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Having fun on the 4th

Downtown festival features food, music

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Come one, come all!

That's the message Allan Johnson — owner of Allan's Furniture and spokesperson for the Downtown Revitalization Association — is delivering to the community, as the local organization prepares for the seventh annual Funtastic Fourth Festival in Big Spring's Heart of the City Park Friday.

With gospel music planned throughout the day from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m., Johnson said this year's festival promises to be one of the largest ever.

"We have twice as many vendors lined up compared to last year," said Johnson energetically. "Last year we had about 25 vendors overall, and this year we have 50 signed up, so we're pretty excited about it. We'll also have more food vendors."

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HERALD photo/Alex Newsom

Karina Borrego, a United Blood Service staff member, draws blood from volunteer Tyler Sheppard at the blood drive outside the Big Spring Mall Saturday afternoon.

Coahoma parade to honor veterans

By ALEX NEWSOM
Herald Intern

COAHOMA — For the 15th straight year, freedom will be on parade in Coahoma.

The Coahoma Freedom Parade honoring military personnel and veterans will begin at 10 a.m. Friday.

This marks the 15th anniversary of the parade, which is estimated to last around 45 minutes. Anyone can enter and registration isn't necessary. Just show up at 9 a.m. to start lining up.

"There will be lots of tractors, vehicles, and floats. There will be bicycles, motorcycles and cycles of all kinds," said Quail Dobbs, the chairman of the parade committee. "We're expecting about three or four floats this year."

The parade will start in the parking lot west of the Coahoma High School football field and proceed south on N. First Street to the north service road. Everyone will then return to the stadium for the awards ceremony.

Awards will be given out in categories such as best car, best motorcycle, best

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Hero or vigilante?

Man cleared of shooting suspected burglars

By JUAN A. LOZANO
Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON — Ever since he fatally shot two men he suspected of burglarizing his next-door neighbor's home, 62-year-old Joe Horn has been both praised and vilified for his actions.

Horn called 911 and told the dispatcher he had a shotgun and was going to kill the intruders. The dispatcher pleaded with him not to go outside, but a defiant Horn confronted the men with a 12-gauge shotgun and shot both in the back.

Some community activists wanted Horn to face charges for the deaths. Supporters of the retired grandfather said what he did was justified under the law.

After listening to evidence in the case, including testimony from Horn himself, a grand jury on Monday cleared him of the shootings.

"He wasn't acting like a vigilante. He didn't want to do it," said Tom Lambright, Horn's attorney.

Lambright said Horn was not a "wild cowboy" who took the law into his own hands after he saw the two suspected burglars, with bags in hand, crawling out of windows from his neighbor's home on Nov. 14 in the Houston suburb of Pasadena. The neighbor was out of town at the time.

Instead, Horn was a frightened retiree who tried to defend his neighbor's property and when the two men came onto his yard and threatened him, Horn defended himself, Lambright said.

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>
> Frank Ortiz
> LULAC

"He was scared. He was in fear of his life," he said.

Grand jurors had to consider two issues in the case: the intentional killing of another person and whether the killing was justified either by self-defense or the defense of property, Harris County District Attorney Kenneth Magidson told reporters.

"I understand the concerns of some in the community regarding Mr. Horn's conduct," Magidson said. "The grand jury concluded that Mr. Horn's use of deadly force did not rise to a criminal offense."

Texas law allows people to use deadly force to protect themselves if it is reasonable to believe they are in mortal danger. In limited circumstances, people also can use deadly force to protect their neighbor's property; for example, if a homeowner asks a neighbor to watch over his property while he's out of town. It's not clear whether the neighbor whose home was burglarized asked Horn to watch over his house.

Frank Ortiz, a member of the local League of United Latin American Citizens chapter, said he hopes federal authorities investigate the case further.

"That's amazing that they would no-bill him with so much evidence against him," Ortiz told the Houston Chronicle in Monday's online edition. "This was no more than a vigilante."

Horn did not speak with reporters on Monday.

A large red sign with the words "No Trespass" on it blocked the path to his front door and a handwritten sign on the door said "Please no media," ''No Trespassing" and "Do not knock or ring bell." A couple of neighbors also had signs on their doors asking media to leave them alone.

A few police cars patrolled the area near Horn's home.

The two suspected burglars,

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IN BRIEF

Rain cancels most BSLL All-Star games

Rain claimed victory in all but one Big Spring Little League All-Star game Monday in Midland and Odessa.

The 10-year-olds, Junior and Senior League All-Stars each had their games cancelled due to rain last night.

However, the 11-year-old All-Stars were able to continue their quest for a district title, completing the only game for the Big Spring teams and winning, 6-5.

The 11-year-olds were down 5-2 heading into the bottom of the sixth inning, when their bats finally came alive.

Gary Watkins drew a one-out walk and Hunter Hill followed him with a double to left field.

Matthew Yanez then tied the game at 5 with a 3-run homer — the first of his young career — over the center field fence.

The game headed into extra innings with Big Spring scoring the winning run in the bottom of the eighth.

Matt Beal had the winning hit, knocking in Garrett Kilgora from second with a line-drive single to right.

The 11-year-olds play at 7 p.m. tonight against North Ector at Butler Field in Midland.

The only other known scheduled game is the 12-year-old All-Stars, who play Northern at 8 p.m. tonight.

UIL required physicals due for some athletes

UIL requires all incoming seventh, ninth and 11th grade athletes to have a physical before they are allowed to participate in any sport.

This includes practices and games. All local athletic departments are encouraging athletes and their parents headed into the listed grades above to make an appointment with their doctor and get this physical before the start of the school year.

Football and volleyball players would want to get this taken care of before the start of their two-a-days.

Contact your school's athletic department with any questions.

Big Spring QB Club meeting at ATC July 7

The Big Spring Quarterback Club is holding its first meeting of the 2008 season at 6:30 p.m. Monday, July 7, at the Athletic Training Center.

The club will then meet every subsequent Monday at the same time until school starts.

All parents of junior high or high school football players are encouraged to attend.

For more information, call the ATC at 264-3662.

Call 263-7331, ext. 237, or e-mail sports@bigspring-herald.com to submit a sports brief.

Two Coahoma coaches moving on

By JONATHAN HULL
Sports Editor

COAHOMA — Good high school coaches not only become faces of their programs, but also the schools and communities in which they serve.

According to Athletic Director Kim Nichols, Coahoma is losing two very good coaches.

Chris Sumrall, head coach of girls basketball, cross country and girls track, and Head Baseball Coach Brad Harman are each departing from the Bulldog and Bulldogette programs they led to playoff appearances in each of the respective seasons they were at the helm.

"Both guys came into what were once established programs and got those teams back to where it needed to be," Nichols said. "We're going to greatly miss both of them. When you coach and teach with guys, they become more than just co-workers. They become friends."

Sumrall will be headed to Clyde, taking over the girls basketball program there. Meanwhile, Harman is headed to Class 3A powerhouse Llano, which is 30 minutes away from his hometown of Marble Falls.

Both coaches say they leave behind fond memories of Coahoma and the decision to leave didn't come easily.

"Two things stick out in my mind when I think of Coahoma," Sumrall noted. "The first is how terrific the kids I have had the opportunity to coach have been. They all worked hard, wanted to play the game and do well. Second is Coach Nichols. He's great to work with. I've never worked for a better athletic director."

Even the appeal of moving closer to his home town didn't make the decision for Harman any easier.

"This wasn't an easy decision at all. It's probably the hardest I've ever had to make, especially when you consider the team I was getting back next season," Harman explained. "As I go on and continue coaching and even after I quit coaching, I can't see how Coahoma is not ranked at the top of my favorite memories. There is a great baseball tradition here and this was my first head coaching job.

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AP photo/Alastair Grant

Venus Williams returns to Thailand's Tamarine Tanasugarn during their Women's Singles quarterfinal match on the Number One Court at Wimbledon, Tuesday. Williams won the match, advancing to the semifinals.

Venus advances to semifinals

By STEPHEN WILSON
AP Sports Writer

WIMBLEDON, England — Defending champion Venus Williams moved a step closer to her fifth Wimbledon singles title Tuesday, beating Tamarine Tanasugarn in straight sets to reach the semifinals and close in on another potential championship matchup with sister Serena.

Williams downed the 31-year-old Tanasugarn 6-4, 6-3 on Court 1 to extend her career record over the Thai player to 7-0. The seventh-seeded American, who hasn't dropped a set all tournament, was limping slightly at the end of the match with a hamstring problem.

"It feels a little bit tight," she said. "I'll be fine. I'm a big girl. I can deal with it."

Two-time champion Serena Williams, seeded No. 6, was scheduled on Centre Court later against 19-year-old Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland.

The Williams sisters are in opposite halves of the draw and could meet in Saturday's final. The two have been twice before in the Wimbledon final, with Serena winning both in 2003 and '04.

"That would be amazing if we both were in the final," Venus Williams said. "I have to take it one more step and keep playing power tennis."

Tuesday's other matchups were No. 5 Elena Dementieva vs. Nadia Petrova, and No. 18 Nicole Vaidisova vs. China's Zheng Jie.

The 60th-ranked Tanasugarn, playing in her first Grand Slam quarterfinal, pushed Williams as hard as she could but didn't have enough to cope with her power game.

Williams served eight aces and had one serve at 127 mph, while Tanasugarn had no aces and had an average first-serve speed of just 90 mph.

Tanasugarn fashioned 10 break points, but converted only once. The key game was the sixth of the first set, when Williams saved six break points — mostly on

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2 out of 10,000 student-athletes test positive for steroids

The Associated Press

AUSTIN — Among 10,000 Texas high schoolers tested this spring, only two student-athletes tested positive for steroids, officials said.

Both supporters and critics of the largest steroids testing program in the country said the results validate their positions.

"I pushed this important legislation through the Legislature because I knew it would deter our young people from wrecking their bodies and putting their lives at risk by using illegal steroids," Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst said in a story in Monday's online edition of The Houston Chronicle.

Sen. Dan Patrick, R-Houston, one of seven state lawmakers to vote against the steroid-testing program, wants it abolished.

"This is one of those issues that sounds good but has no real impact except wasting taxpayer dollars," Patrick said. "I don't want to diminish the seriousness of steroids, but you can't take a sledgehammer to kill a gnat."

The National Center for Drug Free Sport was selected in January to run Texas' massive high school steroids testing program after competing with 13 other companies for the two-year, $6 million program.

The company's preliminary results are based on 10,407 student-athletes who were tested since February, when state officials launched the random steroid-testing program mandated by state lawmakers.

The first positive test for anabolic steroid use triggers a

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Feldman pitches gem, leads Rangers past Yankees, 2-1

By BEN WALKER
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — The only other time Scott Feldman pitched at Yankee Stadium, he stunk up the joint and left with an 81.00 ERA.

He returned Monday night and once again something didn't smell quite right. This time, though, he wasn't to blame.

Feldman and a reshuffled Texas bullpen shut down the New York Yankees on four hits, leading the Rangers to a 2-1 victory.

Pulled in the sixth inning, Feldman walked up the dugout tunnel and then tiptoed to the clubhouse — a sewer line had sprung an early leak and the hallway was flooded. The grounds crew worked most of the game to prevent further damage.

"It was like they had a Zamboni out there," Feldman said. "I was like, 'What in the world is this?'"

Feldman (2-3) earned his first career road victory. It was far better than his previous appearance in the Bronx, a 14-13 loss for Texas in 2006 in which he gave up three runs while getting just one out in relief.

Despite losing reliever Eddie Guardado to an inflamed left shoulder while he was warming up to pitch the eighth inning, Texas held on.

Rangers relievers threw 3 1-3 perfect innings, never letting a ball out of the infield. C.J. Wilson closed for his 18th save in 20 chances.

"When you get some pitching, there's quite a few things that can happen for you," Texas manager Ron Washington said. "It worked out well."

The win moved Texas to 43-41 — that may seem to be a modest achievement, but it marked the first time since Sept. 22, 2006, the Rangers have been two games over .500.

Josh Hamilton looped an RBI single and recently promoted rookie Chris Davis delivered another key hit for Texas off Mike Mussina (10-6).

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AP photo/Kathy Willens

Texas Rangers slugger Josh Hamilton follows through on his third-inning RBI single off New York Yankees pitcher Mike Mussina allowing Ian Kinsler to score in a baseball game at Yankee Stadium in New York, Monday.

Obituaries

Geneva Mae Evans



Geneva Mae Evans, 92, of Midland went home to be with her Lord and Savior June 30, 2008. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 2, 2008, in the Davis Morris Funeral Home Chapel in Brownwood with Dr. Rick Davis officiating. Interment will follow in the Greenleaf Cemetery under the direction of Davis Morris Funeral Home.

Geneva was born May 10, 1916, in Brownwood to the late Henry and Effie Nieman. She married Neil Evans on Christmas Day in 1940. Neil preceded her in death June 21, 1961. Geneva graduated from Howard Payne University with a B.S in education. She taught second grade for 18 years in San Angelo.

Geneva was a wonderful mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was a strong Christian woman who loved her Lord and exemplified His character.

Geneva is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Jeannine and Clyde McKimmey; her son-in-law, Jim Masonhall of Cypress; four grandchildren, Todd McKimmey and his wife Annie-Marie of Tulsa, Okla., Elisa Adams of Houston, Drew McKimmey of Dallas, and Erika Masonhall of Washington, D.C.; one great granddaughter, Samantha McKimmey of Tulsa; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents and her daughter, Janis Evans Masonhall.

A special thank you to Jolene and Henry Patke and the staff at the Red Rose Christian Home who have provided Geneva with love and care for the past 20 months and to Hospice of Midland, who provided excellent medical care, encouragement and love.

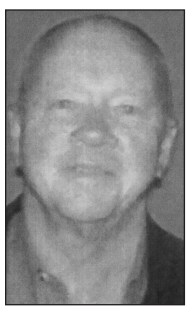
The family requests memorials be sent to to Hospice of Midland, 911 W. Texas, Midland 79701.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.mem.com.

Davis Morris Funeral Home of Brownwood is in charge of arrangements.

Paid obituary

Sam Flud



Sam Flud, of Midland, went home to be with his Lord Sunday, June 29, 2008.

He was born Feb. 13, 1947, in Lamesa to George and Joella Todd Flud. Sam was raised and educated in West Texas and also attended Texas Tech University and South Plains College. On Dec. 8, 1989, he married his love, Donna Jennings in Lovington, N.M. He was vice president of engineering at Eagle Rock Drilling at the time of his passing.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Sam is survived by his wife of 18 years, Donna; a son, Dan Brewster and his wife Michele; grandchildren, Owen and Noie Brewster; sisters, Sandra Buckalew, Kathy Flud and Kala Gillett; brothers, Tommy, Benny and Joe Flud; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends at Ellis Funeral Home Tuesday, July 1, 2008, between the hours of 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. Funeral services have been scheduled for 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 2, 2008, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel.

Honorary pallbearers will be Dan Brewster, Aaron Flud, Daniel Horrell, Mark Buckalew, Benny Flud Jr. and Ryley Joe Flud.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home, 801 Andrews Highway, Midland.

To place on-line condolences please visit www.mem.com

Paid obituary

Wayne Johnson



Wayne Johnson, 73, of Big Spring died Sunday, June 29, 2008, at his residence. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

He was born Oct. 3, 1934, in Howard County to Leonard S. and Myrtle Johnson. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. He retired from the U. S. Postal Service. After retirement, he worked for the Texas Boll Weevil Program.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and was a member of the First Church of God.

He is survived by his wife, Wanda; his daughter, Peggy and her husband, Damian; one granddaughter, Morgan; two brothers, Hershel Johnson and Billy Johnson; and a number of nieces, nephews and cousins.

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

David Cave

David Cave, 62, of Ackerly died Monday, June 30, 2008, at his residence. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 2, 2008, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring with Rev. L.D. Hinson, pastor of First Assembly of God Church in Seagraves, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

He was born Feb. 3, 1946, in Lamesa and married Nancy Wigington Dec. 22, 1969, in Lockney.

David grew up in Ackerly and graduated from Flower Grove High School. He attended and graduated from Texas Tech University and attended Southwestern Assembly of God College in Waxahachie. He served as a missionary in Mexico for the Assembly of God Churches for 32 years.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy Cave of Ackerly; a son and daughter-in-law, Luke and Melany Cave of Cedar Hill; a daughter and son-in-law, Cristina and Freddy Montoya of Ruidoso, N.M.; three brothers, Jerry Cave and wife, Lavonda, Daniel Cave and wife, Zada, and Dennis Cave, all of Ackerly; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Martha Mitchell Cave.

The family suggests memorials to Compass Hospice, 1003 E. FM 700, Big Spring 79720.

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

Police blotter

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

Note: An activity log and arrest sheet was unavailable at press time due to computer complications, according to police officials.

Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 65 inmates at the time of this report.

• RAYMOND NEAL SHADOWENS, 55, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• EDRION PATRICK HOUSTON, 18, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of evading arrest and deadly conduct.

• MICHAEL BIRMELIN, 27, was arrested by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated – second offense.

Fire/EMS

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

• TRAUMA was reported in the 1100 block of E. 12th, and one person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster, and one person was transported to SMMC.

Take Note

• Ex-Students Homecoming at Forsan High School will be held Aug. 2. For more information, contact Jimmy Anderson at Professional Pharmacy at 267-2546 or at his residence, 267-6143.

• Mobile Meals needs volunteers to deliver meals Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. The organization delivers approximately 70 meals each day and needs drivers to donate just one hour per week. Mobile Meals also needs back-up volunteers to fill in when regular drivers can't make it. For more information, contact Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

• 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 purpose of life is a life of purpose. Join Nurses' Hospice of Big Spring volunteer program and become an "Angel" or "Teen Angel" in someone's life today. Come by 1008 E. Third St. or call (432) 517-4073 to register.

• Bring joy and kindness to others by becoming a Compass Hospice volunteer. Help those at the end of life's journey. Make a difference in someone's life. Call 263-5999 to begin your journey.

• All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue has an account set up with Big Spring Salvage at 3608 N. Hwy. 87 for all types of metals and aluminum cans. Please tell them that your donations are for All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is also still taking weight circles off of all Purina brand dog foods. Send your Purina Weight Circles, to A.C.S. & R. at P.0, 871, Coahoma 79511. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is still accepting old and used cell phones and ink jet cartridges, for drop off locations in Big Spring and Coahoma, Call Melanie at 267-7387.

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Bulletin Board

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

TODAY

• Coahoma Senior Citizen luncheon is set for 11 a.m. in the Coahoma Community Center.

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

• Alzheimer's Association, the Greater West Texas Chapter meets at 2 p.m. in the Howard County Library conference room, 500 S. Main.

• VFW Post 2013 meets at 7 p.m. in the VFW Hall, 500 Driver Road.

• Gospel Singing in the Kentwood Activity Center at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

• The Howard County Sheriff's Posse meets at 7 p.m. at the Sheriff's Posse building on the Andrews Highway. For more information, call Bert Sheppard at 263-4483 or Rose Armstead at 263-2769.

• Order of the Eastern Star No. 67 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

WEDNESDAY

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

• Free blood pressure screenings from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., provided by InHome Care.

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

• Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.

• Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge at 703 W. Third.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 4-7-21-24-33.
Number matching five of five: 1.
Prize per winner: $24,191.
Winning tickets sold in: Dallas.

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 4-5-22-27. Bonus Ball: 10.

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery: 0-0-0-1. Sum It Up: 1.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-1-5. Sum It Up: 6.

Support Groups

TUESDAY

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

• Life Recovery, a non-denominational Christian group of recovering alcoholics and addicts, meets at 7 p.m. at the St. Paul Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall.

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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Oswalt delivers Astros over Dodgers

By CHRIS DUNCAN
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Roy Oswalt looked like Houston's ace again Monday night before straining his left hip and leaving the Astros' 4-1 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Oswalt (7-8) struck out nine and allowed one run and six hits, then walked off the field with a trainer after throwing his warmup pitches for the seventh inning.

Manager Cecil Cooper said Oswalt strained his left hip abductor in the sixth. Oswalt had grounded out in the bottom of the inning, but catcher Brad Ausmus said Oswalt hurt himself on the last pitch he threw, a curveball.

Cooper said Oswalt was "day-to-day." He is due to start again in Atlanta on Saturday.

"We'll have to wait and see how he is," Cooper said. "Right now, I'll say he's fine and he'll take his next start. We'll just have to wait and see."

Oswalt said he never felt an injury like this before.

"I hope it ain't too bad," said Oswalt, who threw 79 pitches. "I think I came out before it got too bad. I just hope it's nothing but a hip pointer where your ribs hit your hip. We will just see how it feels tomorrow."

Lance Berkman homered and Ausmus added a two-run single off Eric Stults (2-1) to help the Astros win for the seventh time in 10 games. Jose Valverde pitched a scoreless ninth to earn his 22nd save.

James Loney's sacrifice fly in the first inning drove in the Dodgers' only run. Los Angeles has scored two runs in their last three games and one run or fewer in five of its last seven games.

The Dodgers didn't get a hit against the Los Angeles Angels on Saturday and managed to win 1-0.

"We're struggling right now," Dodgers manager Joe Torre said. "We really just haven't been able to put any hits together. It's frustrating."

Oswalt had lost four of his last six starts but looked like his dominant self after a shaky first. He gave up a one-out double to Andre Ethier and plunked Russell Martin and Jeff Kent with pitches before Loney's sacrifice fly.

Berkman hit a solo homer to left in the bottom of the first, his 22nd of the season and his fifth batting right-handed. It was the first homer allowed by Stults in three starts this season.

Oswalt retired the next seven batters before Kent led off the fourth with a single. Miguel Tejada made a sharp backhanded stop on Loney's grounder to start a double play and Oswalt struck out Delwyn Young to end the inning.

Though he's had mixed results lately, Oswalt had pitched at least seven innings in four of his previous six starts.

"I feel better every start," Oswalt said. "The last month, I think I have been down in the zone more and that has allowed me to get more ground balls and get some punch outs to get some guys looking."

RANGERS

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"It's not frustrating. I had good stuff today and so did their guy," Mussina said.

Alex Rodriguez hit his 534th home run for the Yankees, tying Jimmie Foxx for 14th place on the career list.

"Alex is going to catch a lot of pretty famous people in the coming years," Yankees manager Joe Girardi said.

Feldman won for the first time in nine starts, pitching 5 2-3 effective innings and giving up a home run, triple, double and single. He worked around those four hits and three walks and left with a 2-1 lead.

Frank Francisco and Jamey Wright also worked in relief for Texas, which won for the fourth time in its last 22 meetings with New York, and handed the Yankees a disappointing start to their nine-game homestand.

Texas led by a run when Guardado trotted in from the bullpen and started to warm up. He quickly stopped, rubbed his left shoulder and, with the Texas trainer looking on, left the game. He was listed as day-to-day.

"He felt a twinge," Washington said.

Rodriguez hit his 16th homer of the season, a solo shot that sailed deep toward Monument Park in the fourth.

Jason Giambi made a bid to tie it in the sixth and wound up with his first triple since 2002. His drive to right eluded Hamilton, who went hurtling into the padded wall, and finished Feldman.

Francisco relieved and struck out Jorge Posada to keep it 2-1.

Texas took a 1-0 lead in the third when Ian Kinsler doubled and Hamilton singled for his major league-leading 80th RBI.

David Murphy drew a leadoff walk in the fourth and scored on a double by Davis. Previously picked to play in the Futures all-star game at Yankee Stadium in two weeks, Davis homered in his first two major league starts after getting called up last week.

Michael Young doubled twice and singled for Texas.

Notes: Hamilton's 80 RBIs are the most by the end of June since Carlos Delgado had 89 in 2003, the Elias Sports Bureau said. ... Milton Bradley struck out four times. He hollered while walking away from the plate after umpire Dan Iassogna called him out in the fifth, and Washington came onto the field to prevent any escalation. The next time up, Bradley accidentally threw the bat twice on swings. ... Yankees LF Brett Gardner was promoted from Triple-A and made his major league debut. Known for his speed and hustle, he batted leadoff and stole second base despite a pitchout. He went 0-for-3. "It was exciting, although I wasn't near as nervous as I thought I would be," he said. ... Rangers C Jarrod Saltalamacchia made a strong throw from his knees to catch Bobby Abreu trying to steal second. ... Giambi's ninth career triple came in his 6,101st at-bat.

STEROIDS

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30-day suspension from competition. State officials would not identify the schools in which a student-athlete failed the test.

Experts predicted that random steroid tests would result in less than 1 percent of students testing positive, said Jeff Kloster, associate commissioner for health and safety at the Texas Education Agency.

The program missed the football season, although the random tests did include football players in the offseason. Patrick doubted that testing student-athletes during the football season this fall would produce significant changes.

The steroid-testing program is scheduled to pick back up in the fall, with an estimated 30 percent of student-athletes at 400 Texas public high schools to be randomly tested. Between 40,000 and 50,000 student-athletes will be tested next school year, state officials said.

The results of the second-year testing program likely will determine future funding, said Rep. Dan Flynn, R-Van, who sponsored the steroid-testing legislation in the House.

"If we come back and you have just another two positive tests, then I think it would be realistic to scaling it back some," he said. "I don't think anyone would have a problem with that because you still have the deterrent because it's a random test."

Based in Kansas City, Mo., Drug Free Sport was created in 1999 by Frank Uryasz, who had been the director of sports sciences for the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

Uryasz had developed the NCAA's drug testing program in the 1980s and his company has handled NCAA testing since 1999.

Drug Free Sport tests about 13,000 college athletes annually for the NCAA and has separate contracts with various leagues and about 200 colleges and universities around the country, spokesman Dan Regan has said.

COAHOMA

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I'll never forget the opportunities I received here."

Sumrall leaves behind a girls' basketball program that he took to the playoffs three years in a row. He won his 200th career game last season and was 73-30 overall during his tenure with the Bulldogettes.

Clyde will be the fifth girls' basketball program he has been head coach of in his 14-year career.

He began his career at Idalou, moved to Groom after four years and then to Electra after two seasons in Groom.

He stayed in Electra for two seasons before coming to Coahoma for the last three years.

The decision to move came down to the surrounding area of Clyde.

"It was a big decision. What it came down to is the fact Clyde is closer to a bigger town in Abilene," Sumrall said. "I'm originally from Lubbock so I like the bigger city life."

Clyde has long been a Class 3A school, but is slipping down to the ranks of 2A in the fall, meaning the Lady Bulldogs will now be in the same region as the Bulldogettes.

That brings about the possibility of Sumrall facing his former team in a potential playoff scenario, an opportunity he wouldn't relish.

"That's not something I'd look forward to at all," Sumrall said of possibly playing Coahoma. "It would definitely be an emotional game for me and it's just not something I would want to do."

Harman posted a record of 112-48 over five years in Coahoma, leading the Bulldogs into the playoffs each season. He took the Bulldogs to the regional semifinals in his first and third season and to the regional quarters in his second year.

Coahoma actually played in a tournament in Llano the past two years, giving the Yellowjackets administration an opportunity to see Harman. For Harman, it was a chance to go to a program he can recall as a powerhouse even in his childhood.

"I went to school in Marble Falls and Llano is just 30 minutes away from there. Even when I was in school in the early 90s, Llano was always tough in baseball," Harman recalled. "Just the competitiveness and the history of the program is very appealing. It's also a step up into Class 3A.

"For 10 years of my career, my parents have followed me all over the state to see me coach," he continued. "Now, I'll be a lot closer and can pay them visits more frequently."

Coahoma is searching for replacements for both coaches and the girls' basketball job has been offered to an applicant, who Nichols was not yet ready to name publicly.

"We're going to post the baseball job, but we've already had several interviews for the girls' basketball position," confirmed Nichols. "We're waiting to hear back from an applicant we've offered the job to. If he turns it down, then we'll move onto Plan B.

"I think both jobs are very appealing," he continued. "There's a strong tradition in both programs and both coaches leave behind a strong foundation. We want to get the best people for the jobs and will interview as many applicants as it takes."

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WIMBLEDON

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Tanasugarn errors — and finished with a 126 mph service winner to hold for 4-2.

Dementieva was the highest seeded player left in the women's draw after Monday's upsets of No. 2 Jelena Jankovic (by Tanasugarn) and No. 4 Svetlana Kuznetsova (by Radwanska).

With top-seeded Ana Ivanovic and No. 3 Maria Sharapova eliminated last week, none of the top four seeded women reached the quarterfinals — the first time that's happened at Wimbledon and also the first time at any Grand Slam tournament in the 40-year history of the Open era.

The men's quarterfinals are set for Wednesday, with five-time champion Roger Federer and two-time runner-up Rafael Nadal seemingly headed toward a third straight championship showdown.

Federer has cruised into the quarterfinals without dropping a set and extended his winning streak on grass to 63 matches and 38 in a row at Wimbledon. He next faces Mario Ancic, the last player to beat Federer on grass — in the first round of Wimbledon in 2002.

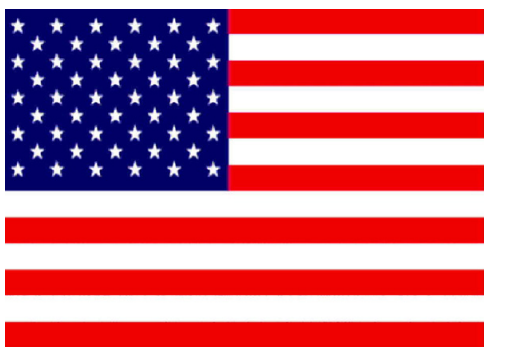
No. 2 Nadal required treatment behind his right knee after slipping in the opening set of his fourth-round win over Mikhail Youzhny.

He next faces Andy Murray, who has reached his first Grand Slam quarterfinal and is carrying the hopes of the nation for Britain's first male Wimbledon champion in 72 years.

The other men's quarterfinal matchups are Marat Safin vs. Feliciano Lopez, and Rainer Schuettler vs. Arnaud Clement.



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News in brief

US-led coalition: Warplanes kill 33 militants in eastern Afghanistan under cover of darkness

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Helicopters and a bomber attacked insurgents massing in eastern Afghanistan under cover of darkness, killing an estimated 33 people, the U.S.-led coalition said Tuesday.

Reconnaissance aircraft spotted "large groupings" of insurgents armed with heavy machine-guns and rocket-propelled grenades on Monday night in Khost province, the coalition said.

"After positively identifying the militants, coalition forces engaged them with attack helicopters and a close air support bomber, killing approximately 33 militants," spokesman 1st Lt. Nathan Perry said.

Fighting between militants and security forces is intensifying in the southern half of Afghanistan. More than 2,100 people died in the violence in the first six months, according to an Associated Press tally.

An Afghan army officer said the clash in Khost began when Taliban militants attacked coalition and Afghan forces patrolling in Tani, a district on the border with Pakistan.

Obama to announce support and expansion for Bush's faith-based programs

CHICAGO (AP) — Reaching out to evangelical voters, Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama is announcing plans that would expand President Bush's program steering federal social service dollars to religious groups and — in a move sure to cause controversy — support their ability to hire and fire based on faith.

Obama was unveiling his approach to getting religious charities more involved in government anti-poverty programs during a tour and remarks Tuesday at Eastside Community Ministry in Zanesville, Ohio. The arm of Central Presbyterian Church operates a food bank, provides clothes, has a youth ministry and provides other services in its impoverished community.

"The challenges we face today, from putting people back to work to improving our schools, from saving our planet to combating HIV/AIDS to ending genocide, are simply too big for government to solve alone," Obama was to say, according to a prepared text of his remarks obtained by The Associated Press. "We need all hands on deck."

But Obama's support for letting religious charities that receive federal funding consider religion in employment decisions was likely to invite a storm of protest from those who view such faith requirements as discrimination.

David Kuo, a conservative Christian who was deputy director of Bush's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives until 2003 and later became a critic of Bush's commitment to the cause, said Obama's position has the potential to be a major "Sister Souljah moment" for his campaign.

McCain to visit Colombia, Mexico to show support for free trade

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — John McCain has changed his mind about the president's tax cuts and drilling for oil off the U.S. coast, but the Republican presidential hopeful says his advocacy of free trade is unyielding.

McCain said he knows he has work to do to convince voters in states losing jobs to Mexico and other countries, such as Pennsylvania where he campaigned Monday, that free-trade agreements will benefit them and their families over time.

"I have to convince them the consequences of protectionism and isolationism could be damaging to their future," the Arizona senator said, pledging to improve programs for displaced workers and unemployment insurance if elected.

"I understand it's very tough. But for me to give up my advocacy of free trade would be a betrayal of trust," he said. "And the most precious commodity I have with the American people is that they trust me."

McCain once opposed President Bush's tax cuts for the wealthy, but now wants them to be made permanent. He was a supporter of the federal ban on offshore oil drilling, but recently said the moratorium should be lifted and states allowed to decide for themselves whether to begin drilling.

Oil climbs to $142 a barrel in Asia on concerns about Mideast, weakening dollar

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — Oil prices climbed to $142 a barrel Tuesday amid concerns about tensions between Iran and Israel and a weakening dollar.

"You have supply-side concerns, such as the rhetoric on Iran, that will likely keep a floor under prices," said Victor Shum, an analyst with Purvin & Gertz in Singapore. "I don't see much resistance to $150, which could happen in the coming weeks."

Late afternoon in Singapore, light, sweet crude for August delivery was up $2.00 at $142.00 a barrel in Asian electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

On Monday, the contract soared to a record $143.67 a barrel. It later fell back to close at $140.00 on reports of weakening U.S. oil demand and end-of-the-quarter profit-taking by traders.

Oil also rose on expectations the European Central Bank will likely raise interest rates at its next meeting on Thursday, a move that would help strengthen the euro against the dollar, Shum said.

Pentagon buying satellites in multibillion-dollar surveillance program

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon will buy and operate one or two commercial imagery satellites and plans to design and build another with more sophisticated spying capabilities, according to government and private industry officials.

The satellites could spy on enemy troop movements, spot construction at suspected nuclear sites and alert commanders to new militant training camps.

The Broad Area Surveillance Intelligence Capability (BASIC) satellite system will cost between $2 billion and $4 billion. It would add to the secret constellation of satellites that now circle the Earth, producing still images that are pieced together into one large mosaic.

A single satellite can visit one spot on Earth twice every day. BASIC's additional satellites will allow the photos to be updated more often, alerting U.S. government users to potential trouble, humanitarian crises or natural disasters like floods.

The announcement of the BASIC program, expected this week, has been delayed for months, with Pentagon, Air Force, and National Reconnaissance Office officials fighting over who should be in charge of buying, building and operating the satellites. They have also debated whose needs the system will cater to: senior military commanders or policymakers in Washington, D.C.

Screen Actors Guild contract expires, but Hollywood actors pause to study a final offer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The contract between movie and TV actors and major Hollywood studios expired early Tuesday after the studios made a final offer and the Screen Actors Guild said it would take more than a day to study it.

The Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers said the offer was worth more than $250 million in additional compensation to members of the guild over the three years of the proposed contract.

The current pact expired at 12:01 a.m. PDT, but both sides said they would continue to work under the old contract after the deadline passed.

"In short, our final offer to SAG represents a final hope for avoiding further work stoppages and getting everyone back to work," the alliance said in a statement. The alliance said film production had been "virtually shut down" because of uncertainty about a deal.

The AMPTP will meet with guild representatives Wednesday afternoon to explain the offer, but will not entertain counterproposals, spokesman Jesse Hiestand said.

Penguins in trouble from global warming, oil pollution could be a signal of ocean woes

WASHINGTON (AP) — The dwindling march of the penguins is signaling that the world's oceans are in trouble, scientists now say. Penguins may be the tuxedo-clad version of a canary in the coal mine, with generally ailing populations from a combination of global warming, ocean oil pollution, depleted fisheries, and tourism and development, according to a new scientific review paper.

A University of Washington biologist detailed specific problems around the world with remote penguin populations, linking their decline to the overall health of southern oceans.

"Now we're seeing effects (of human caused warming and pollution) in the most faraway places in the world," said conservation biologist P. Dee Boersma, author of the paper published in the July edition of the journal Bioscience. "Many penguins we thought would be safe because they are not that close to people. And that's not true."

Scientists figure there are between 16 to 19 species of penguins. About a dozen are in some form of trouble, Boersma wrote. A few, such as the king penguin found in islands north of Antarctica, are improving in numbers, she said.

The International Union for the Conservation of Nature lists three penguin species as endangered and seven as vulnerable, which means they are "facing a high risk of extinction in the wild."

FESTIVAL

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Johnson said problems with the stage and sound system during the festival's headline act have also been solved.

"We had a few problems last year. We're not sure what happened, but we've managed to solve it for this year's show," said Johnson. "We're bringing in a professional stage and sound company."

Johnson said this year's headline performance will come from nationally renown Christian performers Shane and Shane, with some local talent backing them up.

"Shane and Shane are really up and coming, and getting bigger every day," said Johnson. "So we're very excited to have them coming to Big Spring. Opening for the will be Crimson Soul, which is a local band, along with Big Spring's Barabbas, the band that won the Knockout Battle of the Bands."

Johnson said a set schedule of performers should be available later this week.

"This is our gift to the community," said Johnson. "This isn't a fundraiser or anything like that. In the end, the DRA is lucky if it even breaks even. We just want to stir up the excitement in downtown Big Spring. We feel like if we can get the energy and determination up in the downtown area — if we can get the right kind of attitude growing — we'll see the kind of revitalization we've been working for.

"The Funtastic Fourth Festival is also a chance for us to give thanks to the Lord in the process, because in the end, He is the one that is going to make these things happen."

Johnson said the day-long event will be very similar to last year's offering, including entertainment for kids and a washer tournament.

"Manuel Ontiveros is in charge of the washer tournament, which will get under way around 1 p.m. or 2 p.m.," said Johnson. "We will also have plenty of rides for the kids, very similar to what we've had in years past."

For more information on the washer tournament, contact Ontiveros at 432-213-1392.

For more information on the festival, contact Johnson at 267-6278.

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PARADE

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Larry Truman Pherigo, Donald Bennett McKinney, and Wendell Shive are all veterans who will be acting as the parade's grand marshals. The Big Spring Police Department will serve as the color guard, and the parade's dignitaries will be Warren and Sandy Wallace, who are also the citizens of the year.

"Sandy's a music teacher, and Warren's the oldest Boy Scout in captivity. He's the head of the Boy Scouts," said Dobbs. "They're just an outstanding couple who've helped out a lot. The two of them put out a lot of effort and have done a lot of good deeds for Coahoma."

Dobbs also added that there's usually a good turn out. "We generally have a pretty good parade. Just come on out and be in it."

SHOOTING

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Hernando Riascos Torres, 38, and Diego Ortiz, 30, were unemployed illegal immigrants from Colombia.

Torres was deported to Colombia in 1999 after a 1994 cocaine-related conviction.

The city of Pasadena, where protesters and defenders of Horn engaged in counter-demonstrations, pledged to keep its police force staffed enough to protect its citizens.

Keith Hampton, a Houston attorney not connected with the case, said he didn't expect Horn to be indicted.

"This is a real conservative county," he said. "A lot of folks in Houston and Harris County are saying this man was doing a good thing."

In the 911 call, a dispatcher urges Horn to stay inside his house and not risk lives.

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Ban the use of cell phones while driving

Now is a good time for Texas lawmakers to start writing bills that would ban hand-held cell-phone use while driving.

We urge our elected lawmakers to do just that — and for the Texas Legislature to pass it this time; previous attempts have failed.

Texas citizens, overwhelmingly, want at least some form of a ban. The Legislature next convenes in January, and now is the time senators and representatives write bills they plan to introduce and drum up backing from other lawmakers.

Listen to the populace. Sixty percent of Texans polled said they strongly, or somewhat support, a ban on cell-phone use while driving. If 60 percent of voters cast ballots in favor of one presidential candidate over another, it would be called a landslide victory.

So this ban on cell-phone use while driving should be a landslide yea vote.

The poll was conducted by the Texas Lyceum, a non-profit, nonpartisan leadership group. The question on cell-phone use was among other transportation-related questions asked.

There are statistics galore showing that cell-phone use causes accidents and deaths. A Harvard University study found that cell-phone use causes some 500,000 car crashes each year.

Five states plus the District of Columbia have passed bans on hand-held cell-phone use while driving. Seventeen, including Texas, have bans for novice drivers. Driving and using a hand-held cell phone to either talk or text message is a distraction that, statistics clearly show, takes away one's ability to drive safely.

Convenience is about the only reason people give for using cell phones while driving, and that certainly does not trump the safety issue...There are now enough statistics to prove cell-phone use while driving is dangerous.

We urge our elected officials to be part of enacting a ban on hand-held cell phone use while driving in our state.

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FRESH FROM THE BREWER

Titanic made quite an impression

A few weeks ago I wrote a story on the Titanic. If you didn't get a chance to read it, I would like to shamelessly plug the Brewer's Web site where you can go to our Blog and check the archives. It's FreshFromTheBrewer.com. Today's cup from this highly caffeinated Christian is about an all-together different Titanic. This Titanic wasn't a boat but a person.



REV. TROY BREWER

Odds are you never have heard of Titanic Thompson, who sailed through life as the greatest poker playing, golf gambling, horseshoe hustling, skeet shooting, womanizing, rake-hell, con man of all time. That doesn't mean he didn't leave his mark.

Titanic Thompson was America's most famous gambler, card cheat, and sharp dressed man for decades. His celebrity status was so great Houdini himself followed him trying to find his secrets to swindling people. Thompson was actually the model for Damon Runyon's character Sky Masterson in the Broadway play Guys and Dolls. Marlon Brando played his part in the movie.

It was only at Titanic's insistence that the writer called his gambling lead man by another name. Titanic was already more famous than he wanted to be. So Runyon christened his romantic lead, "Sky Masterson," for the 'master' Titanic, whose 'sky's the limit' response was a sure thing whenever a bet was on the table.

His skills got him personally invited to a party by Al Capone, and he had the guts to cheat Capone in a bet, which he did, and got away with it. He often played pool with Minnesota Fats. He was a professional golfer and actually good enough to shoot a 29 on the back nine at Fort Worth's Ridglea Country Club where he beat Byron Nelson by one stroke.

Always An Angle

He was the Arizona State trapshooting champion four consecutive years. He was a quick draw pistolear and somehow got away with at least five shootings and some say six in which all men were killed. It was said that he could throw a baseball from dead center field 400 feet to home plate without the aid of a bounce and he would challenge professional baseball player in throwing matches. One time, he challenged the horseshoe throwing world champion to a high stakes game and beat him out of $2,000.

Titanic, who was naturally left-handed, played golf just as well right-handed, and he would often hustle golfers by challenging them to a game where he would switch hands. But being good at golf was all about getting him into country clubs from coast to coast. Once inside, Titanic could always find rich men and take them for all they had in much more lucrative poker games. It paid a lot better than those tiny golf purses. This was way before Tiger Woods.

In 1972, Titanic as an old man, agreed to do a rare interview with Sports Illustrated. They offered to pay him a much-needed $5,000 for the story. In the two weeks Bud Shrake spent with him putting it together, Titanic made a huge impression. Shrake wrote, "Ti's mind was so sharp that I am convinced if he was born in Princeton, N.J. instead of Nowhere, Ark. and went to an Ivy League college, he'd have spent his life giving advice to world leaders."

As a ladies man, he could just as easily talk a woman into loving him as he could talk a man into a bet. There was something about him people thought they could tame. He counted on that underestimation and used it frequently. Titanic married five times and all of them were teenagers. When he died at the age of 81, his last wife of 19 years was 37. This guy was something else.

One of his abandoned offspring, Tommy Thomas, caught up with him in San Antonio at the age of 19. 1964 was a good year for Tommy and he rolled up into the driveway in a shiny jaguar. Always hoping to someday impress his dad, he himself was quite an accomplished card shark.

Over the next several years they paired up and racked in millions from unsuspecting wannabes. I know all this not just because of the books I've read on Titanic Thompson but because Tommy Thomas, Titanic's son, is a friend of mine.

Today, Tommy is a preacher and has a TV show called How to Beat the Odds. I've been on his show a couple times and know for a fact it airs all over the world. One time, my wife and I were visiting our orphanage in Uganda and Tommy's show was airing and it just happened to be the show that I was on. It was a hoot to bring in the staff at the little hotel and all of us watched it together.

The one thing Tommy will tell you that he really wanted out of his dad was to hear the words, "I love you" In all those years, Titanic's pride wouldn't allow him to bless his boy with the affirmation he desperately needed. Finally, and literally the day before he died of a stroke, Ti Thompson put his arms around Tommy and said the magic words he had wanted to hear.

Unsinkable

What it always comes down to is whom you love and who loves you. For those of us who cling to Christianity, we know this to be true. Whatever exploits you've lived, good or bad, mean nothing the last few days in the old folks home. The only real legacy any of us have is a testimony of whom we have loved and who loved us.

Let it be said of the Brewer, that I loved God and God really loved this ol' knucklehead. If that's true (and I know it is) the love of God will outlast all of my history, no matter how titanic my sin may have been.

And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." Matthew 3:17.

The Rev. Troy Brewer welcomes your comments at www.Fresh-FromTheBrewer.com.

North Korea deal should have been made years ago

Dick Cheney was angry.

He was answering questions at a meeting of foreign policy experts in Washington last week. Then he got a query about the U.S. decision to de-list North Korea from the terrorism blacklist.



TRUDY RUBIN

"It was a fascinating, little bit scary moment because the vice president ... just went stone silent" says the questioner, Steve Clemons of the New America Foundation. Cheney gave a non-answer and exited the room.

That moment sums up the tragic contradictions of the Bush administration's foreign policy. In the never-ending battles between its pragmatists and uberhawks, the North Korea deal marked a huge defeat of the Cheneyites and a victory for Condoleezza Rice.

But this was a deal that could, and should, have been done at the beginning of Bush's first term. As John Bolton, our former United Nations ambassador and a harsh critic of the deal rightly said, this deal is "the same thing that the State Department was prepared to do six years ago. If we are going to cut this deal now, it's amazing we didn't cut it back then."

It was not done then because Cheney's views were then ascendant. In the meantime, North Korea became a dangerous nuclear power.

Now, with their legacies in mind, Rice finally convinced the president they should try to change North Korean behavior through painstaking diplomacy, rather than pursue the chimera of regime change.

Bush's change of heart has infuriated Republican superhawks. "This is a sad, sad day," said Bolton. "I think we've been taken to the cleaners."

Wrong.

Yes, the deal's imperfections are apparent. Pyongyang has turned over 19,000 pages of documents of its plutonium production program for making nuclear weapons, and has blown up the cooling tower at its main nuclear reactor. It has yet to reveal, however, the details of a secret uranium enrichment program. (Most experts don't believe that program got far.)

Also missing are accounts of its sales of nuclear technology to other problematic nations, like Iran and Syria. Israel recently blew up a Syrian facility that supposedly was a nuclear reactor being built secretly with North Korean help.

The North Koreans, the most infuriating of negotiators, were six months late in turning over the documents. Verification will be difficult but crucial. Much needs to be confirmed in next 45 days, during which Congress can review the deal.

And, yes, the superhawks are correct to call the regime of Kim Jong Il despicable. It has starved its own people and sentenced untold thousands to death camps. One issue that slowed the deal was North Korea's failure to come clean with Japan over the fate of scores of Japanese who were kidnapped from Japanese coastal areas. The abductees were forced to train North Korean spies. Some have been returned to Japan, but the fate of others is still unknown.

President Bush said he would work with Japan to resolve this issue, and he should do so. He did not, however, mention the equally tragic case of U.S. permanent resident and Christian missionary Kim Dong-shik, who was abducted by North Korean agents in northeast China in 2000 while helping desperate North Korean refugees flee their country. If Kim is still alive, he presumably is suffering inside a North Korean prison. This case, too, needs resolving.

The bottom line, however, is not whether the deal is imperfect; it is whether a deal makes visible progress toward ending North Korea's nuclear program. "We believe our policy could verifiably get the (North Korean) regime out of the plutonium-making business," Rice wrote in the Wall St. Journal. That is a big deal.

The Cheneyites have never admitted their path has led only to failure. The White House debunked and backed off a 1994 U.S.-North Korean deal that had shut down Pyongyang's plutonium program. The result: North Korea unsealed the reactor, enriched six to 10 bombs worth of plutonium and tested a weapon. Nor did the Cheney approach do anything to improve Pyongyang's terrible human-rights record.

For years, Bush permitted multilateral talks but no direct U.S. contacts with North Korea - a charter member of the "axis of evil." Only when Rice finally let U.S. negotiator Christopher Hill engage directly with his North Korean counterparts in 2007 did talks finally move forward. Cheney was reportedly furious.

Future progress will be slow and incremental. North Korea may backslide. But removal from the terrorism list provides only minimum economic benefits. Other sanctions won't be dropped before Pyongyang lives up to its commitments. "What if North Korea cheats?" Rice asks rhetorically. "The answer is simple. We will reimpose ... sanctions."

Her message sounds so logical, so pragmatic. Negotiate, assess progress, look for incremental change rather than the transformation of nations. What's unclear about the new White House pragmatism is whether the president has connected the dots on stopping dangerous nuclear programs, dots that connect Libya to North Korea to Iran.

Direct talks led to the end of Libya's nuclear program, and hold the best chance to curb North Korea's. But the wait of seven years will make it much harder to reach that goal with Pyongyang, and exponentially harder to reach similar results with Tehran.

The burden will fall on the next president. Hopefully, he will learn from this one's mistakes.

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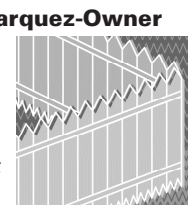
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Determining intelligence can be difficult

Parent's Corner



DARRELL RYAN

We all enjoy a funny story every so often and now that the political scene is becoming so intriguing and sometimes humorous, see what you think about this story.

It seems that Mickey Mouse was invited to the White House to meet the president.

During that meeting he asked the president, "How does one manage to run a country so smoothly?"

"That's easy," Mr. Bush replied, "You surround yourself with intelligent ministers and advisors."

"But how can I tell whether they are intelligent or not?" asked Mickey.

"You ask them a riddle," he replied, and with that he pressed a button and said, "Please send in Dick Cheney." When the vice president arrived, Mr. Bush said, "I have a riddle for you to answer for me. Your parents had a child and it was not your sister and it was not your brother. Who was this child?"

Cheney replied, "That's easy. The child was me."

"Very good," said the president. "You may go now."

Then he looked at Mickey and said, "Now that you see how the riddle works feel free to use it as you may."

Mickey returned to California and immediately called in Goofy to see how the riddle would work. He said to him, "Goofy, I have a riddle for you and the answer is very important. Your parents had a child and it was not your sister and it was not your brother. Who was that child?"

Goofy replied, "Can I think on this for awhile?"

"Yes," said Mickey, "I'll give you four hours to come up with the answer."

So Goofy called a meeting of his friends and asked them the riddle. But after much discussion and many suggestions, none of them had a satisfactory answer. He was quite upset, not knowing what he would tell Mickey. As he was leaving his meeting he ran into Donald Duck. So he said, "Donald, can you answer this riddle? Your parents had a child and it was not your sister and it was not your brother. Who was the child?"

"That's seems pretty easy," said Donald, "I think the child would be me."

"Oh thank you," said Goofy. So he went back to Mickey and said, "I think I know the answer to your riddle. The child was Donald Duck!"

"No, you idiot!" shouted Mickey. "The child was Dick Cheney!"

Of course, the names of this story have been changed to protect the innocent, or possibly the guilty, depending on how you choose to view it.

Darrell Ryan is the director of federal programs for the Big Spring.

Bird Poop: Rescued turkey vulture comes of age



Courtesy photo

When an adult turkey vulture's food is partially digested, it will feed its young by regurgitation. An association by nestlings is made early between the odor of decomposing matter and being fed.



BEBE MDCASLAND

Nearing the end of the road, the woman noticed a movement in the dense undergrowth beneath the cottonwoods. Having seen large birds coming and going for months, she knew the trees were a nightly roosting site for the scavengers.

As her dog sniffed the edge of the thick shrubbery, it stopped. The raised hair on the back of the chihuahua indicated something was hidden inside. Quickly grabbing her pet, she hurriedly walked back to her home nearby.

Later in the day, the woman decided to return to the growth that had aroused the dog's curiosity. Nothing moved, no sounds occurred. Only a breeze seemed to neutralize an odor she associated with the droppings of the large raptors. Thinking it might have been a skunk or fox hiding in the shade, she soon forgot about the area.

Weeks passed. Feeling comfortable with taking her dog for another walk near the trees, she was surprised when once again the chihuahua bristled as it approached the bushes. After taking the dog back to her home, she decided to walk around the entire patch of greenery.

On the other side of the brush, she noticed a narrow opening. Well worn by some animal's feet, the length of the entryway was impressive. Kneeling, with her face pressed against the opening, she was able to see a larger area beyond. The home of some critter had been well concealed, she thought.

As she brushed the dust from her knees, she heard a rustling sound from the other side. Tiptoeing back to the road, she was startled to discover a turkey vulture. Although feathered, the bird had remnants of down showing on its breast, belly, and parts of its neck.

When the vulture became aware of her presence, it tried to distance itself by half walking, running, and flopping its cumbersome wings. Since she had not seen any adult vultures in the area for several days, she decided the bird needed help.

Outrunning the frightened creature, she grabbed the bird as her knees hit the ground. After tucking the startled vulture between her legs, she realized it was going to bite her repeatedly. Pulling her T-shirt over her head, she quickly covered the bird's head. On the walk back to her house, she prayed no one would see her.

"There I was, walking down the street in my bra, with a vulture tucked under my arm," said the caller. Once Cathy finished her story, laughter interrupted our conversation for a moment. My mental image of her and the hooded bird brought tears to my eyes.

"Don't those birds nest on cliffs or in tall trees?" she asked. Explaining that I had read of vultures that would nest on the ground when terrain lacked tall enough trees or rugged bluffs, I told her it was a first for both of us.

On the east side of Monahans, her home was in the last city block before open country. Standing on her front porch, we had a good view of the trees that some day would grow to great heights. A drainage area, created by development, had sustained the lush growth that nature planted.

As we walked through the living-dining room, we noticed a corner had been designated for her chihuahuas. Their sale helped supplement her meager income. Even though there were two litters, plus parents, both human and dog zones were orderly and spotless.

Down the hallway was the bathroom. For three days, it had served as a temporary home for the young vulture. Carefully opening the door, we didn't see the bird until we glanced upward.

Perched on the shower curtain rod was the slouching youngster the woman had found. The first day of captivity, the vulture remained in the bathtub. Venturing forth the next day, the bird found the top of the commode to its liking. Finally, by jumping and barely having room to flap its wings, the vulture had managed enough lift to attain his lofty roost.

Not only the evidence of bits of down identified it as a juvenile, but the blackish color of its featherless head and neck. Having developed some flight ability, it was far from being a soaring, red-headed adult.

At South Plains in Lubbock, the vulture spent 16 days learning to identify food sources and developing the muscles necessary for sustained flight. Quickly, it learned the pleasure of using its wings to attain varied heights.

By the end of July, the turkey vulture was ready to join others high above the West Texas terrain. On a ranch south of Big Spring, our protégé left the confinement of a bathroom and flight cage to search varied landscapes for whatever happenstance might provide.

Bebe McCasland is federally and state licensed to rehabilitate wild birds.

THE SAVVY SENIOR

Dear Savvy Senior,
To keep up with all the different doctors I see and medications I take, a friend recently suggested I start keeping my own medical records at home, but I'm not sure where to start. Can you offer any tips or suggestions on the best way to go about doing this?

Unorganized Annie

Dear Annie,
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

With fanfare and hoopla, Canadians patriotically party down for Canada Day (the equivalent of America's July Fourth holiday). Mars enters Virgo, too, creating heated activity in the lives of Virgos for the next seven weeks. Our ambitions, approached with the mental discipline, diligence and executive ability of a Virgo, gets the job done perfectly.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). When your idea doesn't have the effect you thought it would, don't assume it's wrong. It may just be early. People will say about anything to squash an idea they are not ready for. Don't give up. Be patient.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're providing a service. Catering to each individual person will be too time consuming. You have impact when you go for the masses. Direct all communication to the collective heart of your audience.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The opportunity you see is too good to pass up, although you're not so sure you're the right one for the job. Fitting into this role will mean changing something about yourself, at least temporarily.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). People who don't usually extend themselves are making an exception, just for you. The best way to ensure that this happens again in the future is to appreciate it fully, verbally and also in writing.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You know how to send the message "you are special" to others. You don't even have to try hard because it's what you really believe. Take all the time you need to really plan out your presentation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You've been impressed with a situation, and now it's time to learn more. It's sort of fun to destroy the illusion. Poke around a bit and see how thing are put together. This is all part of your creative process.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). No one has to confess his or her feelings around you because you have an excellent ability to read the raw emotions of others. You're paying attention. You feel the heart throb in all you witness.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You take on the job of motivating your team, knowing that if you don't do it, everyone will sit around. Before you utter a word, make sure you have a strong vision of where you want things to go.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're getting to know someone new and may feel uncharacteristically shy about how to proceed. Open up and share yourself. This is not one of those situations when less is more. More is more.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It usually comes naturally to take care of your own business. But right now you're susceptible to getting swept into what someone else is doing to the point of forgetting your own priorities.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You are bubbling over with ideas. Which one will work? You'll have to try a few and find out. Don't expect everything to fall into place immediately. Anyway, you'll have more fun when it doesn't.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Life has been happening pretty much on your time schedule lately and now there are a few cool loops in the road that will change that rhythm. If you're flexible, you'll be happy for the interesting alteration.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "It was like a fairy tale when my Aries boyfriend and I (Pisces) finally came together after two years of waiting for each other. Then I stood by him during some very stressful situations, and he just walked away. I loved him dearly and believed he felt the same and that we would be together for life. My heart is broken, but I am trying to move on."

When I read "fairy tale," I think Neptune, the planet of romantic enchantment. Love on Neptune is divine, but in an emotionally engrossing kind of way. Think: the difference between a classic love story and the maturity-engendering travails and triumphs of a romantic comedy. The rub is, identifying when the relationship has grown lopsided (for either of you), then working to correct it is necessary to mature and thrive as a couple. You thought emotional loyalty, standing by your guy's side, cemented your relationship. Aries isn't that guy. Since Aries men sometimes have difficulty expressing their feelings, he didn't tell you that he was changing. Pisces, love will come again. And when it does, I bet you'll take better care of you by being real about what you both need in a partnership.

Holiday Mathis is the author of "Rock Your Stars." If you would like to write to her, please go to www.creators.com.

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On the family road trip



LAURA SNYDER

Our family went on a road trip this week. As always, it was a traveling circus. We had the typical "Are we there yet?" questions uttered in annoying frequency, of course, but we also had some questions that are, perhaps, not so typical.

"What's that?" was generally asked while passing roadkill that was particularly mangled and, as such, unrecognizable. The reason for this is that my 11-year-old son was keeping a running score for each type of animal. If he could get a consensus from the rest of the family on what "that" was, he'd place a tally in the column for that animal. The most tallied animals were raccoon, deer, squirrel, fox, rabbit and one skunk that might possibly have been somebody's cat. We put it down as a skunk, regardless of the absence of any stench, because we didn't want to upset my daughter who would have expired at the thought of some tractor trailer callously running over a fluffy feline.

From the depths of the motor home, we heard my youngest child yelling something about a porcupine on a skateboard. We discounted that idea not only because of the improbability of the event, but because a porcupine who is a skilled skater was obviously not dead, and therefore could not be considered roadkill. Only true roadkill made it to the list.

Another member of the animal kingdom that did not make it to the list, regardless of whether or not it had a pulse, is insects. The reason for that is, although we had a million bugs hit our windshield, not many of them could be identified. My son thought that it would not be fair to count only the ones that could be identified, so he disqualified all of them. At one point in our journey, our windshield began to look like abstract modern art. In fact, if you looked at it just right from the outside with your head tilted to the left and the sun hitting it from the east, you could just make out a picture that was either Elvis or Jesus Christ. I wonder how much our bug-splattered windshield would sell for on E-Bay?

We had our GPS unit with us. Not because it could be relied upon to get us safely to our destination, but because my husband thought it could. I, of course, brought a map. If there was ever a discrepancy between "Maggie," as we call her, and the map, I insisted on using the map. I didn't want to take a side trip to some scenic location just because Maggie thought it prudent to check it out. It didn't help that, out of the blue, Maggie started mooing like a digital cow for no apparent reason. I think she's losing her marbles.

My youngest child had used his sticky fingers to press just the right combination of buttons and somehow ended up setting the security lock on Maggie … which meant that we could not enter any location. The location that he had punched in before locking it happened to be in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. We were trying to go to Buffalo, New York. So … you can see how this might have been a problem.

Maggie did, however, keep track of our speed. My 10-year-old daughter, trying to be helpful, took great pleasure in reading it and calling out the speed whenever it changed. "62 … 63 … 65 … 70, daddy not so fast!"

"We're going down a hill, I can't help it!"

"… 68 … slower! … 64 … 62…okay you're doing good, daddy."

"The speed limit is 70 here, you deranged child!"

"Oh … 64 … faster, daddy! … 67…"

After a brief interval of that insanity, Maggie needed to be retired until we could figure out how to make her useful again.

All in all, it was a very successful trip. Successful, that is, if you use our typical barometer: Whether or not you had an accident, a flat tire, or someone puked in the backseat.

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A Syrian worker lays cobblestones on Straight Street, which was originally built by the Romans in biblical times. It is part of a renovation effort of the Old City of Damascus, which is said to be the oldest continually inhabited city in the world.

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based self-help tools visit www.myphr.com and click on "Tools and Resources," then click on "PHR Tools and Services."

Getting Started

To start your personal health record, you'll need to request a copy of your health records from all your healthcare providers, including your general practitioner, plus your eye doctor, dentist, and any other specialist you have seen. Find out if your records are in an electronic format you can access, or request paper copies.

Once you have your paper records in hand, keep them together in a file folder or binder so they're easy to find. Organize the information in a way that makes sense to you, but mark it clearly, so it makes sense to others as well. And be sure your loved ones have access to it if you become incapacitated. If your records are stored electronically (on your computer or a Web site), be sure they know where to find it, and have any necessary passwords for access.

After you've created your personal health record, be sure to take it with you to all doctor appointments and remember to keep updating it. To make your electronic health records portable there are a number of handy USB flash drives (like www.medkey.com, www.emrystick.com, www.vitalkey.com) that are about the size of a house key that can hold your medical records and be updated easily.

What to Include

Here's a checklist of what should be included in your personal health record:

- Personal information: name, contact info, birth date, Social Security number.
- Emergency contacts including phone numbers.
- Physicians, dentists, other specialists. Include addresses, phone numbers.
- Health insurance information.
- Living will, medical power of attorney, advance directive.
- Organ donation authorization, if any.
- List and dates of significant illnesses or surgeries. You could request and include a copy of your "discharge summary" from each hospital where a surgery took place.
- Current medications and dosages.
- Immunizations and dates.
- Allergies or sensitivities to drugs.
- Hereditary conditions in your family; important dates, i.e. father died of heart attack at age 50. See www.familyhistory.hhs.gov.
- Results of recent physical exam.
- Opinions of specialists you saw.
- Important test results; dental and eye records.
- Correspondence with your health care providers.

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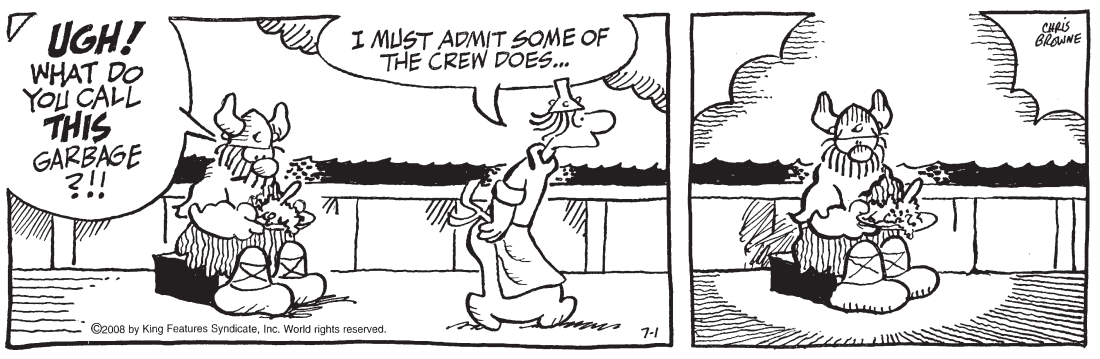
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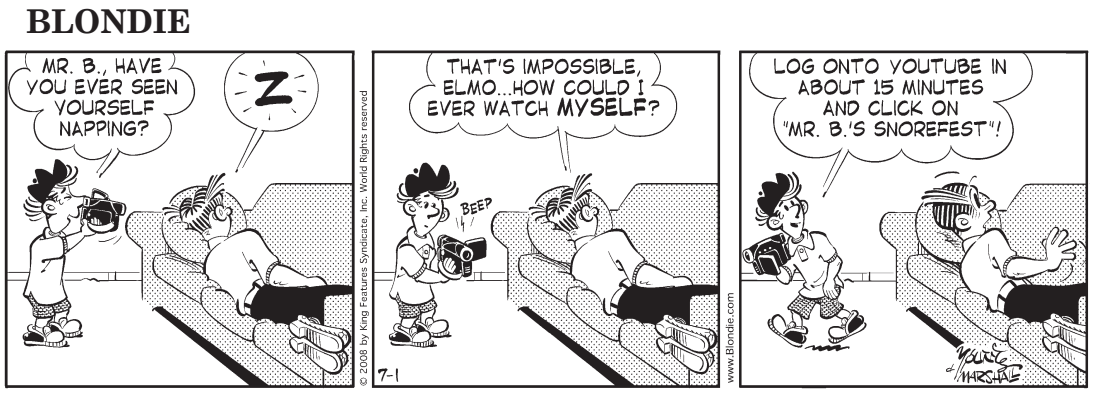
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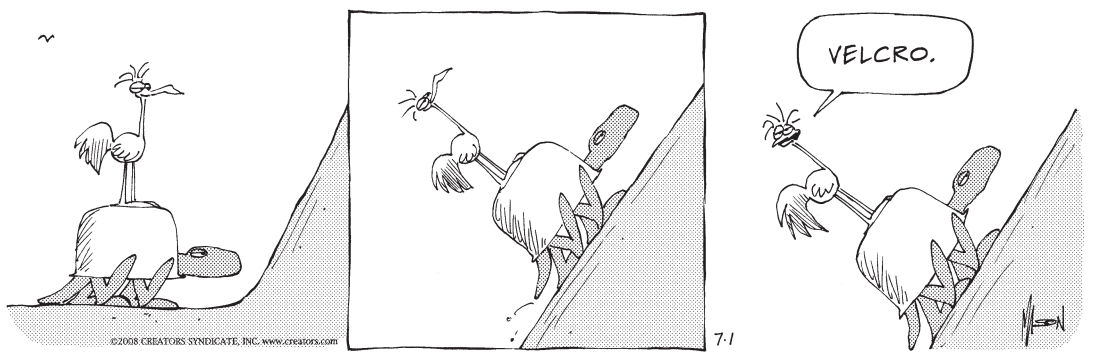
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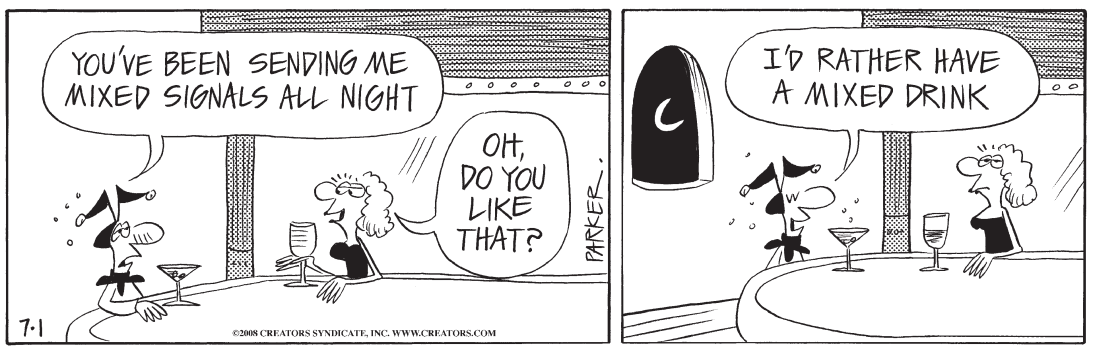
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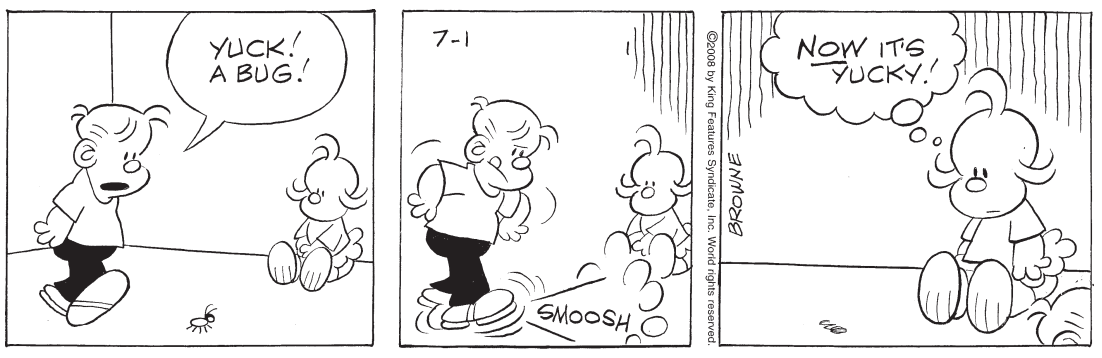
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, July 1, the 183rd day of 2008. There are 183 days left in the year. This is Canada Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 1, 1946, the United States exploded a 20-kiloton atomic bomb near Bikini Atoll in the Pacific.

On this date:

In 1863, the Civil War Battle of Gettysburg, resulting in a Union victory, began in Pennsylvania.

In 1867, Canada became a self-governing dominion of Great Britain as the British North America Act took effect.

In 1898, during the Spanish-American War, U.S. forces, including Theodore Roosevelt's "Rough Riders," waged a victorious assault on San Juan Hill in Cuba.

In 1948, New York International Airport (now John F. Kennedy International Airport) at Idlewild began operations.

In 1948, the fare on New York City subways doubled from a nickel to 10 cents.

In 1968, the United States, Britain, the Soviet Union and nearly 60 other nations signed the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty.

In 1980, "O Canada" was proclaimed the national anthem of Canada.

In 1987, President Reagan nominated federal appeals court judge Robert H. Bork to the Supreme Court, setting off a tempestuous confirmation process that ended with Bork's rejection by the Senate.

In 1991, President Bush nominated federal appeals court judge Clarence Thomas to the Supreme Court, beginning an ultimately successful confirmation process marked by allegations of sexual harassment.

In 1997, Hong Kong reverted to Chinese rule after 156 years as a British colony.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Olivia de Havilland is 92. Actor Farley Granger is 83. Actress-dancer Leslie Caron is 77. Actress Jean Marsh is 74. Movie producer-director Claude Berri is 74. Actor Jamie Farr is 74. Bluesman James Cotton is 73. Actor David Prowse is 73. Cookie maker Wally Amos is 72. Actress Karen Black is 69. Singer-musician Delaney Bramlett is 69. Dancer-choreographer Twyla Tharp is 67. Actress Genevieve Bujold is 66. Gospel singer Andrae Crouch is 66. Rock singer-actress Deborah Harry is 63. Movie-TV producer-director Michael Pressman is 58. Rock singer Fred Schneider (B-52's) is 57. Actor Daryl Anderson is 57. Actor Trevor Eve is 57. Actor-comedian Dan Aykroyd is 56. Actor Alan Ruck is 52. Actress Lisa Blount is 51. Rhythm-and-blues singer Evelyn "Champagne" King is 48. Olympic gold medal track star Carl Lewis is 47. Country singer Michelle Wright is 47. Actor Andre Braugher is 46. Actress Pamela Anderson is 41. Rock musician Mark Pirro is 38. Rock musician Franny Griffiths (Space) is 38. Actor Henry Simmons is 38. Hip-hop artist Missy Elliott is 37. Actress Julianne Nicholson is 37. Actress Liv Tyler is 31. Actress Hilarie Burton is 26. Actress Lynsey Bartilson is 25.

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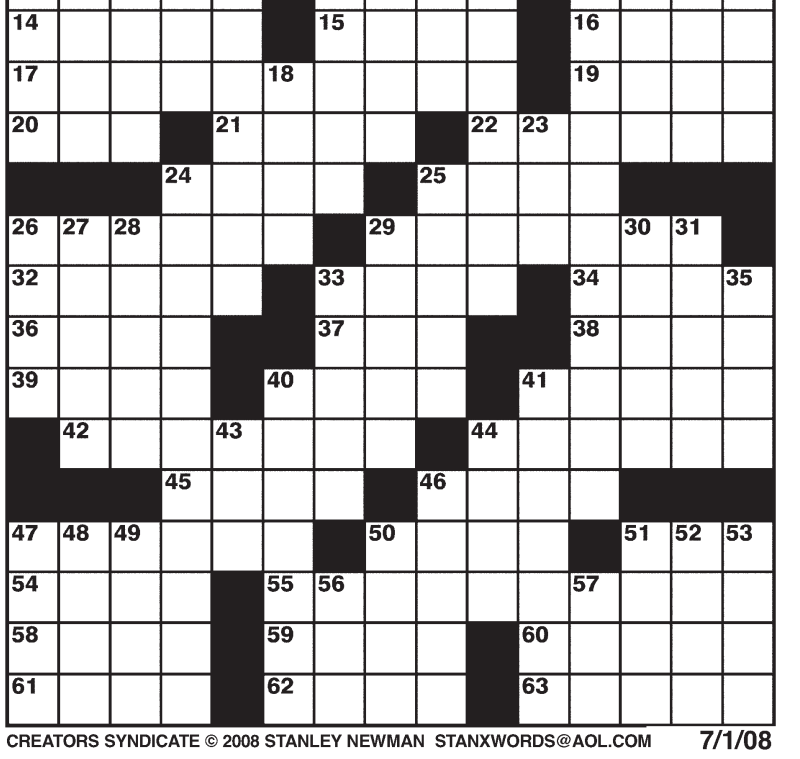
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6 Eject, as lava
10 Dance move
14 Sports complex
15 Flag holder
16 Entice
17 Resentful glances
19 Eye-color area
20 Unhappy
21 Sweater material
22 Result of a parking violation
24 Goatee's location
25 Playing-card package
26 Like land without vegetation
29 Wooded areas
32 Hunter constellation
33 Livestock building
34 Quick haircut
36 Late-night TV host
37 Edge
38 Change the decor of
39 Chore
40 Roller-coaster compartments
41 Aquatic mammals
42 Playground equipment
44 Stockholm natives
45 Boring
46 Attack flies, perhaps
47 Woodworking tool
50 Bring in the harvest
51 Cool __ cucumber
54 Office assistant
55 Tree-lined trails
58 "Not guilty" is one
59 Ancient Roman garb
60 Online reading material
61 Shut forcefully
62 Unwrap
63 Dealer's floor models

DOWN

1 Writing tablets
2 Opera highlight
3 Geek
4 Explosive letters
5 Drink pourer's words
6 Soup utensil
7 Swimming spot
8 Moose relative
9 Cowboy movie
10 Hazardous winter road
11 Istanbul native
12 Pennsylvania port city
13 Annoying one
18 Pork cut
23 Frozen water
24 Result of flawed sewing
25 Campus buildings
26 Lightning flash
27 Regions
28 Get the soap out of
29 Rural festivals
30 Tire pattern
31 Move laterally
33 Noisy fight
35 Rolling stone's lack
40 Summons in a loud voice
41 Traded
43 Take to court
44 Move to and fro
46 Family auto
47 Toothpaste-tube tops
48 Small mountain
49 Creative thought
50 Intense anger
51 Molecule part
52 "Get outta here!"
53 Poses questions
56 Move like a rabbit
57 Lincoln nickname



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