



Tax rate, smoking ordinance top council agenda

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Discussion of the 2006-2007 property tax rate and a possible smoking ordinance top the agenda of Tuesday night's meeting of the Big Spring City Council.

The council is expected to discuss the tax rate — which is expected to remain at or near the 2005-2006 rate of .7163 cents per \$100 valuation — as well as call for public hearings concerning both the tax rate and

the city's \$32.2 million budget for the coming year.

"I don't have the exact numbers for the tax rate yet. They will be presented during the meeting," said Mayor Russ McEwen. "However, I have been assured they will not be going up this year."

The proposed budget, which managed to come in approximately \$346,000 below expected revenues for 2006-2007, is encouraging, according to McEwen.

"I'm encouraged because

we're looking at a budget that doesn't have any increases in taxes, and that's a good budget," said McEwen. "On top of that, we're able to do some things that are good for the community. We're not scrimping, but we have a good, tight budget that we can be proud of. I feel like we're seeing some very encouraging signs."

"There's no doubt in my mind we'll be able to complete a balanced budget. We'll be able to do that without any increases taxes, which is a good thing for

the citizens."

Also during the meeting, the council is expected to discuss an ordinance that would amend the city code by changing Chapter 13, entitled "Health Safety and Nuisances" and amend Article 9, entitled "City Smoking Ordinance."

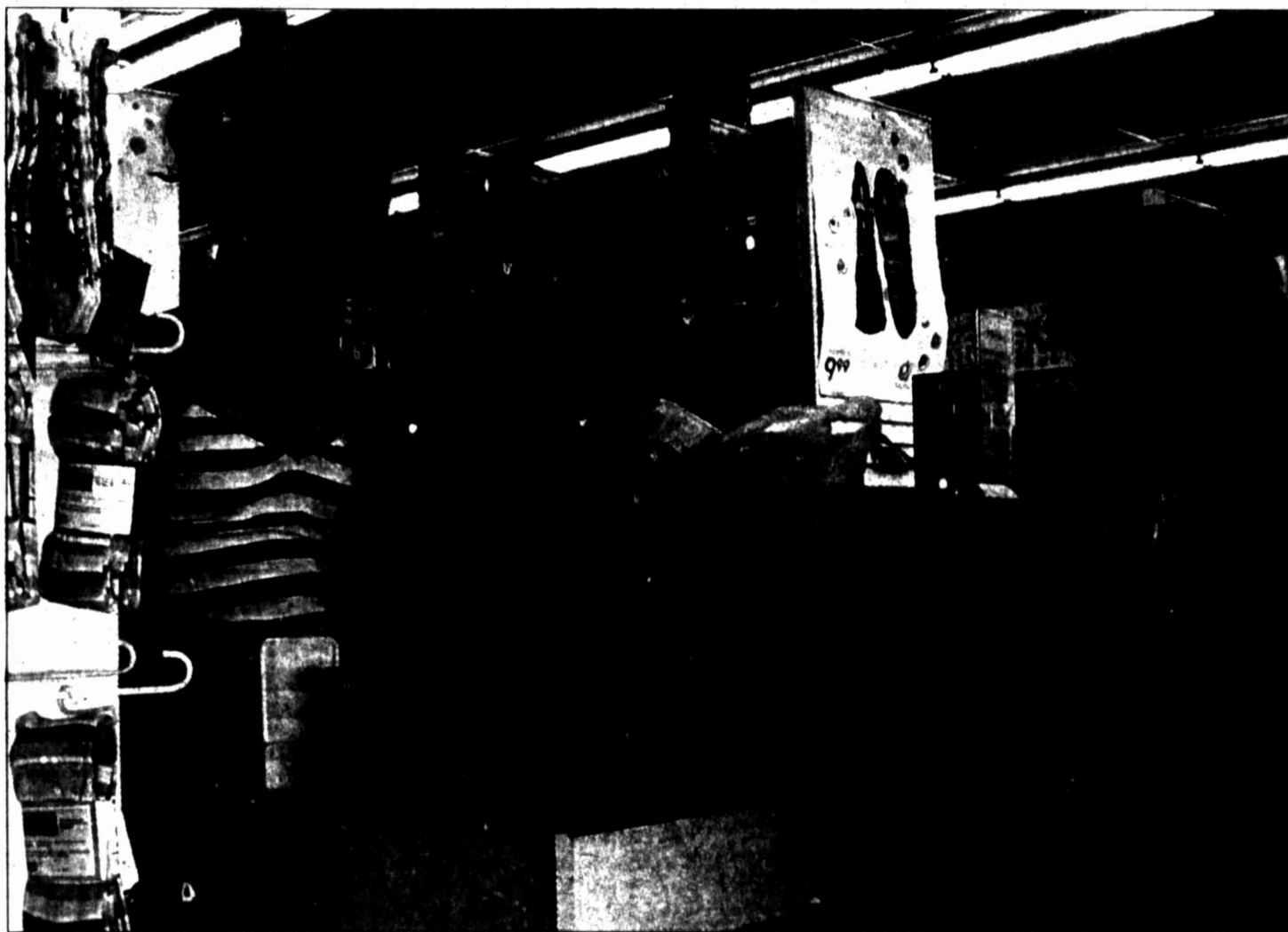
"This is the first time the council will officially consider a non-smoking ordinance," said McEwen. "We'll have a model of the ordinance in front of us, but we'll be able to make it as liberal or restrictive as the

council desires.

"This will give us a point to start from. This will give us the chance to start the dialogue to determine if the council wants to move forward with an ordinance like this. No decisions have been at this point."

The meeting will get underway Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth Street.

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



Payless Shoesource Manager Yolanda Robles, right, helps Hayley Pace, left, and Lisa Duggan with their purchase at the store Saturday morning. Shoppers were taking advantage of the annual sales tax holiday, in which clothing and shoe purchases were exempt from state sales tax.

City council to consider bond election

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council will hold a special session Tuesday — following its regular council meeting — to discuss a proposed bond election and various bond-financed propositions being considered.

Set for 6 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth Street, the meeting will also include first reading of an ordinance calling for a bond election to be held during the general election in November.

During a June meeting, the council looked over several bond projects, totaling \$21 million — to present to the voters. The projects include:

- Street reconstruction for much of Main and

Scurry streets, including parts of Nolan and Johnson near the downtown area. Included in the scope of the project is landscaped islands on Main Street from Second to 10th streets. Estimated cost: \$6.5 million.

- A 23,000 square foot conference center that would include 8,700 square feet of meeting space and 9,400 square feet of support space. The location of the project would be determined by the architect. Estimated cost: \$9.04 million.

- An annex for the current municipal Animal Shelter located on Midway Road. The 2,350 square foot structure would be located adjacent to the existing shelter and

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For the animals

Funds, volunteers needed ...
...for sanctuary, rescues

By ANDREIA MEDLIN

Special to the Herald

Don't know what to do with those old cell phones and used inkjet cartridges lying around the house? Don't throw them away; All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue can use them.

The organization is holding a fundraiser to help offset the costs of veterinary bills, feed for the animals and daily operation.

"We only rely on donations for the sanctuary," explained Melanie Gambrell, sanctuary president. "We're also in need of foster families to

hold animals until they can be adopted."

The 160-acre sanctuary located in Coahoma provides rescue, rehabilitation and release of orphaned, injured and displaced wildlife.

The domestic animal adoption program is operated in conjunction with the wildlife rescue.

"The foster homes are used to house train and learn the animal's personality," said Gambrell.

All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is a non-profit organization and serves the West Texas area. The ongoing operation also offers advice and assistance with

human and wildlife encounters.

If a wild animal is encountered it is best, "to leave it alone," said Gambrell, who goes on to say that if a young animal is found, the mother is probably nearby. "She's probably waiting for you to leave so she can get her baby."

But for those animals that are in imminent danger, animal control should be contacted. The animal will be contained and the Gambrells will be notified.

The facility is operated 24 hours a day, 365 days a

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HERALD Photo/Andria Medlin

Melanie Gambrell, president of All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue, holds an opossum currently in residence at the 160 acre spread. A fundraiser is being held to help offset the costs of maintaining the sanctuary which is not state funded and is non-profit. To donate used cell phones and ink jet cartridges call Melanie or Randy Gambrell at 432-267-7387.

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Bailey, friends unsung heroes for hang gliders

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Hang gliders can accomplish plenty of aerial feats, but somebody has to get them up in the air first.

That's where Bob Bailey comes in.

Bailey and a group of about 10 other pilots are the unsung heroes of the U.S. Hang Gliding Championships here in Big Spring. They're the ones who tow the hang gliders aloft so

they can perform their feats of aerobatic derring-do.

Bailey and two friends are credited with developing the Dragonfly, an ultra-light aircraft specifically designed for towing hang gliders.

Bailey, who began hang gliding in 1972 and flying ultra-lights three years later, began tinkering with the idea of a specialized towing craft with friends Campbell Bowen and Russell Brown in 1989.

Their work caught the eye

of Australian Bill Moyes, who convinced them to come Down Under and design the craft in 1991.

Thus was born the Dragonfly.

"The name is kind of a joke," Bailey said. "We drag (hang gliders) up in the air, and they fly their way down."

The Dragonfly differs from typical ultra-lights in that it has the power to tow a few hundred pounds of glider and pilot, but is slow enough

to fit inside the effective speed range of a hang glider — between 18 and 60 miles per hour.

"It's designed for slow speeds and to go up and down," Bailey said. "If you want to go straight, you need to get another ultra-light. But if you want to go up and down quickly, this is the one for you."

Watching Bailey and his fellow Dragonfly pilots in

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Obituaries

W. O. Tyler

W. O. Tyler, 76, of Midland, formerly of Coahoma died Saturday, Aug. 5, 2006, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Take Note

CHRIST COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP IS COLLECTING INFANT CAR SEATS AND CARRIERS. These are given to new mothers who cannot afford them.

To donate your old or new car seats and carriers, call Karen Allen at 263-3517 or leave a message at Christ Community Fellowship, 263-love. All donations are appreciated.

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 Nancy Koger at 267-7809.

THE MITCHELL COUNTY REUNION will be held Sept. 30 in the Colorado City Civic Center, 157 W. Second St. Reservations may be made with the Colorado City Area Chamber of Commerce, at 325 728-3403. The speaker will be Elsie Ann (Ramsdell) Scaife, a former Mitchell County resident and a member of the 1944 graduating class.

NEW LIFE MINISTRIES Church of God In Christ is holding a soup kitchen every second and fourth Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 204 N.W. 10th. The meal is free. Call 264-0771 for more information

SANDS-ACKERLY EX-STUDENTS HOMECOMING 2006 will be Sept. 30. The committee is in the process of updating address files. Contact Dorothy Rogers at 1608 W. FM 2230, Big Spring, or call 432 399-4312. We need correct mailing addresses for the homecoming letters. We would also like to have ex-teachers' addresses.

MEMBERS OF THE BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1996 are planning a 10-year reunion and are seeking information on the following missing classmates: Desmond Acosta, Richard Balcazar, Molly Balthrop, Stephanie Barraza, Kim Barton, Amanda Bingham, Ainee Cantu, Justin Cole, Riley Dorton, Clint Edmondson, Tony Everett, Trenton Fuqua, Mandy Gamble, Catalina Gonzales, Tammy Gonzales, Tony Greene, Betsy Gross, Rosa Gutierrez, Ryndi Hamby, Jorge Hernandez, Nick Hernandez, Valerie Hernandez, Ralph Herrera, Derek Hicks, Rober Hilario, Aaron Hubbard, Kim Klaus, Jennifer Leos, Juliana Leite, Manuel Lopez, Richard Lopez, David Mayes, Alisha McGee, Shenikqua McGee, Heidi McIntyre, Erika Mendoza, Jason Metcalf, David (Brad) Moore, Alex Padilla, Zoila Parra, Jason Pittman, Wes Platte, Tim Rios, Sally Rodriguez, Sarah Rowan, David Salgado, Amy Sanghavi, Ib Simpson, Craig Turner, Barnaby Urias, Leticia Valencia, Michael Watson, Ryan Wilkerson, Danielle Wilson, Zac Womack, Matt Woodall and Stephanie Yanez.

If you have information concerning any of the missing classmates, please contact Mindy Sedberry by e-mail at msedberry@yahoo.com.

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 CLASS OF 1991 is looking for fellow classmates for the 15-year reunion. If you or anyone you know has not been contacted by the reunion committee members please get in touch with us. Kendra (Williams) Rutledge 263-9955, Kim (Bailey) Rios 264-6129, or Kerry (Burdette) Rodriguez 263-6100.

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.

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.

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Police blotter

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

- **GARY SMALE**, 31, of 2506 Central, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **JACOB STRAIN**, 26, of 538 Westover Road, was arrested Saturday on two local citations.
- **FRANCISCO CANTU**, 25, of 1502 E. Cherokee, was arrested Saturday on local warrants.
- **CHRISTIAN HERNANDEZ**, 19, of 410 Owens, was arrested Monday on a charge of evading arrest.
- **THEFT** was reported:
 - in the 1100 block of Lamesa.
 - in the 900 block of Willia.
 - in the 200 block of W. Marcy.
 - in the 1200 block of 11th Place.
- **INJURY TO A CHILD** was reported in the 4000 block of Highway 80.
- **FAILURE TO IDENTIFY - GIVING FALSE INFORMATION** was reported in the 200 block of Seventh Street.
- **EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION WITH A VEHICLE** was reported in the 200 block of Seventh Street.
- **EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION** was reported in the 1300 block of Lexington.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 400 block of Ryon.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 600 block of 10th Street.

Sheriff's report

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

- **CARL WILLIAM TABOR WELLS**, 23, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of resisting arrest, search or transportation.
- **DARLENE CAROLYN SHELDON**, 48, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.
- **ANA MARIE SAUCEDO**, 39, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for contempt of court.
- **LETICIA GUTIERREZ FLORES**, 28, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of forgery of a financial instrument.
- **BILLY RAY JOHNSON**, 45, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for contempt of court.
- **CARLOS MONTANEZ JR.**, 53, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of deadly conduct - discharge of a firearm.
- **LARRY DALE KING**, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of no driver's license, no liability insurance and violation of a promise to appear.
- **CLIFFORD STINSON**, 36, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **TONI JEANETTE MARTINEZ**, 21, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a Travis County warrant for theft.
- **JUSTEN TEI VOGEL**, 32, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on charges of assault - family violence and resisting arrest, search or transportation.
- **AARON WAYNE HENSLEY**, 22, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of assault with intent to cause bodily injury.
- **JAVIER IBARRA DELGADO**, 17, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of assault - family violence.
- **MIGUEL ENRIQUE JUAREZ**, 18, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of assault - family violence.
- **DOYLE RAY MIEARS**, 32, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- **THEODORE E. RIOS**, 36, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of bondsman off bond for theft.
- **RAUL GARCIA SIMENTAL**, 41, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 2800 block of S. Anderson Road.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 300 block of Denton Road.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 500 block of North Main Street.

Weather

Today — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 90s. Light and variable winds becoming southeast around 10 mph in the afternoon.

Tonight — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 70s. Southeast winds around 10 mph.

Bulletin Board

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

TODAY

- Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon at La Posada.
- The Big Spring Cruisers club meeting at 7 p.m. in the Texas RV Park meeting room.
- District Committee Lone Star of Big Spring meets at noon at 610 Scurry.
- 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 of Big Spring, 911 Goliad. A different program is offered every week. Enter through the south side door off 10th Street. Call 263-2786 for more information.
- Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at The Event Center, 1607 E. Third St.
- Concerned Citizens will meet at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library. The public is invited.
- Howard County ARC meets at 806 E. Third in the Bingo Hall. Call 264-0674 for more information.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.
- Big Spring Chapter No. 178 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

TUESDAY

- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

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. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.
- Downtown Lion's Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
- Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

Fire/EMS

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

- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 3600 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to the VAMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1900 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2700 block of South Gregg Street. Service was refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 400 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 300 block of Second Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1900 block of Simler. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 500 block of West 17th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to THE VAMC.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 11-15-21-24-40-42. Number matching six of six: None. Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$16 million.

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Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 19-22-24-25-26. Number matching five of five: 2. Prize per winner: \$16,082. Winning tickets sold in: Bedford; Houston. Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night, in order: 9-3-3

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TEXAS NEWS BRIEFS

Candidates differ on 'futile care' law

HOUSTON (AP) — Two candidates for Texas governor have called for abolishing a state law that allows hospitals to stop life-sustaining treatment against the wishes of the patient's family.

Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn and Kinky Friedman, both running as independents, said the law should be repealed. Democratic nominee Chris Bell said the law should be reformed, while Republican Gov. Rick Perry said he supports a legislative review of the law.

The controversial "futile care law" allows hospitals to remove life support in cases deemed medically futile. It requires that a hospital committee review the decision and give the family 10 days notice to find another facility to take the patient.

The 1999 law has been scrutinized during the past 18 months as a result of highly public conflicts between families and hospitals around the state.

The Texas House Committee on Public Health has scheduled a Wednesday hearing on the law to assess whether patients' loved ones have enough time to find alternative care when a hospital decides to stop treatment.

Immigrant trapped in train car for two days

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A Honduran immigrant spent two days trapped in a train car in stifling heat before he was rescued when someone heard his cries for help.

The man, who was not identified, was rescued Saturday when the train came to a stop in the San Antonio area.

He told authorities he had left Honduras several weeks ago and worked his way up to Laredo, where he paid a smuggler \$2,000 to get to New York City, Bexar County Sheriff's Sgt. Russell McWhorter said.

"Off he went to San Antonio, with no food or water or any way to get out of the train," McWhorter said.

"This guy coming to America, he is suffocating, he is dehydrated, he can't get out and he doesn't know what his future holds for him," McWhorter said. "By a miracle of God, he is rescued."

Houston lawmaker rips TSU regents in speech

HOUSTON (AP) — In the keynote address to Texas Southern University graduates, state Rep. Harold Dutton sharply criticized the school's Board of Regents for their handling of fired president Priscilla Slade.

"You (regents) are directly responsible for the unsuccessful management and government of TSU," said Dutton, a Houston Democrat and TSU alumnus.

The regents were sitting on a nearby platform while Dutton addressed the school's summer graduates Saturday. Through a spokeswoman, TSU Board Chairman J. Paul Johnson later said he felt that commenting on Hutton's remarks would be inappropriate.

Slade, 54, was fired by the regents in June following accusations she misspent hundreds of thousands of school dollars to furnish and landscape her home. A grand jury indicted her earlier this week on two charges of criminally misusing university money for her private benefit.

An inquiry by an independent law firm found that Slade spent more than \$260,000 on house-related costs. An audit also concluded she spent nearly \$650,000 over the past seven years on purchases not allowed under her contract.

After the speech, Hutton later said he felt the regents were as much to blame as Slade because of the board's responsibility to oversee TSU's fiscal management.

Support for bringing bears back is growing

TYLER (AP) — Momentum is building to bring bears back to East Texas.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, along with a group of government officials and landowners called the East Texas Black Bear Task Force, are gauging public opinion on a plan to repopulate forests with the reclusive animal.

If enough public support is mustered, state officials said they may act on a proposal to place 30 female bears into parts of East Texas.

Supporters include hunters and conservation groups, while opponents say the bears are dangerous and could discourage development. In either case, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department believes it could be a decade before a decision is made.

Rain subsides after record storm swamps El Paso

By ALICIA A. CALDWELL

Associated Press Writer

EL PASO — With only a slight chance of showers in the forecast, recovery and cleanup efforts were under way Sunday as this normally arid city slowly dried out from more than a week of flooding storms.

More than 15 inches of rain — nearly twice the annual average for the desert city — has fallen in El Paso since July 27, City Manager Joyce Wilson said.

The deluge sent mud and rocks cascading into some parts of the city, destroying as many as 300

homes and causing an estimated \$100 million in damage, Wilson said.

Officials from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, along with city inspectors and others had begun in-depth damage assessments.

Mayor John Cook said the damage estimates would likely rise as more information comes in.

So far, about half of the damage has been reported on the west side of the city and county, where quickly rising waters and rock slides flooded homes and all but washed out some roads last week,

Cook said.

He said the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers assured him that an earthen dam that had threatened to burst in Ciudad Juarez and flood downtown El Paso last week would hold.

Engineers have determined that none of the city's drainage systems, dams or reservoirs failed, Wilson said.

"The infrastructure of this community per-

formed well, it has performed well under devastating conditions," said Wilson, who added that storms of this magnitude likely only hit the city once every 500 years or so.

Three emergency shelters remained open Sunday but officials anticipated closing two of those by Monday.

Mark Matthys, executive director of the El Paso chapter of the

American Red Cross, said his organization was making efforts to get financial aid to residents affected by the flood damage.



Herald photo/Steve Reagan
Bob Bailey taxis his Dragonfly ultra-light aircraft before towing a hang glider aloft for a practice run at the U.S. Hang Gliding Championships Saturday afternoon at McMahon-Wrinkle Airport. Bailey and some friends are credited with developing an aircraft specifically designed for towing hang gliders.

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operation during the championships is like watching organized

chaos. Each ultra-light will average between 10 or 12 flights a day, towing hang gliders to an altitude of about 2,000 feet, cutting them loose, then heading back to the airport to do it all over

again.

And while the oh-so-slow Dragonfly looks like it might drop out of the sky at any second, Bailey quickly discounts any danger associated with his work.

"It's slow, but it's very forgiving," he said.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com.

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include 34 caged pens, a cat room and desk space. Estimated cost: \$420,000.

• Upgrade and expansion of the Roy Anderson Sports Complex, including renovations to existing fields and the addition of football, soccer and baseball fields. Estimated cost: \$4.6 million.

• Repairs and painting of the Northside Elevated Reservoir, including an overcoat of the existing

lead-based paint, new interior painting system and various upgrades and repairs to meet TNRCC (Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission) regulations. Estimated cost: \$584,000.

"We're at a crossroad," Mayor Russ McEwen told the council following presentation of the projects. "It's time for us to decide whether we're going to be bold and make these decisions, or we're just going to be caretakers."

The council members agreed in June the bond election would include a

menu that voters can pick and choose projects to support.

According to City Secretary Peggy Walker, the bond — if passed at \$21 million — will certainly have an effect on municipal tax payers.

"Taxes would increase approximately 42-cents per \$100 valuation," Walker told the council.

"For the average appraised home in the city — approximately \$30,000 — that would translate into a \$135 annual increase in taxes. For a \$100,000 home, it

would increase by \$336."

According to Councilwoman Gloria McDonald, which projects to go after and which ones to shelve shouldn't be up to the council.

"This really isn't a matter for us to choose," said McDonald. "This is something we need to let the voters choose. All of these things need to be done."

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year. Many of the animals have special needs, disabilities and behavioral problems and require extra care and attention.

The All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue board of directors consists of a state and federal licensed bird rehabilitator, a state licensed mammal rehabilitator, a veterinarian and two animal care

givers.

When citizens donate cell phones and used inkjet cartridges, the organization receives money for each item collected. The cell phones and inkjet cartridges will be recycled in accordance with EPA regulations or refurbished and reused.

Items can be taken to Highland Animal Hospital, Dana Baker's Video, Christene's Cafe in Coahoma, Pretty Pets Bed and Bath, KBYG, Texas RV Park of Big Spring,

Dahmer's Antiques or Yesterday's News and Antiques.

To make a donation, become a foster family, or provide a place for displaced wildlife such as a farm or ranch, contact Melanie or Randy Gambrell at 432-267-PETS (7387). Monetary donations can be sent to Randy Gambrell, P.O. Box 871, Coahoma 79511.

To contact Andrea Medlin call the Herald at 263-7331 or e-mail newsdesk@bigspringherald.com

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OUR VIEWS

Salvation Army's supplies drive in need of our help

With the start of the new school year just a week away, the call has gone out from the Salvation Army. It needs our help to make sure its annual back-to-school supply drive succeeds.

Virtually all of us know that one of the most important things we can give children is an education.

And that means making sure children have everything they need when school bells begin to ring.

Unfortunately, there will again be too many families in Big Spring that simply cannot afford what many of us take for granted — providing their children with the necessities such as paper, pencils, notebooks, crayons, scissors, rulers and the like.

That's where the Salvation Army steps in. Last year, the organization handed out school supplies to several hundred Big Spring children from kindergarten through the eighth grade and this year Capt. Russ and Linda Keeney expect to provide supplies for that many or more.

And again this year, the Keeneys say they will also be providing back packs in addition to the school supplies.

Without the Salvation Army's help in providing those supplies, a lot of children would be at an immediate disadvantage when classes start.

If you know of a family in need of help, encourage them to take advantage of this opportunity.

Applications from parents or guardians of students in need of school supplies will be taken for two days, Thursday and Friday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Salvation Army building located at 811 W. Fifth.

Applicants will need to bring some information with them when they register, such as a birth certificate or Medicaid card and Social Security card for each child, as well as proof of residency, income, expenses and a photo ID for the person applying for the program.

Those that qualify will be able to take pick up their children's supplies and take them home that day.

If you know of a family in need of help, encourage them to take advantage of this opportunity. Without those supplies, children will be at an immediate disadvantage.

And please remember, if you can help out by donating money for the effort, please do so.

While donors can purchase school supplies and bring them to the Salvation Army offices for distribution, it should be noted that monetary donations are preferred.

The Salvation Army is a tax-exempt organization and therefore can purchase more supplies with the same money than individuals.

Think of it this way, donations to the Salvation Army school supplies program are an investment. They are an investment in education, an investment in a child's future and an investment in our community's future.

That's money well spent ... period.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

We can write a new version of our life, Lord, with You.

Amen

War worst strategy to fight terror

With its invasion of Lebanon, Israel is attempting to do what it should already know won't work. War cannot defeat terrorism. It isn't designed to; indeed, it can be argued that terrorism evolved specifically as a countermeasure to the well-financed superpower war machine and actually thrives on war.

Tanks, jets, laser-guided missiles and crack troops are fine for defeating rival armies, seizing territory, toppling governments and fashioning empires. They are ineffective against enemies who can disguise themselves by melting into the civilian population, and who don't care who dies as a result of their efforts.

The Vietnamese by 1975 had beaten a power, France, and a superpower, the United States. Afghan fighters repelled the Soviets in the 1980s. Hezbollah forced Israel to withdraw from its occupation of southern Lebanon in 2000. Iraqi insurgents have frustrated the most powerful military apparatus ever assembled — ours — for 3-1/2 years with no end in sight.

Despite this evidence of the limitations of war, Israel nevertheless has chosen to react to Hezbollah's kidnapping of two Israeli soldiers in mid-July with overwhelming military force, destroying bridges, airports, communications networks and other critical infrastructure in Lebanon, killing hundreds, turning hundreds of thousands into refugees, and shattering the peace of millions of uninvolved people. What is that widely quoted definition of insanity — doing the same thing over and over again yet expecting different results?

Why do we persist in believing war can succeed against those who are neither afraid to die nor concerned about who else does? Using war to defeat terrorism is

like using fire to defeat roaches — which only destroys the house, not the roaches. By choosing full-scale war as its terrorism response of choice, the West is forced to invade nations and imperil their civilians — as it is among civilians where the modern terrorist hides. Once lured into this hapless position, there are only three options: Become a perpetual occupation force in a hostile land, withdraw, or kill everyone — the only sure way to exterminate tomorrow's terrorist. The first option is untenable, the second unpalatable, the third unconscionable.

Only the most chauvinistic Westerner can't see how being maneuvered into such a position drastically weakens our world stature and leadership credentials: If we prove better at killing innocent people than the very terrorists we pursue, the mantle of "good guy" becomes harder for us to claim. Without that, we are nothing but global bullies with no moral leverage or ideological superiority — handing terrorist elements the perfect tool for stirring up faithful new recruits.

Israel's Ehud Olmert, like Britain's Tony Blair before him, has been infected by the seductive appeal of Bushian neo-conservatism, which arrogantly but naively believes nothing can stop the Western war machine. This assessment disdains wimpy alternatives like diplomacy, international alliances and the winning of civilian hearts and minds, preferring testosterone-pumping displays of military force as the universal solution for whatever ails the world.

That can't succeed because terrorism feeds on the privations of war. Peace, on the other hand, starves terrorism, just as cleanliness frustrates roaches. Regardless of culture, people everywhere prefer tranquility to turmoil. The most effective way to defeat terrorists is to deny them their base of popular support. The West therefore must devise a strategy that employs rapid tactical military strikes against known terrorist

plotters and perpetrators wherever they are, but which simultaneously places paramount importance on sustaining and fortifying the local civilian tranquility. Terrorists have nothing to offer people who have peace to savor; enforcing and defending peace therefore must be our central mission.

Israel's 2000 withdrawal from southern Lebanon, and former Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's bold decision last year to depart the Gaza Strip, each demonstrated how peace can hobble terrorist organizations. Hezbollah, confronted with an increasingly popular peace, faced irrelevancy in Lebanon. Hamas quickly proved it had no useful skills to govern Gaza in Israel's absence. So each group desperately provoked a revival of war — and Israel, disregarding lessons of its own history, obliged. The Bush administration, stubbornly committed to perpetuating a failed policy, approves.

Fortifying peace, it should be noted, is not synonymous with establishing democracy — Iraq and Afghanistan aptly prove that democracy in the absence of domestic tranquility accomplishes nothing against terrorists. Nor is peace the unilateral renunciation of violence. Defending peace requires the wise application of targeted force, a finely finessed blend of covert operations, intelligence gathering, guile, international cooperation and ruthless retribution against the guilty.

It's not as viscerally satisfying as blowing things up — but terrorists count on the West's predictable impatience and cowboy belligerence.

They bank on our becoming emotionally distraught and overreacting by unleashing missiles, jets, bombs, and soldiers every time a mosquito bites us.

So far, regrettably, we're responding in character.

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Question is: Stay what course?

First, he said he was too busy to testify. You know, he's doing such a great job running the war and all. Why should he be bothered with making time to tell us what he's doing? He'd prefer closed-door meetings, actually.

Then some of the senators, notably including Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, pointed out that he actually works for the American people, and for Congress, and that a big part of his job is to be accountable, which means making himself available. After many hours of that sort of mumbo jumbo, it is reported that Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld changed his mind and deigned to testify along with two of his top generals on Wednesday before the Senate Armed Services Committee. As it turned out, more hours were probably spent discussing whether or not he would testify than testifying. So at least something should come of it.

If you listened to what they had to say, there was plenty of meat on the testimony, and it was certainly fair to conclude that inviting them over had been a useful exercise not only for the senators involved, but for the basic idea of democracy. As a matter of fact, I'd go so far as to say it seemed like something they should do on a regular basis.

Consider some of the highlights of the testimony:

"Iraq could move toward civil war," testified Gen. John Abizaid, commander of U.S. Central Command.

"I believe the sectarian violence is probably as bad as I have ever seen it," Gen. Abizaid added.

"We do have the possibility of that devolving into civil war," confirmed Gen. Peter Pace, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

"It's possible that in the period ahead of us in Baghdad that we'll take increased casualties — that's possible," admitted Gen. Abizaid.

Secretary Rumsfeld didn't say anything about civil war. The generals are reported to have said all the usual things about how it didn't have to turn out that way, it was mostly up to the Iraqis, while also acknowledging that they didn't anticipate being where we are now a year ago, and that the police force had not come along as quickly as they'd hoped.

Now, here are our top defense officials acknowledging that we're sitting on a civil war beyond our control, admitting that they didn't foresee the situation a year ago, that the sectarian violence is at the worst level it's been, the Iraqi forces are not developing as well as they should, and the threat of greater casualties is significant — all of this in front of the two leading proponents of the "stay the course" school, Sen. John McCain and Hillary, of course.

And what is the explosive reaction?

Nothing. It was one story in the paper. It will wrap tomorrow's fish. No one asked anyone if their position

changed as a result of this testimony. No one expected it to.

Americans are growing war weary. We don't want to hear. This is the war people want to go away. People have gotten stuck in position, lost in the muck of looking for solutions, caught in the blame game, such that fundamental questions that need to be asked by a substantial number of people in this country — including the president of the United States — aren't being asked.

For those who want to stay the course, the basic question needs to be asked over and over again: What course?

Is this your course? When will you conclude that you are off course?

Let's say you want to do something to send a message about Mel Gibson. You're a Hollywood type, so it occurs to you, let's buy a billboard and put his picture up and draw a line through it. That will get some attention. The only thing that would get more attention than putting a billboard up on Sunset Blvd. is the billboard companies refusing to sell you space to put up the billboard. Apparently, that is what is happening. It is not clear what they are worried about. That Mel Gibson would sue them for putting up his likeness without permission is my guess. Anyway, the would-be billboarders have gotten more attention than the billboard would have, just by being turned down, and they still haven't spent the money on the billboard.

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Government adds fruits, veggies to WIC shopping lists

WASHINGTON (AP) — The grocery shopping list for the far-reaching Women, Infants and Children program is getting its first significant update since the 1970s.

Fruits, vegetables and whole grains are being added to the program, which helps feed more than half the babies born in the U.S. To cover the cost, WIC will pay for less of the juice, eggs, cheese and milk that have been staples of the program.

The changes to the low-income nutrition program were proposed Friday and will be finalized next year. Anti-hunger groups are enthusiastic about the additions.

"Overall, we're really happy about this food package. We think, for WIC clients, this is going to make a huge difference," said Geri Henchy, director of early childhood nutrition at the Food Research and Action Center.

"We like the idea that there are choices, that clients go to the grocery store and can pick the fruits and vegetables they want," she said.

The revisions follow the advice of the federally chartered Institute of Medicine, which said the WIC program needs to reflect changes in science and society since it was created three decades ago.

Adding fruits, vegetables and whole grain products follows changes last year to the govern-

ment's dietary guidelines. "The WIC food package has not been revised or updated since 1980," said Kate Coler, the Agriculture Department deputy undersecretary who oversees the program. "We thought it was a prudent time to have a scientific review of the package."

The department aims to add the new foods without changing the overall cost.

The shopping list has gone largely unchanged since WIC began in the 1970s. In the meantime, food availability has grown, obesity has become a major public health threat and WIC itself has grown dramatically, reaching 8 million people nationwide.

Knowledge about nutrition has also advanced, another impetus for updating the list of WIC foods. The government proposes to add fruits and vegetables and cut the amount of juice by half or more. The government now encourages whole fruits rather than fruit juices, which can have more sugar and less fiber, in its dietary guidelines.

Juice makers said the juice reductions are much too severe. Allowing more juice would help ensure kids are getting the vitamin C they need and discourage kids from drinking soda or other sweetened drinks, said Jim Callahan, spokesman for Welch's.

Anti-hunger groups

expressed some disappointment over the Agriculture Department's decision to pay for fewer fruits and vegetables than recommended by the institute.

"We are disappointed that some budget constraints USDA placed on itself means the proposal doesn't allow the full amount of fruits and vegetables, which WIC clients need and the Institute of Medicine recommended," Henchy said.

The program would pay for \$6 worth of fruits and vegetables for children and \$8 for women per month. These totals are about \$2 less than the institute recommended, keeping the program's cost unchanged from current levels.

Under the WIC program, people receive vouchers or food checks that can be redeemed at stores for infant formula and specific foods worth about \$35 a month, depending on who is receiving the food. People can be at or slightly above the federal poverty level, depending on the state. A family of four with income averaging \$37,000 would qualify.

Under the proposed changes, the monthly value would increase for women and infants but drop for children ages 1 through 5; which is another sore point with nutrition groups. Children 1 through 5 are the majority of people in the pro-



Lisa Gray, 31, comforts her son, Cody, 4, while he lies sick with a stomach flu on the couch of their Ballwin, Mo., apartment. Gray, a single mom with three children, has been hit hard by recent economic times, and relies on food stamps and local pantry to help feed her family. She represents a growing sector of working families who are skirting the growing poverty line.

gram. The program also offers nutrition education, health and social service referrals and breast-feeding support.

Among the proposed changes:

—The amount of juice would be cut from up to 9 ounces daily to 4 ounces for children ages 1 through 5.

—Milk would be cut from up to 3 cups daily to 2 cups for children 1 through 5. New substitutions would allow soy milk and tofu for people

who have milk allergies or trouble digesting lactose.

—Whole grain bread would be added to the list. Substitutions such as corn tortillas and brown rice would be allowed to reflect the cultural diversity of those served by WIC.

WIC encourages mothers to breast-feed their babies by offering more foods, particularly for women whose children aren't getting formula through the program. Those women currently can get one vegetable, car-

rots, as well as canned tuna.

The new list would increase the amount of canned fish to 30 ounces and add canned salmon as an option. The president of the U.S. Tuna Foundation, Anne Forristall Luke, applauded the plan.

"Canned tuna is a convenient, affordable and nutritious food we all grew up on and is unrivaled in its nutritional benefits," she said.

WIC pays for canned white, light, dark or blended tuna.

Researchers:

Citrus may hold key to prevention of colon cancer

Can a grapefruit stop a killer? That's the question Tety Leonard had asked when she started her graduate research project at Texas A&M University.

The research, she said, was "a diet study feeding bioactive compounds, flavonoids and limonoids, isolated from citrus fruits to rats that were treated with a carcinogen to induce colon tumors."

"We wanted to investigate whether the compounds, when eaten by the rats, will protect against developing future colon tumors."

These compounds are found in most varieties of citrus fruits, including grapefruit, oranges, tangerines, lemons and limes, said Dr. Nancy Turner, associate professor in the department of nutrition and food science at Texas A&M. She is the committee chair of Leonard's research project and chair of the Intercollegiate Faculty of Nutrition.

"We were using rats to simulate what goes on in humans," Turner said. "In addition, we were using the early stage of the disease (colon cancer) to try to characterize which compounds might protect against this disease."

"We had six groups of rats which were all treated with the same amount of carcinogen," Leonard said. "One group, the control group, did not receive the compounds and were fed a basic diet mix. The other five groups were

provided with compounds — one compound per group — mixed into the basic diet mix."

After 10 weeks on this diet, the rats were euthanized and their colons evaluated for indications of pre-cancerous lesions, she said.

The researchers discovered that two of the five compounds tested — apigenin and naringenin — provided the most protection, Leonard said.

"Apigenin is a flavonoid widely distributed in fruits and vegetables; naringenin is a major flavonoid found in grapefruits," she said.

In doing the research, grapefruit was the primary source of the compounds studied, Turner said.

After conducting this research, do these scientists recommend the dietary consumption of more citrus?

"It is not appropriate to extrapolate data from animal experiment to humans, so at this point the information from this research merely points to the need to conduct more experiments with the compounds that may ultimately lead to human clinical trials," Leonard said. "Only then can rec-

ommendations be made. "However, personally, this encourages me to eat more citrus fruits, which is part of the food guide pyramid recommendations anyway," Turner agreed.

"I do eat more fruit and vegetables than I used to," she said. "I definitely consume broccoli several times a week now. I try to include citrus fruit at least every-other day. And I like apples, so I consume more of them."

While more research is needed before dietary recommendations can be made, the link between diet and cancer prevention can't be ignored, Turner said.

She cited Harvard researchers who found that about two-thirds of the instances of colon cancer in this country could be prevented through diet and beneficial lifestyle changes.

"Colon cancer is the second-leading cause of death from cancer in the United States," she said, adding that 50,000 Americans die each year from the disease.

"The importance of trying to prevent this disease through changes in diet and lifestyle have the same level of importance

Living Well



By
Kori
Myers

Contract Bridge

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Opening lead — ten of hearts.
Those who consistently perform well at the highest levels of the game certainly are deserving of the reputations they have earned. But the chances are that if you watched a top expert play, you would not be greatly impressed.

The fact is that an expert seldom does anything sensational. His most valuable trait is that he rarely makes a mistake. The ability to play one session after another without erring is his stock in trade, but it does not

induce kibitzers to stand up and cheer.

Take this deal from a national championship. South was in four spades, and West led a heart. East took his A-K and returned a heart, won by declarer with the jack. South played the ace of clubs, ruffed a club and cashed the ace of diamonds. Next came the jack of spades, which lost to West's king. When West returned a club, declarer ruffed and easily took the rest.

What did South do that was extraordinary? On the face of it, nothing. He had to lose two hearts and a spade — and he lost them. Yet, upon closer study, South did something really good, and if he hadn't done it, he would have gone down.

He made the key play of cashing the ace of diamonds before taking the trump finesse.

Let's say he hadn't done this. Suppose that after he ruffed a club at trick five, he had next led the jack of spades, losing to the king.

West would then have returned a diamond, and the contract would have been lost. South would have been unable to lead from dummy without losing a second trump trick to West's ten, and he would have gone down one. Giant oaks from tiny acorns grow.

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Administration pushing for quick approval of cease-fire resolution

By NEDRA PICKLER
Associated Press Writer

CRAWFORD — The Bush administration is pushing for quick approval of a cease-fire resolution from the U.N. Security Council, but is warning the action is unlikely to put an immediate stop to the fighting in the Israeli-Hezbollah conflict.

U.S. officials say they expect the council to vote by Tuesday on the resolution designed to stop the major military operations that have been disrupting life in Lebanon and Israel for more than three weeks. The fighting between Israel and

Hezbollah guerrillas in Lebanon intensified over the weekend as diplomatic work was under way at the United Nations.

Security Council experts went over the draft for several hours Sunday, and diplomats said there was a widespread feeling that it did not sufficiently take Lebanon's concerns into account. Several members suggested amendments.

President Bush, on a 10-day vacation at his ranch, left the negotiations to his diplomatic aides. His secretary of state, Condoleezza Rice, and national security adviser, Stephen Hadley, spent the weekend on

the president's grounds and kept him updated.

Bush stayed in seclusion and had not commented publicly about the draft, reached through negotiations between the U.S. and France and announced at the United Nations early Saturday. But he planned to speak to reporters about the developments Monday morning, with Rice at his side.

The draft calls for Hezbollah to stop all military operations and for Israel to stop its offensive military drive into Lebanon.

The proposal would allow Israel to strike back if

Hezbollah were to break a cease-fire.

Lebanon urged the council to revise the resolution to demand that Israel pull its forces out of the country once hostilities end and hand over its positions to U.N. peacekeepers. The draft made no mention of an Israeli withdrawal.

The United States wants a second resolution that would form an international force that would move into Lebanon and help take control of the southern part of the country, where the militant Islamic group Hezbollah has been operating and based its fight against Israel.

"We're trying to deal with a problem that has been festering and brewing in Lebanon now for years and years and years," Rice said Sunday. "And so it's not going to be solved by one resolution in the Security Council."

"I can't say that you should rule out that there could be skirmishes of some kind for some time to come," she said.

The Lebanese parliamentary speaker, a prominent Shiite who has been negotiating on behalf of Hezbollah, rejected the U.S.-French plan because it did not include an immediate cease-fire and withdrawal of Israeli troops.

BP can't say how long largest U.S. oilfield will be closed down

By MARY PEMBERTON
Associated Press Writer

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Oil company BP scrambled Monday to assess suspected pipeline corrosion that will shut shipments from the nation's biggest oilfield, removing about 8 percent of daily U.S. crude production and driving oil prices sharply higher.

BP, which is already facing a criminal investigation over a large spill in March at the same Prudhoe Bay oilfield, said it did not know how long the field would be offline. "I don't even know how long it's going to take to shut it down," said Tom Williams, BP's senior tax and royalty counsel.

While BP suspects corrosion in both damaged lines, it can't say for sure until further tests are complete. Workers also found a small spill of about 4 to 5 barrels, which has been contained and is being cleaned up, BP said.

The news sent the price of light, sweet crude oil up \$1.53 to \$74.57 a barrel in electronic trading Monday on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Steve Marshall, president of BP Exploration Alaska Inc., said Sunday night that the eastern side of the Prudhoe Bay oilfield would be shut down first, an operation anticipated to take 24 to 36 hours. The company will then move to shut down the west side, a move that could close more than 1,000 Prudhoe Bay wells.

Once the field is shut down, BP said oil production will be reduced by 400,000 barrels a day. That's close to 8 percent of U.S. oil production or about 2.6 percent of U.S. supply including imports, according to data from the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

The shutdown comes at an already worrisome time for the oil industry, with supply concerns stemming both from the hurricane season and instability in the Middle East.

A 400,000-barrel per day reduction in output would have a major impact on oil prices, said Tetsu Emori, chief commodities strategist at Mitsui Bussan Futures in Tokyo. A barrel contains 42 gallons of crude oil.

"Oil prices could increase by as much as \$10 per barrel given the current environment," Emori said. "But we can't really say for sure how big an effect this is going to have until we have more exact figures about

how much production is going to be reduced."

But Victor Shum, an energy analyst with Purvin & Gertz in Singapore, said he expected the impact to be minimal since crude inventories are high.

"So while this won't have any immediate impact on U.S. supplies, the market is in very high anxiety. So any significant disruption, traders will take that into account, even though there is no threat of a supply shortage."

Marshall said tests Friday indicated that there were 16 anomalies in 12 areas in an oil transit line on the eastern side of Prudhoe Bay. Tests found losses in wall thickness of between 70 and 81 percent. Repair or replacement is required if there is more than an 80 percent loss.

"The results were absolutely unexpected," Marshall said.

BP America Chairman and President Bob Malone said Prudhoe Bay will not resume operating until the company and government regulators are satisfied it can run safely without threatening the environment.

"We regret that it is necessary to take this action and we apologize to the nation and the State of Alaska for the adverse impacts it will cause," Malone said in a statement.

The troubles at the Alaskan oilfield add to other problems for BP in the United States, where the company is the largest oil producer, following an explosion at its Texas City refinery that killed 15 workers in March 2005 and a trading scandal.

The shutdown comes six months after the North Slope's biggest ever oil spill was discovered on a Prudhoe Bay transit line. Some 267,000 gallons of oil spilled.

Lebanese prime minister says Israeli attack kills more than 40 people in southern village

By SAM F. GHATTAS
Associated Press Writer

BEIRUT, Lebanon — An Israeli attack on a Lebanese border village killed more than 40 people Monday, the prime minister said, raising the day's death toll to 55 in heavy fighting between Israel and Hezbollah guerrillas despite efforts toward a cease-fire.

Prime Minister Fuad Saniora repeatedly broke into tears as he disclosed the attack during opening remarks at a meeting of Arab League foreign ministers in Beirut. He appealed to fellow Arab states to help a nation "stunned" by a nearly four-week Israeli onslaught that has devastated Lebanon's infrastructure and left hundreds of civilians dead.

Saniora said the attack occurred in the village of Houla, where heavy

ground fighting between Hezbollah guerrillas and Israeli has been raging in recent days. The Israeli army said it is checking the claims about Houla but repeated that residents in villages in southern Lebanon had been warned to leave.

Local TV stations also had reported that about 40 people were buried under the rubble of houses that collapsed after being targeted by Israeli airstrikes.

"An hour ago, there was a horrific massacre in the village of Houla in which more than 40 martyrs were victims of deliberate bombing," he said.

Saniora had to interrupt his remarks several times to choke back tears and wipe his eyes. The ministers broke into applause.

Saniora ripped Israel's attacks, saying: "If these horrific actions are not state terrorism then what

is state terrorism?" He said Israel's attacks took "our country back decades. We are still in the middle of the shock."

The announcement came as Israeli warplanes repeatedly bombed Beirut's southern suburbs and pounded other areas of Lebanon, killing at least 15 people earlier Monday. Fierce fighting between Israeli soldiers and Hezbollah guerrillas in south Lebanon also killed one soldier, the Israeli army said.

Both sides appeared to take advantage of the days before a cease-fire resolution, formulated by the U.S. and France, is expected to be put to a vote in the U.N. Security

Council. Hezbollah rocket launched its deadliest rocket barrage on Israel on Sunday, killing 12 Israeli soldiers and three civilians.

The Arab foreign ministers were meeting in Beirut to show solidarity with Lebanon's government and its people.

Seven people were killed when a missile hit a house in Qassmieh on the coast north of the port city of Tyre, civil defense official Youssef Khairallah said.

A woman and her daughter were killed in an attack near a Lebanese army checkpoint between the villages of Harouf and Dweir, security officials said.

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IN BRIEF

Registration starts for youth football

Sign-ups for the Crossroads Youth Football Association has begun at the Big Spring Mall.

Registration for the league, which is open to players and cheerleaders in grades K through 6, will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the mall.

Registration dates for the league are:

- Friday, Aug. 18 — 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the mall.
- Saturday, Aug. 19 — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the mall.

For more information, contact Daphne Coates at 714-4688.

City championship tournament set

The Big Spring City Golf Championships, sponsored by the Big Spring Herald, are set for Saturday and Sunday at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Entry fees are \$40 per play and do not include cart rental.

For more information, call 264-2366.

Quarterback Club meeting is tonight

Big Spring High School's Quarterback Club has scheduled its first meeting of the season for 7 tonight at the BSHS Athletic Training Center.

Mark Tissue, the booster club's president, encourages all parents of BSHS football players and fans of the Steers to attend.

Quarterback Club meetings will be held every Monday night at 7.

For more information, call Tissue at 816-3458.

Season tickets now on sale at BSHS

Fans of the Big Spring Steers football team who have had season tickets in the past can begin purchasing tickets for the upcoming season at the Big Spring High School ATC.

Previous ticket holders have until Thursday to purchase tickets. The general public may purchase tickets on Aug. 14.

Tickets can be purchased through Kay Cook at the ATC from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

For more information call Cook at 264-3662.

Junior high football equipment hand out

Junior high football coach John Richard Sparks has announced that football players in seventh and eighth grade will be issued equipment Wednesday and Thursday.

The eighth graders will get theirs from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday and the seventh graders will go Thursday at the same time.

For more information, call 264-4135.

Garcia, Hernandez take city championships

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Managing Editor

Charlie Garcia literally ran away with a championship over the weekend, posting a two-day total of 135 on the Comanche Trail Golf Course and fashion a six-stroke margin of victory in the Big Spring City Golf Championships sponsored by the Big Spring Herald.

While Garcia was rolling to the six-stroke win in the championship flight, four of his com-

petitors — Felix "Flea" Martinez, Ryan Rodriguez, Mike Weaver and Chance Cain — managed to finish tied for second place at 141.

Martinez's 141 did give him the men's senior championship.

Garcia's six-shot margin of victory was nothing compared to that posted by Susie Hernandez, whose 155 in the women's championship flight game her a 9-stroke win over runner-up Deborah Light, who finished at 164. Joyce Roberts finished third

with a 165 total, while Tammy DePauw was fourth at 168.

Patsy Sharpnack finished the tournament with a 191 to claim the women's senior title.

The men's presidential flight was a much tighter fight, with four strokes separating the top four players. Jimmy Newsom Jr. managed to take a two-shot victory, however, posting a two-day total of 149. While Steve Barker and Don Cook finished two strokes back at 151. Barker took second place, while Cook was

third. Steve Hedges finished fourth with a 152 total.

In first flight action, Clayton Weaver carded a 150-total over the tournament's two-day run to take a four-stroke win. Luven Flores finished second, winning a playoff over Daniel Silen, after both finished tied at 154. R.C. Reid was fourth with a 156 score.

Blake Nichols took the second flight win with a two-round total of 158, edging out Ryan Williams.

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Raiders take Hall of Fame Game

By BARRY WILNER

AP Football Writer

CANTON, Ohio — At least the placekickers were in good form.

Sebastian Janikowski made field goals of 50, 51 and 24 yards Sunday night, lifting the Oakland Raiders past the Philadelphia Eagles 16-10 in the Hall of Fame game to open the NFL preseason.

Philadelphia's David Akers set a game record with a 55-yarder in the second quarter.

Eagles RB Bruce Perry was carried off on a stretcher with 1:14 remaining, his head immobilized. He was tackled by rookie Timi Wusu on a running play. Players from both sides stood silently or kneeled in prayer before Perry was removed. Perry gave a thumbs-up as he was wheeled to an ambulance and taken to a hospital.

Eagles coach Andy Reid said Perry had a concussion.

"He had some loss of feeling in his arms and legs initially and the feeling started to come back," Reid said. "I don't know how far along he is now."

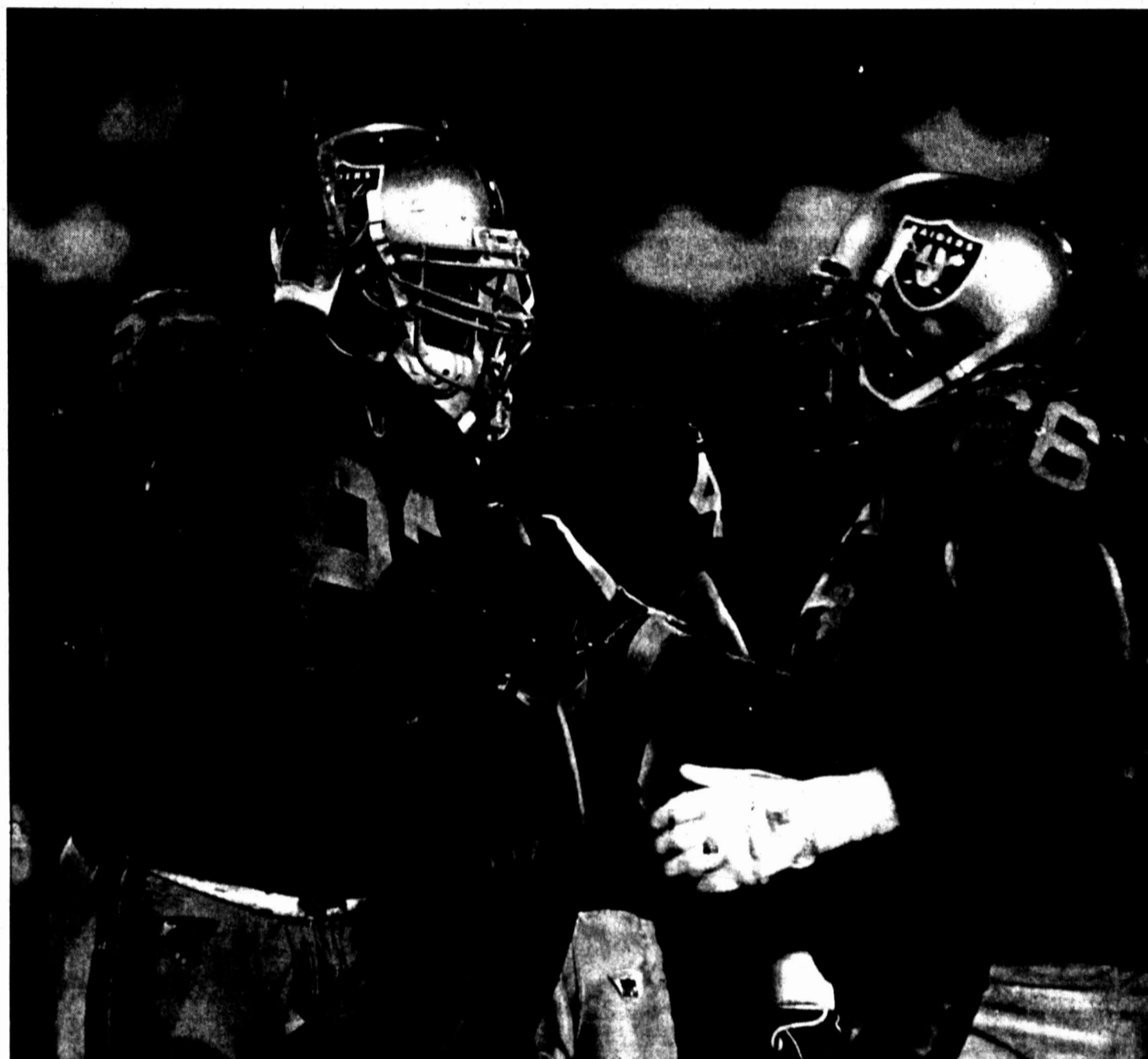
It was a sloppy performance by everyone on offense except Philadelphia's starters. As usual, the defenses were in control early in the preseason; the Raiders forced five turnovers in Art Shell's return as coach.

Shell was rehired a dozen years after being fired as Oakland's coach. His mission: bringing back the glory of the franchise for which he was a Hall of Fame tackle.

In front of former Raiders coach John Madden, who was enshrined Saturday, Shell got off to a winning start.

Had the starters played longer for Philly, though, the night might not have been successful for Oakland.

In his one-series appearance, Donovan McNabb hit all three passes for 29 yards on a 61-yard drive to Brian Westbrook's 1-yard touchdown run.



Oakland's Courtney Anderson (83) celebrates a touchdown with teammate Langston Walker (66) Sunday night during the Raiders' 16-10 win over the Philadelphia Eagles in the AFC-NFC Hall of Fame Game at Fawcett Stadium in Canton, Ohio.

Angels pound Eaton and Rangers, 9-1

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Adam Eaton's start lasted 18 pitches.

Garret Anderson and Vladimir Guerrero hit three-run homers — one before and one after Eaton's first-inning ejection — and Joe Saunders allowed three harmless singles over seven scoreless innings to lead the Los Angeles Angels over the Texas Rangers 9-1 Sunday.

Eaton (1-2) retired only two of five batters before plate umpire Rob Drake ejected him for throwing a 90 mph fastball behind Rivera — one pitch after Anderson's 10th homer of the season.

"Rivera's obviously been very comfortable up

there for the past month, so I wanted to get him off the plate with a two-seamer and I threw it out of the side of my hand," Eaton said. "(Drake) assumed that I was throwing at Rivera, but I wasn't. I've thrown at one guy my whole career. That was in A-ball — and that was from the manager's mouth. So for him to say he knew what I was doing was a wrong assumption."

"There was no intent to hit him on purpose," Eaton added. "I was definitely surprised when he ejected me, but I understand why. It didn't look very good at all. It put a huge amount of pressure on the bullpen after they

went five innings yesterday, so I was more upset about that than I was about getting tossed."

Drake, who grabbed Rivera after he made a move toward the mound, said he had no choice regarding Eaton.

"It was blatant disregard. He didn't care that everybody in the ballpark knew that he threw at him," Drake said. "I've seen this a million times — a first-inning home run, and the next pitch is 10 feet behind the guy. For me, it was a no-brainer. The only concern that I had was making sure that Rivera didn't go out to the mound."

Eaton made his third

start after almost four months on the disabled list because of a strained middle finger that required surgery on April 4. Manager Buck Showalter said that had nothing to do with the errant pitch, and appeared more irritated at Eaton than Drake.

"I certainly understand what it looked like," Showalter said. "Umpires have a tough job. They're trying to judge intent. In that situation, You don't want to even create any doubt in the umpire's mind. It took some wind out of our sails, obviously. You hate to lose your pitcher in the first

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Tiger wins Buick Open, looks ready for PGA

By LARRY LAGE

AP Sports Writer

GRAND BLANC, Mich. — Tiger Woods crushed drives, fired approaches at flags and made a slew of birdie putts to win the Buick Open.

When was the last time he played that well going into a major championship?

"The Western," Woods said matter-of-factly.

Woods finished tied for second at the Western Open a month ago, then went on to win the British Open.

Clearly, he looks like he'll be ready for the PGA Championship when it starts a week from Thursday.

Woods made a career-high 28

birdies in a tournament and reached a season-low 24 under by shooting his fourth straight 6-under 66 for a three-stroke win over Jim Furyk in the Buick Open.

After winning his 50th PGA Tour title, Woods said he was going home to continue his pursuit of a perfect and consistent swing.

"It's a lifelong ambition to get better," he said.

Woods has enjoyed perfection when leading by more than one stroke entering the fourth round, improving to 21-for-21 after starting Sunday with a two-shot lead. His fourth win of the year earned him \$864,000 and pushed his tour-leading total to \$5,127,563.

He picked up his latest win

after his emotional victory in the British Open and before he tries for his 12th major at Medinah in suburban Chicago, where he hopes to close in on the record he covets: Jack Nicklaus's 18 pro major championships.

The 30-year-old Woods became the seventh member to win 50 PGA Tour events, and at 30, the youngest. Woods has made 196 PGA Tour starts as a pro and 210 overall.

Nicklaus won his 50th title in 1973 at age 33. It was his 280th start overall — and 262nd as a professional.

Sam Snead is atop the PGA Tour's career wins list with 82, ahead of Nicklaus (73), Ben Hogan (64), Arnold Palmer (62), Byron Nelson (52) and Billy

Casper (51).

Woods said he hopes he'll have enough success to catch Snead.

"It's going to be a lifetime, a career, to get to that point and attain something like that," Woods said. "It took me 10 years to get here, hopefully I can continue playing well over the next 10, 20 years."

Vaughn Taylor, who finished five shots back, was in awe of Woods.

"He's probably the greatest player to ever play the game, and we get to watch him every week," Taylor said. "I can't even imagine doing the things he's done."

This year, Woods' four victor-

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The sun is a king - a puffed-up, proud figurehead, parading through his Leo homeland. Then sage Saturn comes along to knock the wind from his chest, reminding him that with great power comes great responsibility. You can use today's conjunction of the sun and Saturn to find ways to turn your pride into kindly service of your people.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). An exciting career direction is developing; volunteer your time and you, weirdly, seem to make more of it for the things that really matter to you. Libra or Scorpio

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people present opportunities for partnership in creative areas.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Do what you must do in order to be the keeper of your own flame, so there'll be no need to base your happiness on someone else's accomplishments. Then enjoy tonight's flirting - you're hot!

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It's one of those afternoons. Free from all prejudice, you're equally annoyed by everyone, but hang in there. If you can find humor in your frustration, you'll have hilarious fun tonight.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). When you see a killer deal, jump on it. Otherwise, you'll be kicking yourself later. In fact, you could get some of your holiday shopping out of the way - now that's thinking ahead!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You've been at the center of a rumor before - people love to give you all kinds of attention. Nonetheless, the truth will be stranger than fiction. So maybe you should just let them believe their version.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your best friend may have a case of "the crazies," or maybe it's just that you're so

centered today. Either way, you're in a position to either apologize for others or save the day with some swift diplomacy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There is a wonderful order to the particular brand of chaos that surrounds you now. Anyway, both chaos and order are always present in any situation - it's all in the way you focus your light on the matter.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When loved ones give you the surface version of their story, you can either probe deeper (usually your nature) or let them have it their way. Today, it's a question of what you think you have time for.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). If you were to hire someone to do what you do, you'd be inclined to pay them at least three times what you're making. It's food for thought, anyway. While you're thinking, you'll come up with a solution to a financial issue.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It's not only safe to be unpopular today, it's also pretty fun - and very much advised. The stars support you, whether your approach is too cutting edge for the masses or just something that works best for no one but you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your jealousies tell you so much. What you want out of life, and even your purpose, is hidden in your envious feelings. By the way, you wouldn't be envious if you weren't capable of the same.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You enjoy moving in circles where you aren't restricted, controlled or even regulated by social judgment. So what's the point in being free if you don't exercise your options? Shock 'em! ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "Why do I feel so dissatisfied in a relationship with a Libra? Why do I long for a Capricorn ex? When will I start feeling fulfilled?" - a restless Sagittarius

It's not really the Capricorn ex, and it's not really the Libra's fault. Welcome to the plight of the Sagittarius, the sign that embodies emotions that sound better in French - "ennui," "blaise," "claustrophobia," (OK, "claustrophobia" is not so French, but when French people say it, it sounds pretty cool.) I'm talking about been-there-done-that-so-get-me-outta-here-itis. The beautiful side of this Sagittarian tendency is that it usually drives you to see the world in all its glory, reaching, meeting new people, infusing your life with culture and music and vivid experiences. The bad part is that sometimes you fail to see the fantastic, wild, poetic, romantic ride you're already on. (By the way: Put your hands up and say "Wheee!" because you're about to go over a bump in early September.) My advice is to take a solo excursion on a long weekend and see if you can't rejuvenate your senses. Upon your return, you'll be more receptive and interested in your Libra love!

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Melanie Griffith is a lioness with a heart of gold, which she'll prove this year through her efforts to raise record amounts of moolah for charitable causes. The need to protect and cultivate is hardwired into Leo mothers. (Leo is the sign of children.) As their little ones grow more self-sufficient, Leo women often put this well-honed nurturing skill to the task of helping the other children of the world.

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Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: Ten years ago, just before our 20th anniversary, my husband said he wanted to "separate for a while." Actually, he wanted a divorce and was not interested in doing anything to save our marriage. He didn't want to tell our teenage daughters until the deed was done. Then he lost his job, so we were stuck together for another two years of misery. During this time, he convinced our daughters that they didn't have to listen to anything I said, because I was "inflexible."

However, the bride also wants me to send invitations to 120 other friends and family members who live on the opposite coast - none of whom will be able to attend. I don't feel it is appropriate to send invitations to these people, but the bride insists they would be offended if they are not notified of the shower and given the opportunity to send a gift.

Finally, I moved out. Now I think I shouldn't have left the house, because it looked like I initiated the divorce. I thought the girls would feel welcome in both homes, but it didn't work out that way. They stayed with Dad. They remarried three years ago, and my daughters did not attend the wedding.

If we don't send shower invitations, am I expected to send another type of announcement? I really want to do what is correct, but this seems a bit much. - Anxious

My girls are now grown adults, and their birthdays are next week. Their father has invited me to join them for a birthday dinner, but my husband was not invited. Part of me thinks my children should come first, but the other part says they're old enough to accept my husband and allow us to celebrate together. Every holiday, I've been torn between my husband and my daughters. I'm beginning to hate these events. What should I do? - Mom and Wife

Dear Anxious: A shower is intended to be an intimate gathering. It is inappropriate to invite people who live 2,000 miles away. It is OK to send an invitation to Mom and Grandma, because they would want to know, but not 120 miscellaneous acquaintances. That comes across as trolling for gifts, and we hope you can convince the bride not to do it. (No announcement of a shower is necessary.)

Dear Mom and Wife: Of course your daughters are old enough to know better, but they are still little children when it comes to their parents. Please do what you can to maintain a relationship with them, even if that includes a birthday dinner without your husband and splitting holiday events. And be sure to let your husband know how much you appreciate his cooperation and understanding.

Dear Annie: Unbelievable! I read "Alpena's" story about her new husband who was physically and verbally abusive to her children. I am on staff at a crisis center, and every day, I see mothers who choose husbands, boyfriends, girlfriends and convenience over keeping their children.

Dear Annie: As matron-of-honor, I am planning a wedding shower for a bride who lives on the opposite coast from her family. Approximately 30 ladies live in the town where we are located and will be invited to the

First, Alpena and her ex-husband should read up on child abuse laws. In 18 states, anyone who knows of, or suspects, child abuse and does not report it is breaking the law. Second, Alpena needs to know that abuse is all about control. Now that she has removed the kids from her husband's grip, he will seek out something else to control, and I'll bet Alpena will be visiting an E.R. very

soon. She needs to get to the nearest Crisis Center for Domestic Violence and get help. And she needs the prayers of us all. - Roger Pharr, Director of Development, Crisis Center of Anderson & Cherokee Counties, Jacksonville, Texas



KATHY MITCHELL MARCY SUGAR

Dear Roger Pharr: We hope that woman, and anyone else walking in similar shoes, sees your letter and takes action immediately. Dear Annie: My heart is still hurting over a recent breakup with someone I love very much. He ended the relationship and left without giving me any reason. I have tried contacting him to ask what went wrong, but all he says is "Leave me alone."

I'm very good at opening childproof caps with a hammer. I'm usually interested in going home before I get to where I am going. I'm smiling all the time because I can't hear a thing you're saying. I'm very good at telling stories; over and over and over... I'm so cared for: long-term care, eye care, dental care. I'm not grouchy; I just don't like traffic, waiting, crowds, lawyers, loud music, unruly kids, commercials, religious zealots, loud cell-phone users, barking dogs, politicians and a few other things I can't remember. I'm wrinkled, saggy, lumpy, and that's just my left leg. I'm wondering, if you're only as old as you feel, how could I be alive at 150? I'm a walking storeroom of facts. I've just lost the key to the storeroom door. Yes, I'm a senior citizen, and I think I am having the time of my life!

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Jeffy butted me with his head! Do we hand out red cards?"

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YOUR 2 PINCH RUNNERS ARE NOT IN THE LINEUP TONIGHT?

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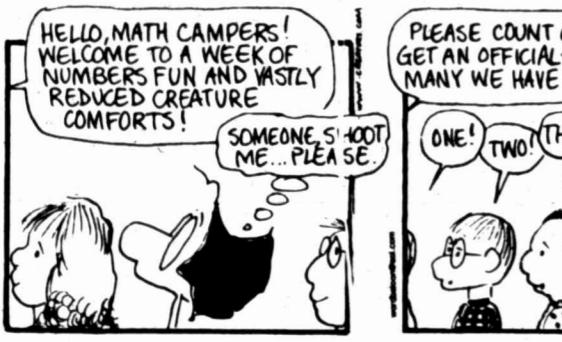


I WONDER WHY WOMEN LIVE LONGER THAN MEN?



BECAUSE MEN TAKE OUT INSURANCE POLICIES

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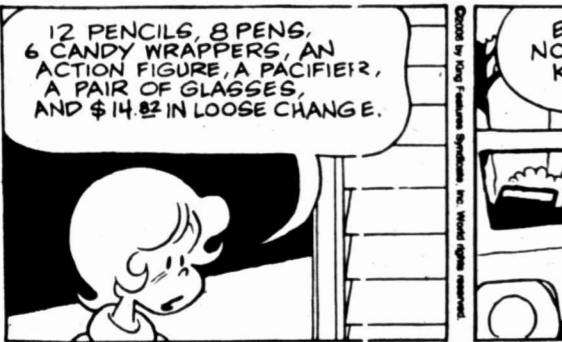


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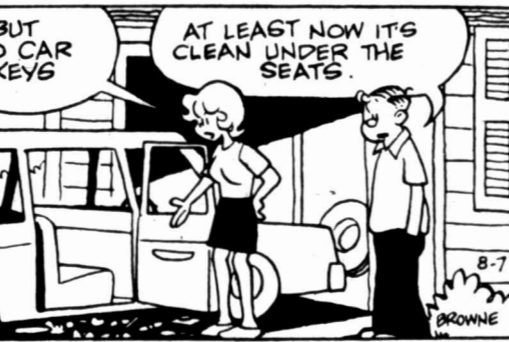
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BLONDIE



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AMAZING, I'VE GOT NOTHING BUT MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR THE ENTIRE DAY



WOW, I'VE NEVER BEEN SO BUSY GETTING NOTHING DONE

This Date In History

Today is Monday, Aug. 7, the 219th day of 2006. There are 146 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 7, 1942, U.S. forces landed at Guadalcanal, marking the start of the first major allied offensive in the Pacific during World War II.

On this date:

In 1782, George Washington created the Order of the Purple Heart, a decoration to recognize merit in enlisted men and noncommissioned officers.

In 1789, the U.S. War Department was established by Congress.

In 1927, the Peace Bridge between the United States and Canada was dedicated

during ceremonies attended by the Prince of Wales and Vice President Charles Dawes.

In 1934, the U.S. Court of Appeals upheld a lower court ruling striking down the government's attempt to ban the controversial James Joyce novel "Ulysses."

In 1947, the balsa wood raft Kon-Tiki, which had carried a six-man crew 4,300 miles across the Pacific Ocean, crashed into a reef in a Polynesian archipelago.

In 1959, the United States launched Explorer 6, which sent back a picture of the Earth.

In 1964, Congress passed the Gulf of Tonkin resolution, giving President Johnson broad powers in dealing with reported North Vietnamese attacks on U.S. forces.

In 1976, scientists in Pasadena, Calif., announced that the Viking 1 spacecraft had found the strongest

indications to date of possible life on Mars.

In 1989, a plane carrying Congressman Mickey Leland, D-Texas, and 15 others disappeared over Ethiopia. (The wreckage of the plane was found six days later; there were no survivors.)

In 1998, terrorist bombs at U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania killed 224 people, including 12 Americans.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Make a sound of shock
 - 5 Curved lines
 - 9 Away from port
 - 14 Regarding
 - 15 Toreador's opponent
 - 16 Makes watertight
 - 17 Part of the lower leg
 - 18 Boyfriend
 - 19 Spills the beans
 - 20 Battery-operated computer accessory
 - 23 Get out of bed
 - 24 Drycleaner's challenge
 - 25 "___ when!" (pouurer's request)
 - 28 Pigsty
 - 29 Big shot, initially
 - 32 British sheepdog
 - 34 Newspapers and magazines
 - 36 Get, as a salary
 - 37 Foremost, as a team member
 - 41 School corridor
 - 43 Is in charge of
 - 44 Magic-lamp owner
 - 48 Dazzle
 - 49 Justice Department org.
 - 52 Tiny (A Christmas Carol/boy)
 - 53 Highway
 - 55 Brother of Moses
 - 57 Quadrennial White House party

- DOWN
- 1 It's opened for a fill-up
 - 2 On land
 - 3 Add, as to soup
 - 4 Tadpoles' homes
 - 5 Singer Lane
 - 6 Feels remorseful about
 - 7 Student group
 - 8 Doesn't stand straight
 - 9 Sharp-witted
 - 10 Golf platforms
 - 11 Price indicator
 - 12 Kay follower
 - 13 Best of burden
 - 21 Crowbar, e.g.
 - 22 Cry of delight
 - 26 Atmosphere
 - 27 Japanese currency
 - 30 Passports, for example: Abbr.
 - 31 Center of a peach
 - 33 Camera part
 - 34 Not at all spicy
 - 35 Fireplace residue

TABBY TOYS by Gail Grabowski Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- 37 Pink wading bird
- 38 Coffee alternative
- 39 Uncooked
- 40 Just right
- 41 Stetson or sombrero
- 42 ___ Baba
- 45 Sink outlets
- 46 Letters of debt
- 47 Hounded
- 49 Paris' locale
- 50 Attach securely, as metal plating
- 51 Coves
- 54 "Beats me!"
- 56 Embarrass
- 58 Lunch time, often
- 59 Timed contest
- 60 Leather-punching tools
- 61 With it, once
- 62 Mature, as wine

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Texas returns with familiar goal: Win another title

By JIM VERTUNO
AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN — Even without Vince Young, the Texas Longhorns returned to training camp Sunday with a single mission in mind: win another national championship. "We're going into this season thinking we're going to win it all again," senior defensive end Brian Robison said as the team reported for pre-season practice. The Longhorns' first workout is scheduled for Monday night. Winners of 20 straight

games, including last season's 41-38 victory over Southern California in the Rose Bowl, Texas returns 16 starters from the national championship squad, including most of the offensive and defensive lines, running backs and wide receivers. What they won't have is the familiar No. 10 at quarterback running and passing his way around defenses. Young left school after his junior season and was drafted third overall by the Tennessee Titans. That leaves coach Mack Brown trying to find not

only a playmaker over the next few weeks, but a new team leader in the locker room. The Longhorns open the season Sept. 2 at home against North Texas, then host Ohio State a week later in a likely showdown of two Top 5 teams. "If Vince had returned, we would have been Number One," said Brown, who won his first national and Big 12 titles last season. "Our goal for the next month is to re-establish our chemistry and leadership. That's a hard thing to do." Battling at quarterback

are freshmen Colt McCoy, who redshirted last season while watching and learning from Young, and Jevan Snead, who was in high school last season. Snead enrolled in the spring and participated in spring drills. The transition could be rough. Young ended his career with a 30-2 record as a starter. He is Texas' career leader in total offense (9,167 yards), touchdowns (81) and rushing touchdowns by a quarterback (37). Neither McCoy nor Snead has taken a live

snap in a game. Brown says both quarterbacks will play this season until one emerges as a clear No. 1. While that could work itself out fairly quickly, it could also mean the Longhorns are rotating quarterbacks when the Buckeyes come to Austin for a game in which the winner gets an early boost in the hunt for the national championship. Several of their older teammates said they have confidence in both players after watching them in the spring and summer workouts.

"Whoever starts is going to be great," said senior offensive guard Kasey Studdard. The team has yet to settle on its motto for the season. Last year, it was "Take Dead Aim" and Texas cruised to a 13-0 record. As for playing for another national title, Brown said his team won't be happy with those shiny rings and the memories of a trip to the White House to meet President Bush. "It's been a long time since these kids lost," Brown said. "They're not going to give it up easy."

RANGERS

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inning. We were trying to win a baseball game, and Adam being out of it doesn't help our chances. He's been around long enough to know that we need him to pitch." Angels manager Mike Scioscia was noncommittal on the subject. "Only one guy knows if it was intentional or not, but the ball was behind Juan," Scioscia said. "If it was just a loss of command, it was an unfortunate time. After a home run, when you throw behind a guy, you're sending an obvious message." Josh Rupe relieved Eaton and retired Rivera on a groundout. But the rookie gave up four consecutive one-out singles in the second inning,

including run-scoring hits by Jose Molina and Maicer Izturis. Guerrero capped the five-run inning with his 23rd homer. The 2003 AL MVP is batting .438 with 16 homers and 38 RBIs in 46 games against Texas. Saunders (3-0) finished with six strikeouts and two walks after he was staked to a quick 8-0 lead. The left-hander made his third start this season and second in place of AL Cy Young winner Bartolo Colon, who has a partially torn rotator cuff. Kevin Gregg followed with two-hit relief, allowing only a ninth-inning sacrifice fly to Gerald Laird. "I mixed my pitches up well," Saunders said. "It makes things easier if you have an 8-0 lead. To have support like that was key." Howie Kendrick singled

in the Angels' fifth to extend his hitting streak to 16 games, the longest by any rookie this season. He came all the way around to score with help from two errors by second baseman Ian Kinsler, who booted Chone Figgins' grounder and then threw the ball past shortstop Michael Young. Notes: Rangers RHP Kip Wells, was sent back to Texas to see team physician Dr. Keith Meister about the soreness in his pitching shoulder that forced him out of his previous start. RHP Edinson Volquez will be called up from Triple-A Oklahoma to fill in for Wells. ... The Angels, in the midst of a 24-game stretch without a day off, will be in Chicago on tonight to make up a May 11 rainout. Their starting pitcher will be Kelvin Escobar.

WOODS

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ies have come in 11 events. At Warwick Hills, where he also won in 2002, Woods likely ended any hopes his competitors had when he made four birdies on the front nine to build on his lead. He bogeyed the 12th hole, allowing Furyk to tie him briefly. He took the lead alone for good at 13 when his approach from 105 yards landed close enough for a tap-in birdie. At 15, Woods' birdie gave him a two-shot lead and essentially

clinched the victory. After making a 7-foot par putt at 17, Woods took a two-shot lead into the final hole and was able to enjoy his latest victory stroll up the fairway where an overflow crowd cheered louder each step that he got closer to the green after Furyk finished with a 64. Fittingly, Woods made a birdie at 18. The top-ranked player in the world fell one stroke short of his 72-hole record of 25-under 263 from the 2002 WGC-American Express Championship. He surpassed his previous birdie record of 27,

set at Pebble Beach in 1997 and matched at the 2005 Ford Championship. Joe Durant (67) finished four shots back, alone in third. Taylor (68) and Scott Verplank (69) tied for fourth at 19 under with Sean O'Hair (67) to improve their chances of earning spots on the U.S. Ryder Cup team. Vijay Singh had a chance to become the first player to win three straight Buick Opens — and four overall — when he started the day three shots back. But Singh closed with a 70 to tie for 11th at 17 under.

TOURNEY

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who finished at 159. Riley Wyatt was third with a 160, while Dutch Barr was fourth at 160. Third-flight play saw

Ricky Wilson post a 158 total and a four-stroke margin of victory over Kyle Ditto's 162. Manuel Ramirez was third at 164, while James Norman finished the tournament with a 165 and fourth place in the flight. Fourth-flight action saw

Bill Bauer manage a three-stroke win by posting a 168. Jeff Harwood was second at 171, while James Taylor was third at 176 and Craig Ferguson was fourth at 177. Junior Barber won Sunday's lame duck flight with a round of 88.

2006 Property Tax Rates in BIG SPRING CITY

This notice concerns 2006 property tax rates for BIG SPRING CITY. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	\$2,715,965.00
Last year's debt taxes	\$273,947.00
Last year's total taxes	\$2,989,912.00
Last year's tax base	\$417,410,582.00
Last year's total tax rate	\$0.71630/\$100

This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$2,981,142.00
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$440,171,769.00
= This year's effective tax rate	\$0.67726/\$100

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)

In the first year a hospital district or city collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, it must insert the following lines unless its first adjustment was made last year.

Sales tax adjustment rate	\$0.00000/\$100
= Effective tax rate	/\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$3,902,165.00
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$440,171,769.00
= This year's effective operating rate	\$0.88651/\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$0.95743/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$0.05870/\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	\$1.01613/\$100

A hospital district or city that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, including one that collects the tax for the first time this year, must insert the following lines:

Sales tax adjustment rate	\$0.26860/\$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$0.74753/\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

IF BIG SPRING CITY adopts a 2006 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.67726 per \$100 of value, taxes would INCREASE compared to 2005 taxes by \$20,654.

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
INTEREST & SINKING FUND	7,301
MAINTENANCE & OPERATION FUND	\$2,665,378

Schedule B - 2006 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS-2002 REVENUE SERIES	\$225,000	\$21,425	\$500	\$246,925
Total required for 2006 debt service				\$246,925
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources				\$0
- Excess collections last year				(\$986)
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2006				\$247,891
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 95% of its taxes in 2006				\$13,047
= Total Debt Levy				\$260,938

Schedule C - Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax

(For hospital districts, cities and counties with additional sales tax to reduce property taxes) In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive \$1,193,964 in additional sales and use tax revenues. For County: The county has excluded any amount that is or will be distributed for economic development grants from this amount of expected sales tax revenue.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 315 Main Street (Annex.)

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