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## Futuristic Dell-Winston Solar Car Challenge will stop here Saturday

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

With rising gas and energy costs, the idea that solar cars will travel the highways and biways of the Lone Star State in the future should come as no surprise.

However, the future may be a lot closer than some may think.

The Dell-Winston School Solar Car Challenge, a program designed to teach high school students how to build roadworthy solar cars while providing curriculum materials, on-site

visits and workshop opportunities for schools across the country, is coming to Big Spring on Saturday.

The stop in Big Spring is only a part of the 1,500-mile, eight-day race from Round Rock to NASA's Jet Propulsion Lab in Pasadena, Calif. Teams from New York, Minnesota, Mississippi, Texas, Colorado, Arizona, California and Mexico are taking part in the annual event.

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It's all about the sun as this solar car zips along the highway. The Dell-Winston School Solar Car Challenge, a program designed to teach high school students how to build roadworthy solar cars, is coming to Big Spring on Saturday. HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

## BSHS band staying busy with fundraising

### Approximately \$400,000 needed to cover 2006 trip to perform at Carnegie Hall

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

The Big Spring High School band has excelled at performing at a number of pressure-packed situations, as evidenced by a long row of trophies on display at the band hall.

But performing at Carnegie Hall? That should be quite a different kettle of fish.

The BSHS band has been invited to perform at the legendary New York concert venue on June 4, 2006, and band personnel are understandably excited at the prospect of performing in the Big Apple.

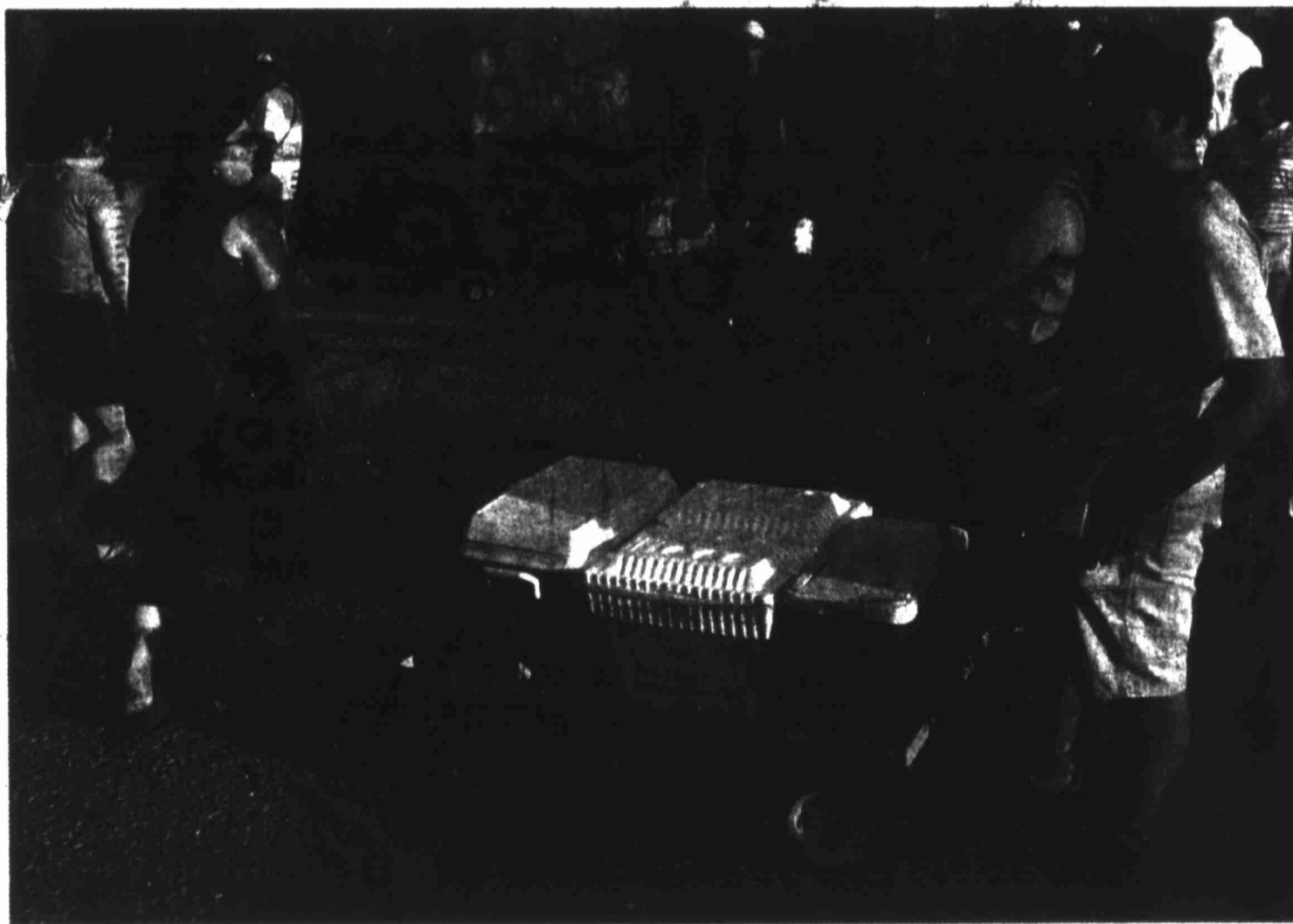
"We've been on pins and needles since we heard," BSHS Band Director Rocky Harris said. "This is a first for us and the people of Big Spring. It's been a lifelong dream to perform at Carnegie Hall."

The band qualified for the Debut Series for Young Groups at Carnegie Hall after submitting a recording of its Spring 2004 concert performance to event officials. Harris said the band received word of its acceptance in June.

"We have worked hard to put together a quality performing group here at Big Spring," Harris said. "This is kind of the culmination of a lot of hard work on the part of the people in this program."

The bad news, if there is any, is that financing a trip to New York will not be cheap. Harris estimated that it will cost between \$1,500 and \$1,700 per person, meaning that band members will have to raise about \$400,000 before next June to secure their date at Carnegie Hall.

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Big Spring High School band members Kaleb Digby, far right, and Sarah Babcock, second from right, sell food and drinks at Sunday's Pops in the Park event. The BSHS band is raising funds to finance a trip to Carnegie Hall in New York City next June. Herald photo/Steve Reagan

## Lawmakers, attorneys prepared for school funding debate

By APRIL CASTRO

Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN — A measure that would change the way Texans pay taxes for public schools won't do enough to satisfy previous court rulings, Republican House Speaker Tom Craddick says.

Nonetheless, lawmakers on Wednesday will begin debating the legislation in the statehouse. And in a courtroom less than a block away, attorneys for more than 300 school districts will make their cases to the Texas Supreme Court that the state's school funding system is flawed and does not provide the constitutionally required "general diffusion of knowledge."

Attorneys for the state are appealing a previous ruling in the case. They will argue that the system does, in fact, meet the minimum constitutional requirements and the burden to change the system lies with the Legislature, not the courts.

Craddick, who presides over the House, said Tuesday that the measure before the chamber does not solve the legal problems facing the state.

State District Judge John Dietz last year agreed with plaintiffs, ruling that the system is "financially inefficient,

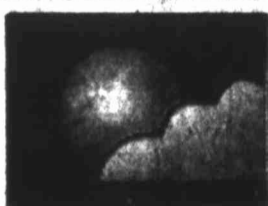
inadequate and unsuitable."

Many districts, which now tax property owners at the maximum legal amount — \$1.50 per \$100 of property value — don't have room to raise more money and still don't have enough money to meet basic education.

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### DRUGS THAT HARMED



When Tami Melum hugs her heart-shaped pillow, she can feel the pain of the past three years seep into the surgical scar on her chest.

"It reminds me of how the kids and my husband suffered," Melum said of the pillow, given to her after open-heart surgery. See Page 6A

### COMING THIS WEEKEND



Cover Story: For 67 years, competition has attracted youthful drivers to the All-American Soap Box Derby, in which hundreds of competitors race non-motorized cars down a 954-foot track in Akron, Ohio, in hopes of capturing the national title.

### G-8 SUMMIT

Compromise appeared within reach today among the world's most industrialized nations on relieving Africa's crushing poverty and combating global warming.

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# G-8 trying to reach compromise on Africa, global warming

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER  
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GLENEAGLES, Scotland — Compromise appeared within reach on Wednesday among the world's most industrialized nations on relieving Africa's crushing poverty and combating global warming.

President Bush and other leaders of the Group of Eight nations were to begin arriving at this posh golf resort. Their three days of annual discussions were beginning over dinner at the Gleneagles hotel.

Protesters who have vowed to disrupt the summit were already in place. A group of about 100 activists smashed car windows, threw rocks and attempted to block one of the main roads leading to this luxury resort, prompting police to call off a riot march in a nearby village on the grounds public safety could not be guaranteed.

Police with armor, helmets and shields formed a

chain across the closed main highway to Gleneagles from the Scottish capital of Edinburgh.

Leaders' aides, meanwhile, met behind closed doors on the two issues British Prime Minister Tony Blair has made the main focus of this year's summit.

Bush cleared the way for one compromise when he pledged last week to double U.S. support for Africa to more than \$8.6 billion by 2010, up from the \$4.3 billion the United States provided last year. That amount wouldn't nearly meet Blair's target for summit nations to increase Africa aid to 0.7 percent of their gross national product, but still would be far higher than any previous U.S. administration's commitment.

Bush, stopping in Denmark on the way to Scotland, warned that he would emphasize the need for African nations to commit to good governance.

"I don't know how we

can look our taxpayers in the eye and say, this is a good deal to give money to countries that are corrupt," he said. "What were interested in ... is helping people and, therefore, we have said that well give aid, absolutely, well cancel debt, you bet. But we want to make sure that the governments invest in their people, invest in the health of their people, the education of their people and fight corruption."

Compromise has proven even tougher on Blair's other key issue, developing a plan to curb emissions of greenhouse gases, with U.S. officials lobbying behind the scenes against setting any specific goals or timetables for emission reductions as called for in the 1997 Kyoto Protocol.

Sir Michael Jay, Blair's representative in the discussions, called the negotiations "pretty intense." He predicted the G-8 would reach an accord that recognized the problem and the need to com-

bat it. The United States is the only G-8 country that has not ratified the Kyoto Protocol. The United States has been at odds with most of the other nations regarding global warming, saying further study is needed about scientific findings on climate change.

Bush said in Denmark that "the surface of the Earth is warmer and that an increase in greenhouse gases caused by humans is contributing to the problem."

However, he made plain that mandatory targets are off the table. He referred repeatedly to the Kyoto treaty in the past tense, even though it took effect in February, and said the goal for his plan is to control greenhouse gases merely "as best as possible."

Bush said he "can't wait" to talk with summit colleagues about the United States' alternative proposed approach, which stresses spreading clean-energy technologies to

both developed and developing nations.

"I think there's a better way forward," Bush said. "I would call it the post-Kyoto era, where we can work together to share technologies."

Blair was expected to try to salvage the climate change issue by shifting debate away from disagreements with the United States and toward gaining support for emission controls in China. The country's surging economy has made it the world's second biggest producer of greenhouse gases after the United States.

In addition to boosting aid for Africa, the G-8 leaders were expected to endorse a deal their finance ministers reached in June to wipe out \$40 billion in debt that 18 poor countries — 14 of them in Africa — owe international lending agencies including the World Bank.

Blair also was pushing the rich nations to reach agreement on cutting the

farm subsidies that they give their farmers but which depress imports from poor nations.

Bush has said the best way to deal with agricultural subsidies is for Europe and the United States to jointly agree to get rid of them through the Doha Round of global trade talks.

This year's G-8 talks at an 850-acre resort marked the third consecutive summit held at remote, sealed-off locales. Those decisions followed the 2001 summit in Genoa, Italy, when hundreds of thousands of protesters clashed violently with police.

In addition to the two key issues Blair selected, the discussions are expected to cover the world's political hot spots, from Iraq to the Middle East peace process and the nuclear ambitions of Iran and North Korea.

Energy was also expected to occupy discussion time as leaders grapple with ways to halt a surge in global oil prices.

## RACE

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race coordinator, said he drove approximately 6,000 miles throughout the United States to choose the route for the race in an effort to make the trip as educational for the youth participating as possible.

"When I set up this

race, my goal was to take the students through communities that were representative of their states," said Marks. "I drove 6,000 miles during this set up process, met hundreds of people and looked at too many parking lots."

"I decided on Big Spring because of the kindness of its citizens, the central focus of the Heart of the City Park and the history of the community. I'm

very impressed with Big Spring."

The race will make its way into the Heart of the City Park Saturday between 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. Mayor Russ McEwen and Dale Coates are slated to restart the race at 9 a.m. Sunday.

Solar race drivers will leave Big Spring, traveling 184.2 miles to Carlsbad, N.M., where they will stop for the

night.

Marks said the race alternates between a track-style race, held at Texas Motor Speedway on even-numbered years, and a cross-country race on odd-numbered years.

"The first Challenge in 1995 attracted 90 schools, leading to nine teams actually building cars for the 1995 race," said Marks. "Three cars qualified to run. Eight cars

qualified for the 1997 race, a 600-mile cross-country event from Dallas to San Antonio. The Dell-Winston Solar Challenge now hosts annual events based on the speedway's support."

In 2002, Dell Computers became the title sponsor of the Winston Solar Challenge. Dell hosted the 2002 closed-track race at the Texas Motor Speedway, the 2003 race

to Florida's Solar Energy Center, the 2004 race at Texas Motor Speedway, and this year's 1,500-mile cross-country race.

For more information on the program, visit [www.winstonsolar.org](http://www.winstonsolar.org)

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al needs. Dietz ruled that the school property tax cap amounts to a statewide property tax, which is unconstitutional in Texas.

The tax bill being debated in the House on Wednesday doesn't satisfy that part of Dietz ruling, Craddick said.

"It would temporarily give you some more room to move, but I don't think it solves the problem over the long haul," Craddick said.

The tax bill, which could change significantly during floor debate Wednesday, would lower property taxes but pay for

it with a higher state sales tax and by closing loopholes in state's main business tax. The sales tax base also would be expanded to include bottled water, auto repair, and certain computer goods and services. The bill would increase the cigarette tax by \$1.

The suing districts also argued that the current system violates the state's responsibility to provide an adequate education to Texas school children. Dietz agreed, ruling that the "constitutional mandate of adequacy exceeds the maximum amount of funding that is available under the state's current funding formulas."

Reducing the property taxes for homeowners has

been a rallying cry for many Republican legislators. Critics argue that the state can't afford to choke off the money stream that is used to pay for public schools when many districts are facing deep budget cuts.

"While our ship is sinking, they're drilling more holes in the boat, so ultimately we'll sink even faster," said Rep. Pete Gallego, D-Alpine. "We're not buying textbooks, not financing buildings, not paying our teachers ... so the educational system continues on sailing the way it is and as our ship continues to sink, we're drilling additional holes into the ship."

Dietz also agreed with the districts that the

state's failure to provide consistent and dependable funding for building construction means that property poor districts do not have substantially equal access to facilities funding, also in violation of the state constitution.

Dietz said the state must stop funding public schools by Oct. 1 of this year if the constitutional violations are not corrected, although that deadline is on hold because the state appealed the ruling.

The all-Republican Texas Supreme Court could take weeks or months to make its decision and Perry made it clear he, too, wants the Legislature, not the courts, to decide the outcome.

## BAND

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Members of the band and boosters already have hit the fundraising trail with vendors booths at the recent Pops in the Park and Fantastic Fourth events. And several similar efforts are planned in the near future.

Harris said persons wishing to donate money or help in the fundraising effort are welcome to contact him at the BSHS band hall, 264-3641, ext. 170.

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## OTHER VIEWS

Supreme Court  
needs another  
like O'Connor

A vacancy on the U.S. Supreme Court has always aroused considerable interest, but in recent years the process has become more politicized and nasty. Voters should be able to hope that the processing of replacing Sandra Day O'Connor could be handled with statesmanship and compromise.

President Bush got the process off to a decent start by announcing that he would not immediately put forth a nominee.

"I will be deliberate and thorough in this process," Bush said, announcing that we would not make any decision until he returns from a trip to Europe next Friday. An administration spokesman said Bush would consult with Republican and Democratic senators about his nominee.

That kind of mutual respect would be welcome, even if Democrats are junior partners in the discussion. The president deserves the chance to nominate someone who shares his philosophy, and Republicans hold a 55-44-1 edge in the Senate. Yet Democratic senators share the constitutional right of "advice and consent" and don't have to roll over for anyone.

Bush could avoid a bitter confirmation battle by nominating a respectable jurist, not an ideologue. If he does, Democrats should confirm him or her regardless of the nominee's views on abortion or any other issue. Bush doesn't have to nominate a woman, but at some point the court should have another woman besides Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

If the president is looking for a guide, he wouldn't go wrong in finding someone like O'Connor, the first woman to sit on the nation's highest court. She was nominated by President Reagan and generally voted as a conservative.

Yet she showed an independent streak too and wasn't afraid to confound predictions. Another jurist who could carry on her legacy of thoughtfulness and reverence for the law would serve the nation well.

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## Pot bellied hunting blinds selling

A company in Eldorado makes fiberglass tanks for oil fields and ranches. A few years ago a new product was added. Pot bellied hunting blinds.

"They're small on both ends and bigger in the middle," says Doug Garvin, one of the partners in G & G

Manufacturing. "They give you the elbow room you need when you're swinging your gun around. There's a safety factor there, too."

Doug and his partners got the idea for the unusual looking blind just by talking about what the hunters needed. They wanted something that was convenient.

"It'll all break down so it'll fit in the back of a pickup. You can actually haul three blinds in a

pickup. The tower and blind break down. All the pieces fit inside the top of the blind."

Doug says the extra room in the middle is one feature that makes the blind appealing to hunters.

"It's 5 feet, 10 inches at the center and 4 feet on the floor. It's 6 feet, 2 inches tall. A normal size person can stand up in it."

You can set one up in about 45 minutes.

"All the holes are pre-drilled and the nuts are already in the parts and all you do is run a bolt in there. All you need is one seven-sixteenth socket and a punch. That'll pretty well do it. The blinds are lightweight, only about 180 pounds."

Response to the pot bellied blinds has been good.

"We've sold them all over. Up into Canada and down into Mexico. And they're good for where it's cold because they have good insulating properties. We've had people use them for ice fishing and photography platforms as

well as hunting. We've sent them up to Colorado where they use them to watch for fires. We have shelves in the corners and gun rests and all kinds of little extra features. Sliding Plexiglas windows and indoor-outdoor floor carpeting come standard. The blinds have a 360 degree viewing area."

Most of the blinds are olive drab in color, but they have been made in other colors. When they send them down in the Pandale area, they have to be sort of a brownish gray color to blend in with the rocks.

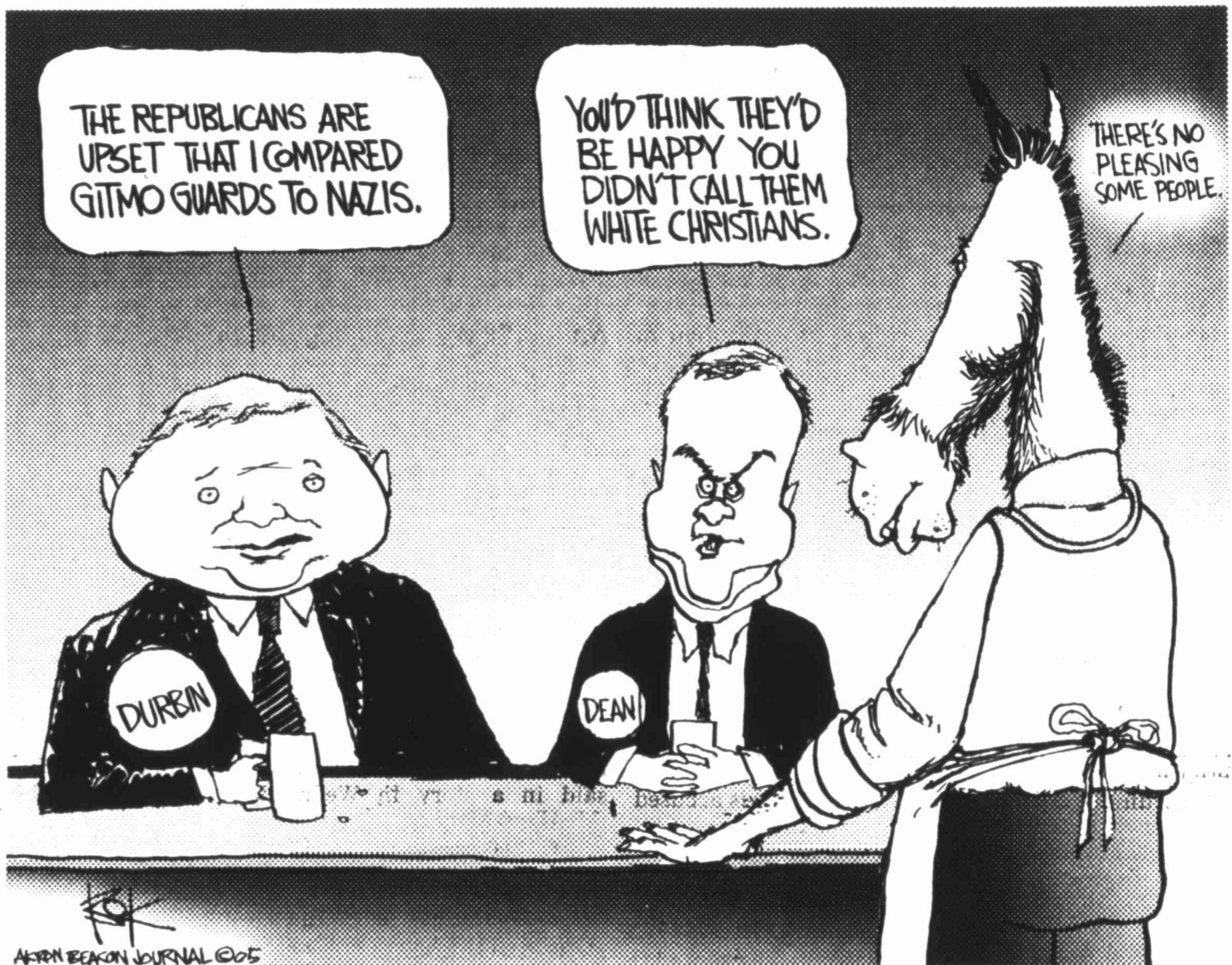
The blinds don't have to be mounted on a tower. Some hunters use them as a ground blind. Some even mount them on the back of a jeep.

They came up with the name pot bellied blinds just from kicking around names. Doug is pleased with the way the blinds are being received.

"It's pretty good to be able to stay in your hometown and do what you enjoy doing."



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## What was the court thinking?

As one who cares a whale of a lot more about personal rights than property rights, let me leap right into the fray over a Supreme Court decision on the side of the property rights advocates, many of whom I normally consider nutballs. But at least they're more in touch with reality than a majority of the Supreme Court.

The justice who nailed this one was Sandra Day O'Connor, bless her. She wrote in dissent: "The beneficiaries are likely to be those citizens with disproportionate influence and power in the political process, including large corporations and development firms. As for the victims, the government now has license to transfer property from those with fewer resources to those with more. The Founders cannot have intended this perverse result."

The court ruled 5-4 that local governments may use the power of eminent domain to confiscate private homes and turn them over to private developers, who will make more profitable use of them, tax-wise. The case came out of New London, Conn., a city that had lost tens of thousands of jobs and had an unemployment rate twice that of the rest of the state.

In the late 1990s, the Pfizer drug company decided to build a \$300 million research campus next-door to 32 acres the city had acquired after the Navy closed a facility there. The state pledged \$7 million to open the waterfront to the public, fill in the flood plain and clean up the area, which has environmental hazards. The city also came up with a redevelopment plan that includes marinas, parks, private offices, condos and a hotel.

But seven of the 90 landowners in the area refused to sell.

The court essentially extended the use of eminent domain — the right by which the government can seize private property to use for public purposes in exchange for fair market value — to include for-profit development.

Well, sure, that sounds just dandy — parks, marina, riverfront walk — all a lot nicer than some blighted area. "Public purposes" usually means roads, schools, bridges and — if you are George W. Bush — a baseball stadium in Arlington, Texas. But the five justices in the majority on this decision clearly know little to nothing about local government.

The majority noted that "economic development" has long been considered a public good.

"Jobs, jobs, jobs," is the eternal cry of the economic development lobby, which always stands to profit from whatever abomination is about to be foisted on the public. I'm not arguing that bigger is better or worse, I'm arguing that local governments are likely to seize on any chance to increase their tax base. We've got places in Texas that beg for prisons, chemical complexes, even nuclear waste dumps.

What it doesn't mean is a better place to live, which I gather is what the Supreme Court majority had in mind with this decision. Those who naively trust local governments to make wise decisions clearly haven't been paying attention. The main difference between the feds and the locals is that it costs more to buy the feds. And I don't like cynics.

Many, many "economic development" decisions are made after an all-expenses-paid jaunt for local officials to the home location of a corporation, or after a pleasant discussion over lunch after a round of golf at a country club. Too cynical for you?

Look, a Wal-Mart brings in more

tax dollars than 10 mom-and-pop stores. A chemical plants brings in more than the local shrimpers, especially after it kills off all the shrimp. Just like Monopoly, your property is worth more with a hotel on it than a house. Sure, you can get fair market value for your house — although fair, as was the case with George Bush's baseball stadium — is often in the eye of the beholder.

If you can convince any elected official in Texas that there is a higher good than "a healthy business climate," you let me know about it. The rivers and bays, the aquifers, the air we breathe — none of that has ever stood in the way of economic development in this state.

People have the most remarkable ability to convince themselves that what they are doing is for the greater good if they are also making a great deal of money out of it. Or, as Upton Sinclair put it, "It is difficult to get a man to understand something when his salary depends upon his not understanding it."

People excuse this kind of thing by saying, "You can't stop progress." "Progress" of this sort doesn't happen through some inexorable law, it usually happens because the law and the political system have been bought by huge economic interests. Corporations can file lawsuits and defend lawsuits longer than a normal human can live, and they can make more generous campaign contributions than any seven homeowners will ever be able to come up with.

I repeat: I am not a cynic. But I am a realist.

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## TEXAS NEWS BRIEFS

### Border sheriffs to discuss security issues

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Sheriffs along the Texas-Mexico border say they're exhausted with dealing with the overflow of illegal immigration.

The toll on manpower, fuel and equipment has reached such an alarming level, they say, that the sheriffs from the 16 Texas counties along the border formed an alliance and planned to discuss the problem Wednesday and Thursday in Del Rio, a border town about 150 miles west of San Antonio.

Calling themselves the Texas Border Sheriff's Coalition, the group formed in May and is seeking more federal and state funding to pay for the costs of illegal immigration that county budgets can't afford, coalition members said.

"The coalition feels the federal government is not adequately protecting the border," said Zapata County Sheriff Sigifredo Gonzalez, coalition president. "If anything happens along the border, we'd be the first ones to respond."

The U.S. Border Patrol doesn't have enough resources to secure the entire 1,200-mile Texas-Mexico border, especially from the influx of suspected illegal immigrants who hail from countries other than Mexico, including Arab nations where terrorist cells are known to exist, said Webb County Sheriff Rick Flores. His county's border with Mexico extends about 80 miles.

### Woman wants softball rules changed

BEAUMONT (AP) — The mother of a 21-year-old Beaumont man who died after a freak softball accident wants to see helmets required for players in amateur softball leagues.

"He'd have been the first one to gripe, but they all need to wear helmets," Kerry Ehrensberger said in a story in Wednesday's Beaumont Enterprise. "Maybe if he'd have worn a helmet, he'd still be here."

Adam Wade Ehrensberger was hit in the head by a softball while running for home plate during a game June 29. He collapsed in a coma in his brother's arms after the ball thrown by the shortstop hit him behind his left ear. He died Saturday.

"The bone chip severed a vein, which resulted in internal bleeding, and the impact of the ball shifted everything in the brain to the right," his sister Kristi Gallander said. "After surgery, when everything shifted back, it had just been too much shifting, too much swelling and blood flow was cut off."

Friends and family gathered Tuesday night to share stories about the young man.

The player's heart was donated to a 50-year-old Texas man. Other organs also were donated.

### San Antonio police officer arrested

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A San Antonio police officer has been arrested on an allegation of aggravated sexual assault.

The arrest of Dean Gutierrez was announced Tuesday by Police Chief Albert Ortiz at a news conference.

According to a police affidavit, the officer is accused of forcing a man to engage in sexual acts on June 10. The victim was at a bus stop when the officer asked him if he had any warrants, according to the affidavit.

After discovering that the man had a warrant, the officer told him to get in the car or go to jail, the affidavit stated. The officer then took the man to another location and forced him to have sex, according to the affidavit.

### IRS investigating televangelist's operation

DALLAS (AP) — The Internal Revenue Service is looking into the operations and finances of televangelist Benny Hinn's organization, according to a published report.

The IRS wouldn't discuss the case, but a representative for Benny Hinn Ministries confirmed to The Dallas Morning News that the inquiry is under way, characterizing it as routine.

Critics have argued that Hinn improperly profits from a ministry that hasn't met the IRS definition of a church for years. The ministry is estimated to raise more than \$100 million a year.

But his public relations contractor dismissed the possibility that tax exemptions could be at risk. Hinn spokesman Ronn Torossian said the ministry has "fully cooperated with the IRS" and is not being audited.

Hinn's ministry, formally renamed the World Healing Center Church in 2000, has had its administrative and mail-processing headquarters in Grapevine since a year earlier. Hinn, 52, and his family live in California.

According to documents provided to the newspaper by a watchdog group, the inquiry into the ministry began a year ago and the IRS has asked for dozens of detailed answers. The Trinity Foundation has investigated Hinn for more than a decade.

Hinn ministry responses to IRS questions and a purported salary list for ministry officials are among documents that Trinity members said they salvaged from trash bins outside Hinn-related offices.

The salary document lists Hinn as CEO and his annual earnings as \$1.325 million. Attorneys for the ministry, in a letter to The News, said the document was either a fake or had been stolen.

The newspaper found that another watchdog group's complaint to the IRS — that the ministry lacks financial oversight and independent governance — may have led the agency to question the operation through what's called a church tax-inquiry letter.

Wall Watchers, a North Carolina-based advocacy group for religious donors, recently issued an alert about the Hinn ministry through its Ministry Watch Web site.

Wall Watchers sent a letter to the IRS early last year calling for an investigation of the Hinn Ministry, said Rod Pitzer, Wall Watchers' research director.

Hinn and his attorneys, who declined to be interviewed, have maintained the ministry uses proper accounting.

### Not guilty verdict in sugar cane deaths

EDINBURG (AP) — A jury determined Tuesday that sugar growers were not negligent in the deaths of illegal immigrants who died when a South Texas sugar cane field was set on fire to help clear it for harvest.

Relatives of three of the six people from Mexico and Guatemala killed near Raymondville in March 2003 sued Rio Grande Sugar Growers Inc. for \$20 million in damages. They claimed the co-op was negligent in its harvesting methods and knew immigrants might use the tall sugar stalks to hide.

The Rio Grande Valley Sugar Growers Inc. is a co-op of about 130 farmers with Texas' only sugar mill.

Attorneys for the relatives of Mauricio Perez Guzman, Rosa Perez Guzman and Angel Gabriel Pineda claimed the co-op's warning system and burning technique were flawed. Burning all four sides of a field leaves no escape, family attorney Juan Gonzalez said in a story in Wednesday's editions of The (McAllen) Monitor.

The co-op's attorneys, Charles Willette and Joe Hernandez, said burning all four sides of the field controls the fire.

The sugar mill should not be held responsible for choices made by the illegal immigrants, who were voluntarily hiding in the fields to avoid immigration officials, according to the co-op's attorneys.

"There is no doubt that this was a tragedy. No one at the sugar mill — no one — wanted these people to lose their lives," Willette said. "There is no doubt in our mind that the warnings were played, and that they were clear."

Hernandez went through a detailed timeline of the

events the day of the harvesting, from when sugar mill employees began warnings from their trucks to when the fire was out.

"I don't think anybody's going to know why these six individuals didn't get out of the field," he said.

The family's attorneys claimed that the people stayed in the field either because they did not hear the warning messages or the messages were not persuasive enough.

The sugar mill first began using its current warning system after a 1988 incident, when one man was killed and another injured during harvesting. Staff began posting orange flags on all four corners of the fields warning trespassers to keep out and get out.

Warnings in English and Spanish are now broadcast at two different times from trucks that canvass the fields, looking for signs of trespassers.

### Progress made on big Davis Mountains fire

FORT DAVIS (AP) — Firefighters battling hot, windy conditions had a lightning-ignited blaze in the Davis Mountains mostly contained early Tuesday evening.

The fire has scorched about 2,000 acres since Saturday at the Caldwell Ranch in Jeff Davis County. The incident commander declared the fire 75 percent contained, said Ron Perry, a spokesman for the Texas Forest Service.

About 80 firefighters were battling the fire, which got within 4 to 5 miles of the McDonald Observatory. The observatory and visitor center were open.

"There's been no injuries, no structures lost and there have been no evacuations ordered," Perry said.

Texas Army National Guard Blackhawk helicopters dropped 77,000 gallons of water mixed with firefighting foam on the hottest spots of the fire Monday. Figures weren't available on Tuesday's drops.

Meanwhile, crews Tuesday continued to monitor the site of a 500-acre fire on Chinati Peak south of Marfa. The fires were among several to break out over the weekend in parched West Texas.

State and federal forestry officials warned of an extremely high fire danger throughout Texas. Drought conditions have left most of the state with severe fire danger warnings.

Outdoor burning bans were in effect in at least 105 of Texas' 254 counties. The Tarrant County Commissioners Court approved a 90-day ban on Tuesday.

"For our residents in the rural areas, we suggest that you make sure that you keep an area of about 30 feet mowed around your home and outbuildings to prevent a fire from reaching your structures," said Randy Renois, fire marshal for the county, which includes Fort Worth.

In national forests and grasslands in the state, fires are allowed only in gas and propane grills, lanterns, and stoves in developed recreation areas. Smoking is limited to enclosed vehicles and buildings, developed recreation sites or in 3-foot circular areas cleared of flammable material.

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# Weight-loss drugs did more harm than good

By Susan Kelleher

The Seattle Times  
SEATTLE — When Tami Melum hugs her heart-shaped pillow, she can feel the pain of the past three years seep into the surgical scar on her chest.

"It reminds me of how the kids and my husband suffered," Melum said of the pillow, which was given to her after open-heart surgery and usually sits on a bedroom dresser in her home. "I keep it there as a reminder."

Melum, 39, took weight-loss drugs so she could feel healthier and keep up with her two boys, now 11 and 13. The drugs nearly killed her.

After being prescribed Redux and a drug combination known as "phen-fen," Melum developed heart damage so severe that in 2002 surgeons had to cut open her chest and heart and install an artificial valve.

She is a tragic testament to what can go wrong in a system where the powerful pharmaceutical industry influences what constitutes a disease, who has it, and how it should be treated.

Before taking the drugs, Melum was overweight but healthy: Her cholesterol, blood pressure and blood sugar were all normal.

But that wasn't enough. By the mid-1990s, the medical establishment had changed its mind about people such as Melum. Some of the world's most prominent obesity experts, with backing from the drug industry and medical societies, defined obesity as a stand-alone "disease" that caused premature death and needed to be treated with drugs.

Suddenly, Tami Melum and millions like her were, by definition, sick.

In making obesity a disease, these experts helped create a billion-dollar market for the drugs that maimed Melum, killed hundreds, and damaged the hearts and lungs of tens of thousands.



Tami Melum, of Sedro-Woolley, Washington, holds a pillow that was signed by friends and family and given to her after she underwent open-heart surgery to repair severe damage caused by weight-loss drugs. The drugs were pulled from the market. In the background is her husband, Glenn.

The story of obesity shows how it became acceptable for doctors to risk killing or injuring people on the premise that it would save them from illnesses they might never get.

How did the fight against fat reach this point?

It started more than a decade ago as drug companies and their scientific consultants increasingly promoted using a Body Mass Index (BMI) of 30 as the trigger point for when someone should be treated for obesity, including being prescribed weight-loss drugs.

The BMI is a height-to-weight ratio that provides a rough estimate of body fat. Adapted from life-insurance company measures three decades ago, the BMI not only measures obesity but also sets ranges for "ideal weight" and "overweight."

With the dividing line between being overweight and obese set at a BMI of 30, a 5-foot-10 person would be obese once he

weighed 209 pounds or more. About 30 percent of the nation's adults are estimated to be obese.

At the time the BMI standard was being promoted as a disease, only two prescription weight-loss drugs were available in the United States: phentermine, approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in 1959, and fenfluramine, sold as Pondimin, approved in 1973.

In the early 1990s, doctors began prescribing them together for weight loss, and a diet craze took off.

The FDA had not signed off on the safety of the two being used together. This "off-label" use of phen-fen therefore carried unknown risks for patients and their prescribing doctors.

With the patent on Pondimin soon to expire, a drug company formulated a blend of molecules in the two drugs and created Redux, dexfenfluramine. Like phen-fen, it gave its users the feeling of being

full.

With a new drug in the pipeline, the industry and its experts demonstrated a new urgency to define obesity as a chronic disease that should be treated with its own drug.

In May 1995, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) asked 24 experts to write guidelines for diagnosing and treating obesity.

The expert panel officially defined obesity as a BMI of 30 or higher, and overweight as a BMI above 25 and below 30. The panel, which included the pharmacologist

who created the phen-fen combo, was criticized for its ties to the drug and weight-loss industries.

In fall 1995, the FDA first took up the approval of Redux, owned at the time by Interneuron Pharmaceuticals. If approved,

At the hearings, Interneuron presented data showing an obesity pandemic and said desperate measures were required to stop it from prematurely killing 300,000 Americans a year.

That controversial figure came from weight-loss experts and

researchers who used epidemiological data from decades-old health studies to build the case that excess body fat was a crisis more urgent than even AIDS. They estimated the economic cost in health care, including associated heart attacks, diabetes and other diseases, to be more than \$60 billion a year.

The high costs and daunting death toll bolstered support for physicians to apply risky treatments to the obese, such as gastric bypass surgery, stomach banding or long-term courses of drugs that would be too dangerous to give to healthy people.

Although phen-fen and Redux were billed as life-savers, they also were known to have fatal side effects in certain cases.

At the FDA hearing, Interneuron and its experts presented grisly calculations in support of Redux's approval: For every nine people who died from the drug in a given year, 280 people would be saved from premature deaths.

The company's chief scientific officer, Dr. Bobby Sandage, told the FDA panel that, despite expected deaths, the drug had "a highly favorable safety profile given the morbidity and mortality of obesity."

Dr. JoAnn Manson, a Harvard medical professor, making a presentation on behalf of the drug maker, said her research showed that even modest weight loss - as little as 11 pounds - would "substantially reduce morbidity and mortality."

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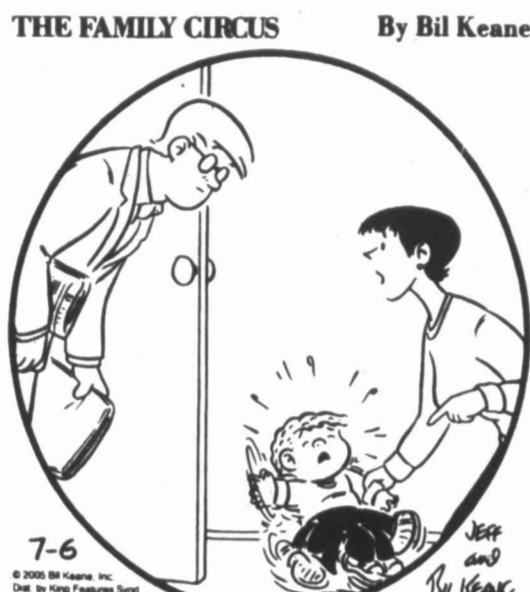
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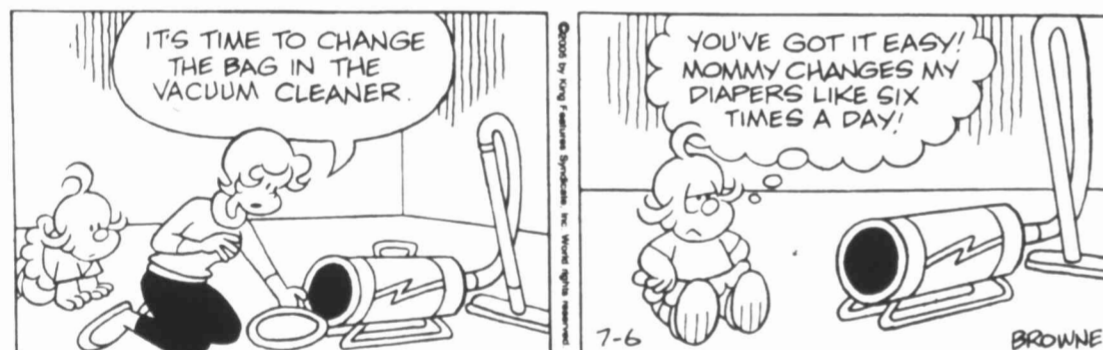
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, July 6, the 187th day of 2005. There are 178 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 6, 1945, President Truman signed an executive order establishing the Medal of Freedom.

On this date: In 1535, Sir Thomas More was executed in England for treason.

In 1854, the first official meeting of the Republican Party took place in Jackson, Mich.

In 1917, during World War I, Arab forces led by T.E. Lawrence captured the port of Aqaba from the Turks.

In 1923, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics was formed.

In 1945, Nicaragua became the first nation to formally accept the United Nations Charter.

In 1957, Althea Gibson became the first black tennis player to win a Wimbledon singles title, defeating fellow American Darlene Hard 6-3, 6-2.

In 1967, the Biafran War erupted in Nigeria. (The war, which lasted 2 1/2 years, claimed some 600,000 lives.)

In 1989, the U.S. Army destroyed its last Pershing 1-A missiles at an ammunition plant in Karnack, Texas, under terms of the 1987 Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces Treaty.

Ten years ago: The prosecution rested at the O.J. Simpson murder trial in Los Angeles.

Five years ago: Venus Williams beat her younger sister Serena 6-2, 7-6 (3) to reach the Wimbledon final; their singles match was the first between sisters in a Grand Slam semifinal.

One year ago: A U.S. fighter pilot who'd mistakenly bombed Canadian soldiers in Afghanistan in 2002, killing four, was found guilty in New Orleans of dereliction of duty; Major Harry Schmidt was reprimanded and docked a month's pay.

Birthdays: Former first lady Nancy Reagan is 84. Talk show host Merv Griffin is 80. Singer-actress Della Reese is 74. Actress Ned Beatty is 68. Country singer Jeannie Seely is 65. President Bush is 59. Actor-director Sylvester Stallone is 59. Actor Geoffrey Rush is 54. Country singer Nanci Griffith is 52. Country musician John Jorgenson is 49. Hockey player Ron Duguay is 48. Rapper 50 Cent is 29. Actress Tia Mowry is 27. Actress Tamera Mowry is 27. Actor Jeremy Suarez ("Bernie Mac") is 15.

Thought for Today: "On the outskirts of every agony sits some observant fellow who points." - Virginia Woolf, English author and critic (1882-1941).

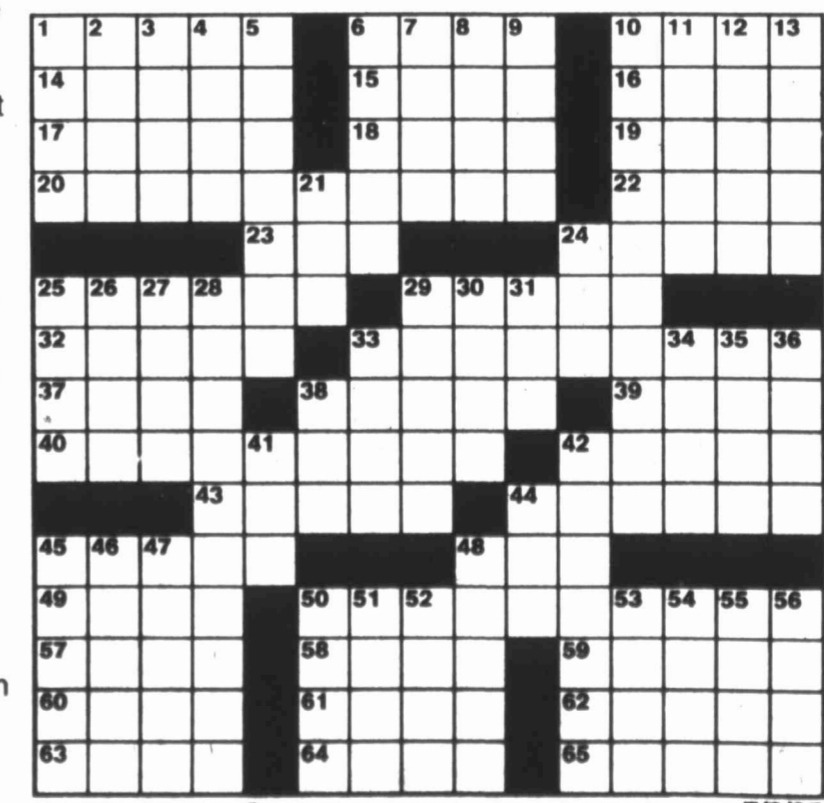
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Newsday Crossword

SEE THE SEA by Daniel R. Stark  
Edited by Stanley Newman  
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- ACROSS
- 1 Thick slices
- 6 Fly high
- 10 Guardian's charge
- 14 Physicist Nikola
- 15 Gait
- 16 Jai
- 17 Do the trick
- 18 Accusation from Caesar
- 19 Leaf's rib
- 20 Dip dipper
- 22 European volcano
- 23 They were elected
- 24 Fluster
- 25 Ready to roll
- 29 Hen
- 32 Pet pleas
- 33 Risk taker
- 37 Limerick locale
- 38 People
- 39 Invited
- 40 Medicine-chest items
- 42 Data storage units
- 43 Like a tablet
- 44 Attacks
- 45 Critical remark
- 48 Except for
- 49 Venice money, once
- 50 See sites online
- 57 Software buyer
- 58 October birthstone
- 59 Wear away
- 60 Housing fee
- 61 Ricci of fashion
- 62 Fish habitat
- 63 Mice, to owls
- 64 Agitated state
- 65 Hound's trail
- DOWN
- 1 Play the lead
- 2 Strauss of jeans
- 3 PDQ
- 4 Object on radar
- 5 Ventures (forth)
- 6 Glasses, slangily
- 7 Pledge
- 8 Play starter
- 9 Take another tour of duty
- 10 Directive to a tot
- 11 Prince Valiant's wife
- 12 Pours or sprinkles
- 13 Alice's cat
- 21 Med. specialty
- 24 Do arithmetic
- 25 Famous last word
- 26 R2-D2's owner
- 27 Petty or Loughlin
- 28 Where a fabulous time was had
- 29 Made hay bundles
- 30 Annoys
- 31 Moines
- 33 Mete (out)
- 34 Large tanks
- 35 Sudden thought
- 36 For fear that
- 38 Bygone auto ornament
- 41 7 Down for Hamlet
- 42 Annoys
- 44 Reaction location?
- 45 Drink noisily
- 46 More sensible
- 47 Peace goddess
- 48 Black piano key
- 50 Some business partners
- 51 Go smoke
- 52 Sari wearer
- 53 10th-century explorer
- 54 Made a tapestry
- 55 Blissful spot
- 56 Friend of Ernie





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