

Economic board to look inward

After failure to secure IFT, Moore directors discuss change to 4B

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

To 4b, or not to 4b. That's the question currently in front of the Moore Development for Big Spring Board of Directors, which held a budget workshop Wednesday.

Board President Tommy Churchwell proposed the economic development

corporation change its current 4a tax direction, which involves offering incentives to draw business and industry to Big Spring, to a 4b organization, which would allow money to go directly into improving the city itself.

"After this last go around with the IFT (introductory flight training program), I think we've used our best card,"

"I think we've played our best asset with the best partner we could hope to have, and we came up short. We need to change. We need to do something different."



Churchwell

said Churchwell. "I think we've played our best asset with the best partner we could hope to have, and we came up short. We need to change.

We need to do something different. I think we need to do 4b projects. I think we need to put our money on ourselves.

"I don't think it makes a lot of sense to try to buy people in, but I still think we need to go after jobs, industry and business. But I think we have to do it in ways where we don't have to pay for it and they come because they can

make money here."

Churchwell said he and other board members were under the impression they would have to get rid of the current economic development corporation before changing to a 4b platform — an impression city attorney Jean Shotts recently dismissed.

See MOORE, Page 3A

State parks facing hefty financial cuts

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Legislation making its way through the halls of the State House in Austin could spell major budgetary cuts for Texas Parks and Wildlife facilities, including the Big Spring State Park.

Ron Alton, park manager for the local TPWD park, said current legislation is spelling out a \$3 million cut for the budgets of state parks, which would translate into a hefty slice of the Big Spring State Park's annual spending.

"It's going to be at least a \$3 million hit," said Alton. "We tried to walk a bill through to allow us to spend above our cap, which would help us meet our needs with the rising utility costs and gas prices. It's just killing us. Every year we have the same budget or less — usually less — and after a while you're going to begin running on empty.

"Our region, which encompasses San Angelo to Brownwood, all the way to Abilene and Wichita Falls — basically

"We'll have to cut some people's hours, if not have to lay them off completely. We'll see our part-time staff possibly with a 25 percent reduction in salary, and depending on Austin, it could even cut into our full-time employees."

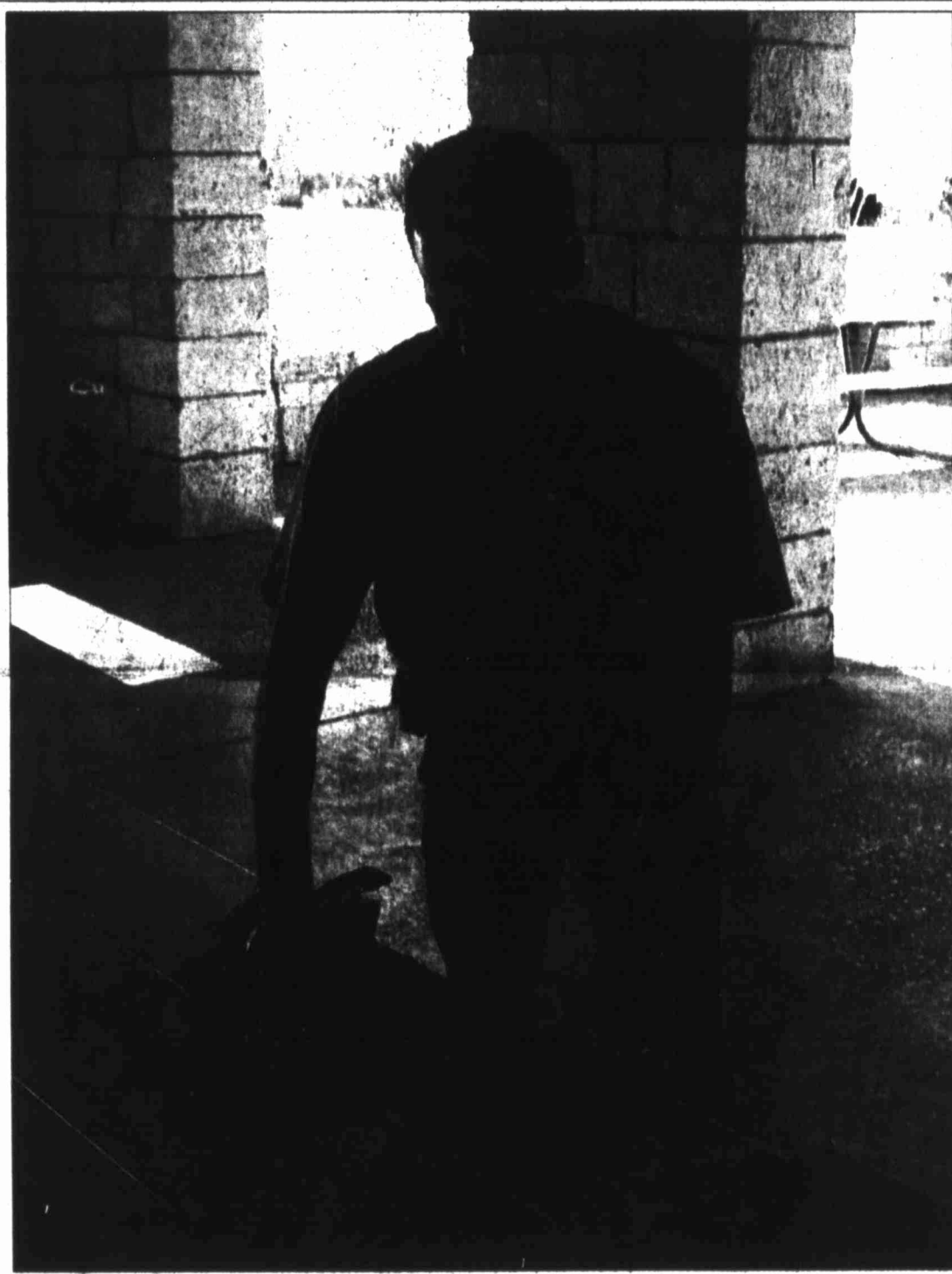
Ron Alton,
park manager

most of the Texas Panhandle — is looking at a \$250,000 cut to our budget, which is already super lean."

While the cuts will be spread out across the region, Alton said the results may be more drastic at the local park than some may realize.

"These cuts are actually

See PARKS, Page 3A



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

Ron Alton, manager of the Big Spring State Park, cleans tables at a pavilion in preparation for the coming day. According to Alton, budgetary cuts handed down from Austin could translate into a \$250,000 drop in funding for the Panhandle Region of the Texas Parks and Wildlife, forcing him to cut back on employees and park services.

Bound for the Big Apple

BSHS band raising funds for trip to Carnegie Hall

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Remember the old joke: How do you get to Carnegie Hall? For the Big Spring High School band, the punchline will be: Hold fund-raisers.

The BSHS band recently received an invitation to perform at Carnegie Hall, the legendary performance center in New York, on June 6, 2006.

But there is a catch — and it carries a hefty price tag. For the band to go, it's going to have to come up with between \$260,000 and \$350,000 to finance the trip.

So, much like the Forsan High School band did in raising money to finance its upcoming trip to Washington, D.C., the BSHS musicians are about to become experts in the art of fund-raising.

For much of the next month, the band and its booster organization are going to be knee-deep in bake sales and car washes and other drives to raise the necessary cash for the trip to the Big Apple.

"Everybody was real excited about it (when the band received the invitation)," said Mindy Whittenburg of the BSHS Band Boosters. "It's going to be a chance of a lifetime for most of us ... These kids are going to do and see something they might have never had the chance to do or

See BAND, Page 3A

To help,
call 432
213-3651

Superintendents warily eye special session

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Two of Howard County's public school superintendents are taking a "hopeful but wary" approach as the Texas Legislature once again takes up the thorny issue of school finance reform.

The legislature, which failed to reach an agreement on the issue during its regular session earlier



Downes

this year, was called back into special session Tuesday by Gov. Rick Perry.

As an added incentive to lawmakers to adopt a measure, Perry vetoed the current \$35 billion state financial package for the 2005-06 school year.

The state is under court mandate to reform its method of

financing public schools. State District Judge John Dietz, who ruled the current method of financing unconstitutional, has given the state until October to come up with a new method, or he will order state aid to schools stopped.

Dietz' ruling is currently on appeal to the Texas Supreme Court, which will hear arguments in the case in July.

Big Spring Independent School

District Superintendent Michael Downes is adopting a "wait and see" attitude toward the special session.

"I'm always hopeful they will (adopt a new financing package), but I also haven't seen anything at this stage that would result in new revenue for school districts," Downes said.

Downes' concerns were echoed

See FINANCE, Page 3A

INDEX

Classified 3-5B
Features 5-6A
Obituaries 2A
Opinion 4A
Sports 1B



TONIGHT 65°-66°
TOMORROW 94°-96°
Find us online at:
www.bigspringherald.com

To reach us:

Please call 263-7331. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you miss your paper, please call (432) 263-7335 before 7 p.m. weekdays and noon Sunday.

YOU CAN HELP

• Road to Recovery, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call LaWanda Hamm at 263-7827.

• The Mobile Meals program, which delivers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers. If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, you are needed. If you can volunteer, call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

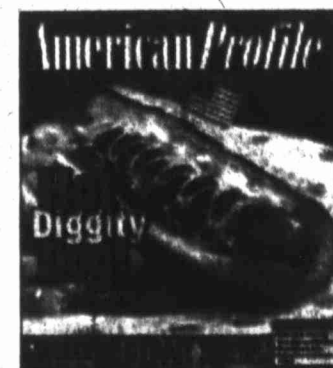
ROBBER LEAVES ADDRESS

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A man accused of holding up a pizza parlor gave police a roadmap to his door when he accidentally left behind a job application with his real name and address, authorities said.

"I would chalk it up to either inexperience or plain stupidity," Clark County prosecutor Frank Coumou said Wednesday.

Alejandro Martinez, 23, of Las Vegas, was being held at the Clark County jail pending an appearance in Clark County District Court. He faces felony burglary and robbery with a weapon charges in the May 25 heist.

COMING THIS WEEKEND



Cover Story: Americans eat 20 billion hot dogs each year, according to the National Hot Dog and Sausage Council. So when, how and why did hot dogs become standard American fare and what makes a great-tasting dog? That depends who you talk to.

Obituaries

Georgia Irene Smith

Georgia Irene Smith, 87, of Lubbock, formerly of Big Spring, died Wednesday, June 22, 2005. Services are 10 a.m. Friday, June 24, 2005, at Redbud Baptist Church with the Rev. Gary Baird officiating. Burial will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park.

She was born March 14, 1918, in Denton County to the late Lee O. and Myrtle Pugh. She married Woody Smith Dec. 30, 1934, in Lamesa. After retirement from farming in Tarzan and Seagraves, they moved to Big Spring and she graduated from Howard College as salutatorian and at age 65, graduated with honors from University of Texas at the Permian Basin in Odessa.

Survivors include a daughter, Betty Lyda of Lubbock; two sons, Harold Smith of Seymour and Kenneth Smith of Seagraves; seven grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; a great-great-grandchild; two brothers, Ralph and Ray Pugh; and two sisters, Alma McGinty and Shirley Thrasher.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Woody Smith, Dec. 15, 1989, a grandson, Timothy Smith, two sisters, Anita Smith and Leenez Reid and a brother, Gale Pugh.

The family will receive friends at Rix Funeral Directors from 7:30 p.m. until 9 p.m. today.

Memorials are suggested to Hospice of Lubbock, P.O. Box 16800, Lubbock 79490.

Arrangements are under the direction of Rix Funeral Directors in Lubbock.

Jean Black

Jean Black, 71, of Snyder, died Tuesday, June 21, 2005, at Palestine Medical Center in Palestine. Funeral services are 11 a.m. Friday, June 24, 2005, at Colonial Hill Baptist Church with the Rev. Miller Robinson and the Rev. Walter McCall officiating.

She was born Jan. 6, 1934, in Roscoe and married Vonnie Black Jan. 14, 1950 in Sweetwater. She was a hairdresser, owning Snootie Fox Salon for many years. She was a member of Avenue D Baptist Church in Snyder.

She is survived by her husband, Vonnie Black of Snyder; two daughters, Pam Johnson of Palestine and Vicki Johnson of Big Spring; two sisters, Jo Tatom of Odessa and Tootsie Hackfield of Abilene; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

The family will receive visitors from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. today at Bell Cypert-Seale Funeral Home in Snyder. Memorials may be made to Saint Jude's Children's Hospital, 332 N. Lauderdale, Memphis, Tenn., 38105 or Cal Farleys Boys Ranch, P.O. Box 1890, Amarillo 79174-0001.

Arrangements are under the direction of Bell Cypert-Seale Funeral Home in Snyder.

Ann Pierce

Ann Pierce, 79, of Big Spring died Wednesday, June 22, 2005, in a local hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Bobbie Jean Johnson

Bobbie Jean Johnson, 57, died Thursday, June 23, 2005, in Brownfield. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Support groups

MONDAY

Encourager's Support Group for widows and widowers begins at 6 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels streets. Enter through the north door. Please bring a covered dish. Call 398-5522 for more information.

TUESDAY

The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 7 p.m. the last Tuesday of each month in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1005 Birdwell Lane. Call Tracey at 263-4948 for more information.

THURSDAY

Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 to 9 p.m.

The Fibromyalgia Autoimmune Disease Support Group will meet on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at noon in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center. Call 263-8273 for more information.

Alzheimers Support Group meets at 2 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at The Texas State Veterans Home, 1809 N. Hwy 87. For more information call Orand Carroll 268-8387.

FRIDAY

AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Noon open Big Book study meeting, 8 to 9 p.m.

Weather

Tonight—Partly cloudy in the evening then clearing. Lows in the mid 60s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday—Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 90s. South winds 10 to 20 mph.

Friday night—Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 60s. Southeast winds 10 to 20 mph.

Saturday—Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 90s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday night—Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 60s.

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

Sunday night—Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 70s.

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

Monday night—Mostly clear. Lows around 70.

Tuesday—Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 90s.

Tuesday night—Mostly clear. Lows around 70.

Wednesday—Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 90s.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Wednesday and 8 a.m. today:

- **MICHAEL PETERSON**, 50, of 2602 Ent Drive, was arrested Wednesday on four local citations.
- **THEFT** was reported:
 - in the 400 block of Birdwell Lane.
 - in the 1100 block of Lamesa.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported:
 - in the 1000 block of Birdwell Lane.
 - in the 600 block of Gregg Street.
 - in the 1400 block of Wood Street.
 - in the 1500 block of E. FM 700.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported:
 - in the 500 block of Birdwell Lane.
 - in the 1300 block of Interstate Highway 20.

Sheriff's report

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

- **DAVID VILLAREAL JR.**, 18, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of burglary of a vehicle and a motion to revoke probation for burglary of a vehicle.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 2700 block of Oasis Road.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1900 block of Johnson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the area of Comanche Trail Park. Service was refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1400 block of E. 18th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 200 block of N. Gregg Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1700 block of Settles. One person was transported to SMMC.

Take note

MAMIE ROBERTS TURNS 100 years old and a special, come and go birthday celebration begins at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Mountain View Lodge, 2009 Virginia. Friends are invited to stop by and wish her happy birthday. Call 263-1271 for more information.

YOUNGLIFE BIG SPRING AND SONIC DRIVE-IN PRESENT "CRUISE NIGHT" at the Sonic on Gregg street beginning at 7 p.m. Saturday. T-shirts featuring local car clubs and the YoungLife logo will be sold for \$10 at the event to benefit YoungLife summer campers who will attend Frontier Ranch in Buena Vista, Colo., in July. For more information, contact Shelly Warren at 264-1234.

COMMUNITY-WIDE BABY SHOWER TO BENEFIT BIRTHRIGHT is set for 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday at Baptist Temple Church. Call 267-8287 for more information.

PAVING THE ROAD TO CARNEGIE HALL bake sale fund-raiser to benefit the Big Spring High School band trip in June of 2006 by invitation to Carnegie Hall in New York City is Saturday beginning at 8 a.m. at the east and west doors of Wal-Mart. A car wash is also set. Call Mindy at 432-213-3651 for more information.

HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM needs volunteers to work Sunday afternoons. Call 264-1999 or visit the museum, 1911 apron, to volunteer.

COAHOMA PATRIOTIC PARADE begins at 10 a.m. July 2. Celebration continues in Coahoma Park with a car show, food booths and vendors. Free set up space for interested vendors. Contact Paulette Lindsey at 394-4975 or 270-0875 to secure space.

COAHOMA NON-MARCHING BRASS BAND NEEDS MORE MEMBERS, any age, any instrument, any ability, any experience. For more information, contact Pam Hicks at 394-4312 or Patricia Bennett at 394-4122.

TEXAS LIONS CAMP is looking for children interested in attending camp this summer. Sessions are for children with physical disabilities 7 through 16 years of age. Camp is free for these children. For more information, call Bob Noyes at 267-5811 or 270-0811.

SCENIC MOUNTAIN MEDICAL CENTER'S SCHOOL OF RADIOLOGY is having a reunion of all past graduates in conjunction with the 2005 graduation July 9 at the Spring City Senior Center. The reunion organizer are looking for these individuals: Tere Barrier, Susan Weaver Burton, Cheryl Carroll, Irma Chavez, Caroline Clifton, Paul Decker, Frank Garfias, Randy Gavin, Michelle Gonzales, Sandy Hatfield, Mickie Johnson, Sarah Martin, Janie McLaughlin, Mary Poston, Debbie Richter, Melissa Shafer and Susan Solomon. Contact Vivian Gordon at 268-4885 or e-mail to vivian_gordon@chs.net.

REHEARSALS FOR THE BIG SPRING SYMPHONY CHORUS FOR THE POPS IN THE PARK PERFORMANCE continue each Monday in June from 7 p.m. until 8:45 p.m. in the First Methodist Church choral room. New members are welcome to participate in this annual community event.

A MEMORIAL FUND HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR THE FAMILY OF TYBO JACOBS at the First Bank of West Texas in Coahoma and Big Spring to help with funeral costs. He died in an automobile accident March 10.

SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy. Distribution is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

Bulletin board

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

TODAY

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

FRIDAY

Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.

AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.

Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

Spring City Senior Citizen's Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area seniors are invited.

SATURDAY

Railroad Museum at the corner of Second Street and Main Street is open from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Free admission. Call 432-559-3409 for more information.

Mamie Roberts honored with a come and go birthday celebration for her 100th birthday at Mountain View Lodge at 2:30 p.m. Public invited.

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

YoungLife and Sonic Drive-In present Cruise Night beginning at 7 p.m. at the Sonic on Gregg Street. Call Shelly Warren at 264-1234 for more information.

MONDAY

Senior Circle meets at 4 p.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.

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. Monday in the 11th and Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. A different program is offered every week, and anyone 7 years old or older is welcome to attend. Please enter through the northwest door. Call 263-2786 for more information.

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

Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at 500 S. Main St., in the Dorothy Lamb Meeting Room of the Howard County Library. The public is welcome.

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

TUESDAY

Intermediate Line dance classes begin at 9 a.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center. Call 267-1628.

Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 7 p.m. in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1105 Birdwell Lane. For more information, call Tracey Pounds at 268-4948.

WEDNESDAY

Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 12-14-20-23-26.

Number matching five of five: none.

Matching four of five: 108. Prize: \$445.

Matching three of five: 3,207. Prize: \$11.

Matching two of five: 32,270. Prize: \$2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Thursday night.

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 5-15-18-27-35. Bonus Ball: 6.

Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: none.

Number matching five of five: 3. Prize: \$6,599.

Number matching four of five, plus Bonus Ball: 10.

Prize: \$1,796.

Number matching four of five: 460. Prize: \$83.

Number matching three of five, plus Bonus Ball: 327.

Prize: \$105.

Number matching three of five: 15,828. Prize: \$5.

Number matching two of five, plus Bonus Ball: 4,060.

Prize: \$5.

Number matching one of five, plus Bonus Ball: 18,464. Prize: \$3.

Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: \$13 million.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 7-2-5

BIG SPRING HERALD

www.bigspringherald.com

Reflecting A Proud Community

432-263-7331

(Main switchboard)

432-263-7335

(Circulation calls only)

(Fax) 432-264-7205

Susanne Reed
John A. Moseley
Duane McCallum
Tony Hernandez
Dianne Marquez

Publisher/Advertising Manager.....Ext. 250
Managing Editor.....Ext. 230
Circulation Manager.....Ext. 240
Production Manager.....Ext. 255
Business Office Manager.....Ext. 255

The Herald is a member of The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, West Texas Press Association, Texas Daily Newspaper Association, The Associated Press, Texas Press Association, Inland Press Association, National Newspaper Association, Newspaper Association of America, Small Newspaper Federation, Southern Newspaper Publishers Association and American Newspaper Association.

Published afternoons Monday through Friday and Sunday mornings, except Christmas Day. All materials copyrighted. Postmaster: Send address changes to Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79721. Periodicals postage paid at Big Spring, Texas. USPS 1431-48 USPS 0055-940 ISSN 0746-8811
BY THE MONTH HOME DELIVERY: Evenings and Sunday, \$8.65 monthly; \$93.42 yearly (includes 10% discount for yearly).
MAIL SUBSCRIPTIONS: \$12.50 monthly Howard & Martin Counties. \$13.25 elsewhere.

House approves flag-burning amendment; uphill battle seen in Senate

By **LAURIE KELLMAN**

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — A constitutional amendment to outlaw flag burning cleared the House Wednesday but faced an uphill battle in the Senate. An informal survey by The Associated Press suggested the measure doesn't have enough Senate votes to pass.

The 286-130 outcome was never in doubt in the House, which had passed the measure or one like it five times in recent years. The amendment's supporters expressed optimism

that a Republican gain of four seats in last November's election could produce the two-thirds approval needed in the Senate as well after four failed attempts since 1989.

But an AP survey Wednesday found 35 senators on record as opposing the amendment — one more than the number needed to defeat it if all 100 senators vote, barring a change in position.

Late Wednesday, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., a possible presidential candidate in 2008, revealed that she would vote against the measure. "As I

have said in the past, I support federal legislation that would outlaw flag desecration, much like laws that currently prohibit the burning of crosses, but I don't believe a constitutional amendment is the answer," she said in a statement.

Sen. Ken Salazar, D-Colo., remained undecided, a spokesman said.

The House debate fell along familiar lines over whether the amendment strengthened the Constitution or ran afoul of its free-speech protections.

Supporters said there was more public support than ever

because of emotions following the 2001 terrorist attacks in New York and Washington. They said detractors are out of touch with public sentiment.

"Ask the men and women who stood on top of the Trade Center," said Rep. Randy (Duke) Cunningham, R-Calif. "Ask them and they will tell you: pass this amendment."

Critics accused the amendment's supporters of exploiting the attacks to trample the right to free speech.

"If the flag needs protection at all, it needs protection from members of Congress who

value the symbol more than the freedoms that the flag represents," said Rep. Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y., whose district includes the site of the former World Trade Center.

Since 1789, there have been more than 11,000 attempts in Congress to amend the Constitution; only 27 amendments have won ratification. The last, in 1992, prevents Congress from passing a law giving itself a pay raise before the next election. The 26th Amendment, in 1971, extended the right to vote to citizens as young as 18.

Woman gets 25 years for aggravated robbery

SAN ANGELO (AP) — A woman accused of carjacking and causing the death of a man when she crashed the hijacked vehicle into a business was sentenced to 25 years in prison Wednesday by West Texas jury.

Heidi Jerome Haussecker, 20, of Midland, pleaded guilty to aggravated robbery on Monday.

The jury deliberated for about three hours before returning the sentence.

The defense had argued Haussecker could be rehabilitated on probation.

But prosecutor Steve Lupton told jurors the case was too serious to give her probation.

In October 2003, Haussecker led authorities on a multicounty chase after she pulled an elderly woman from her car in San Angelo, broke the woman's wrist and stole her Ford Taurus.

Haussecker had earlier stolen a car in Big Spring and driven it to San Angelo.

After the carjacking in San Angelo, Haussecker drove to Sterling City, fleeing from a

Department of Public Safety trooper. She then headed toward Robert Lee at speeds approaching 100 mph.

Haussecker ran off the road, her car became airborne and crashed into the second floor of Gideon Sheet Metal, Heating and Air Conditioning in Robert Lee. Employee Lex Kent Cole, 45, was killed in the crash.

Haussecker spent six months in North Texas State Hospital in Vernon when doctors declared her mentally incompetent to stand trial.

FDA warns Perry about Canada drug plan

AUSTIN (AP) — The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has warned Gov. Rick Perry that implementing the bill that makes Canadian prescription drug purchases easier may violate federal law.

The FDA cautioned Perry in a letter dated Friday that a provision in the bill he signed Saturday into law may put the health of Texans at risk.

The law takes effect Sept. 1 and requires the Texas State Board of Pharmacy to list on its Web site Canadian pharmacies where Texans can buy prescription medicine needed for long-term ailments.

The law allows the board to make initial inspections of up to 10 Canadian pharmacies. The board can then conduct random inspections.

Texans could use the Web site to see which pharmacies passed inspection.

"All the state of Texas is doing is putting up information for its consumers," said Rep. Scott Hochberg, D-Houston, who sponsored the provision. "We are protecting our consumers who we know are looking for low-cost alternatives and are going to find them, whether they are safe or not."

At least nine other states maintain similar Web sites. And the FDA has sent similar letters to other states.

Hochberg said Texans are already buying drugs online from Canadian pharmacies because it saves them money. The new law, he said, will ensure Texans can buy from pharmacies that meet Texas licensing standards.

MOORE

Continued from Page 1A

"We don't have to vote out a 4a to vote in a 4b," Churchwell told the board. "You can put on an election to vote out 4a (corporation) and replace it with a 4b (corporation). If it fails, it does not do away with the 4a (corporation)."

"I've been told all along that it can't be done that way — that it had to be done with two separate elections. I'm correcting that today."

Churchwell said he believes Moore Development must look inward — at the city and what it has to offer — before trying to sell it abroad.

"I don't see that we've been successful to the extent of the money spent," said Churchwell. "I think we can take aim at our own house. Fix our own house, see results and then ask people to come over. We have to quit being afraid to bet on us."

"There would have to be an election. This board could actually recommend to the city council that they put it up for election. It doesn't have to be a negative situation. In other words, you don't have to have a person taking out a petition and getting signatures."

Board member Ben Bancroft agreed with Churchwell, also using the failed IFT program as an example.

"I'm in 100 percent agreement," said Bancroft. "There is an alternative. You can have two boards, one for a 4a and one for a 4b. But I agree. I don't think we're having any success on 4a. If we ever had a 4a project that should have worked it was the flight training program. It was the perfect location, the perfect partner. Everything else was perfect and most of us felt we'd be in on the short list. But we didn't even make the short list on a perfect 4a project. I think it's time for a new direction."

Board member Joyce Crooker

said she would like to see 4b projects on Moore Development's to-do list, but not at the expense of passing up a "big fish" prospect.

"I agree with you on the 4b projects," said Crooker. "But I would like to be able to hold on to 4a as well. I'd like to see us leave the door open for 4a."

Churchwell responded to Crooker's remark by saying the corporation can have its cake and eat it too.

"It's my understanding that you can do 4a projects with 4b money," said Churchwell. "So, in effect, if you have a 4b corporation, you can go out and invest in yourselves all you want. And if you find that prospect that you have to put something into, you can still do it."

Churchwell said he and other board members have been considering the switch for some time, but were waiting to see what would happen with the IFT program.

"Over the years we have all

agreed that we need to do 4b projects, but we were waiting to see what happened with our last project (IFT)," said Churchwell. "I'm not saying we should take action on it today. I'm saying we should think about the possibility of spending millions of dollars on this community and take away all of the things that people, companies and all those that come here and say 'You just don't show well. You do not have what it takes.' If we want to compete, we have to fix it and then ask for the business."

While most seemed in favor of the switch, Kent Sharp, executive director of Moore Development, said it can become a losing battle when you pit what an economic development corporation can do against a city budget.

"I've been doing this between 14 and 15 years, and I know both theories," said Sharp. "The 4a was set up to segregate funds away from the city or the community. They call it the

general fund. Cities tend to spend every dollar they get. And it's just a function of so many constituents desiring so many different things.

"We do have budgets to work on parks and recreation. The city's budget is very comprehensive... and there's millions of dollars in there. We generate about \$1 million a year. My fear, as both a director and a constituent, is that the money would be gone like that," he said, snapping his fingers. "I think we need to look at 4b projects and I've seen the board try to do that in the past. We just haven't had a 4b project come forward."

The board also met in executive session during the meeting to evaluate Sharp. The evaluation was tabled until a future meeting.

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

PARKS

Continued from Page 1A

going to dig into our operating funds," said Alton. "We'll have to cut some people's hours, if not have to lay them off completely. We'll see our part-time staff possibly with a 25 percent reduction in salary, and depending on Austin, it could even cut into our full-time employees."

"This is going to mean a reduction in services, which I don't think is something the public wants to see," he added. "They want to come and enjoy

themselves, and for someone to be there if they have any questions or need help with the camping facilities. Now they're saying we're going to have to cut people and hours."

"Our parks just aren't going to look as well kept if this is allowed to happen. Even to the point of patrolling and keeping the park-goers safe. This could effect all of that, unless some different legislation gets approved in August, which is a possibility."

A windfall measure currently part of the legislation would allow parks to subsidize their operations with funds that meet

or exceed expectations, but Alton said relying on the windfall measure could be risky business.

"The funny thing about parks is we're all tied into one thing — the weather," said Alton. "If we have great weather around the holiday weekends, when people typically come to the parks, and a good year for visitation and revenue... it could help. But if it rains around these weekends and it drives people away, there's a good chance we won't make above our target."

While the declining budget has many people suspicious

park closures won't be far behind, Alton said he believes it hasn't reached that point yet.

"So far, I don't think they are looking at any closures of any state parks in Texas," said Alton. "It's just a situation where every region is taking a hit of approximately \$250,000 to total out the \$3 million in cuts."

A shrinking budget won't just compromise services at state parks — according to Alton it may result in fee increases. "Utilities and other operational costs have steadily gone up over the last several years, but the budget has either stayed static or been decreased," said

Alton. "There's no way we can continue to provide the level of services we are and keep the parks looking great if we continue to drop (budgets) and stay the same on our fees."

"At the Big Spring Park, I'm going to resist any fee increase for people coming in during the day. I'm going to submit a \$1 fee increase for overnight stays, which won't even cover the increase in the utility costs. But it's something."

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

FINANCE

Continued from Page 1A

by Coahoma ISD Superintendent Jerry Johnson.

"Something needs to be done, but (the legislature) has put us in a tight spot," Johnson said. "I hope they don't come up with something just to come up with something. I hope they come up with something that will be viable for our schools."

Both finance reform

measures that failed during the regular session called for increased money for school districts, but most of that additional money was mandated toward teacher pay raises and incentive pay programs, leaving individual districts with little in the way of discretionary funding, Downes said.

"I strongly support teacher pay raises that are fully funded by the state," Downes said. "But we need additional fund-

ing for education, primarily for financing of facilities, both for upgrades and construction of new facilities, and financing for that has been woefully short."

Although Gov. Perry's veto of the current state education package appears to put schools in jeopardy of not having any state money to pay for the coming school year, both Johnson and Downes are confident their districts' school year will proceed as

scheduled.

"We will be able to start the school year," Johnson said. "It's my understanding that the state Legislative Budget Board could do some things to insure that the districts will get financed... We're not going to shut down schools in Texas. Our children are important, and we're going to educate them."

"I fully expect us to have state funding in full (this school year)," Downes said. "I would

like to think that there would be enough for us to do the things we really need to do, but with the current legislature, that's not likely."

Downes expressed appreciation to State Sen. Kel Seliger for his efforts to continue funding for "small and mid-size adjustments." Those adjustments increase state funding for small and mid-size school districts (both Big Spring and Coahoma qualify under current guidelines)

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

based on data that shows that it costs more to educate students in rural areas.

During the recent regular session, the Senate maintained that adjustment, while the House did not, Downes said.

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

BAND

Continued from Page 1A

see."

The boosters have

already kicked off fund-raising efforts with a bake sale at Wal-Mart this past weekend. This weekend will bring more of the same, with another bake

sale and a car wash at the Supercenter, Whittenburg said.

She said the band and its boosters will average at least one fund-raiser a

month between now and next summer, including planned activities at the Pops in the Park and Funtastic Fourth events on the July 4 weekend.



John R. Molland, M.D.
Board Certified OB/GYN
WOMEN'S HEALTH SPECIALIST
FOR APPOINTMENTS - CALL 800-476-3070

Big Spring Specialty Clinic
616 Gregg St.
Big Spring, TX

MYERS & SMITH
FUNERAL HOME
& CHAPEL
24th & Johnson 267-8288
We provide chapel, church, graveside, and cremation services

EDITORIAL

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

FIRST AMENDMENT

Opinions expressed on this page are those of the Editorial Board of the Big Spring Herald unless otherwise indicated.

Susanne Reed
PublisherJohn A. Moseley
Managing EditorBill McClellan
News Editor

OUR VIEWS

'Pops' still in need of your contributions

It's coming down to "crunch time." With little more than a week left to make preparations, the Big Spring Fourth of July Foundation is making its final preparations for this year's Pops in the Park concert and fireworks display at Comanche Trail Park, but is still far away from having raised the money it needs to cover the show's costs.

The concert and fireworks show carries a price tag in the neighborhood of \$20,000 — money that comes from donations and sponsorships provided by local businesses and individuals. Little more than half of that amount has been raised.

Heading into its eighth year, Pops in the Park is unquestionably a tradition in Big Spring — one the entire community looks forward to, as do those living in other communities.

This year's show promises the best musical performance the Big Spring Symphony and Chorus has put together for the celebration and the largest fireworks show the event has ever featured.

Foundation members are asking those who've donated in the past but haven't had a chance to make their contribution this year to do so, as well as soliciting contributions from new sources.

Remember, those donations are what make it possible to open the gates for all comers free of charge.

Presenters of the event include the Big Spring Herald, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, the Big Spring Convention and Visitors Bureau, the city of Big Spring, the Big Spring Symphony and KBST.

Presenters contribute donations of \$5,000 or more in funding or in-kind services. For those unable to serve as "Presenters," the committee is also seeking support at different levels — "Patrons" that donate \$3,000 or more; "Sponsors" donating \$1,000 or more, and "Friends" that provide \$100 or more.

Many aren't able to contribute at those levels but annually provide smaller amounts.

Big or small, every donation is important. What's more, they're greatly appreciated.

We here at the Herald are proud to be a part of such a spectacular event and want to encourage others in the community to do the same. Help us make sure Big Spring can keep celebrating our nation's birthday in impressive fashion.

To make donations, contact the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce at 283-7641 or mail them to the chamber office at P.O. Box 1391, Big Spring 79721-1391.

Please remember that every dollar makes a difference.

And believe us, when you see the show on Sunday, July 3, you'll be glad you helped make it possible.

LETTER POLICIES

The Herald welcomes letters to the editor.

- Limit your letters to no more than 300 words.
- Sign your letter.
- Provide a daytime telephone number, as well as a street address for verification purposes.
- We reserve the right to edit for style and clarity.
- We reserve the right to limit publication to one letter per 30-day period per author.
- Letters that are unsigned or do not include a telephone number or address will not be considered.
- Letters should be submitted to Editor, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721. They can also be e-mailed to editor@bigspringherald.com

On network, Latinos are problem or invisible

If you are a law-abiding, hard-working, taxpaying, clean-living Latino-American, the TV newscasts are not likely to notice you. You are practically invisible on the nightly news.

But if you are an illegal immigrant, or a Latino criminal, or one riddled with social problems, you may be headed for network celebrity.

Those are the findings of a new study that concluded Latinos continue to be negatively portrayed and extremely underrepresented on the evening newscasts of four major networks — ABC, CBS, NBC and CNN.

Latinos may represent 14 percent of the U.S. population, but on those four networks in 2004, less than 1 percent of the stories were about them.

Most Americans get their news from television. And if they are not told the true Latino-American story, if they only see negative portrayals of the Hispanic community — if they don't know any better — how can we expect them to truly understand their 41 million fellow Latino-Americans?

If the networks only use Latinos to illustrate social problems, how can we not expect racial profiling; immigrant-bashing; employment, housing and language discrimination; and all the other social ailments constantly afflicting Hispanic-Americans?

The study, conducted by the National Association of Hispanic Journalists — of which I am a proud member — found that of 16,000 news stories aired on the four networks in 2004, only 115 were exclusively about Latinos. In terms of airtime, out of 548 hours devoted to network news last year, only 3 hours and 25 minutes were dedicated to stories about Latinos.

On both categories, Latinos get less than 1 percent — and those disgraceful figures haven't changed much since the NAHJ started counting the network stories in 1995. Out of 140,000 stories aired in the last decade, only 1,201 (or 0.85 percent) were about Latinos.

"The dearth of coverage of Latinos is a disservice to our society," said NAHJ Executive Director Ivan Roman. "Despite the

staggering growth of the U.S. Latino population, viewers across the country continue to learn very little about the Hispanic community by watching the network news."

The association's 10th annual Network Brownout Report, released last week, found that Latinos are usually presented in a negative light. "Rarely do we see stories about the positive contributions of Latinos," the report notes.

The limited number of Latino stories covered an even more limited number of topics, according to the report. Only four categories — immigration, human interest, homeland security and politics — made up the bulk of the Latino coverage. Of course, the dominant topic was illegal immigration.

The report notes that, while immigration is "a critical issue that must be covered," the networks have failed to cover a wider range of issues affecting Latinos because of their "excessive" and "at times obsessive" coverage of immigration. One out of every three Latino stories was about immigration in 2004.

While 40 stories were explicitly about immigration, "the topic had a much larger presence since it was a central theme in framing a number of stories about Latinos, regardless of topic," the report notes. For example, the report says coverage of the Hispanic vote focused on the presidential candidates' position on immigration, "and ignored other issues affecting the community."

The study also found that: — The time the networks devote to the growing Latino population has actually decreased, especially since the number of shorter stories on Latinos (30 seconds or less) has increased.

— A significant number of Latino stories lacked diversity of opinion. Only the reporters and anchors commented in more than a third of the Latino stories, without citing a single source. And of the stories using sources, 40 percent presented only one perspective.

— Half of the Latino stories did not even feature an interview with a Latino. The report notes that the stories on Latinos tended to be so short that they had no time to include Latino sources and viewpoints.

"This type of coverage is problematic because it lacks depth and

is one-dimensional," the report notes. "We challenge the U.S. news media to cover Latinos from a myriad of perspectives and to seek out more Latino viewpoints in all their coverage, regardless of story topic."

— Latinos seldom appeared in non-Latino-related stories. Of the 16,000 network stories in 2004, Latinos appeared as sources in only 265 non-Latino-related stories. That's 1.7 percent.

— Only six stories about Latino issues featured Latino reporters — a clear reflection of the dismal Latino representation in network newsrooms. And four of those stories featured Telemundo journalists reporting for NBC, their parent company. While applauding NBC for using Telemundo reporters, the NAHJ noted it was disappointed because "the only stories these reporters covered related to immigration."

The NAHJ is not suggesting "that only Latino reporters can cover these stories," the report says. "But it is clear that few Latinos work at the networks."

For years, the NAHJ has argued that the main reason why the networks have failed to diversify their coverage is because they have also failed to diversify their newsrooms. And while many news organizations proudly display their diversity nowadays, the networks have refused the NAHJ's repeated requests for an ethnic breakdown of their news employees.

"The country is undergoing a historic demographic shift, yet network coverage has failed to explain this change and its impact on our society," the report concludes. "We fear viewers watching the network news have learned very little about the Latino community since we issued our first Network Brownout Report in 1996. What viewers have learned is that too often Latinos are portrayed as problem people living on the fringes of U.S. society."

It's terribly unfair, demeaning and discriminatory. But it's what we watch on the nightly news.

To find out more about Miguel Perez, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at www.creators.com.

© 2005 CREATORS SYNDICATE INC.



MIGUEL PEREZ



SUSAN ESTRICH

New book on Hillary debases everybody

So the anonymous second-level Democratic National Committee staffer didn't know what Hillary Knew and When She Knew It, and neither does Ed Klein. And it turns out he's not really claiming that Chelsea was born after her father raped her mother, which is what his publicity machine seemed to be claiming in the excerpts last week.

And as for the lesbian stuff at Wellesley, he couldn't even spell the names right, and his supposed sources denounced him on the record before the book appeared.

And this man is supposed to be a "serious journalist."

Ed Klein's new book, "The Truth About Hillary: What She Knew, When She Knew It, and How Far She'll Go to Become President," released yesterday, is now being trumpeted by the Drudge Report as No. 1 on Amazon's non-fiction order list.

I will admit that I had a moment of nervousness, because I'm writing a book called "The Case for Hillary," and I just couldn't imagine what Klein could find. Unlike his sources, I was there myself, not when Chelsea was born, but around the White House and even at Wellesley starting three months after Hillary, and at the same reunions.

I certainly knew he was wrong about the wild claims they were writing about. Hotbed of lesbianism? Wellesley? You couldn't find a worse place to be a lesbian at that point in time.

The first 10 Amazon reviews are

all scathing. "I hate Hillary as much as the next person," Dan says, "but don't pay to be lied to." "Full of lies." Everybody complains that it's all just rehashed old stuff, nothing new, nothing sourced. It's still selling.

"Trash for cash," the Hillary folks have taken to saying, and it's a good slogan. The network morning shows passed. Bill O'Reilly has likened Klein to Kitty Kelly, whom he declined to invite on his program, and similarly passed.

The challenge is to conservative leaders, other media titans and right-wing conspirators everywhere. You know who you are, and you know what this book is — and what it isn't.

It isn't the Swift Boats, and you know it. It isn't going to change the way people think about Hillary. It's another piece of Hate Hillary Rehashed Gossip (HRG), the first one of the Big Campaign. And that's why it poses real questions:

Is this the way you're going to take on Hillary? With lies and gossip?

Is this the best you can do? If you want to take her on, do it like a man, or like a real non-feminist woman ...

Take her on for what she's said this week about Gitmo if you disagree.

Take her on for what she's doing with Newt on health care.

Take her on about the budget, or Social Security, or Howard Dean, or anything else that's real.

Take her on if you don't think she's been an effective senator in New York, or if you have a candidate who you think will do a better job.

Take her on for something she's for or against, for something she's done or hasn't done, not for when

she knew about Monica.

As a partisan, I should probably just encourage you, give all of you a poke, because this kind of garbage actually puts people on Hillary's side, even if it does sell books. That's why more conventional Republicans, the kind who are trying to win votes and not ratings, don't go near it and won't go near Klein.

But it debases everybody. It makes political discourse ugly and unappealing, something people hate instead of value. People look at these debates and it reminds them of everything they hate about politics. And who can blame them? As one who gets stuck participating in them (did she or didn't she know?), I can tell you, I hate them, too.

The right has already used this book as an excuse for a week of ugly Hillary headlines. I don't think those headlines convinced any moderate voters that Hillary isn't qualified to be president, or that she doesn't care about people like them. The question is, how many weeks more? Will this be the first book of many, or the last of this cycle?

There's an old saying in politics that if you throw enough mud, some of it sticks. Maybe so, but you can't keep throwing the same stuff at somebody over and over without violating a basic sense of fair play. And your hands get really, really dirty.

To find out more about Susan Estrich, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at www.creators.com.

© 2005 CREATORS SYNDICATE INC.

PIONEER FAMILY 2005



Courtesy photo
Descendants of the Read family were honored at the Howard County 2005 Pioneer Family at the 81st annual Old Settlers Reunion Saturday. Pictured are Cash Berry, left, and Linda Read Berry of Coahoma, Brooks Read and Taylor Read, both of Las Vegas, N.M. with Quail Dobbs, president of the Old Settlers Reunion board.



Courtesy photo
Glasscock County Pioneer Award for the 81st annual Old Settlers Reunion went to the Carter family, represented by Marion Carter, left, Lois Pearl McDaniel and Mary-Ashley McDaniel, all of Garden City, with Quail Dobbs, center, president of the Old Settlers Reunion board.

War brides: More than memories came back from conflict

By Diane C. Lade

(KRT)
FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — March 1945: Girl meets boy.

Katharina Trost, peeking through the curtains as an American tank convoy rolled by, thought of what the Nazi party leaders in her small German town had told her and the other women. The Americans would try to rape them, they said, and offer them tempting treats laced with poison.

When Trost, 16, and her girlfriends encountered Dan Militello and his buddies in the park a few days later, Militello's opening line was: "Can I exchange a chocolate bar for a kiss?"

"I'll take the chocolate but you can forget about the kiss," she retorted. They married the following year, after the Army dropped its wartime-fraternization ban that fined soldiers \$60 just for talking to German girls.

"It was the greatest moment of my life when I married Danny," said Katharina Militello, who will celebrate her 59th wedding anniversary with her husband in June. Militello's jailing as he fought to bring his wife and infant son home in 1946 garnered headlines such as "Brooklyn Vet Who Wed Fraulein Freed."

Sixty years ago in May, World War II ended in Europe. Japan would surrender by August. American servicemen began coming home, returning with stories, souvenirs, memories.

And, in some cases, wives.

There have been war brides since there have been wars. But never has there been a matrimonial exodus equal to what was seen in the years immediately following World War II.

The resulting families "are the legacies of American military presence overseas," said Jack Green, a public affairs officer with the Naval Historical Center in Washington, D.C.

There are no immigration records specifically for foreign-born military wives. But Elfrieda Berthiaume Shukert and Barbara Smith Scibetta, two daughters of war brides who researched the topic, estimated

almost 1 million foreign women married American servicemen during and immediately after the war.

Shukert and Scibetta, who wrote the 1988 book "War Brides of World War II," found foreign brides came from 50 countries and estimated 75 percent of them eventually landed in the United States, the largest immigration wave since the 1920s.

Zofia Jacobek, an 18-year-old member of the Polish Underground who carried a confiscated German pistol, was fearless. She was shot twice while trying to drag wounded men to safety during the Warsaw uprising and survived the American bombing of her German prisoner-of-war camp after she was captured.

It was the three toothbrushes sticking out of the pocket of an American paratrooper during the liberation of her camp that broke her resolve.

"When you see someone with three toothbrushes and you haven't had a toothbrush in seven months, you say, 'Wow!'" recalled Jacobek. Today, she is Sophia Prossic, 77, of Dania Beach, Fla.

Peter Prossic was a 24-year-old from a Pennsylvania mining town who agreed to jump out of airplanes into gunfire because it paid an extra \$50 a month. Sophia was shocked when she asked for one of the toothbrushes and he answered in Polish. His parents were from the old country, and he had spent eight years being educated by Polish nuns.

On one of their first dates, she was thrilled when he let her go with him on night patrol.

They married June 29, 1946, in Naples, Italy. The bride wore her Polish Army uniform.

Chemistry wasn't the only thing feeding the World War II bridal boom. The odds definitely were in love's favor. There were 16 million military personnel involved in World War II, most of them single men in their late teens or early 20s. And there were almost no men left in the cities and villages they marched through.

American soldiers also had a lot more to offer

than toothbrushes. Women who had suffered years of wartime deprivation were seduced by gifts of rationed foods and goods. American GIs had money to burn, with an American corporal making as much as a British officer.

Young women imagined more unlimited bounty awaited them in America, making them less reluctant to leave their friends and family.

"Their lands were devastated," Green said. "And the GIs were ready to get back home."

The Americans and the British may speak the same language and may have been on the same side. But the "Yanks" were considered overly boisterous free-spenders in some of the small English towns where they went to rest and recover.

Maud Rudock's mum, however, thought the American sailor who walked her and her daughter home one evening was nice. And he was generous, bringing them things they couldn't get themselves.

Bill Rudock, whose unit was transferred to Scotland, rushed back as soon as the victory in Europe was declared that May. "He knew if the war was over he was going back home soon," said Maud Rudock, 76.

They married the next month.

England was the country with the greatest number of war brides, about 70,000. Up to 200,000 European women married American military personnel, and there were as many as 100,000 such marriages with Asian women, according to "War Brides of World War II." The Red Cross transported 20,000 brides, mostly from Great Britain and English-speaking countries, using ships such as the venerable Queen Mary.

Some came on board carrying babies and children. The Red Cross set up shipboard playgrounds and placed sterilizers and wash tubs around the pool.

"When we passed the Statue of Liberty, they would just squeal with joy," said Helen Thompson Colony of Cincinnati, who made five trips as a Red Cross worker on the Queen.

Reality wasn't so



KRT Photo/Joel Amon
Katharina and Daniel Militello of Lake Worth, Fla., met during World War II in Germany. Dan was in the Army and stationed in Katharina's town in Germany.

romantic.

Steven Shulman, executive director of the American Red Cross Museum in Washington, D.C., tells of one excited bride who showed her Red Cross chaperone a picture of the fine house where her husband said they would live.

It was a snapshot of Mount Vernon, George Washington's Virginia home. The GI from a small Tennessee mountain town had posed on the front porch.

The War Brides Act of 1945 and the Fiances Act of 1946 made it easier for foreign wives to enter the country, and the repeal of the Oriental Exclusion Act in 1952 eased the way

for Japanese brides. Still, the military did its best to blockade love, especially if the women were from enemy nations.

A few months after atomic bombs were dropped on Japan, 17-year-old Sachiko Okumura met William Medlin, a civilian engineer with the Army of Occupation who came for sheet metal where she worked.

By 1946, they were applying monthly to Medlin's unit for permission to marry. Every month, they were denied — until Medlin petitioned the White House. "That's why I like Harry Truman," says Okumura, 76.

Most of her family refused to attend her wedding in Yokohama in June 1948. She wore a white dress with butterfly sleeves, "an American dress," she says, not the traditional kimono. In 1953, she said she became the first Japanese war bride in South Florida to become a citizen in a Miami naturalization ceremony.

What brought her and her late husband together, Okumura thinks, was the desire to overcome war-fueled hatred. "I think we were fighting against the world," she says. "My husband was that kind of guy. He liked to fight."

Blums Jewelers
One beautiful place
inside Big Spring Mall
10-6 Monday-Saturday
267-6335

SCENIC MOUNTAIN MEDICAL CENTER
Our Community. Our Hospital.
1601 W. 11th Pl. Big Spring, TX

Johnson
Air Conditioning, Heating & Sheet Metal
"SINCE 1966"
Lic. #TACLB006982E
1408 E. 4th 263-2980

FULLMOON, INC. ROOFING
Commercial, Residential, Industrial
Insured • Bonded
\$500,000 General Liability

Start The New Year Right With A New Roof Or Repair

REASONS TO CALL

- Ranked Top 11 Roofing Contractors In Texas
- Owens Corning Preferred Contractors
- Save \$100s to \$1000s On Your Next Roof

Voted Top 100 Roofing Contractors In America 2004
FREE ESTIMATES • (432) 267-5478 • Big Spring, Texas
HENRY BACKES

Amy E. Reese, D.D.S., P.C.
432-267-4102

TURFALO
Exclusively available at
JOHANSEN NURSERY
700 Johansen Rd.
267-6275

Parkplace
Retirement Living
501 W. 17th 267-1353

GOOD NEWS

BMW has new version of the 3-Series for 2006 and it's a real winner!

By STEVEN COLE SMITH
The Orlando Sentinel

I bring good news about the all-new BMW 3-Series, long accepted as the gold standard of premium compact cars: The styling is not ugly, and there is no iDrive.

These past few years, BMW's design studio has been taking its lumps, beginning with the confoundingly homely rear of the 2002 BMW 7-Series. I contend this was an intentional mistake to draw our attention away from the iDrive system introduced in that car.

The iDrive system consists of an aluminum knob about the size of a triple-decker Oreo mounted on the console.

The iDrive is essentially a joystick that controls multiple functions, including the sound system, the navigation system, the phone, the climate — practically everything but the windshield wipers and the cruise control.

Readers might recall that I wrote about the fact that the 7-Series owners manual had four pages of instructions for the button-operated parking brake, beginning with "Parking Brake — The Concept."

Two full pages detailed what to do if the system malfunctions and the parking brake stays on: You disengage it using "a screwdriver handle, an emergency release tool and a 10mm open-end wrench."

Undaunted by criticism, ever-stoic BMW rolled out the all-new 5-Series for 2004. Styling was somewhat less controversial than on the 7-Series, and though it had the iDrive system, it was simplified a bit.

And now, for 2006, we get a new version of the BMW bread-and-butter car, the 3-Series. Despite an oddly Hyundai-like rear, styling is unobjectionable, and in certain colors — black, for instance — the 3-Series is handsome. It's 2.2 inches longer but actually looks smaller.

And there is no iDrive in sight. With the exception of a tricky — and on one test car, downright balky — cruise-control mechanism, all the switches and buttons and controls can be operated intuitively, without referring to the owner's manual.

That said, it's hard to point out many specific improvements with the 2006 3-Series from the 2005, because there were so few areas left wanting with that car. Unlike any other manufacturer, BMW has been able to combine relative comfort with a driving experience

that at least gives you a taste of a high-performance car, perhaps not so much blinding acceleration, but a feel for the road that is, for the money, typically unparalleled.

With BMWs — even the 7-Series, but not so much with the new 6-Series — you always feel as though you are driving the car, instead of the car driving you.

Quite a few premium manufacturers can duplicate that feel or come close, but the fact that BMW provides it even on the cheapest car the company sells, the \$30,300 base model of the 2006 325i, sets the manufacturer apart.

It's what locks in BMW customers who start with the 3-Series, then graduate upward as they become older and presumably better heeled.

The 2006 BMW 3-Series is currently offered in two models: The 325i and the 330i sedans. Other models, such as a convertible and wagon, will follow.

Both models use a new 3.0-liter inline six-cylinder engine (instead of the more familiar V-6 configuration). In the 325i, the engine has 215 horsepower, up from 184 last year. In the 330i, it has 255 horsepower, up from 225 in 2005.

Transmissions are a six-speed manual or an optional six-speed automatic. Both work well, but the manual has the typical BMW hair-trigger clutch.

One impressive powertrain combination is the 325i with the automatic transmission — it feels nearly as fast as the 330i. Fuel mileage varies with powertrains, but a 325i with the manual is EPA-rated at 20 miles per gallon city, 30 highway.

Even the base 325i is loaded. Standard equipment includes air conditioning, cruise control, an AM/FM stereo with CD player, a sunroof and side air bags, but there's unexpected stuff, too: "Run-flat" tires, which can be driven up to 150 miles after they lose air pressure; electronic-stability and traction control, rain-sensing wipers, heated mirrors and steering wheel-mounted controls.

There are other innovations you can't see, such as "brake standby" — if you very quickly take your foot off the accelerator, the brake system senses that you may be about to make a panic stop and moves the brake pads just a little bit closer to the discs than normal, to lessen the time it takes to engage.

The 330i, which starts at \$36,300, adds more standard features, including leather upholstery, xenon



The 2006 BMW 3-Series

headlights, an upgraded sound system and 17-inch tires and wheels, plus a stiffer suspension, a leather-covered steering wheel and different front seats. Tack on every available option, and the 330i can top \$50,000.

Once again, BMW has upped the ante in this market segment without losing the purity and character of the 3-Series. As it has been since the 3-Series debuted in 1977,

this is a bargain for those who want more than just transportation.

Distributed by Knight Ridder/Tribune Information Services.

COX COMMUNICATIONS
Your Friend in the Digital Age.
2006 Birdwell Ln. 267-3822

Wendy's
2311 Gregg St. 263-6663

Comanche Trail Nursing Center
13731
• Respite Care • Short Term Care
• Therapeutic Service
3206 Parkway • 263-4041

SONIC America's Drive-In
Sonic Specials Everyday
Check Out The Margarine!
Sonic #1 1200 Gregg 601 E. FM 700
Sonic #2 601 E. FM 700

Taking American art to new frontiers.

SAN ANGELO

West Rock, New Haven - Frederic Church, 1840
Spanish Girl of Segovia - Robert Henri, 1912
East River from the 30th Story of the Shelton Hotel - Georgia O'Keeffe, 1926

VISIONS OF AMERICA, THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE TRAVELING EXHIBIT OF AMERICAN ART, MAKES ITS ONLY TEXAS STOP IN SAN ANGELO. JULY 3 - SEPTEMBER 25, 2005.

VISIONS OF AMERICA

This stunning exhibit, presented by the Beverly and Ben Stribling Special Exhibit Trust, spans 250 years of American art, with works by masters Georgia O'Keeffe, Norman Rockwell, Andrew Wyeth and more. Visit San Angelo for this rare glimpse at America's art history. You'll discover a thriving city where world-class culture and small-town charm come together on the lush banks of the Concho River.

San Angelo.
Downtown, Uptown, Goodtimes.

FOR INFORMATION ON THE EXHIBIT AND TRAVEL RATES CALL 800-375-1206 OR VISIT WWW.SANANGELO.ORG

SAN ANGELO MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS

Permanent collection from The New Britain Museum of American Art

W
711 Scurry 263-0091 Big Spring
W. Business 20 756-3826 Stanton

Jake Smith Sales (432) 267-3955
Billy Smith Owner
700 AUTO SALES
2900 E. FM 700 • Big Spring, TX 79720

Coronado Hills Apartments
1 Bedroom • \$375 • 2 Bedroom • \$475 • 3 Bedroom • \$575
801 W. Marcy • 432-267-6500
Big Spring, Texas 79720
Pool, Private Patios, Covered Parking & Washer - Dryer Conn.
2-3 Bedroom
"Remember...you deserve the best!"

Sports

**BIG
SPRING HERALD**

Do you have an interesting sports item or story idea? Call Troy Hyde at 263-7331, Ext. 237. Email results to: sports@bigspringherald.com

Page 1B
Thursday, June 23, 2005

IN BRIEF

Dunnam posts ace at country club

Craig Dunnam posted a hole-in-one at the 173-yard, No. 7 hole at the Big Spring Country Club on June 8.

He recorded the ace using a 7 iron.

The shot was witnessed by Marcus Phillips, Terry Howell and Robbie Phernetton.

Meeting slated for volleyball

Jason McAden, the new head coach of Big Spring High School's Lady Steers volleyball program, has scheduled a 6 p.m. Monday meeting at Steer Gym for prospective players.

All girls interested in playing high school volleyball are invited to attend.

Coahoma tourney begins on Friday

The annual Coahoma Ragball Tournament will be Friday through Sunday at the Coahoma softball park.

Registration will be 5 p.m. Friday.

For more information, contact Patric Robinson at 393-5622 or Randy Clanton at 393-5338.

Coahoma sets dates for baseball camp

Coahoma High School has set its annual baseball camp for June 27-30 at Bulldog Field in Coahoma.

The camp costs \$75 per athlete and will run from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. all four days.

It is also for ages 6-18, but no Coahoma High School students can attend as mandated by UIL rules.

Proper techniques in hitting, fielding, pitching and baserunning will be taught.

The camp will be led by Coahoma coach Brad Harman.

For more information, contact Harman at 816-3258.

"Best of the rest" set for end of month

Comanche Trail Golf Course will hold its "Best of the Rest" two man partnership golf tournament Saturday and Sunday.

The tournament costs \$160 per team.

The championship flight must declare and will play low ball, while all other flights will play scramble.

For more info, call 264-2366.

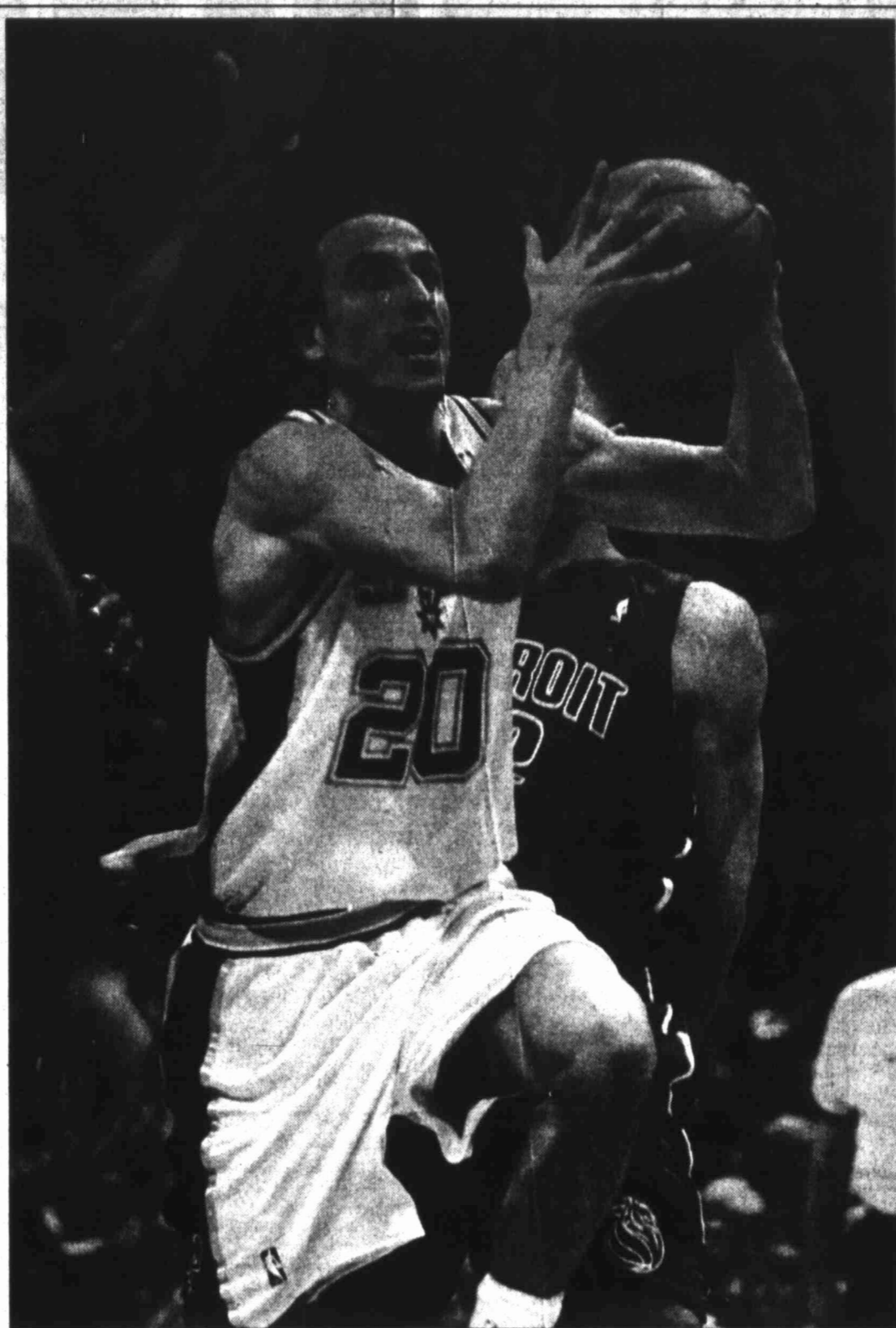
B.S. Country Club sets junior clinics

The Big Spring Country Club has set up a summer junior and advanced golf clinics.

The clinics run through Aug. 4. Both will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The junior clinic costs \$150, while the advanced junior clinic costs \$200.

For more information, call the country club's golf shop at 267-5354.



KRT photo/Kirrhmon F. Dozier/Detroit Free Press
San Antonio's Manu Ginobili drives to the basket against the Detroit Pistons defense during second quarter action in Game 6 of the 2005 NBA finals at the SBC Center in San Antonio. Ginobili and the Spurs will face the defending NBA champions in Game 7 tonight.

For Spurs, Pistons it's a grand finale

By GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

SAN ANTONIO — If there's any poetry in the NBA's season finale, the league championship will be decided when Tim Duncan catches a pass on the wing and turns to face Ben Wallace one last time.

That's because Duncan's two-week battle with Wallace and his teammates has been a microcosm of the clashing styles and mentalities at work in the NBA Finals, which transformed from a one-sided romp to a thrilling struggle of wills culminating in Game 7 on Thursday night.

Duncan is generally considered basketball's most complete player, and perhaps the most talented power forward ever. But the two-time finals MVP has been maddeningly incomplete in this series, hounded and harassed into perhaps the worst playoff effort of his career.

If great players rise to the occasion of a decisive game, he must shake Ben Wallace, Rasheed Wallace and the mental blocks that have turned him into just another good player.

Duncan clearly is aware of the stakes. He has been dealing with "a lot of nervous energy," he said Wednesday.

"It seems like too long until the game is going to be here," he added. "I've never been in a Game 7 before, and I'm

just excited about it — excited to get to the floor more than anything. I think it will be nerve-racking between now and then."

In most ways, Duncan is the Spurs: prepared, poised and resourceful. He's their best player, with skills unmatched by any big man of his generation, but despite winning two titles with David Robinson by his side, he hasn't achieved any transcendent victories that will go down in history with his name attached.

Standing between Duncan and the basket has been Ben Wallace, who's nothing less than the Pistons' soul: savvy, freakishly athletic and always determined to prove his worth to a league that gave up on almost every member of his team at some point in their pasts.

The Pistons have closed on their second straight championship with frightening speed, winning three of the past four games in their quest to become the third team in NBA history to rally from an 0-2 finals deficit.

Following Chauncey Billups' mantra — "If it ain't rough, it ain't right" — Detroit seems eminently capable of becoming the first team to win the last two games of a finals on the road. The Pistons face just as much pressure as the Spurs in Game 7, but don't count on seeing it.

Angels cap series sweep with shoutout win

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — The Los Angeles Angels weren't strutting after sweeping their closest pursuer in the AL West, and the Texas Rangers weren't as down as they might have been had this happened in September.

The Angels beat the Rangers 6-0 on Wednesday night as Jarrod Washburn combined with two relievers on a six-hitter and sent Kenny Rogers to his first loss in 10 decisions.

"It's not about getting in anybody's heads, or thinking you have anybody's number," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said.

"This season wasn't going to be made or broke on this series.

"We're fortunate that we played well these three games, but that's a terrific club over there and they're going to be there all the way through. So there's a huge challenge ahead of us."

Juan Rivera and Bengie Molina homered for the defending AL West champions, who have won seven of nine this season against Texas. The Rangers are a season-worst 4 1/2 games out of first following their 10th loss in 15 games.

"It's not discouraging at all for

us," Texas catcher Rod Barajas said. "We didn't come in here a hot team, anyway. We weren't pitching that great and we weren't swinging the bat that great. We weren't at the top of our game this time, and they won the series. But it's just one series. The next time we play them, this will be in our minds and we'll go after them."

Texas' three starting pitchers in the series — Rogers, Chan Ho Park and rookie Chris Young — entered with a combined 22-6 record. Collectively, they surrendered 19 runs and 30 hits in 9 1-3

innings against the Angels.

"You can't put too much emphasis on statistics," Angels left fielder Garret Anderson said. "Yeah, we're playing good right now and they didn't hit like I know they're very capable of. But they're going to brush it off and move on, because we're going to see them next week at their place."

Washburn (4-3) allowed five hits over seven innings. He won for the first time in 11 starts at Anaheim since July 15. The left-hander had lost six straight decisions at Angel Stadium in that

Longhorns headed back to title series

By ERIC OLSON
AP Sports Writer

OMAHA, Neb. — Chance Wheelless' right shoulder hurt so much in the sixth inning that he couldn't even run out a grounder.

Three innings later, the Texas first baseman was able to just jog around the bases.

Wheelless shook off a sore shoulder and homered in the bottom of the ninth to lead the Longhorns to a 4-3 victory over Baylor on Wednesday and into the championship round at the College World Series.

"Every swing I took that I put the bat on the ball, it was just excruciating pain," Wheelless said.

The win sent Texas (54-16) into the best-of-three championship series for the second straight year. The Longhorns, national runners-up to Cal State Fullerton in 2004, will play either Arizona State (42-24) or Florida (47-21).

Arizona State, led by Erik Averill's five-hitter on two days' rest, beat the Gators 6-1 earlier Wednesday. That forced a game Thursday night to determine which team moves to the championship round that starts Saturday.

Wheelless' homer atoned for his error in the seventh inning, which led to the tying and go-ahead runs for Baylor (46-24). Wheelless lost Kenn Kasperek's throw in the sun after the pitcher fielded Seth Fortenberry's bunt. One run came home on the play and Fortenberry ended up on third before scoring on Kevin Sevigny's hit.

The Longhorns tied it at 3 in the eighth when Nick Peoples scored on a play at the plate. Peoples ran into catcher Josh Ford, who was blocking the plate without the ball.

Umpire Mike Conlin ruled obstruction and called Peoples safe. Baylor coach Steve Smith argued unsuccessfully that Peoples intentionally collided with Ford and should have been ejected.

That set the stage for Wheelless in the ninth.

Texas coach Augie Garrido told Wheelless that he was thinking of having Clay Van Hook pinch hit for him because of his shoulder injury.

"That first swing when it popped out, I didn't know what was going to happen the rest of the day," Wheelless said.

After talking Garrido into letting him hit, Wheelless sent Ryan LaMotta's 1-1 pitch over the right-field fence for his fifth homer of the sea-

son. Wheelless, 1-for-4 Wednesday and 3-of-12 in the CWS, initially injured his shoulder in Monday's game against Tulane. On a check swing during his last at-bat, he said, the shoulder popped out and back in quickly.

He said he was sore Tuesday, but took batting practice with no problem Wednesday afternoon.

It was apparent the shoulder was hurting during the game. Still, he refused to let Garrido sit him.

"I had a feeling," Wheelless said. "I thought maybe I would get a base hit or something like that. Getting the game-winning hit is just huge."

Garrido said he was glad he gave in to Wheelless' wish.

"All year long, whether it's our coaching staff or other coaching staffs: 'Why doesn't somebody step up and do something? Come on, show a little courage,'" Garrido said. "Now the guy wants to do this, and I go back to the dugout and a couple people in there go, 'Why are you letting him hit? He's got a bad shoulder. He doesn't have a chance.'"

"I said, 'The guy wants to be a hero.'"

Baylor, making its first CWS appearance since 1978, reached Wednesday's game with a thrilling comeback win over Tulane on Tuesday night, rallying from a 7-0 deficit for an 8-7 victory.

J. Brent Cox (8-3) was the winner in relief. LaMotta took the loss.

Arizona State 6, Florida 1

Averill (11-4) threw his five-hitter in 92-degree heat, retiring the last eight batters for his fifth complete game this season.

"He told me before the game, 'I'm going nine.' I listened to him," ASU coach Pat Murphy said.

The Sun Devils, who came into the CWS with the fewest wins of any team in the field, have won three straight after losing in the first round, and are 5-0 in NCAA tournament elimination games.

Averill's outing was a help to a relief corps that had worked 16 1-3 of ASU's 26 previous innings. The relievers were allowed to stay back at the team hotel until a half-hour before the game.

Averill had thrown 76 pitches in 5 2-3 innings of the Sun Devils' 4-2 win over Tennessee on Sunday.

CLASSIFIEDS

710 Scurry

263-7331

www.bigspringherald.com

Business Opportunity

BIG SPRING ROUTE
Executive Level Income.
Absolutely No Selling.
30 Accounts & Inventory
for \$12,950.
(800)373-5470

CONVENIENCE STORE
Very profitable
Top sales over 1 million
\$185,000 plus inventory.
(432) 213-3113

The Big Spring Herald has
the following carrier routes
open.

Various in-town routes
&
Route 725 & 730
Coahoma and SandSprings
area.
Contact Duane McCollum or

BIG SPRING HERALD

Elizabeth
710 Scurry (432)263-7331

Garage Sales

GARAGE SALE, 103 Wash-
ington Blvd. (in back). Satur-
day, 7:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m.

Garage Sales

105 JEFFERSON. Saturday,
8:00 a.m. Toys, girls clothes,
furniture, dishes, wooden door,
tools & much more!

CARPOR SALE: PARKHILL
TERRACE APTS #19, 800 W.
Marcy. Saturday, 8am-?
Clothes, toys, bedding and lots
more.

COMPUTER DESK, clothes,
books, good stuff! No Early
Sales! 8:00-12:00 Saturday.
1908 Alabama.

ESTATE SALE, 1402 Runnels.
Saturday, 8:00-? Furniture,
dishes, clothing, miscellaneous
items.

ESTATE SALE, Friday & Sat-
urday, 8:00-6:00. 2221 Lynn
Dr. Living/ dining room, 2
LaZBoys, collectibles, tools,
clothes, linens, etc. Everything
Goes! Must Empty House!

ESTATE SALE: Complete
House/30 years worth of Stuff.
3206 Cornell Ave., Friday, 24th
& Saturday, 25th. 8:00-?

Garage Sales

FIVE FAMILY Garage Sale,
309 Washington Blvd. Satur-
day, 8:00-? Furniture, clothes,
linens, toys, glassware, lots of
decorative items, TV, carpet,
and baby furniture.

FOUR FAMILY Garage Sale,
3226 Drexel. Saturday, June
25th. 8:00a.m.-? Burritos!
Drinks! Household items,
clothes, tools, etc. Too many
items to list!

GARAGE SALE at 1301 Utah
Friday 9am-4pm, Saturday
9am-1pm. Furniture, lawn-
mower, dryer, clothes & lots of
misc.

GARAGE SALE Saturday 25
from 8am-12pm 2405 Allen-
dale. Books, toys, crafts, girls
clothes, men's shirts, levis, fab-
ric, fish tank and table, & adult
diapers.

GARAGE SALE, 123 Hooser
Road. (Sandsprings). Friday &
Saturday, 8:00-? Baby & tod-
dler clothing for girls, toys,
carseats, full-size bed, furni-
ture, home decor, lots more.

Garage Sales

GARAGE SALE, 1912 Cauble
Rd. Friday, Saturday & Sun-
day, 7:00-? Organ, antique
sewing machine, freezer, desk,
stove, go-cart, laptop com-
puter, 3 wheel bike, miscella-
neous. (432)398-5525.

GARAGE SALE, 2204 Lynn
Dr. Friday 8:00-2:00, Saturday,
8:00-12:00. Bed, clothes,
kitchen items, lots misc.

GARAGE SALE, 2504 Larry
Dr. 8:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Satur-
day Only! Furniture, womens
plus & Jr. clothing, Sega sys-
tem, toys, computer parts and
more!

GARAGE SALE, Saturday,
8:00a.m. 2715 Carol.
(432)263-1414. 1950's antique
dining room, furniture, twin
captains bed with drawers,
washer, dryer, total gym, bicy-
cle, toys, lots more.

Garage Sale-Saturday June 25
from 8am-1pm at 1307 Col-
lege-Clothes, baby items, toys,
13" & 19" color TVs, camping
tents & lots of misc items

Garage Sales

HUGE BACKYARD Sale, 2706
Central Dr. Many, many items,
something for everyone! Friday
& Saturday, 8:00a.m.-1:00 p.m.

INSIDE SALE, 1903 South
Gregg. Tuesday -Thursday,
1:00-5:00, Friday & Saturday
10:00-5:00. Clown & Cow Col-
lectibles, shower curtains, high
chair, exercise equipment, lots
more.

LEFTOVER GARAGE SALE
ITEMS. The Big Spring State
Hospital Volunteers resale
shop, "The Chalet" at 2nd and
Runnels accepts all usable and
in good/working condition ap-
pliances, furniture, household
items, children's items, and
good clothing. Hours Mon.-Fri.
1:00-4:00; Sat. 10:00-4:00.
Call 263-0528 or 268-7536 for
more information. Sorry we do
not pickup. Volunteers are also
needed to work at the resale
shop.

MOVING SALE 1301 Mesquite
Saturday only 8am-5pm. No
early birds! Everything must
go.

Garage Sales

SATURDAY, 8:00 to 1:00.
Round dining table, chairs,
cabinet, dresser, DVD/ VHS
movies, carpet, kitchenware,
video shelf, misc. Good Buys!
5310 Wasson.

TWO FAMILY carport sale:
vacuum cleaner, microwave,
pictures, knickknack lot of
misc., few antiques. Friday
8-1, Saturday 8-2 at 3213
Auburn.

TWO FAMILY Garage Sale,
1502 Nolan. Saturday,
8:00-5:00. Lots of good items,
too much to list!

Help Wanted

DENTAL HYGIENIST to work
part-time in Sweetwater. Send
resume to: 500 Lamar, Sweet-
water TX, 79556.

DQ of COAHOMA looking for
bright, friendly customer ser-
vice leaders for day and night
shifts. Starting at \$7.00 an hour
for qualified help. Full and
part-time positions available.
Vacation and holiday pay. Drug
test required. Apply in person
today.

BUSINESSES & SERVICES

\$1.89 Per Day; 6-Month Contract \$1.58 Per Day

Call 263-7331 to place your ad today!!

AUTO REPAIR JIM'S GARAGE We can do it ALL Auto & Truck Repair Call For Appt. or Estimate 268-3755	CARPET Bring Samples To Your Home NAME BRANDS Kenny Thompson 270-0548 263-4548	CHILD CARE PROFFITT DAYCARE INC. 22 yrs. raising children in Big Spring Call (432) 267-3797 or come visit @ 1600 Wasson Rd. 18 Mos. to 13 yrs 6:30 am-6:00 pm	CONCRETE MARQUEZ FENCE CO. All types of fences & repairs. Concrete work, carports. All work guaranteed. Free Estimates Benny Marquez-Owner 267-5714	CONCRETE STUCCO DRIVEWAYS SIDEWALKS BLOCK FENCES Chico and Sons Concrete (432) 267-4044 (432) 268-8322 621 Sgt. Paredes Big Spring, TX 79720	CONCRETE J. T. Builders Remodeling • Drywall Ceramic Tile • Electrical Plumbing • Roofing Brick & Concrete Work Driveways • Sidewalks Fireplaces • Stucco Swimming Pool Decks JOHNNY TALAMANTEZ (432) 213-0882 Cell (432) 263-2110 Res. 108 E. 11th PLACE BIG SPRING, TX. 79720
CONSTRUCTION C & J Construction • Residential & Commercial Repair • Remodeling • Custom Homes (432) 270-8252 (432) 213-3444 (432) 394-4805	DIRT WORK DECKER'S FARM SUPPLY & NURSERY We do Dirt Work, Brush Hog, Backhoe, Bulldozing, Small Grubbing Jobs and Will Clear Lots. 432-756-3444	EDUCATION Maranatha Baptist Academy Dr. Lillian Bohannon Kindergarten Roundup Until May 25 Sign Up Now K-12 903 Johnson Big Spring 263-7498	FENCES B & M Fence Co. CHAINLINK METAL • CEDAR DOG KENNELS ORNAMENTAL IRON COMMERCIAL - RESIDENTIAL GET OUR PRICE & COMPARE FREE ESTIMATES ROBERT MARQUEZ 263-1013 • 1-800-825-1389 1000 Lamson Hwy. • Big Spring	FENCES Quality Fence Co. Jimmy Marquez-Owner Finest In Fencing Wood & Chainlink Free Estimates 432-267-3349	HOME IMPROVEMENT 2nd Speedy Sr. Construction We Do It All! Residential & Commercial Ceramic Tiles, Cabinets, Drywall, Textures, Plumbing, Electrical AC, Roofs, New Additions & Lawn Service Phone: 432-263-2911 Cell: 432-816-3832
HOME IMPROVEMENT DOORS/GARAGE DOORS/OPENERS Home Repair • Carpentry Sheet Work Repaired/Replaced Kitchen & Bath BOB'S CUSTOM WOODWORK 409 E. 3RD 267-5811	HOME IMPROVEMENT RS HOME REPAIR Custom Wood Decks, Remodel, Carpenter, Painting, Plumbing, Minor Electrical FREE ESTIMATES Garage door repair, Appliances installed 816-3030	HOME IMPROVEMENT Gibbs Remodeling New home Construction • Room Additions Carports • Dry Wall Hanging & Finishing & Exterior Wallpaper Hanging • Ceramic Tile Installation & Repair All Remodel Needs Of Any Room In Your Home. Call 263-8285	HOME IMPROVEMENT AFFORDABLE HOME MAINTENANCE •Renovation •Repairs •Maintenance Quality Work You Can Trust Satisfaction Guaranteed NO JOB IS TOO SMALL! Russ Crain (owner) 432-270-2585	HOME IMPROVEMENT HANDY MAN Home Repair, Remodeling, Maintenance, Yardwork, Painting, Etc. Concrete Work, Driveway, Patios, Sidewalks, Etc. Evenings - 267-7659 Days - 263-5272	
GARAGE SALE PUT YOUR AD HERE CALL 263-7331 Herald Classifieds BIG SPRING HERALD	LAWN SERVICE MOWING • WEED EATING TILLING • TRASH HAULING TREE TRIMMING CALL 432-267-5460 LEAVE MESSAGE 816-6150	WEB PRINTING For Information On Web Printing Call Tony Hernandez 263-7331 BIG SPRING HERALD	LAWN SERVICE Mark's Lawn Care Mowing, Trimming, Edging, SPECIALTY - HEDGES, SHRUBS Trimmed and Shaped QUALITY WORK FREE ESTIMATES (432) 264-6162	PAINTING EXTERIOR PAINTING SPRAY • BRUSH • ROLL PRESSURE WASHING DRYWALL REPAIR ACOUSTICAL CEILING RESIDENTIAL • COMMERCIAL 466-8239 267-2227 * FREE ESTIMATES * Serving Big Spring & Surrounding Areas	PEST CONTROL SOUTHWESTERN A-1 PEST CONTROL Since 1954 432-263-6514 2008 Birdwell Lane Max F. Moore www.swa1pc.com mm@swa1pc.com
PLUMBING For All Your Plumbing Heating And Air Conditioning Needs CALL Frank's Plumbing, Heating, A/C FRANK CLARK 432-267-8578	RENTALS VENTURA COMPANY 432-267-2655 Houses • Storages Commercial Buildings 1003, 07, 11 E. 11th Pl. For rent/sale 700 E. 12th 802 E. 12th 204 11th Place	ROOFING JOHNNY FLORES ROOFING Shingles, Hot Tar & Gravel. All type of repairs! Work Guaranteed. Specializing in Hot Tar Roofs and Doctor of Repairs! Free Estimates!! Big Spring & Surrounding Areas. 267-1110	ROOFING PALACIOS ROOFING & HOME IMPROVEMENT Roofs, Room Additions, Ceramic Tile, Fences, Painting Insured & Bonded Home Phone# 432-263-5430 Cell# 432-213-0363	STORAGE AAA Mini-Storage 1st 1/2 Month Rent FREE on select units For All Your Storage Needs Large Or Small, We Store It All!!! Now Accepting Visa & Mastercard 3301 E. FM 700 263-0732	TREE TRIMMING LUPE'S TREE TRIMMING More than 20 years of experience. Stump grinder available. For Tree Trimming and removal. Call Lupe 432-267-8317 432-268-8406

Help Wanted

Medical Marketing

LVN or CNA
for marketing position. Must be outgoing, charismatic and willing to work.

We offer:

- * Salary Plus Commission
- * Full Time
- * PAID Vacation & Sick Time
- * PAID Health Insurance
- * 401K

Please come by or mail resume to:

InHome Care, Inc.
1104 Scurry
Big Spring, Tx 79720
Fax# 432-263-0773

Help Wanted

CITY OF Big Spring is taking applications for golf maintenance worker and for golf maintenance technician. Applications may be obtained at City Hall, 310 Nolan (432)264-2346. The City of Big Spring is EOE.

CLINE CONSTRUCTION has immediate openings for the following positions: General Laborers- Carpenters- Backhoe Operators- Dump Truck Drivers- CDL Drivers- All Equipment Operators. Applicants must have a Valid Driver's License. Call between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (432)267-6006.

COME JOIN OUR TEAM! Comanche Trail Nursing Center, is accepting applications for Housekeeping, Laundry Supervisor & Activity Assistant. Benefits include: paid vacation, 401K plan, health insurance. Please apply in person at 3200 Parkway, Big Spring, TX 79720.

DO YOU enjoy working with the elderly and want to be part of a growing challenging industry? If so, we invite you to inquire about a position in our nursing department.

IDEAL CANDIDATE: LVN or RN INTERESTED IN LONG TERM EMPLOYMENT RELATIONSHIP. Excellent starting pay Health Insurance Retirement Plan Great Vacation with Flexible Schedule. Apply at Mountain View Lodge, 2009 Virginia Ave., Big Spring, Tx.

DOZER OPERATOR for Big Spring company with at least 5 years experience. Must be able to pass drug test. Benefits available. (432)238-7650.

EVENING KITCHEN Help Evening dishwasher Monday-Saturday Experience not required. Good salary & personal references. Apply in person, Red Mesa Grill 2401 Gregg

EXPERIENCED TRUCK Mechanic needed to work on cummings & catapillar engines. Apply at Price Construction 2701 N. Hwy 350, Big Spring, Tx 79720. No Phone Calls. EOE.

Help Wanted

FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION DISPATCHER

Texas Department of Criminal Justice - Manufacturing an Logistics Division has an immediate opening for an Administrative Assistant IV - Dispatcher position, posting no. 024378DL, located at the Daniel Unit in Snyder, Texas, \$2436.00/Monthly. Requires two years full-time, wage-earning experience in dispatch operations or trucking. To Apply: A complete Job Description, Qualifications and Applications are available at www.tdcj.state.tx.us or contact Manufacturing and Logistics Human Resources at 936-436-6531. Submit a State of Texas Application for Employment to Missy Atchley, Manufacturing and Logistics Division, TDCJ, PO Box 4013, Huntsville, Texas, 77320; (overnight thru the UPS, *Ded-EX, Airborne - 861 IH 45N, Rm. 112, Huntsville, Texas, 77320; overnight thru the postal service - PO Box 4013*), by 07/01/05 AT 5:00 PM.

Full and part-time Kitchen help needed at Howard College Cafeteria, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Apply in person. No Phone Calls Please.

FULL TIME land person needed for west texas oil company with at least 5 years in house experience for a growing independent Oil Company. Must be able to coordinate all land activities. Benefits available. Send resume to 306 West Wall, Suite 1000, Midland TX 79701.

GREAT PAY! GOOD BENEFITS!

A Great Career Opportunity. Now Hiring **Drivers & Diesel Mechanic** for: Pump Trucks, Transports, Hot Oilier, Vacuum Trucks. Requirements: Valid CDL, 21 years of age, Clean MVR. Must pass drug screen. No experience necessary. Call 432-756-2875. Apply in person at Key Energy, West I-20 South Service Road, Stanton, TX.

The **FORSAN ISD** is accepting applications for the following position: Custodian - Elbow Elementary Campus. Applications may be mailed to P.O. Drawer A, Forsan, Texas 79733 or faxed to (432)457-2225. If additional information is needed, please contact the Administration Office at (432)457-2223 ext. 2. Applications are also available online at <http://forsan.esc18.net>.

Help Wanted

DRIVERS

AVERAGE \$800 PER WEEK, DRIVING DEDICATED! Servicing a single dedicated customer, this position delivers to sites within the western US; return home for time off each week! Experience consistent operation, consistent miles, and consistent weekly pay- you even have the consistency of an assigned conventional truck.

We offer a complete benefits package: medical, prescription discount, dental, vision and more. Paid holidays, paid vacations and paid orientation are also provided. Add the stability of J.B. Hunt, an industry leader since 1969- and you have the best dedicated job in the west! Openings are limited- call immediately to secure your place on our team:

1-866-852-4327
6 mos exp rep. EOE.
Subj to d/s.

Lamun- Lusk - Sanchez
Texas State Veterans Home
1809 N. Hwy 87
Big Spring, Tx 79720
(432)268-8387
(432)268-1987 fax

is currently seeking LVN's with long term experience POSITIONS AVAILABLE 2 pm -10 pm & 10 pm -6 am (Flexible schedules available) Wages commensurate on experience

Equal Opportunity Employer Competitive Wages, Health Insurance & Benefits

NEED JOURNEYMAN Electrician with State License. Benefits. Mail resumes to P.O. Box 50728, Midland, TX 79710. (432)687-6058.

PAT GRAY Body Works, 700 N. Owens. Experienced body person wanted. Must have own tools. No Phone Calls! Must apply in person, ask for Bill.

PIZZA INN accepting applications for qualified people to join our **Management Team**. Looking for individual with management and food experience. Apply in person with resume, 1702 Gregg Street.

BARCELONA APARTMENTS
Choose Your Own Monthly Rent Options
\$299 Such As ALL BILLS PAID
MOVE IN SPECIAL + APPLICATION & SECURITY DEP.
538 Westover Housing Assistance Accepted 263-1252

Help Wanted

PORTER HENDERSON IMPLEMENT

Has openings for Parts and Service positions. Looking for hard working, positive individuals with ability to learn! Knowledge of farm equipment a plus. Submit resume or application to: 3011 N. Hwy 87.

SECRETARY/ BOOKKEEPER needed for local accounting firm. Computer skills and general accounting skills a necessity. Apply in person at 307-C West 16th, Big Spring.

Start at \$12-\$13/hour plus LOTS OF OVERTIME! Only **TRUCKDRIVERS** with 2 years Class A CDL experience need apply. Physical Labor required. Good benefits. Home one week a month. Call 1-800-588-2669.

TAKING APPLICATIONS for counter help, fry cooks & bakers! Come by 1103 E. 11th, see Jose, (432)263-3100.

TRUCK DRIVER

Texas Department of Criminal Justice - Manufacturing and Logistics Division has an immediate opening for a Correctional Transportation Officer - Truck Driver position, posting no. 024381DL, located at the Daniel Unit in Snyder, Texas, \$2036.00/Monthly. Successful completion of Texas Department of Criminal Justice's freight transportation road test must be completed before the closing date of the position. The following must be turned in with application: Class A Commercial Driver's License (CDL) with X endorsement, and a current CDL physical certification card issued within the last two years. To Apply: A complete Job Description, Qualifications and Applications are available at www.tdcj.state.tx.us or contact Manufacturing and Logistics Human Resources at 936-437-6531. Submit a State of Texas Application and Driver's Application for Employment to Missy Atchley, TDCJ, Manufacturing and Logistics, PO Box 4013, Huntsville, Texas 77342 (overnight thru UPS, Fed-EX, Airborne - 861 IH 45N, Rm. 112, Huntsville, Texas, 77320; overnight thru the postal service - PO Box 4013), by 07/01/05 at 5:00 PM.

TUBING TESTER operator/derrick person. Must pass drug test. Good wages. Call Jesse, (432)267-5818 after 7:00 p.m. only!

Help Wanted

CITY OF Big Spring is accepting applications for the position of Firefighter/Paramedic through July 13, 2005. Testing will be on Saturday July 16, 2005. Applications may be obtained at City Hall (432-264-2346) 310 Nolan, Big Spring, TX 79720 or from website: www.ci.big-spring.tx.us The City of Big Spring is EOE.

WAREHOUSE/ DELIVERY Wanted for local Rental Store. Benefits include paid vacation, retirement & health insurance. Requirements are back ground check, drug screening, good driving record and be at least 21 years old. Apply in person, Credit World, 1611 Gregg.

Items for Sale

FURNITURE FOR Sale, dresser, mirror, kitchen table, sofa/sleeper & more. Call (432)816-9117.

Lost and Found

LOST! KENTWOOD Area. Small female Chihuahua, dark chocolate brown, blind on right eye, brown collar. Call (432)264-1587.

Miscellaneous

CAKES: Wedding, Anniversaries, Quinceanarios. 10% Discount on Arches, Candelabras, florals w/cake order. Grishams (432)267-8191.

DISNEY/ ATTRACTIONS area. 7/6 nights stay. Must sacrifice! (Job Relocation). Paid \$600. Sell \$199. (432)560-0017.

Mobile Homes

2001 PALM Harbor Double Wide 58x28; 4 Bedroom, 2 bath; on 1/2 acre in Coahoma ISD. Midway area; assumable loan. By appointment (432)816-9549.

On the Farm

SQUARE BALE alfalfa hay for sale. Fertilized every other cutting. \$5.00 a bale. Call (432)756-2821.

Pets

AKC POMERANIAN puppies, 7 weeks old, 2 white, 1 brown. \$300. each. (432)756-2288, Cell (432)664-3266.

FREE TO good homes. Male and female puppy. Part German Shepherd & Timber Wolf. Has shots. Call (432)466-3976.

Real Estate for Rent

304 East 20th. 2 Bedroom, 1 bath. Garage, fenced yard, window units. No HUD. \$325/month, \$195/deposit. Call (432)263-8005 or 816-1330.

Spring City Auction
2611 W. Hwy. 80 Big Spring, TX
Thursday, June 23, 2005 7 pm

Selling for City of Big Spring, CRMWD, and others.

Pickups, equipment, ambulance, boats, trailers, followed by Mac and Snap-on Tools, Guns and Ammo Collection.

View at www.igottauction.com

Scott Emerson TAL 15051
432-263-1831

Consignment auction every Thursday, 7 pm

Accepting new consignments daily


FOR SALE
No Down Payment
OWNER FINANCING
Bad Credit O.K.
2-3-4-5 & 6 Bedroom Brick Homes
"6 MONTH WARRANTY ON EVERYTHING"
Call Beverly 263-3461

The Spider

During Mark Twain's days as a newspaperman, he was the editor of a small Missouri paper.

One day, he received a letter from a subscriber stating that he had found a spider in his paper and asked if this was an omen of good or bad luck.

Twain replied, "Finding a spider in your paper is neither good nor bad luck. The spider was merely looking over our paper to see which merchant was not advertising so that he could go to that store, spin his web across the door and lead a life of undisturbed peace ever after."



BIG SPRING HERALD

Advertise to keep the spider away from your door.
Call today
(432) 263-7331

LOVELY NEIGHBORHOOD COMPLEX

Swimming Pool
Carports,
Most Utilities Paid,
Senior Citizen Discounts,
1 & 2 Bedrooms & 1 or 2 Baths
Unfurnished

KENTWOOD APARTMENTS

1904 East 25th Street
267-5444
263-5000

107 EAST 17TH. Large 2 bedroom. Newly remodeled. \$375. month, \$200. deposit. Call (432)264-6611.

1400 Sycamore- 2 Bedroom, 1 bath. CH/A, 1 car garage. New carpet & paint. Washer & dryer connections. \$500. Month, \$275. deposit. No HUD. (432)267-2296.

1418 Stadium, 2 bedroom, 1 bath. \$335. month, \$150. deposit. **1208 Blackmon.** 2 bedroom, 1 bath. \$295. month, \$150. deposit. Call (432)263-1792, 816-6918.

1504- B WOOD. Large 2 bedroom Duplex. Newly remodeled. \$425. month, \$200. deposit. All bills paid. Call (432)264-6611.

1810 S. Monticello, 2 bedroom, 1 bath. \$325. month, \$150. deposit. **446-A Armstrong.** 4 bedroom, 1 bath, \$425. month, \$150. deposit. Water & gas paid. Call (432)263-1792, 816-6918.

3 Bedroom, 2 bath Trailer in Coahoma ISD. \$375. month, \$250. deposit. Call (432)264-9907.

613 ELGIN. Very Clean 3 bedroom, 1 bath. CH/A, fenced yard. Stove & refrigerator furnished. \$450.00 month, \$200.00 deposit. Call (432)267-1543.

616 DALLAS Home for rent. Remodeled 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Quiet neighborhood, fenced yard. \$575. month, \$250. deposit, 10% Senior Discount. No Pets. Call (432)263-5000.

Real Estate for Rent Real Estate for Sale

624 CAYLOR. Very nice brick home. Possible 4 bedrooms, 1 bath, central heat and air, washer/dryer connections, fenced backyard. Deposit \$200. Rent \$550. Call (432)267-2112, leave message.

712 GOLIAD. 2 or 3 Bedroom. Stove and refrigerator furnished. Washer & dryer connections, CH/A. \$500. month. \$275. deposit. No HUD. Call (432)267-2296.

800 1/2 NOLAN. 1 Bedroom, 1 bath. Utilities included. \$400.00 month, \$300.00 deposit. Call (432)264-9907.

911 EAST 15th. Large clean 2 bedroom. Stove & Refrigerator furnished. Water & gas paid. \$375 month, \$200 deposit. Sorry No Pets. Call (432)263-4922.

FOR RENT three bedroom, 2 bath. \$300. with \$250. deposit. Fenced yard. 613 McEwen. Leave message. (432)267-3648.

HEIGHTS APARTMENTS
\$200. Move-In Special
\$200. deposit.
All Bills Paid
403 East 8th
Call (432)267-2771

LOOKING FOR Angels! Will settle for less! Two bedroom, \$300. Three bedroom, \$400. 1210 Wood, 1607 Stadium, 807 Anna, & 501 East 13th. Call (432)267-7380.

NEWLY REMODELED Duplex: 706 and 706 1/2 13th St. 2 Bedrooms, 1 bath, central air/heat, washer/dryer connections, fenced backyard, newly painted, new carpet, refrigerator/ gas stove. No pets. \$300.00 month, \$150.00 deposit. Call (432)267-6516.

Sunset Ridge Apts
\$99 Move-In Special
TNT, ESPN, CNN
Nickelodeon
Disney Channel
Expanded Cable
No Water Bill!
24 Hour Laundry
On-Site Mgr & Maint
Family Friendly
Large 2 BR avail.
Melinda (432)263-2292

THREE BEDROOM, one bath, CH/A, fenced yard. 4200 Parkway. Call (432)270-3848.

UTILITIES PAID. Elegant. Quiet. Private. Second Story spacious bedroom and studio. 1 Person only. Non Smoking. No Pets. \$365.00. References required. Call McDonald (432)263-4835, 270-0707.

Real Estate for Sale

WILL PAY Cash for Houses up to \$25,000.00. Call Kelly (432)425-9994.

\$1,000 TOTAL Move in Cost. On 1306 Marjo. New 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage home. Reasonably good credit required, lowered interest rates to Qualified Buyer. Call now (432)520-9848 Cameo Investments Inc.

SOUTH PLAINS APARTMENTS
Newly Remodeled
Studios, 1 & 2 Bdrm Units

\$99 Move In Special
W/6 Mo. Lease

***1 Move In**
w/12 Mo. Lease

* All utilities except electric paid
* Free High Speed Wireless Internet + Basic Cable
On-site Mgr.
Laundry & Vending Facility
\$90 Deposit

Call Mary @
432-714-4840

10,000 square ft Commercial building, plus 2000 sq ft metal building on 5 ac.. Close to hospital on Scenic Mountain. Call (432)213-2319.

20 ACRES on Hwy 176. Set up for Mobile Home. 44K, \$5,000.00 Down, assume \$270.00 monthly @ 7.4% for 30 years. No Credit Check. (817)312-6322.

2505 BROADWAY. 2 Story House in great condition. 2150 sq. ft., 3 Bedroom, 2 bath, 2 living areas, office, fireplace. 2 large storage buildings, large gazebo, 3/4 acre. Beautiful yard. Low property taxes. Asking \$105,000. (432)263-4080.

3540 ACRES. Stonewall County. Big hills, springs, hunting. \$595. per acre. (817)239-5714.
www.wtxranch.com

BUILT IN 1992, 2.27 acres 4/3/3, 2 Living areas, formal dining, spacious kitchen, large breakfast room. Beautifully landscaped yard, water well. 1700 Allendale, \$259,000.00. Call (432)263-3778.

50 ACRE tract on I-20 in city limits. Super commercial building site. All or part. Call (432)213-2319.

BEAUTIFUL 140 acre tract in city limits. Flat, great commercial building site. All or part. Call (432)213-2319.

FSBO BRAND new 2,050 ft home. 3-4 bedroom 2.5 bath. Great design w/accents on family. Nice location. Must call to see. Pat OBrien, (432)816-3588, 264-9397.

MORGAN RANCH Estates 2-story, 3000+ sq. ft. 4 bedroom, 3.5 baths on 8+ fenced acres. Pool, sprinkler system, 4-car detached garage/ barn. Call (432)264-7200.

NO DOWN Payment on 2 thru 6 Bedroom Brick Homes. Owner Financing. Bad Credit OK. 6 Month warranty on everything. Call Maria (432)263-3461.

ON BAYLOR St. 3 Bedroom, 2 bath, w/2000 + square feet, workshop and office. \$90's w/closing cost. Must see to appreciate. Call (432)213-3513 or 270-2461.

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS
There's a lull in the action. Relax, and don't try to push things along

— it's a waste of energy. Things are not as they seem, so forcing an impulse home lands you further from where you want to be. Instead, be an excellent observer of what's happening under the surface of a situation. A burst of inspiration comes with tonight's Aquarius moon.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Being inventive is great, but do your research, too, or you'll waste time. On the social front, first impressions are telling, but they don't impart the whole story.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Be a student of human behavior — you'll find it endlessly fascinating and you'll learn something about a relationship that's very important to you. Notice what others do, not what they say.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Someone exciting pops into the scene,

rearranges everything and then exits just as quickly. Be open to going on the ride, since resistance is futile. Besides, a pattern-interrupt might be just what is needed.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll be the one with the fabulous attitude when things go awry, which they will. Being a sport adds to your charisma. If you don't have a favorite charity, today is the perfect day to name one — a lucky move.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Don't worry about how to show someone you love him/her. When you truly love, it already shows. You can't help it. It's evident in everything you do, including speaking this person's name.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). New responsibilities will be rewarding — eventually. Have faith. When a plan falls apart, just be glad that it happened in the planning stage, when you can still do something about it!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Wishing is tricky business. There's an important difference between envisioning your "someday" from a place of happy fulfillment and wistfully longing for a different life. The former gets results that the latter can't achieve.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Taking on a special project will help you embrace what you have the power to change and let go of worries about circumstances beyond your control.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There's something delicious about what's just out of reach. Though you're ambi-

tious, don't push forward when there are red flag warnings waving in front of you! Pisces helps you pay attention to your intuition.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). An overload affects your power grid. New ways to relax are needed, as your mind is jolted out of normal thought patterns when you experience something novel.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Crazy, glamorous friends exert an influence over you. You're not one to be a follower, but if someone has a formula for success, why not use it? It takes more than natural talent to win at this game.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Be wiser than the legendary fool who rubbed the genie bottle and squandered his three wishes. Be thoughtful about the questions you are asking. The right answer only comes when the right question is asked.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: I'm a Cancer who, for the past five years, has been going back and forth in a relationship with a Pisces man. Finally he's decided that the relationship is too much work and that we argue too much. Our arguments are so minor — that's how it goes in any relationship. Has this been an incompatible connection?"

While it may be true that every relationship has its problems, it is not true that every couple argues. Some people are comfortable with arguing as a style of communication. Some couples even thrive with this type of

interaction and think of it as a game, like an intellectual and emotional wrestling match that ultimately brings them closer. Pisces is extremely sensitive and will take the slightest comment to heart. Arguing feels abusive to this sign. Furthermore, I find that many Cancer people dish it out but they can't take it. Your signs are compatible, and there is love here. Still, this relationship has suffered so much erosion from small daily resentments that it would take a major change from you to make him want to commit again.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Jason Mraz sings in his song "The Remedy": "When I fall in love I take my time/There's no need to hurry when I'm making up my mind ... " and such is the Cancer style. This sign falls in love and falls hard. So taking great care in choosing is essential for heart health. According to lucky stars affecting his natal Jupiter, Mraz will enjoy watching one of his new songs sail to the top of the charts in September.

If you would like to write to Holiday Mathis, please go to www.creators.com and click on "Write the Author" on the Holiday Mathis page, or you may send her a postcard in the mail. To find out more about Holiday Mathis and read her past columns, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.
© 2005 CREATORS SYNDICATE, INC.

Real Estate for Sale

REDUCED FOR Quick Sale! 2-3 Bedroom, 1 bath, beautiful fenced yards, large workshop and shed, garage w/opener. No Owner Finance. By appt. only. Call (432)267-1883.

SALE BY Owner (might take a trade-in) 2904 Macauslin. Large 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath, double garage, double fireplace, new carpet and appliances. NO grass, large trees and just a great corner location. \$99,000. Phone (432)267-8840.

2 HOMES for Sale 1202 E. 15th 1114 S. Main Main payments under \$300. Owner Finance, Bad Credit OK!! Flexible Down Payment 432-978-6562

TWO BEDROOM, one bath, dining room, large utility room. \$20,000. Call (325)486-9118, Cell#(325)650-3282.

WHY PAY Rent When You Can Own. 3215 Auburn: 4/2, 1211 Lloyd: 2/1, 1208 Wood 2/1, 1108 Mulberry: 2/1, 1804 Owens: 3/1 & 1806 Owens 2/1. Low Down & Low Monthly. Owner Finance. No Credit Check. Call (432)889-0677.

Vehicles

'04 Nissan Xterra \$3000 OFF MSRP
Bob Brock Ford
500 W. 4th 267-7424

2000 PONTIAC Grand Prix GPP. Super charged, leather, electric sun roof, CD player w/Bose. Car is very fast. Warranty available. 700 Auto Sales. (432)267-3955, 268-3251.

2001 Buick Regal LS. V6. Power door locks, power windows, tilt, cruise, leather seats, alum. wheels. \$8,950.00.

1998 Oldsmobile Silhouette. V-6, GLS (White). Leather seats, power sliding door, rear air condition, rear bucket seats. \$7,950.00.

1999 GMC Sierra. Ext. cab SLE. Power seats, windows and door locks. Tilt, cruise, bucket seats, bed liner, alum. wheels. \$10,900.00.

Jimmy Hopper
1607 E. FM 700
Big Spring, TX. 79720
(432)267-5588
In House Financing

Annie's Mailbox ®

Dear Annie: Yesterday, I received a phone call from my daughter-in-law. She stated that she would appreciate it if I didn't call her anymore until I was ready to admit that I was telling lies about her and that I would stop.



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

Annie, I haven't been saying anything about her, and I refuse to admit to something when I am innocent. We live in a small town, and I suggested that we go to whoever is telling her this piece of baloney and confront them. What should I do? — Shunned Mother-in-Law

Dear Shunned: Talk to your son, and explain the problem. Ask him to talk to his wife and get her to consider the possibility that one of her "friends" is trying to poison the well. Meanwhile, call your daughter-in-law and say you are sorry — not for doing anything wrong, but because she obviously was hurt by this malicious person, and a good relationship with her is important to you.

Dear Annie: I'm writing in response to "Crying Guy," the military man who tears up at sad occasions. I also am a guy who cries. When I was single and dating, it was an asset. Most women found it reassuring when I cried at movies. My ability to cry at weddings and the occasional Hallmark commercial was on my wife's list of reasons to marry me. My children also have seen me cry, and I'm glad they understand that it is healthy.

Still today, when I cry at some sappy movie, my wife smiles and squeezes my hand. I admit that I sometimes watch the credits to allow time to let my eyes dry before going

out to the lobby, but maybe we guys who cry are just a little more in tune with the human condition — and maybe there are more of us than anybody realizes. — Crier in Missouri

Dear Crier: We heard from hundreds of readers who thought Crying Guy was just fine, and others who wanted to pass along some skills for staying dry-eyed:

From New York: Here's a trick I use to keep from crying at funerals. Think of the alphabet backward. It takes a lot of concentration and will keep the tears at bay. When that becomes too easy, count backward from 1,000 by threes — 997, 994, 991, etc. It works.

Virginia: Here's what I learned in a public speaking course. Without moving your head, look up with your eyes. This blocks the tear ducts. I use this at weddings, funerals and military ceremonies. The downside is that the tears flow back through your sinuses, so be prepared for a runny nose. Just claim you have allergies.

Pensacola, Fla.: I learned this technique from my daughter just before her wedding. Use

the side of your index finger and push up slightly on the cartilage at the base of your nose. Do this until it hurts a bit and hold that position until the urge to cry goes away. I was delighted to be able to walk down the aisle with my daughter with a smile on my face rather than fighting tears.

Patrick Springs, Va.: My husband calls me a "wimpy thing" (lovingly), but there are times I really would like to be able to control the waterworks. Help arrived unexpectedly from my niece when, during a conversation, she became emotional. She took a breath and said, "Do math, do math, do math." I tried it at a funeral recently, and it prevented a downpour. All it took was some simple addition.

Orange Park, Fla.: It is physiologically impossible to drink and cry at the same time. All he needs to do is take along some bottled water and continually take a sip.

Pennsylvania: I have a helpful hint for "Crying Guy." Pinch your nostrils shut, and you will be unable to cry. Works like a charm.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, P.O. Box 118190, Chicago, IL 60611. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.
© 2004 CREATORS SYNDICATE, INC.

Subscribe Now And SAVE up to 52% over news stand prices

Subscription Price	News Stand Price
One Year \$93.42	\$195.00
Six Months \$51.90	\$97.50
Three Months \$25.95	\$48.75
One Month \$8.65	\$15.00

Call for Senior Citizen and Mail Delivery Prices

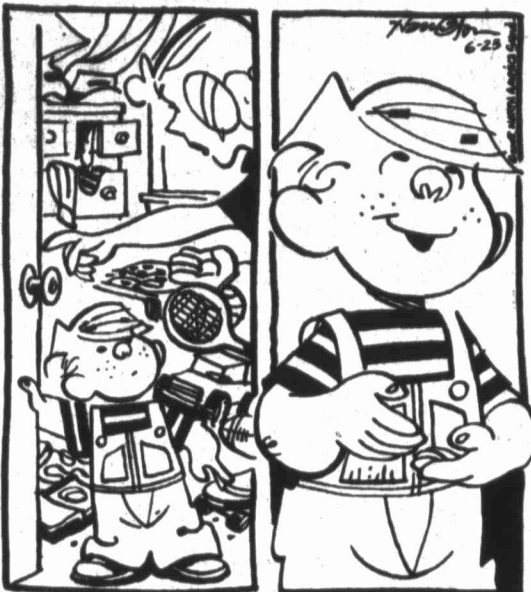
YES! Start my subscription for _____ months.
Enclosed is \$ _____
Name: _____
Address: _____
City _____
State _____ Zip _____
Telephone _____

HERALD
710 Scurry, P.O. Box 1431
Big Spring, TX 79721 • (432) 263-7331
Card # _____
Exp. Date: _____
Signature _____

THURSDAY

	WFAA (2)	KMID (3)	UNI (4)	KPEJ (5)	KOSA (7)	KTLE (8)	KWES (9)	WTBS (11)	KMLM (12)	KOCV (13)	DISC (20)	AMC (21)	SPIKE (22)	TNT (23)	BET (26)	DISN (27)	ESPN2 (28)	ESPN (29)	SCIFI (34)
6	News (CC)	News (CC)	Inocente de Ti	King of the Hill	News Ent. Tonight	Amarte Asi	News Seinfeld (CC)	Raymond	Joe McGee	News-Letter	American	Classics	CSI: Crime	Law & Order	Live	That's Raven	First Round	College	Movie: Deep
7	My Wilk-Kids	My Wilk-Kids	Apuesta por	The O.C.	The Cut	La Mujer en el	Joy (CC)	Florida Marlins	Update/Israel	West Tex Int	RFK		CSI: Crime	Law & Order	The Parkers	Movie: Go		NCAA World	
8	NBA	NBA	La Madrasita	The O.C.	CSI: Crime	Los Plateados	Hi Me Baby	Braves (CC)	Light of the	Declaring by	Greatest Amer.	Charades	MIX	Homicide: Life	College Hill		Wimbledon	14 - Teams	Movie: Hammerhead
9	Finals - Pistons	Finals - Pistons	Aqui y Ahora	7th Show	Without a	Decisiones	ER (CC)	Friends (CC)		Higher Education	The Hope	Colors (CC)	Lance Kral	Movie: Crossfire	Soul Food	American Dign	Wimbledon	Baseball	Movie: Shark Frenzy
10	Spurs	Spurs	Primer Impacto	7th Show	News	Noticias	News	Movie: Serendipity	The Hour of	Charlie Rose	RFK		Wildcat	Nightly News	That's Raven	Stump-Schwab	SportsCenter	Movie: Crocodile	
11	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel	La Hora	Becker (CC)	Letterman	Laura	Al Rojo Vivo	Late Night	Sam Peak	Sign Off	Greatest Amer.	Movie: Dolores	Wildcat	Movie: The	BET's Top 10	Stump-Schwab	Postgame		
12	Jimmy Kimmel	Extra (CC)	Amigas y	Spin City	Show	María Celeste	Conan O'Brien	12:10 Movie: Three Men and	Update/Israel		The Hope	Clabome	Comedy Inc.	Soul Food	Lizzie McGuire	Stump-Schwab	NBA Fastbreak	Twilight Zone	

DENNIS THE MENACE



"YOUR ROOM LOOKS LIKE A BARNYARD!"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"PJ, your head has to grow a couple gallons bigger."

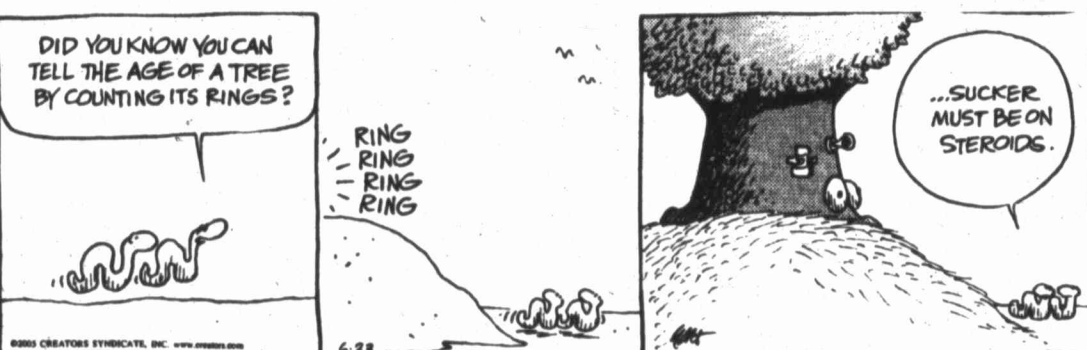
HAGAR



BLONDIE



BC



WIZARD OF ID



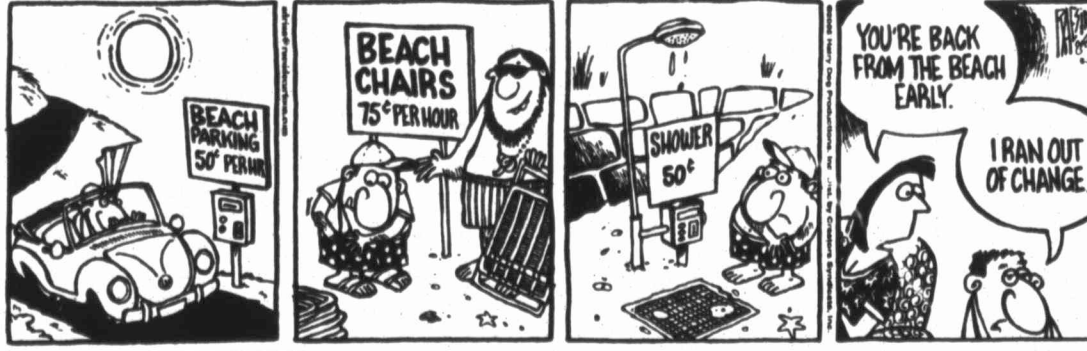
AGNES



HI AND LOIS



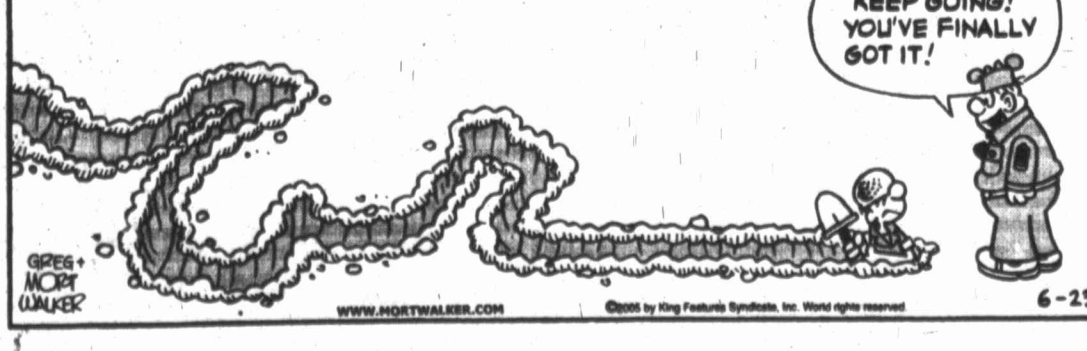
THE OTHER COAST



SNUFFY SMITH



BETLE BAILEY



This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, June 23, the 174th day of 2005. There are 191 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On June 23, 1969, Warren E. Burger was sworn in as chief U.S. justice by the man he was succeeding, Earl Warren.

On this date:
In 1868, Christopher Latham Sholes received a patent for his "Type-Writer."
In 1888, abolitionist Frederick Douglass received one vote from the Kentucky delegation at the Republican convention in Chicago, effectively making him the first black candidate nominated for U.S. president. (The nomination went to Benjamin Harrison.)
In 1892, the Democratic national convention in Chicago nominated former

President Cleveland on the first ballot.
In 1931, aviators Wiley Post and Harold Gatty took off from New York on the first round-the-world flight in a single-engine plane.
In 1947, the Senate joined the House in overriding President Truman's veto of the Taft-Hartley Act.
In 1967, President Johnson and Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin held the first of two meetings in Glassboro, N.J.
In 1972, President Nixon and White House chief of staff H.R. Haldeman discussed a plan to use the CIA to obstruct the FBI's Watergate investigation. (Revelation of the tape recording of this conversation sparked Nixon's resignation in 1974.)
In 1985, all 329 people aboard an Air-India Boeing 747 were killed when the plane crashed into the Atlantic Ocean near Ireland, apparently because of a bomb.
One year ago: In a major retreat, the United States abandoned an attempt to win a new exemption for American troops from

international prosecution for war crimes - an effort that had faced strong opposition because of the Iraqi prisoner abuse scandal.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Diana Trask is 65. Actor Bryan Brown is 58. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas is 57. Actor Paul La Greca is 43. Singer Chico DeBarge is 35. Actress Selma Blair is 33. Singer-songwriter Jason Mraz is 28.

Thought for Today:
"Suffering without understanding in this life is a heap worse than suffering when you have at least the grain of an idea what it's all for." - Mary Ellen Chase, American author (1887-1973).

Answer to previous puzzle

ARKS	ABET	RASPY
NONO	LULU	ACHOO
DOUBLEDIP	TRUED	
ESTEE	DEE	RENTA
STERNO	LEA	
SILICONCHIPS		
OBS	NERI	TEASET
LATE	SEVER	MAKE
ARARAT	ILET	YEP
FIRECRACKERS		
TAR	SALONS	
PRIDE	AVE	SEPAL
AIRD	BIGCHEESE	
SLOMO	LOGS	TRAP
TENON	ELSA	SALT

Newsday Crossword

MACABRE MISTERS by Patrick Jordan

Edited by Stanley Newman
www.stanxwords.com

ACROSS

- 1 Writer Angelou
- 5 They're kept on situations
- 9 Young hog
- 14 Stench
- 15 King or Cranston
- 16 Servant to
- 17 68 Across, in Hollywood's
- 41 Across
- 19 City near Boys Town
- 20 Be of one mind
- 21 Tour-bus occupant
- 23 Diminishes
- 26 Language suffix
- 27 Ring out
- 29 Contemptuous sounds
- 34 Colloquial pittance
- 38 Pennsylvania city
- 40 The Compleat Angler author Walton
- 41 Macabre sitcom or film
- 44 Supermarket walkway
- 45 Fire-truck accessory
- 46 Nut-brown brews
- 47 Tribal towers
- 49 Satisfy completely
- 51 Ridge, TN
- 53 Turns colors, as old newspaper
- 58 Pennsylvania city
- 63 Rob Petrie's wife
- 64 Defendant's excuse
- 65 68 Across, in TV's 41 Across
- 68 He married Morticia

DOWN

- 1 Fable finale
- 2 Old saying
- 3 Not mine, maybe
- 4 Van Gogh's The Bedroom at
- 5 T, to Theocritus
- 6 Every single one
- 7 Trout tempter
- 8 Trap with a noose
- 9 Hungary neighbor
- 10 Cronyn of Cocoon
- 11 Face-to-face exam
- 12 Dull pain
- 13 "she blows!"
- 18 It might make a general delivery
- 22 Braying beast
- 24 Pine for
- 25 Jessica Parker
- 28 VIP vehicles
- 30 Baum princess
- 31 Banister
- 32 Fairy or folk follower
- 33 "The limit!"
- 34 RBIs or KOs
- 35 Sandusky's state
- 36 Bobolink bungalow
- 37 Sayers of football
- 39 Thoreau composition
- 42 Portray as evil
- 43 Pay high honor to
- 48 Plopped down
- 50 Jazz legend Fitzgerald
- 52 2005 role for Rhames
- 54 Dogie catcher
- 55 External
- 56 Twist a wet washcloth
- 57 Former Vegas casino
- 58 Adventure story
- 59 Clumsy sort
- 60 The of the Ancient Manner
- 61 Explorer Tasman
- 62 Grindstone adjoiner?
- 66 Haw's partner
- 67 Siesta

CREATORS SYNDICATE © 2005 STANLEY NEWMAN WWW.STANXWORDS.COM 6/23/05

That's Racin'

© 2005 Charlotte Observer. Distributed by Knight Ridder/Tribune

Go online and check out www.thatracin.com for the latest information and news on stock-car racing, updated daily.

You're Cashworthy With Us!
All it takes is a job, driver's license and checking account to get the cash you need today.

Cash Advances up to \$1,000!
CASH STORE

Big Spring
1610 Gregg St.
Across from Credit World
267-1118
www.thecashstore.com

Store Hours: Mon - Fri 10am - 6pm, Sat 10am - 2pm
Loans made by Bryant State Bank, Bryant, N.C. Actual terms and loan amounts may vary. See store for details.



The squabble between drivers Rusty Wallace, left, and Ryan Newman, right, mushroomed out of an on-track incident in a race at Martinsville last fall.

Team Dysfunction

When Junior Johnson had a multicar operation, a creek ran through the property at his headquarters in Wilkes County, N.C. Darrell Waltrip's team had a shop on one side of the creek and Neil Bonnett's team was on the other, and Waltrip remembers Johnson shuttling from one side to the other spurring his teams by hinting that the boys across the creek were eager to whup up on them.

Dale Earnhardt never was a big fan of having a teammate at Richard Childress Racing, and anybody who ever had any doubt about that needed only to watch what Earnhardt would do to Mike Skinner in the draft at Talladega.

Stock-car racing's culture has worked directly against the idea of teamwork for decades. From Carl Kiekhaefer's teams in the '50s right on up to today's multicar operations, it has been a grand struggle to convince competitive people that, in the long run, they're better off to cooperate than compete with people who're supposedly on the same side.

In the past few seasons, it has become patently obvious that in today's economic and competitive environment, no team can successfully go it alone. It has been 78 races since Ricky Craven, driving for car owner Cal Wells, won a race for a single-car team with a victory at Darlington in March 2003.

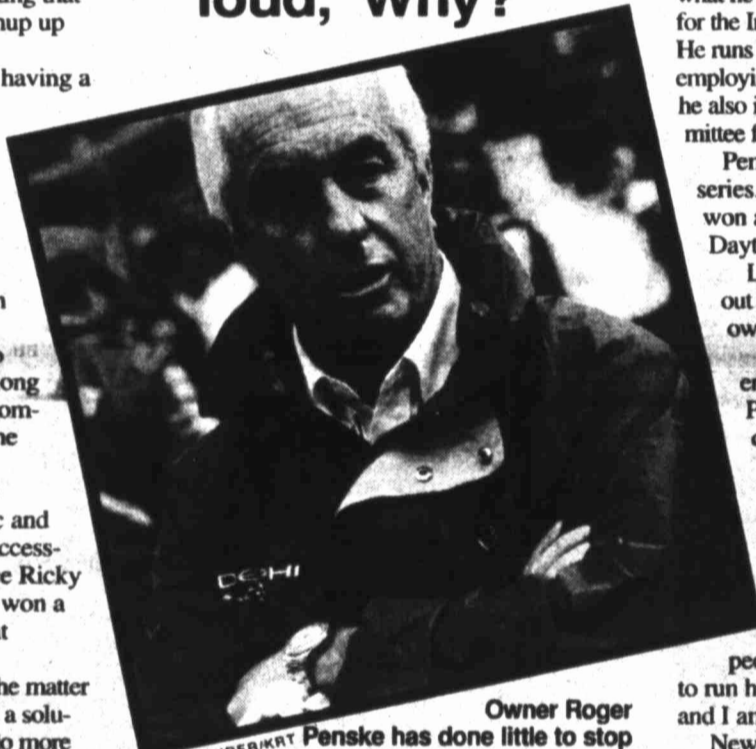
It also has become clear, however, that the matter of simply having more than one team is not a solution in itself, especially if a team strives to do more than simply survive in NASCAR's top series.

That is a lesson, however, that some teams have apparently been slow to learn. The poster children for Team Dysfunction in Nextel Cup racing in the past few months has clearly been Penske Racing South.

The squabble between drivers Rusty Wallace and Ryan Newman mushroomed out of an on-track incident in a race at Martinsville last fall. Since then, neither driver has elected to take the high road and, even for appearance's sake, made a move toward reconciliation.

"It's really two separate teams totally," Wallace said in an interview at Phoenix earlier this year. "The 12 car (Newman's) is totally off limits. It's totally a separate team. They're at one end of the shop, and it's unfortunate. I'm resigned to the fact. I'm tired of wearing myself out trying to fix it."

Destructive divide in Penske team has some wondering out loud, 'Why?'



Owner Roger Penske has done little to stop the feud between two of his drivers.

"I've beat this 12 thing to death forever, and they've got a whole different train of thought and that's fine. ... I know it's not right. There's nothing I can do about it. That particular question needs to be posed to Roger Penske."

Wallace was precisely correct about that.

The responsibility for what's happened to the stock-car teams that bear his name lay right at the auto racing and business mogul's feet. And you don't have to work for the team to figure that out.

"Maybe I'm burning a bridge I shouldn't burn, but I am shocked that upper management allows that to go on," said Jeff Burton, who drives for Richard Childress Racing. "If I was running Penske Racing, they'd either be working together or they'd be working somewhere else. That's how it would be."

"It's amazing to me that you can have that much funding and effort to win championships, and yet have that big of a division. I'd find a way to fix that. If I couldn't, then I'd have to start getting rid of people."

"It's too destructive. You can't ask teams to work together only some of the time. It's either all or nothing. There are rules and guidelines and this is how you're going to do it."

It's impossible to argue that Penske doesn't know what he's doing. He's been the winning car owner for the Indianapolis 500 an unbelievable 13 times. He runs dozens of successful business ventures, employing more than 30,000 people, and right now he also is heading up the city of Detroit's host committee for next year's Super Bowl.

Penske has 53 career victories in the Cup series. But no Penske-owned Cup car has ever won a points race at Lowe's Motor Speedway, Daytona, Talladega or Indianapolis.

Last month, Penske completed a deal to buy out Wallace, Don Miller and John Erickson's ownership interest in Penske Racing South.

Perhaps that signals the beginning of a new era for Penske's stock car operation, and that Penske is ready to start making the kind of decisions appear to be overdue.

"There were just too many partners in Team Penske, just way too many," said Wallace, who will retire as a driver at season's end. "They're all good guys, but I know in my Busch team I can do anything I want and I don't have to go get approval from four or five different people. Roger felt the same thing. He's able to run his IRL team the way he wants to run it, and I am all for him wanting to do this."

Newman should be, too. Unless Wallace, who won his Cup championship in 1989 with car owner Raymond Beadle, writes a fairy-tale ending to his brilliant career, it will fall on the 27-year-old Newman to try to bring Penske his first NASCAR crown.

Matt Borland, Newman's crew chief, has signed a new contract and Newman is about to do the same. He was being courted by other car owners, but now he says he's going nowhere.

"I never said I was going anywhere," he said recently. "I'm happy doing what I'm doing where I'm at. I'm having a lot of fun."

He'll have more fun if Penske makes it clear to Newman and Borland, to their teammates with the No. 77 Dodges driven by Travis Kvapil and to whoever is brought in to replace Wallace in the No. 2 that the infighting is what is always has been in NASCAR. History.

THIS WEEK'S RACE

DODGE/SAVE MART 350

Where: Infineon Raceway, a 1.99-mile, 12-turn road course located in Sonoma, Calif.

When: Sunday at 3:35 p.m. (all times ET). Qualifying is 6:10 p.m.

Friday.

TV: Fox.

Radio: Performance Racing Network.

Purse: \$5,322,397.

Last year's winner: Jeff Gordon.

Also this week: The NASCAR Busch and Truck series both run at The Milwaukee Mile. Reigning Busch champion Martin Truex Jr. trails rookie Reed Sorenson by 36 points entering Saturday's race. Bobby Hamilton Sr. holds a five-point lead over Dennis Setzer entering Friday's Truck race.

Worth mentioning: Jeff Gordon has scored four victories at Infineon, two more than any other driver at the track.

POLL POSITION

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Which of the drivers who would be out of the Chase for the Cup if it started today will fight his way back after 26 races?

Cast your vote at: www.thatracin.com

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

In 2007, NASCAR's top series will be renamed Sprint Cup. What do you think about the decision to change names?

Number of votes: 6,269

Voter opinion	No. of votes	Percent
Don't like it.	3,214	51%
Who cares?	2,426	39%
Not sure.	345	5.5%
I like it. Change is good.	284	4.5%

STOP 'N' GO

RANDOM THOUGHTS

WHO'S HOT

■ **Greg Biffle** is the only driver to lead at least one lap in 11 of the 15 races. He has led 953 laps this season — 312 more than Tony Stewart, the next highest lap leader.

■ **Matt Kenseth** has finished seventh or higher in two of his past three races. Prior to that he had one top-10 finish this season.

■ **Rookie Kyle Busch** has four top-10 finishes in his last five races.

■ **Joe Nemechek** and **Michael Waltrip** each have top-10 finishes in the past two races.

WHO'S NOT

■ **Dale Earnhardt Jr.** has been ranked in the top 10 in points only three times in 15 races this season. He ranked second after 15 races last season.

■ **Jeff Gordon** has fallen from second to 12th in points over the past six races.

■ **Kevin Harvick** has finished 25th in two of his past three races.

Jim Utter

BY THE NUMBERS

WINSTON CUP POINTS LEADERS

The top-40 drivers as of June 19:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. Jimmie Johnson	2173	21. Matt Kenseth	1522
2. Greg Biffle	2124	22. Brian Vickers	1484
3. Elliott Sadler	1923	23. Scott Riggs	1456
4. Carl Edwards	1914	24. Sterling Marlin	1439
5. Mark Martin	1904	25. Casey Mears	1408
6. Tony Stewart	1862	26. Bobby Labonte	1398
7. Ryan Newman	1856	27. Ken Schrader	1362
8. Rusty Wallace	1848	28. Dave Blaney	1360
9. Kurt Busch	1813	29. Mike Bliss	1347
10. Kevin Harvick	1803	30. Jeff Green	1333
11. Jamie McMurray	1799	31. Kyle Petty	1314
12. Jeff Gordon	1767	32. Travis Kvapil	1313
13. Jeremy Mayfield	1756	33. Ricky Rudd	1235
14. Michael Waltrip	1730	34. Scott Wimmer	1204
15. Dale Jarrett	1715	35. Mike Wallace	1156
16. Jeff Burton	1698	36. Jason Leffler	1070
17. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	1670	37. Bobby Hamilton Jr.	968
18. Kyle Busch	1652	38. Ryan Lepage	803
19. Joe Nemechek	1628	39. Robby Gordon	707
20. Kasey Kahne	1600	40. Hermie Sadler	467

BUSCH SERIES POINTS LEADERS

The top-20 drivers as of June 18:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. Reed Sorenson	2186	11. David Green	1709
2. Martin Truex Jr.	2150	12. Jon Wood	1571
3. Clint Bowyer	2145	13. J.J. Yeley	1516
4. Carl Edwards	2120	14. Paul Menard	1513
5. Kenny Wallace	1991	15. Randy LaJoie	1509
6. Denny Hamlin	1882	16. Kevin Harvick	1497
7. Ashton Lewis	1874	17. Stacy Compton	1490
8. David Greife	1809	18. Justin Labonte	1489
9. Greg Biffle	1764	19. Stanton Barrett	1456
10. Jason Keller	1753	20. Johnny Sauter	1443

NEXT RACE: Saturday, SBC 250, The Milwaukee Mile, West Allis, Wis.

TRUCK SERIES POINTS LEADERS

The top-10 drivers as of June 18:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. Bobby Hamilton	1429	6. Jimmy Spencer	1310
2. Dennis Setzer	1424	7. Terry Cook	1282
3. Ted Musgrave	1405	8. Matt Crafton	1275
4. Ricky Craven	1373	9. Jack Sprague	1253
5. Ron Hornaday	1328	10. David Starr	1242

NEXT RACE: Friday, Toyota Tundra Milwaukee 200, West Allis, Wis.

RANKINGS

THAT'S RACIN'S TOP PICKS

1. **Greg Biffle** (car No. 16): Can a road course and a restrictor-plate track break Roush Racing's momentum? Last week: 1.

2. **Jimmie Johnson** (car No. 48): Could this team possibly already be just sort of riding along to get to the

Chase? Last week: 2.

3. **Mark Martin** (car No. 6): No mincing words here, he admits he's points racing with the title picture in focus. Last week: 3.

4. **Carl Edwards** (car No. 99): OK, winning at Pocono on your first try is one thing. But on a road course? We'll see. Last week: 4.

5. **Elliott Sadler** (car No. 38): He's finished between sixth and 15th in 10 of 15 races this year. Those points

add up. Last week: 5.

6. **Tony Stewart** (car No. 20): He's the first to openly show frustration with losing to the same people week after week. Last week: 9.

7. **Ryan Newman** (car No. 12): People say every lap's a qualifying lap now. If that's so, why doesn't this team win? Last week: 7.

8. **Rusty Wallace** (car No. 2): Hanging in top 10. He and Martin may have something for those whip-

persnappers. Last week: 10.

9. **Jeff Gordon** (car No. 24): If his car stinks again on the road course at Sonoma, it would be time to panic. Last week: 6.

10. **Kyle Busch** (car No. 5): Rookie fought tire troubles all day and still got a top 10 at Michigan. He's coming. Last week: 12.

For the rest of the top-40 rankings, go online and visit www.thatracin.com.

Five victories later, Biffle's still not satisfied

The scary thing about what Greg Biffle's doing in Nextel Cup this season is that he's absolutely not satisfied with five victories in 15 races.

"We've had some lows this season," Biffle said after his latest victory Sunday in the Batman 400 at Michigan International Speedway. "We've had some highs, I mean, we've won five races. But at the same time we had a radiator bar go through the grille at Phoenix and then last week we lost the brakes."

Biffle also led 151 laps at Atlanta before a late-race adjustment missed the mark and he finished third. He was leading at Bristol, too, when a pit strategy decision wound up working against him.

So by the most optimistic count, Biffle could have won eight or nine of the races so far this year. That didn't happen, of course, but it does provide an indication of just how well the No.

16 Fords have been running.

"I am so thankful for where our team is to be able to win five races," Biffle said. "I just hope that we can eliminate some of the mistakes we've made. We've only made a couple, but we've got to try to close in some more in the points."

Biffle closed in to just 49 points behind Jimmie Johnson with his victory on Sunday. As hot as he has been, Biffle still hasn't led the standings this year.

That doesn't really matter much, of course, since all he needs to do is be 10th or better after 26 races to earn a shot in the Chase for the Nextel Cup.

Biffle and his crew chief, veteran Doug Richert, are already thinking about that 10-race season-ending "play-



DAVID POOLE

off" that will ultimately determine if their team fulfills what certainly looks like championship promise in 2005.

"Doug and I sat down and spent a lot of time together last week talking about what races we're going to test when the Chase comes," Biffle said. "Where are our weak points? What is our best car lineup going to be? What cars do we want to

test?" Biffle spoke several times in Sunday's winner's interview about what happened to him at Pocono, the race in between his victories at Dover and Michigan. The brake pads came off the calipers on his car there, and Biffle spent the final 50 laps of the race virtually without brakes at a track where they're important. He finished 30th on a day when

Johnson finished sixth. That's a 77-point difference that doesn't really matter now, but could be pivotal in the 10-race championship Chase.

Such problems are addressed at Tuesday meetings at Roush Racing in which Roush gathers the crew chiefs and engineers of all five of his teams to talk about not only what did happen, but what could have or should have.

"The more people who back each other up, the fewer mistakes we'll all make," Richert said.

That system certainly seemed to work Sunday, as four Roush cars finished in the top five. The team owner said he'll take that every time he can get it.

"We've endured the lulls and this is obviously a high," Roush said. "I don't expect to go to the next handful of races and have another four of the top five ... but whenever it happens I'll put it in the bank because I know that there will be bad times coming."