar. Your dentist or hygienist will coach you how you may be able to do a better job at home. Also, any cavities can be detected and fixed, hopefully before they become large and costly.

Saliva. Saliva is the best friend of your teeth. It helps buffer the acid attacks that cause cavities and helps remineralize microscopic areas of decay.

When salivary production is reduced, like when sleeping, decay happens much faster. So nothing other than water should go in the mouth after night time brushing until breakfast. Also, medicines that continually cause a dry mouth really put people at severe risk for decay.

Finally, remember that some people are not blessed with strong enamel on their teeth. If you are in this group, you are going to have to work harder than the average

plaque can be removed at cleaned of plaque and tar- person. Talk to your den- Permian Basin Dental tists about strategies to

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Lunden helps women choose to move

Survey: Many don't realize activity as important to heart health as other risk factors

The majority of women who are surveyed do not realize that being physically active is as important to their heart health as managing other modifiable risk factors such as cholesterol, blood pressure and smoking.

In fact, like those risk factors, a person is 1.5 to 2.4 times more likely to have coronary heart disease if they are inactive.

The most common goal women have over the next 10 years is to improve their health, lose weight or exercise more – but only 15 percent are willing to become more physically active achieve their goals, according to a survey from the American Heart Association's Choose To Move program. The survey was conducted in February 2006 by a marresearch firm, Synovate, Inc.

"These results demonstrate a significant disconnect between women's desires and what they are actually doing about it," said Joan Lunden, awardwinning television journalist, author and busy mother of seven children. She understands the challenge and has signed up for the Choose To Move "Women program. acknowledge that getting more physical activity in their lives can make them look and feel better and improve their chances for a longer, healthier life, yet few are making the moves to accomplish that goal," Lunden said.

The American Heart Association knows women have many famicareer and life demands.

By choosing to move, women can have the energy to meet those demands and be around for their loved ones in the future.

"Women are confused



Joan Lunden is involved in the American Heart Association's Choose to Move program.

about how physical inactivity contributes to their risk of heart disease," said Jennifer H. Mieres, M.D., F.A.C.C., F.A.C.P, of Nuclear director Cardiology at North University Shore Hospital, and assistant professor of medicine at New York University.

"While 98 percent of women surveyed said they believe physical activity impacts their health, only one in 10 women includes adequate physical activity in her weekly routine." This would include moderateto-vigorous intensity aerobics such as brisk walking, swimming or biking for at least 30 minutes or more on most days, preferably all days, of the

Women can overcome physical inactivity and obesity with Choose To Move — the American Heart Association's free

12-week program that includes tips on how to incorporate physical activity and a flavorful, healthy diet into their lives. Choose To Move participants provides with an easy-to-follow plan, a helpful handbook, monthly e-mails with suggestions for physical activity, tips on how to motivated and recipes with nutrition information. Easy-to-use

tips include: The weather is warmer now, so take a walk after dinner instead of watching TV.

 Park a few blocks from the office or store and walk.

• Plan snacks the same way you plan meals. Instead of a carrying a

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candy bar or a bag of chips between all the hustle and bustle, bring a container of fat-free or low-fat yogurt, a handful of roasted almonds or a homemade snack mix made with a salt-free seasoning blend.

 Get your spouse and kids to go on a play date with you. It's great for family togetherness while fitting in fitness.

Take an activity break. Get up, stretch and walk around.

Choose To Move is part of the American Heart Association's Go Red For Women national movement to raise awareness of cardiovascular disease as the No. 1 killer of women and how to reduce the risk. Women can register for the program by v i s i t i n g americanheart.org/choose tomove or calling 1-888-MY-HEART (1-888-694-3278).



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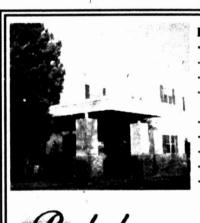
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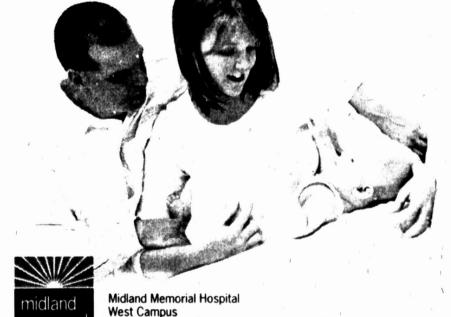


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A star-spangled quiz

Whether your car radio is usually tuned to hip-hop or blaring country music, there's something about patriotic songs that unites Americans of all stripes. The national anthem played over a crackling speaker at the little-league ball field, the familiar notes of "Taps" played at a funeral or the sound of a chorus singing "This Land Is My Land" at an elementary-school assembly — these are the moments that bring together Americans, even when so many other things tear us apart.

The same goes for patriotic movies — films that stir up national pride with their flag-waving, bunting-draped tributes to the American ideal. They present triumphs over political corruption, victories on the battlefield and the defeat of alien invaders ... or whatever.

Here, we've collected trivia about music and movies that call to mind all the things that America stands for — or, in the case of some of films, try to, anyway. Test your knowledge of patriotic song lyrics (bet you don't know much of the national anthem's fourth verse), your recall of presidential performers, your familiarity with the history of "The Star-Spangled Banner" and more. — Becky Sher, Knight Ridder/Tribune

> You cover your heart and sing along with the national anthem at baseball games all summer long. But how much do you know about the history behind the tune? Find out by answering these true-or-false questions

Francis Scott Key was inspired to write "The Star-Spangled Banner" during the Civil War.

The flag referred to in the song was flying over Fort McHenry near Baltimore.

3 Key wrote the song's melody, as well as its lyrics.

4 After Key wrote his song, he kept it secret for several years before releasing it.

5 "The Star-Spangled Banner" became the national anthem in the late 19th century.

6 The song has four verses.

ANSWERS:

1. False. Key wrote the lyrics to The Star-Spangled Banner" during the War of 1812.

2. True. Key was inspired to write the words during the Battle of Baltimore, in September 1814. 3. False. Key directed that the

words be set to a British tune called "To Anacreon in Heaven." 4. False. Key wrote the words in September, and the poem was printed almost immediately on hand-

bills. Two Baltimore newspapers published it, and by mid-October, 17 newspapers had printed it. 5. False. It became the nation's

official anthem in 1931.

7. True.

8. False. According to Title 36 of the U.S. Code, "men not in uniform should remove their headdress with their right hand and hold the headdress at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart."

10. False. It has been at the Smithsonian in Washington and is currently undergoing preservation.

QUOTABLES

NOTABLE

The "Americans love a winner and will not tolerate a loser. Americans play to win all the time. I wouldn't give a hoot in hell for a man who lost and laughed. That's why Americans have never lost and never will lose a war, because the very thought of losing is hateful to Americans."

2 "Why should I agree to trade one tyrant three thousand miles away for three thousand tyrants one mile away?"

3 "Liberty's too precious a thing to be buried in books. ... Men should hold it up in front of them every single day of their lives and say: I'm free to think and to speak. My ancestors couldn't, I can, and my children will. Boys ought to grow up remembering that."

patriotic, nationalistic, jingoistic. Can you match these memorable movie quotes with the actor and his character?

The U.S. Army and Navy con-

for ceremonial purposes before it was officially designated as such.

8 During the playing of the

their hat over their heart.

McHenry.

sidered the song the national anthem

national anthem, men (except those

in military uniform) should hold

9 Baltimore flagmaker Mary

flag that inspired Key's lyrics.

Pickersgill was commissioned by

the U.S. government to make the

10 The original "Star-Spangled

Banner" is now displayed at Fort

This is a revolution ... We're going to have to offend SOMEbody!"

5 "I'm here to fight for truth, and justice, and the American way."

6 "When you end up killing one of your men, you see, you tell yourself it happened so you could save the lives of two or three or 10 others. Maybe a hundred others."

7 "I've often been asked ... what was the best moment for me. Well, it was here — the sight of 20 young men of such differing backgrounds now standing as one. Young men willing to sacrifice so much of themselves all for an unknown."

8 "People say that if you don't love America, then get the hell out. Well, I love America."

9 "Victory belongs to those who believe in it the most and believe in it the longest. We're gonna believe. We're gonna make America believe, too."

10 "So speak up, America. Speak up for the home of the brave. Speak up for the land of the free gift with purchase. Speak up, America!"

A Mel Gibson as Benjamin Martin in "The Patriot"

Christopher Reeve as Superman in "Superman"

George C. Scott as Gen. George S. Patton Jr. in

Alec Baldwin as Lt. Col. Jimmy Doolittle in

I James Stewart as Jefferson Smith in "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington"

Reese Witherspoon as Elle Woods in "Legally

G Tom Hanks as Capt. John Miller in "Saving Private Ryan"

William Daniels as John Adams in "1776"

Tom Cruise as Ron Kovic in "Born on the Fourth

J Kurt Russell as Herb Brooks in "Miracle"

VNSWERS: 1.C. 2.A: 3.E; 4.H; 6.B; 6.G; 7.J; 6.I; 9.D; 10 F

1 Jon Voight

You know "The Star-Spangled Banner" well enough to mumble along, but how well do you know the lyrics

to some other patriotic tunes? Here are four of the most

well-loved patriotic songs — can you match each one to

some of its lesser-known lyrics? We've started out with some easy ones, to build your confidence.

C "The

Star-Spangled

desolation!'

the stream"

VIRMERS: 1 C' S 8: 3 D' + D' 2 V' 8 C' 1 D' 8 8 8 8 10 C

6 "O thus be it ever when

freemen shall stand/Between

their lov'd home and the war's

7 "I have seen Him in the watch-

fires of a hundred circling camps'

8 "Let music swell the

breeze/And ring from all the

trees/Sweet freedom's song"

9 "I love thy rocks and rills/

Thy woods and templed hills"

of the morning's first beam/In

10 "Now it catches the gleam

full glory reflected now shines in

D "Battle

Hymn of the Republic'

B "America"

A "America

the Beautiful

thee I sing"

"Whose broad stripes and

thee/Sweet land of liberty/Of

3 "Mine eyes have seen the

4 "I can read His righteous

5 "May God thy gold

ness/And ev'ry gain divine'

sentence by the dim and flaring

refine/Till all successes be noble-

glory of the coming of the Lord"

2 "My country 'tis of

bright stars through the perilous

2 Kenneth Branagh

3 Bill Pullman

4 Kevin Kline

5 Martin Sheen

6 Jack Young

7 Dan Hedaya 8 Harrison Ford

9 Geena Davis

10 Michael Douglas

A "The West Wing" Through the years, countless actors — and a few actresses - have played presidents (both **B** "Independence Day" real and imagined) on the big and small screen.

See if you can match each of the actors to the film or television show in which he or she played the chief executive.

C "Dick"

D "Air Force One"

E "Pearl Harbor"

F "Commander-in-Chief"

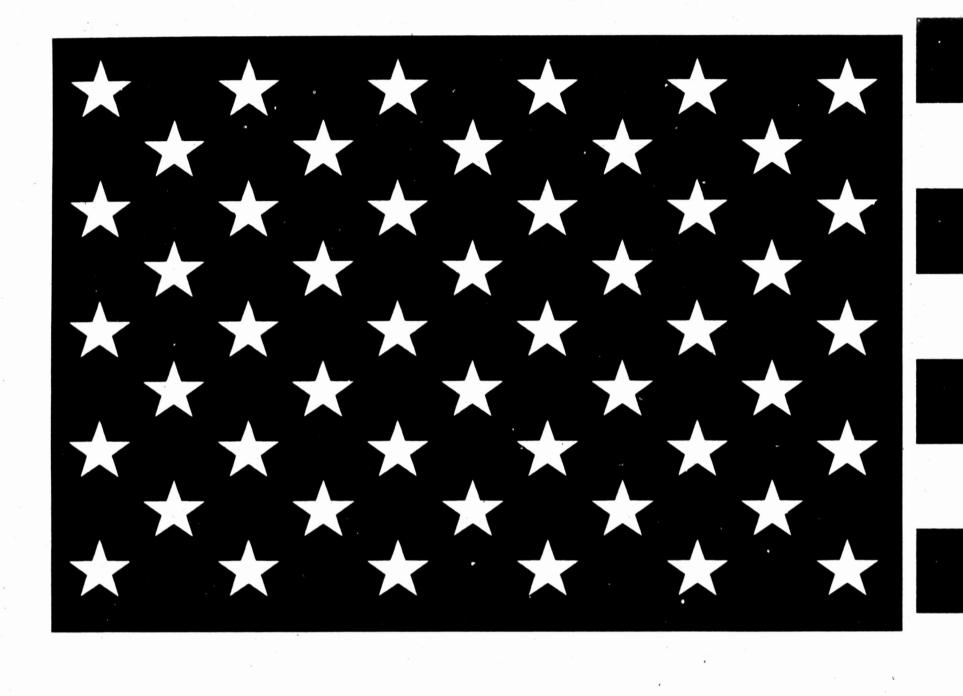
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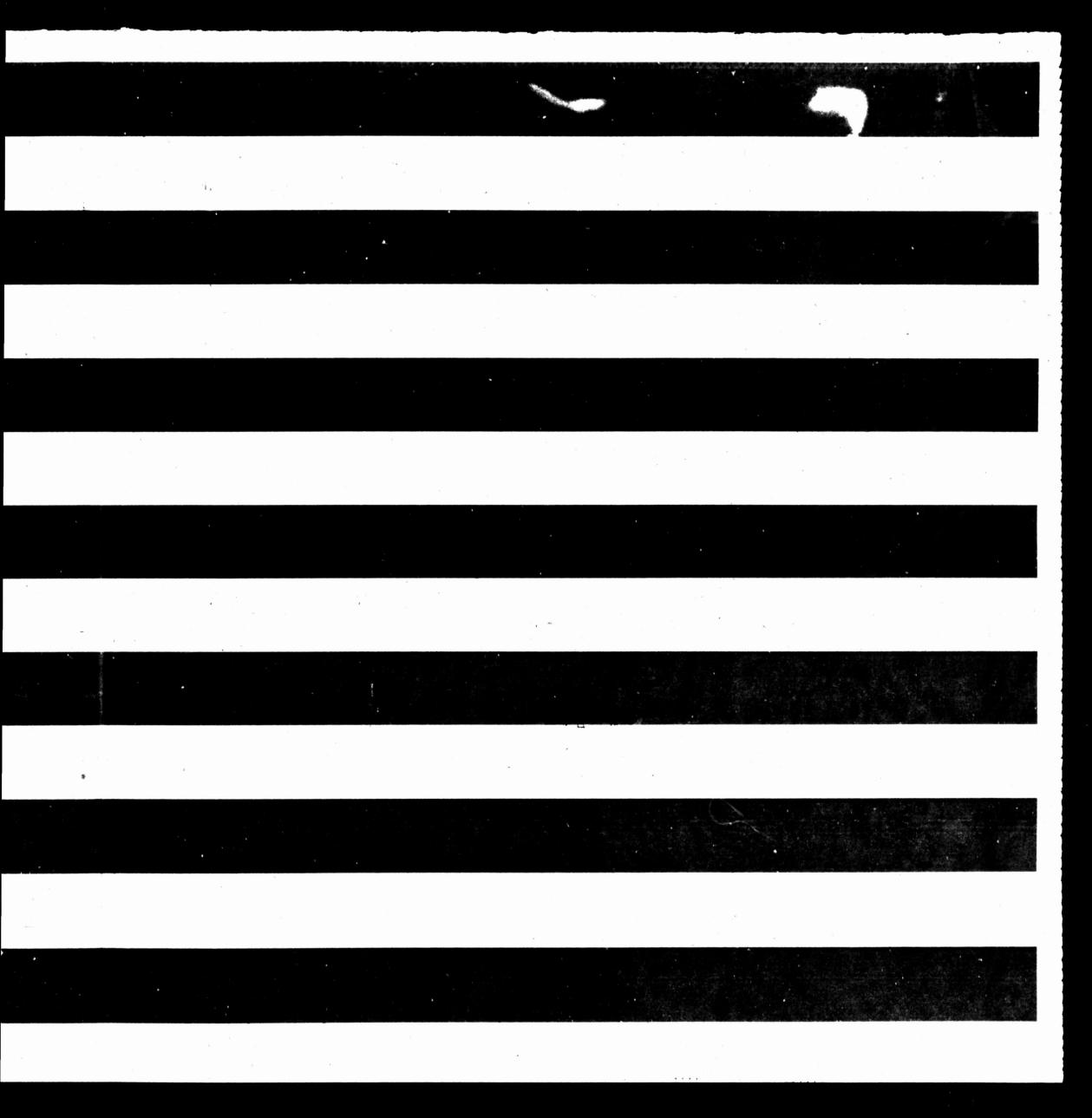
"Yankee Doodle Dandy"

"Dave"

"The American President" ANSWERS: 11E; 2.0; 3.8; 4.1; 5.A; 6.H; 7.C; 8.D; 9.D; 19.F; 10.U

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N BRIEF

Softball tourney set for July 15-16 at Cotton Mize Park

The first-ever Ball Busters Softball Tournament will take place July 15-16 at Cotton Mize Field Inside of Comanche Trail Park.

The tourney costs \$125 per team and trophies and T-shirts will be awarded to the top three teams. There is also a six home run limit.

For more information, contact Amador Rios at 432-466-1128, Pete Carrillo at 432-816-1245 or Abel Rios at 432-213-2115.

BSHS announces softball camp for middle of July

Big Spring head softball coach Jennifer Reyes, along with her assistant coaches, will be having a softball skills camp July 10-14.

The camp will run from 8 a.m. to noon daily and is for first through ninth graders. It also costs \$25 per participant.

For more information, call 263-8527 or **270-2711**.

HC sets boys summer basketball camp dates

The Howard College basketball men's coaching staff and players will be conducting two camps this summer and both camps will take place in July

For more information, call 264-5040. Enrollment is limited.

Hunter education course slated for July 22-23

A hunter education class is scheduled for July 22-23 at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce build-

Cost of the class, which will be held at 8 a.m. each day, is \$15 per person.

All persons born after Sept. 1, 1971, who want to hunt in Texas are required to successfully complete the course.

Successful completion of the course is good in all 50 states, as well as Canadian provinces and Mexican states which require hunter educa-

tion. For more information, contact Steve Poitevint at 264-7033 during the evening hours.

Sorenstam, Hurst head into playoff at Women's Open

NEWPORT, Annika Sorenstam missed a 30-foot birdle putt, sending her into an 18-hole playoff Monday against Pat Hurst at the U.S. Women's Open.

Moments after Sorenstam's miss, Hurst made a superb par save from short of the 18th green, holing a 5-foot putt that ended a marathon Sunday at Newport Country Club. Both finished at evenpar 284.

Munson, Biggio lead Astros past Rangers

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON - Maybe the Houston Astros are ready to make another second-half run.

Eric Munson was 3-for-5 with a career-high five RBIs and Craig Biggio passed Babe Ruth on the career hits list as the Astros beat Texas 9-5 on Sunday night for their second straight victory to end what was a miserable road trip.

"Just mathematically speaking, we need the wins in the win column. But we also need to go home with a good feeling," manager Phil Garner said. "This gives us a good feeling."

The Astros (40-42), who started the second half of their schedule, have the same record as a year ago when they went to the World Series after winning the NL wild card in the final game for the second straight season.

Houston was 1-6 on this trip before clinching the Lone Star Series against the Rangers. The Astros play their last seven games before the All-Star break at home.

"We want to get back on track again," Biggio said.

Munson, the designated catcher for Wandy Rodriguez (9-5), had a tworun single in the first inning and a bases-clearing double in a seven-run fourth. The Astros wrapped up the season series with a 4-2 advantage, taking home the Silver Boot trophy for the first time since 2003.

Kevin Millwood (8-5), who became the Rangers No. 1 starter when he signed a \$60 million, fiveyear free agent deal in December, left in the middle of that fourth inning with a strained right biceps. The Rangers said the right-hander would be re-evaluated Monday.

Millwood said the pain felt like a cramp, but didn't go away, preventing him from extending his arm and finishing his



MCT photo/Jeffery Washington/Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Gerald Laird of the Texas Rangers slides into the plate as the ball gets by Houston Astros catcher Eric Munson in the second inning. The Astros defeated the Rangers, 9-5, at Ameriquest Field in Arlington Sunday.

"It feels a little achy right now. The doc doesn't think it's anything too serious," Millwood said. "It wasn't a sharp pain. It was kind of a dull ache ... I think if it was something serious it would hurt a lot more,'

The last batter Millwood faced was Biggio, whose RBI single broke a 4-all tie and pushed him past Ruth for 36th on the hits

Biggio, the scrappy sec-

2-3 Bedroom

ond baseman who has spent his 19 major league seasons with Houston, matched Ruth at 2,873 hits with a double in the second.

"To have your name associated with somebody like that, to me he's probably one of the best repre-

sentatives of the game of baseball ever, is pretty nice," said Biggio, the designated hitter in the Astros' final interleague

Rangers outfielder Gary

Matthews Jr., chosen Sunday for his first All-Star game as a reserve, was 4-for-5 with a pair of RBI doubles. Rookie second baseman Ian Kinsler had three doubles.

Lance Berkman, the only All-Star pick from the defending NL champions, was also 3-for-5 and four Astros had two hits. Houston finished with 16 hits, Preston Wilson the only starter without one after going 5-for-9 the first two games of the series.

Chris Burke and Adam Everett had consecutive one-out singles in the fourth before Willy Taveras' double sent them home to tie it. Biggio followed with the go-ahead single.

Rangers pitching coach Mark Connor visited the mound after Biggio's hit. Manager Buck Showalter and a trainer were then called out, and Millwood left the game after a very

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By The Associated Press

One after another, balls flew out of the ballparks in Chicago and Cincinnati. Thanks to Francisco Liriano, the Twins had no such problems.

Liriano struck out a careerhigh 12 in eight innings and Minnesota beat the Milwaukee Brewers 8-0 on Sunday for its 10th straight win.

Liriano (9-1) allowed just three hits and won his fifth straight start for the streaking Twins, who have won 20 of their last 22.

"I don't know how many difterent ways you can describe the way he's throwing the baseball," Minnesota manager Ron Gardenhire said. "It's pretty nasty. He dominated the game."

In Chicago, Michael Barrett and pitcher Carlos Zambrano homered off Mark Buehrle during a seven-run first inning and the Cubs beat the White Sox 15-11. The teams combined for

nine homers at Wrigley Field. In Cincinnati, the Cleveland Indians beat the Reds 6-3 in the finale of a three-game series that featured 14 homers, including a pair of grand slams.

In other interleague games, it was: Boston 4, Florida 3; Arizona 3, Oakland 1; New York Yankees 16, New York Mets 7;

Detroit 9, Pittsburgh 8; St. Louis 9, Kansas City 7; Los Angeles Angels 4, Los Angeles Dodgers 0; Colorado 4, Seattle 3 in 11 innings; Houston 9, Texas 5; Atlanta 10, Baltimore 3; and Washington 6, Tampa Bay 2.

In the only NL game, San Francisco beat San Diego 6-2.

Angel Pagan homered twice and Neifi Perez hit a three-run drive for the Cubs, who had a season-high 20 hits.

"It was the first multihomer game of my life," said Pagan, a rookie who dedicated the performance to his late father. "I was trying to put some good swings on the ball."

Buehrle (9-5) allowed a careerhigh 11 runs and 13 hits over five innings. Zambrano (7-3) pitched six-plus innings for the Cubs, allowing seven runs and seven hits.

Aaron Boone emerged from a long slump with a tiebreaking, two-run homer for the Indians. Boone hadn't hit one since June 7, and was in a 4-for-42 slump overall.

"I've been so not hitting homers this year. It felt good to get one," Boone said. "The last thing I want to do is because I haven't been hitting home runs, to go up there and try to." David Weathers (3-3) allowed

Philadelphia 11, Toronto 6; Boone's homer. Guillermo Mota innings (1-3) pitched the seventh inning in relief of C.C. Sabathia to get the victory for the Indians.

Red Sox 4, Marlins 3

Mark Loretta's eighth-inning sacrifice fly scored Alex Cora with the go-ahead run, and David Ortiz hit his third homer in two days to lead the visiting Red Sox to the win.

Ortiz, Kevin Youkilis and Jason Varitek all hit solo deficit. homers for Boston. Jonathan Papelbon pitched 1 1-3 innings for his 25th save.

Hanley Ramirez and Miguel Marlins.

with one shutout inning. Randy Messenger (1-4) took the loss.

Diamondbacks 3. Athletics 1

Brandon Webb pitched a fourhitter to win for the first time in a month and the in the fifth Diamondbacks completed a three-game sweep.

Webb (9-3) got his third complete game of the season, and sixth of his career

previous six. He gave up three game winning streak runs and six hits in 8 2-3

Frank Thomas hit his 18th homer of the season for Oakland

Yankees 16, Mets 7

Alex Rodriguez hit a grand siam and a three-run homer, sending the host Yankees to a blowout of the Mets.

Jorge Posada and Nick Green also connected for the Yankees, who rallied from an early 4-0.

Carlos Beltran homered twice for the Mets, who have lost five

'The Yankees broke out for the Cabrera homered for the most runs scored by either team in a Subway Series game Mike Timlin (4-0) got the win since interleague play began in 1997. The Mets and Yankees split six games.

> Rodriguez put the Yankees ahead with a grand slam off rookie starter Alay Soler (2-3) in the third inning, then added a three run shot off Heath Bell

Phillies 11, Blue Jays 6

Ryan Howard and Chase Uties homered, and Bobby Barry Zito (8 5) lost his second. Abreu had four Rills to help the straight start after winning his Phillies end the Blue Jays' five-

Gooff Geary 5 or pitched 3 1-3 for the Angels.

A.J. Burnett (1-2) allowed seven runs and 10 hits in 4 1-3 innings for Toronto.

Tigers 9, Pirates 8

Carlos Guillen and Chris Shelton homered for Detroit.

Todd Jones pitched the ninth for his 22nd save. Zach Miner (5-1) lasted 5 2-3 innings for Detroit, giving up two runs and six hits.

Ian Snell (7-6) got the loss.

Cardinals 9, Royals 7

Albert Pujols hit a three-run homer and Jason Marquis pitched seven innings for the Cardinals.

Scott Rolen and Jim Edmonds also horiered for the second straight game for St. Louis. which had lost nine of its last 10. Puiols went 3-for-5 with four RBIs.

Marquis (10-6) allowed four runs and nine hits.

Mike Wood (3-4) lost his fourth straight start.

Angels 4, Dodgers 0

John Lackey (6-5) pitched 6 2-3 shutout innings and matched a career high with 10 strikeouts

J.J. Henry wins Buick; **Heads to British Open**

By PAT EATON-ROBB

Associated Press Writer CROMWELL, Conn. -After a huge win at home, J.J. Henry is heading

overseas. The Fairfield native shot a 3-under 67 on Sunday for a victory at the Buick Championship by three strokes, becoming the first player from Connecticut to win the 55year-old tournament.

It was Henry's first career victory in his seventh season on the PGA Tour, and it clinched him a spot in the British Open in two weeks.

"It opened a lot of doors for me," Henry said. "I've never played in The Open Championship, so to get a chance to play will be awesome."

Henry also qualified for next year's Mercedes Championships Kapalua, and moved from 26th to sixth place on the points list for the U.S.

Ryder Cup team.

After booming a 361vard drive off the 18th tee, the 31-year-old tipped his hat and applauded the ians as he walked up the fairway to roaring ovation. He dropped his putter and pumped both fists in the air when his par putt rolled in.

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brief discussion.

Millwood allowed nine hits and six runs in 3 1-3 innings, his second-shortest outing this season, with one walk and no strikeouts. The AL ERA champion last season (2.86) for Cleveland has a 4.83 ERA through 18 starts in Texas.

In his previous start Tuesday , San Francisco, Millwood matched a career high by allowing 12 hits in six innings. That snapped his five-game winning streak over eight starts.

Rodriguez also equaled a career high in his previous start, 10 hits allowed at Detroit. The Rangers got five runs and seven hits in 51-3 innings against the left-hander, who struck out three and walked two.

Brad Lidge got the final out for his 20th save in 23 chances.

Munson was in the lineup to catch Rodriguez,

He's been coming to the tournament since he was a boy, dreaming each time about a victory.

"Every time I'd leave here, I'd go back to the putting green or the driving range and pretend I was winning the tournament," Henry said. "It means the world to me."

Henry, who now lives in Texas, took home \$792,000 his biggest paycheck since joining the PGA Tour in 2000.

Hunter Mahan (65) and Ryan Moore (67), who had surgery on his left hand in March, tied for second at 11-under. It was Mahan's best finish in two years. He also was looking for his first win.

"Sometimes we get too caught up in trying to figure out how someone else does it instead of trying to find your way," Mahan said. "I feel like I'm getting closer to finding my way and doing what I need to do to go out there and play well."

Nathan Green (66) was all alone in fourth at 9 under. Former Buick Championship winners Stewart Cink (67) and Woody Austin (68) were in a group that included Shigeki Maruyama (66) and Bubba Dickerson (67) at 7-under.

not because of regular catcher Brad Ausmus being in an 0-for-31 slump and without a hit since June 18. Munson had four RBIs when he homered twice June 11 against Atlanta, another game Rodriguez pitched.

The Astros loaded the bases after Millwood left and Munson cleared them with his double into the right-field corner. Morgan Ensberg's RBI double off reliever Ron Mahay made it 6-4 before that.

Texas led 4-2 in the second after four straight run-scoring hits: doubles by Kinsler and Gerald Laird before a single by Jerry Hairston Jr. and a double by Matthews whose other RBI double came in the fourth.

Notes: Biggio was hit by a pitch in the seventh, increasing his modern day major league record to 278. ... The Astros and Rangers finished 7-11 in interleague play. ... Millwood's shortest outing was May 9 at home against Minnesota, when he allowed nine runs and

nine hits in 1 1-3 innings.





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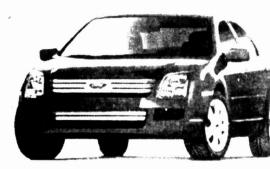


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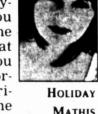
Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

Mercury goes retrograde tomorrow. It's nothing to be alarmed about, but being aware

might help. F 0 instance, if there's anything you can get done today that will help you out tomorrow (marinate the

meat



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your barbeque, buy that present for an upcoming birthday, get those papers in the mail), you'll be glad you

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). As you alter the outer world, your inner world also transforms. While tending to your possessions, you might realize your priorities are not as you would like them to be. This realization produces immediate and effortless change.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Construct a new set of goals before you get close to attaining the old set. If you're nowhere near attaining the old set, consider that they might not be the right goals for you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your life takes an exciting shape when you're near that certain person. Perhaps it's the exact shape of this person's negative space, since you can't help but mold yourself around their essence. If this isn't love, it's something like

what you need to do to get your feelings to all of the tasks on your list today, ask who you need to be. The answer is a superhuman. No worries — it's not out of your

realm of "cape"-ability. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). At times, you pour your identity into your work. You're not your job though, and today proves this point. Something happens while you're working that is hard for you to relate to, and that's a good thing.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're flying high on the wings of love. Just make sure you have enough fuel to stay in the air — i.e. real things in common and a solid base of communication.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Though you love to joke around and keep things glib, giving and receiving tenderness will heal your soul. Dare to reach deeper. Words have the power to change your romantic status.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It has long been proven that happiness is not a result of getting everything you ever wanted. Today, you'll get almost nothing you want and be blissfully astounded at what you already have.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). To a person who has never prayed, praying just looks like someone talking to himself. If there is some greater, unseen force to be used, you're open to using it in big or ordinary ways.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-CANCER (June 22-July Jan. 19). The planets align fling, Gemini and 22). Instead of asking to put you in touch with Aquarius people are per- DICATE, INC.

authority. A father figure may help this process. You're the real authority in your life, even when you appear to be restrict-

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Negative attention is attention all the same. Someone who needs attention knows this very well. You might be able to prevent bad behavior by lavishing attention on this person before they do anything at all.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your charm is unstoppable - your cheery unchangeable. mood Family and old friends get leeway from you. It's easier for you to be forgiving, and better for all.

ASTROLOGICAL QUES-TLONS: "When I was a teenager and in my 20s, my love life always got spicy during the summertime. Now that I've been married and divorced, my new single status has me longing for that 'summer love' feeling again. Am I too old for that kind of delusion now? (I'm a Virgo.)"

Summer love is certainly coming to you! It's because you're willing to put aside cynicism and judgment to experience this kind of giddy, naive love that it will happen. Be willing to see only the "superstar" quality in the object of your affection, and there's no reason you can't be swept up in a teenage-style affair. In fact, Virgos are coming into a highly romantic summer. For a frivolous

about fect. You're easily fascinated by their zest for life. For a slightly more serious attachment, you find Capricorns and Scorpios especially attractive, and in the long view, these signs are completely trustworthy and good for you. One new characteristic Virgos are displaying is their desire for extreme honesty in all relationships. This summer, you're so hot on the scene that you needn't change a thing to attract new loves. Your initial forthrightness helps you quickly forge more rewarding emotional bonds.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: She may be a pop-singing superstar who's sold millions of records, but that hasn't stopped Michelle Branch from getting in touch with her inner country girl. Cancer is the sign of home, and certainly the sign of down-home music. Branch's most recent musical offering — "The Wreckers" - is a collaboration with her best friend that stormed the music charts with pretty melodies and a bit of country twang.

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Annie's Mailbox -: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I have been seeing "Ralph" for three years. He and I spend almost all our time together, except when he has his 12-year-old daughter with him. I have not met his daughter, and she does not know I exist.

I have met Ralph's parents. We have gone out to dinner with them a few times, and I have stayed overnight at their home. He has met my two oldest children, but not my youngest two (ages 11 and 15). He said he was interested in meeting them, but when I asked to set a date and time, he said he wasn't ready.

Ralph has been divorced twice and tells me that he was hurt really bad and is taking the relationship slowly. I have shown him time and again that I would never hurt him. I have had a lot of patience and am willing to wait because men like Ralph are hard to find.

Ralph is 49, and I am 42. He says he enjoys my company, and once slipped up and admitted he loves me. He gets jealous of other men. But I feel he is somehow testing me to find out whether he can trust me with all his heart:

I know we should be together, but friends keep telling me I should move on. What do you think? — Willing to Wait

Dear Willing: Ralph is exceedingly skittish about marriage, and your assurances that he can trust you are meaningless to him. His previous wives no doubt promised the same thing. It's possible he will come around, but if he hasn't introduced you to his daughter after three years or found time to meet your other children, you can bet he won't be proposing anytime soon. If you love him and are content to stay on the sidelines, that is entirely up to you, but don't expect more.

Dear Annie: My ex-partner and I have kept in touch for over 50 years, and he always has been



MARCY SUGAR

the surviving trustee of my Living Trust. Without so much as a by-yourleave, I received a curt email from him, telling me to find someone else to be trustee.

This hurt me deeply and has created a sudden and major problem at age 77. My brothers and sisters are all older than I am, and they live far away. There is no person close enough whom I can ask to assume such a position of "trust." Any ideas? — Dis-Trusted.

Dear Dis-Trusted: A trustee does not have to be a close friend or relative. It only needs to be someone who will see that your wishes are carried out. An attorney, accountant or bank official can do the job quite well and isn't likely to send you curt e-mails that the relationship is over.

Dear Dr. K.: Many thanks for your expertise. We hope all children of recalcitrant parents will pay heed.

Dear Annie: I have been married for 35 years. I am eligible to retire in a couple of years, and we are empty-nesters. I always looked forward to this time with my wife. However, she went through early menopause, and family medical history precludes her from taking any hormone replacement therapy. We've been intimate four times in the last five years.

I try to be romantic, caring and communicative, but I am reduced to a wage earner, cook, yard-

man and housekeeper. I displays of affection every Nebraska

I love my wife and do NOT want to end our marriage, but I don't want to spend the next 20 years like this. The resentment is building, and I don't want my love to die. I can live without sex, but not without affection. I have suggested counseling, but she says there's nothing wrong and I should "get used to the way things are.

I will not retire if I can't fix this. What good is it to have more time with the one you love if she barely tolerates you? — Afraid and Confused

Dear Afraid: Your wife needs to see that this isn't about sex. It's about a shared marital bond, and yours is fraying. Tell her you love her deeply, but your marriage is in serious trouble, with or without sex. Let her know you are going to go for counseling whether she goes with you or not. Then, please do it.

Dear Annie: Last December, my nephew asked my 5-year-old daughter to be the flower girl at his wedding. She was very excited about it. My nephew also asked my 2-year-old son to be the ring bearer.

Yesterday, I received an e-mail from my nephew saying he is sorry, but they want to use a cousin on the bride's side as the flower girl.

I am having a hard time finding the right words to reply to his e-mail. My daughter will be devastated. Can I ask if he would allow two flower girls, so there would be no hard feelings? Can I tell him that I don't want my son to be the ring bearer. because his sister is not included and I feel he is too young anyway? I don't think it would do any good to talk to my brother, the groom's father. Guys don't always get it.

My husband is so upset, am not demanding, unless he says we should not you consider one attempt attend the wedding. a month to be overkill. I Please help. — Trying To try to make non-sexual Find the Right Words in

Dear Nebraska: It was extremely inconsiderate for your nephew to disinvite your daughter. However, we suspect he was under a certain amount of pressure from the bride's family to make the switch.

Can you ask your brother's wife, the groom's mother, if they would consider two flower girls? If the answer is no, please don't make a big deal of this or it will only encourage your daughter to be more upset than she would otherwise. Just say, "I'm sorry, sweetie, cousin Joe had to ask Betty Sue to be the flower girl. But you can still wear a fancy dress and have fun." If your son is truly too young to handle ring bearer duties, you should decline the honor, but try not to let this unpleasantness cause a rift. Go to the wedding and show your daughter how to be a gracious guest.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Louisville, Ky.," who endured rude remarks about carrying her third daughter. My youngest sister once asked my father if he ever wished that I (the eldest) had been a boy instead of a girl. He sighed and replied, "Not until she was 16." - New York Daughter

Dear N.Y.: Ah, yes, dating and the driver's license. Thanks for the memories.

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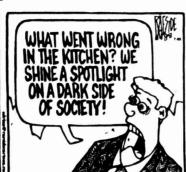


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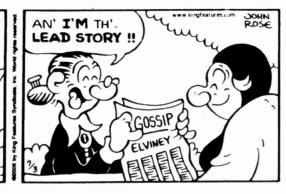






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This Date In History

Today is Monday, July 3, the 184th day of 2006. There are 181 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History

On July 3, 1863, the three-day Civil War Battle of Gettysburg, Pa., ended in a major victory for the North Confederate troops retreated.

On this date: In 1608, the city of Quebec was founded by Samuel de Champlain.

1775, Gen. George Washington took command of the Continental Army at Cambridge, Mass.

In 1890, Idaho became the 43rd state of the Union. In 1898, the U.S. Navy

defeated a Spanish fleet in the harbor at Santiago, Cuba, during the Spanish-American War.

In 1930, Congress created he U.S. Veterans the Veterans Administration. In 1962, Algeria became

independent after 132 years of French rule. In 1971, singer Jim Morrison of The Doors died

in Paris at age 27. In 1976, Israel launched its daring mission to rescue about 100 passengers and Air France crew members being held at Entebbe Airport in Uganda by pro-Palestinian hijackers.

In 1986, President Reagan presided over a gala ceremony in New York Harbor that saw the relighting of the renovated Statue of Liberty. In 1988, the USS Vincennes shot down an Iran Air jetliner over the Persian Gulf, killing all 290

people aboard. Today's Birthdays: Movie director Ken Russell is 79. musician Pete

Fountain is 76. Playwright Tom Stoppard is 69. Writerproducer Jay Tarses is 67. Singer Fontella Bass is 66. Actor Kurtwood Smith is 63. Actor Michael Cole ("The Mod Squad") is 61. Country singer Johnny Lee is 60. Writer Dave Barry is 59. Actress Betty Buckley is 59. Rock singer-musician Paul Barrere (Little Feat) is 58. Actress Jan Smithers is 57. Former Haitian President Jean-Claude Duvalier is 55. Talk show host Montel Williams is 50.



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