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Organizers hope for annual event

Prairie Dog Fly-In planned Saturday morning at local airpark

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

A "day trip for pilots" is scheduled for this weekend when the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark hosts the Prairie Dog Fly-In.

The event, which officials hope to turn into an annual affair, is being looked at as a way to showcase the airpark and surrounding area to visiting pilots from across the area.

Jim Little, airpark manager, is hopeful that between 30 and 40 pilots will accept the facility's invitation for breakfast and hospitality Saturday morning.

"(For local residents),



A group of people watch the planes at a recent fly-in. McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark will host the Prairie Dog Fly-In Saturday.

it's a chance for them to come out and ... have fun talking and comparing notes with other pilots."

Little said. "(For visitors) it's a chance to have some fun, have some breakfast, then still get home in

time to spend time with the family."

Visiting pilots will receive tours of both the airpark and Hangar 25 Air Museum to go along with the breakfast. In addition, Little said awards will be presented to the oldest pilot, oldest plane and visitor from farthest away.

Breakfast for visiting pilots is free; otherwise, the cost is \$5.

Little envisions the event becoming an annual attraction for area pilots, in which they fly to Big Spring in the morning, have lunch somewhere else, then fly back

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Put new life into your old cell phone, give it to Keep Big Spring Beautiful

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

As the technology surrounding cellular and digital phones continually changes, many area residents may find a small stockpile of phones building up in an estranged drawer somewhere.

Keep Big Spring Beautiful has a way for those people to clear those drawers out and support the local beautification organization — all in one fell swoop.

A collection point has been set up by KBSB at Big Spring City Hall, located at 307 E. Fourth Street, in the personnel office, giving area residents a chance to support KBSB.

"All they need to do is come in and drop their old cell phones in the box," said Debbie Wegman, a member of the KBSB recycling and edu-

cation committee. "It's really that simple. We're using this as a fundraiser for the organization, and we have a source that we sell the phones to. It goes for a really

To donate, call
263-8235

those off for us and show their support for KBSB."

Wegman said the collection program has been fairly slow thus far.

"We really haven't had a chance to get the program out to the media yet," said Wegman. "So things are going pretty slow right now. The last time I looked, there were only a couple of phones in the box.

However, when people find out what this program is supporting,

I'm sure they will step up and help support KBSB."

For more information on the program, contact Wegman at 263-8235.

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good cause and helps us keep the city looking good.

"Most people who use cell phones have at least one or two laying around that they'll never be able to use again. We're hoping they will take the time to drop



Al-Qaida's leader in Iraq, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, has been killed in an air strike, U.S. and Iraqi officials confirmed today.

Al-Zarqawi said killed in air strike

By **PATRICK QUINN**
Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, al-Qaida's leader in Iraq who led a bloody campaign of suicide bombings and kidnappings, has been killed in an air strike, U.S. and Iraqi officials said today, adding that his identity was confirmed by fingerprints and a look at his face. It was a major victory in the U.S.-led war in Iraq and the broader war on terror.

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki said al-Zarqawi was killed along with seven aides Wednesday evening in a remote area 30 miles northeast of Baghdad in the volatile province of Diyala, just east of the provincial capital of Baqouba, al-Maliki said.

Loud applause broke out as al-Maliki, flanked by U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad and U.S. Gen. George Casey, the top U.S. commander in Iraq, told reporters at a news conference that "al-Zarqawi was eliminated."

At the White House, President Bush hailed the killing, saying it is "a severe blow to al-Qaida and it is a significant victory in the war on terror."

But he cautioned: "We have tough days ahead of us in Iraq that will require the continuing patience of the American people."

"Zarqawi is dead, but

"We can expect the terrorists and insurgents to carry on without him. We can expect the sectarian violence to continue."



Bush

the difficult and necessary mission in Iraq continues," Bush said. "We can expect the terrorists and insurgents to carry on without him. We can expect the sectarian violence to continue."

"It's great, good news. ... This is a significant hit," said Sen. Joseph Biden of Delaware. Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn, noted "a significant day in the formation of the government of Iraq."

He was referring not only to al-Zarqawi's death but in the fact that Iraq's parliament Thursday approved three new key ministers, including a Sunni Arab to head the defense ministry, ending a stalemate among Iraq's religious and ethnic groups over the crucial posts.

The new defense minister is Iraqi Army Gen. Abdul-Qader Mohammed Jassim al-Mifarji and Shiites Jawad al-Bolani for interior and Sherwan al-Waili for national

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Sacred Heart Festival begins Friday

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**
News Editor

Try your aim at the dunking booth, your luck at the Wheel of Fortune, or just sit back, relax and listen to some music at the Sacred Heart Church Summer Festival this weekend.

Activity booths, live music and food booths are all a part of the annual fundraiser for the church, which is located at 508 N. Aylford St. The festival is in the back of the church grounds.

First, however, pick up a dozen or more tamales from the Parish Hall

beginning at 10 a.m. Friday. The tamale sales are an traditional festival activity for Sacred Heart and will continue Friday until they are sold out.

Festivities begin at 6 p.m. both Friday and Saturday and will run until midnight or later.

Plan on coming to the festival hungry.

"There will be lots of gorditas, hamburgers, fajitas, burritos ... lots to eat," said Teresa Rocha, church secretary.

Booths include the aforementioned dunking booth and Wheel of

Fortune as well as a cake walk, balloon pop, fish pond and more.

Live music will begin about 8 p.m. each evening.

"There will be lots of chairs to sit in, so if you want, just come out and sit and have a good time and listen to the music," said Rocha. "It's free admission."

There will also be \$2,000 in prizes given away during the event.

Proceeds go to benefit the church, especially the Christian Catholic Education program for youth.

For more information about the festival, call 264-7010 or 263-7884.

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AN EASY MISTAKE

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — Jim Hourihan of Liverpool, England, had never heard of Manchester, N.H. until this week. But thanks to a mix-up, he found himself there while trying to fly to another Manchester — the one on the other side of the Atlantic.

Hourihan boarded a Continental Airlines flight in Los Angeles Monday, but it wasn't until he got on a connecting flight in Cleveland — a 50-seat regional jet — that he realized he was headed to New England instead of jolly old England.

"And it was then that it dawned on me. There must be two Manchesters, he said. He flew home Tuesday evening.

FRIEDMAN GETS HELP

DALLAS (AP) — Kinky Friedman, the wisecracking humorist running for governor, said Wednesday he will campaign with help from ex-wrestler and former Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura and island-hopping musician Jimmy Buffett.

Ventura recently agreed to join Friedman on a college tour to woo young voters in September, and Buffett will play two Texas concerts to benefit the campaign, confirmed a Friedman spokeswoman.

"Jesse is naive. He is an idealist," Friedman said at a Dallas luncheon. "He just didn't realize that wrestling is real, and politics is fake."

VETERAN OF THE MONTH

A reception for Stephen E. Gay, named Veteran of the Month for June by the Hangar 25 Air Museum, will be held at 6 p.m. tonight in the museum's briefing room.

Gay served for 26 years in the U.S. Air Force. He is a Korean and Vietnam War veteran.

He began his military career as a policeman and then transferred into security intelligence. He was stationed at Webb Air Force Base from 1952-1953.

The public is encouraged to attend the reception honoring this and other veterans living in the Crossroads area. For more information, call 264-1999.

EDITORIAL

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OUR VIEWS

Relay participants again prove they can do impossible

Once again, Howard and Glasscock counties, you've proven that nothing is impossible. That's because the Howard-Glasscock chapter of the American Cancer Society and hundreds of walkers combined to make the 2006 Relay For Life the biggest ever in Big Spring.

That's why there was plenty of reason for Relay co-chairs Vicki and Howard Stewart to smile during Tuesday's wrap-up celebration, as they announced that to date this year's event has raised \$196,000. What's more, The Stewarts say another \$8,000 more in pledges are still to be collected.

That would put this year's Relay well past the \$200,000 mark.

Considering the group's goal for this year was \$175,000, we can't think of a better way to describe the result without using the term "awesome."

More than 800 people participated in 36 teams during this year's Relay, and some 217 cancer survivors registered.

Outstanding Relay teams were recognized Tuesday night with Scenic Mountain Medical Center being honored for both the most creative campsite and raising the most money for a team with more than 30 members, \$13,710. Fuzzy's Crew raised the most money by a team with less than 30 members by garnering \$10,632.

Goliad Middle School's Gladiators were recognized for having a record number of team members (144), while the Spirit Award went to the Yellow Dog Daredevils.

The most laps (318) were clocked by Tony Danza's Tap Dancing Extravaganza.

The money raised by the Relay For Life goes directly to the American Cancer Society and comes back to Howard and Glasscock counties in the form of services, education and treatment for local residents.

Where does Relay for Life go from here? How do you top such success?

Those are questions that have been asked before. And the answer remains the same.

Who knows.

One thing seems for certain, however. All of you Howard and Glasscock counties that continue to help make Relay for Life a success need to go ahead and again take a bow.

As always, each of you have earned it.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, we discover our true identity when we come to You.
Amen

Put away the broad brushes

Where are O.J. Simpson's and Bill Clinton's defenders to complain about the "rush to judgment" concerning the alleged Marine atrocities in Haditha? Why are their sympathies free flowing for criminal defendants, but nowhere to be seen when military personnel are accused of wrongdoing?

What has been reported about the Haditha tragedy is that a terrorist improvised explosive device (IED) blew a Marine in half, literally, and wounded several others. Afterward, our soldiers responded to the attack, killing 24 men, women and children.

We don't know for sure yet if the killings were indiscriminate or even if those killed were victims, as opposed to being armed, hostile and threatening to our soldiers.

We do have reports that Haditha is a terrorist hotbed — referred to by some as a miniature Taliban-like state — in which the terrorists rule with an iron fist and perform daily executions of those not sufficiently obedient to their rule, or Sharia law, or who knows what else. We are told that Haditha citizens live in fear and may prefer to cooperate with the terrorists purely for self-preservation.

Reportedly, a preliminary military inquiry found evidence that the attacks were unprovoked and that earlier statements by certain Marines that the civilians were killed by a roadside bomb rather than gunfire have been discredited.

Admittedly, the allegations are highly troubling, as is the initial finding that some Marines may have made false statements in their initial reports. But we must remember that at this point, they

are just allegations.

While much of this seems damning, there are anomalies in the reports that point toward mitigation of the Marines' conduct. There is evidence, not yet conclusive, that Marines received small arms fire from the houses nearby and returned it. Sometime thereafter, the Marines rushed the houses and killed those inside. Previous media reports on Haditha have told of civilian complicity in attacks against U.S. and Iraqi soldiers. A 12-year-old survivor admitted that she knew in advance of the plot to ambush the Marine convoy with an IED detonation. If she knew, how likely is it that her parents, other family members and neighbors were unaware of the plan?

Let me be clear. If our soldiers killed unarmed, non-hostile, innocent bystander-type civilians, even if in a rage over the murder of their colleague, they deserve to be punished in accordance with the Uniform Code of Military Justice. No nation holds its soldiers to higher account than the United States and that will certainly be true in this case.

But unlike some others, I prefer to operate with a presumption that it is unlikely, but far from impossible, that our troops would behave that way. While an enraged group mentality could have overcome them, it is hard to see how the indiscriminate slaughter of wholly innocent noncombatants would quench any thirst they may have had for revenge.

We must be wary of those who insist they support the troops yet are eager to believe the worst about them before we have even heard their side of the story.

We must be especially resistant to efforts to extrapolate from this isolated incident the conclusion that a climate conducive to atrocities permeates the entirety of our fighting forces, as happened with Abu Ghraib and Gitmo. The over-

whelming majority of our soldiers are honorable, decent and good people who would not and do not participate in such behavior. They are also engaged in a noble and necessary mission, though the longer the war lasts, the more that fact becomes obscured.

The anti-war left has already tried and convicted the accused soldiers. The media have called it a war crime, a massacre and an intentional act to send a message to Iraqis. How they know these things is impossible to divine.

Congressman John Murtha (D-Pa.), who is apparently entitled to make any outrageous statement against the war with impunity because of his military record, is somehow sure — without the benefit of admissions from alleged perpetrators, and certainly not a trial — that the incident was "much worse than reported in Time magazine. Our troops overreacted because of the pressure on them and they killed innocent civilians in cold blood."

Murtha conveniently expressed his findings in his May 17 press conference, in which, for the umpteenth time, he called for the United States to withdraw its troops from Iraq.

Other anti-war politicians and activists will throw circumspection to the wind and exploit this tragedy, perhaps not out of genuine humanitarian concerns, but to discredit the war. It would be nice to believe otherwise, but their track record of accentuating and exaggerating events to smear the entire U.S. military and its mission is consistent, long and reprehensible.

No matter how this turns out, let's remember the true character of the overwhelming majority of our soldiers.

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A difference over moral values?

That's what they announced at the biannual convention in San Antonio. Thank goodness the Republicans are around to tell me what to worry about. The flag-burning crisis — here in Austin, there's that pall of smoke rising from the West every morning (it's from an area called Tarrytown, where they burn hundreds of flags daily).

You didn't know hundreds of flags were being burned daily? Actually, you can count on your hand the number of incidents reported over the last five years. For instance, there was one flag burned in 2005 by a drunken teenager and one by a protester in California in 2002. This appalling record of ravishment must be stopped. You're clearly not worried about what matters.

Gay marriage, now there's a crisis. Well, OK, so there isn't much gay marriage going on here in Texas. None, in fact. First, we made it illegal. Then, we made it unconstitutional. But President Bush is all concerned about it, so I guess we have to alter the U.S. Constitution.

Gus and Captain Call (of 'Lonesome Dove' fame) will be an item — with who knows who waiting in line right after them.

Also of great concern to Republicans is God Almighty, who, rather to my surprise, has been elected chairman of the

Texas Republican Party. That's what they announced at the biannual convention in San Antonio last week: "He is the chairman of the party." Sheesh, the Democrats couldn't even get Superman.

Also weighing down the nation with a heavy burden is the estate tax, which the Senate will try to repeal this week. The estate tax applies to around 1 percent of Americans, and I have yet to find any record of it costing anyone a family farm or business. It affects only very, very, very rich people, of whom you are probably not one. And they don't, actually, need another tax break.

These are the things we are supposed to be worrying about, and you notice that it frees us of quite a few troubles we might otherwise fret about.

The war in Iraq? No sweat.

Impending war with Iran? We're carefree.

The economy? Hey, did you see that employment report? Well, ignore it.

Budget out of control, shipwreck ahead? Never mind — Bush doesn't.

Worst class divisions since the Gilded Age, rich so much more enormously richer than everybody else, country starting to get creepy? Don't worry, be happy.

Torture, massacre, extraordinary rendition, hidden gulag of prisons in foreign countries, Guantanamo, and massive violations of international law, American law and the Constitution? Well, you can see why gay marriage is a far greater menace.

Wipe out for the environment;

hundreds of regulations and laws changed to favor those who exploit and damage natural resources; all so common, no one is keeping track of them all? Let her rip.

Global warming? In the first place, it's Al Gore's issue. In the second place, it's a downer. In the third place, who cares if it's too late in a few years?

Homeland security/war on terror? With the highly excellent disposition of anti-terror funds once more judiciously applied by the Department of Homeland Security, we truly have nothing to worry about. We're ready to stop terrorist attacks in Wyoming, and there are no important cultural sites in New York City, so let's rock.

Oil crisis? Ha! What oil crisis? You want a \$100 rebate you can then give the oil companies? Hey, we're going to drill in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, and that should see us through ... oh, about nine months.

Windfall profits? You think the oil companies are ripping us off for windfall profits? Who? ExxonMobil? Why, they would never!

I believe what we have here is a difference over moral values.

The Republicans are worried about the flag, gay marriage and the terrible burden of the estate tax on the rich. The rest of us are obviously unnecessarily worried about war, peace, the economy, the environment and civilization. Another reason to vote Republican — they have a shorter list.

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MOLLY IVINS

Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS
The mysterious Scorpio moon lends X-ray vision to life. The underpinnings are revealed! You can use this astral gift to unravel a persistent trouble or to look deeply into something wonderful for clues about how to re-create or amplify it. You may experience a profound awareness as to the spiritual nature of this physical existence.
ARIES (March 21-April 19). For unknown reasons, the human mind has a powerful response to information that comes in triplicate. The stars hit home this rule of three in a way that will amuse and excite you.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You count. Tell others what they can do to help you make an even bigger



HOLIDAY MATHIS

difference in your community. Social tools are important to your business. If you don't own a good suit or a good handshake, get one now!
GEMINI (May 21-June 21). An extra dose of style keeps heads turning in your wake. You work your magical attractiveness on any endeavor you pursue, no matter how commonplace or mundane.
CANCER (June 22-July 22). Money always seems to come when you need it. This gives you an idea — maybe you should create the need just so the money will come. Now you're on to something!
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). An attitude adjustment isn't necessary — you're so likeable as you are. However, it is optional. Whatever you can do to fine tune your "vibration" to attract more success will have sensational results.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The habitual inner

dialogue that limits your performance gets a serious rewrite today. You're so much lighter and more effective when that inside voice is cheerleading you on instead of nagging.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). In an attempt to be brave and autonomous, you may be overlooking your biggest supporters. Who believes in you? Who do you believe in? Reconnect with those people.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You know how to make an entrance. A clever opening move gets a relationship or project started right. You may not find out for many years how impressed others are with you now.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're so entrenched in what you're doing that it may not occur to you to get more advice and information — but that's exactly what you need. Go back to the brainstorming stage!
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your confidence

minus your self-doubt equals where you are emotionally. The highs and lows have been intense lately. Settling into a happy medium restores your health.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). With every small bite into a project, you make progress. That's why it helps that you're hungry. Fortify your desire by arranging to meet people who have what you want.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Financial worries can be eliminated with one powerful habit — don't worry. Deal objectively with the facts. It's only money, numbers — and temporary, at that. These fluctuating numbers have nothing to do with who you are!
ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "Hi, Holiday. My birthday is April 27, 1967. Why do I have such a hard time finding love? It seems like every relationship I've been in hasn't worked out. I was with a Cancer (born July 15,

1970) recently, and we had a lot in common, as well as love for one another, but that relationship also failed. Do you see me finding love and being in a committed relationship anytime soon?"
Oh, dear Taurus, you can be realistic to a fault! By the logic you've laid out here, anyone who is not currently in a relationship is a failure at relationships. I'm hereby banning you from words like "never" and "fail," and begging you to reframe your love life by looking at the considerable beauty, learning, pleasure and joy your many relationships have brought you. Love is a wonder. You're attractive and have magnetized fantastic connections. Accept that as a win. Now, you're a winner at love, and you will win even bigger in the future. Hold that attitude for as long as you can. When you can stay in that attitude-space, you will have so much love in

your life, you won't be able to stop smiling.
CELEBRITY PROFILES: Musical savant Prince is a high-energy and ever-young Gemini who cannot stay off center-stage, simply because it's the place he was born to be. It's been 22 years since "Purple Rain," and yet, his most recent release "3121" still wows his fans with its pure musical innovation. I predict Prince's upcoming tour in support of "3121" will invigorate his legendary status in the superstar world.
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Annie's Mailbox ®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I am your average Jane, married with a child, with a modest house and mid-size car. I also have about \$10,000 in credit card debt, \$20,000 in student loans, and I can't keep track of all the medical bills I owe. My husband and I make just slightly too much to qualify for food stamps or other assistance.



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

I watched an infomercial about a book that has government grants available to help people like me. They wanted \$49.95, plus shipping and handling. If I had an extra \$50, I wouldn't be in this mess. I have searched online at the library and can only find information about grants for scientific research and starting a small business.

Is there any way I can get this information for free, or do these programs not really exist? I'd like to know before I consider shelling out \$50. — Average Jane

Dear Jane: Government grants are generally given to organizations working on public-service projects, not to individuals in debt. There are no federal assistance programs that will take care of your student loans and medical bills. You need to talk to a debt counselor at your local bank or someone at the National Foundation for Credit Counseling (nfcc.org) at 1-800-388-2227. Please do this soon.

Dear Annie: I am 12 years old. Last summer, I went to sleep-away camp for a month. I met "Trudy," a really nice girl, and we became good friends. Trudy was slightly overweight, which wasn't a problem until she asked me if I thought she was "chubby." I was speechless.

I obviously didn't want to tell the truth and hurt her feelings. Luckily someone caused a diversion, so I didn't have to answer her. She didn't bring it up again for the rest of the summer.

This year, I am going back to the same camp, and I know Trudy will be there. If she asks me again, I want to be able to answer her without hurting her feelings. What should I say? — Unsure Friend

Dear Friend: At the age of 12, it is not unusual for girls to carry a little extra weight, which comes off naturally as they mature physically. It actually can be unhealthy for some girls that age to lose weight, and it is important that Trudy not be obsessed about her size. If she asks again, tell her, "I think you look great,"

which can honestly mean that you are seeing her inner beauty, and since she is your friend and "a really nice girl," we assume that's indeed what you are seeing.

Dear Annie: Some time ago, you printed a letter from a bereaved woman in Medford, Ore., whose mother had died. She was upset that Mom's body had been donated to the Ohio State University College of Medicine.

I am a medical student at OSU, and am on the student committee planning the annual memorial service for the wonderful people who donate their bodies for our learning. Families of each donor are invited and asked to send pictures they would like included in a slide show that we put together in honor of the donors. The memorial service includes candle lighting for each donor, music and a eulogy. One year, we also dedicated a tree from each class to that year's donors.

I think it is important to mention that we take special care to return the remains to any family that requests them. Most, if not all, medical schools have similar programs. We are all very thankful to the people who entrust their bodies to us to learn from. It is truly a wonderful gift. — A.W. in Ohio

Dear A.W.: Thank you for letting our readers know that these bodies are treated with the greatest respect and care. You have provided consolation to those whose relatives have made this unselfish gesture.

Dear San Carlos: The "forbidden" can be very exciting, and this could explain why your sex life is not as satisfying as it was before. However, sometimes simple anatomy makes fulfillment more complicated than you expect. And your dissatisfaction may make your husband feel inadequate, which in turn, can lead to other problems, making sex unpleasant altogether. You can get information and help

through the American Association of Sexuality Educators, Counselors and Therapists (aasect.org), P.O. Box 1960, Ashland, VA 23005-1960.

Dear Annie: I would guess my problem is not unusual. I have two sons, and both married women from huge families. Since my husband and I are only children and have no relatives in this area, holidays are a problem.

My daughters-in-law are always invited to the home of one of their family members for the day. That means even when I have holiday dinners at our home, they either refuse to come or are here

only briefly before running off without eating, saying they must be elsewhere. If my daughters-in-law have the festivities at their home, we are usually invited, but their relatives treat us as if we are from another planet.

If my sons push to have a holiday with us, I know they get a lot of grief from their wives. We have just decided to stay home and not even ask them anymore. What else can we do? — Lonely Holidays

Dear Lonely: First, stop pouting. It doesn't help. When you are invited to your sons' homes, don't make an issue of the fact that their in-laws are not your cup of tea. It's irrele-

vant. The important thing is that you are celebrating with your children and their families. Make the best of it.

As for the rest of those holidays, you need to work out an arrangement so that things are more equal. Lovingly explain to your sons and their wives that you would like them to select one holiday each year that would be celebrated in your home (you might even consider inviting the other set of parents). We hope your sons will have enough backbone to follow through.

Dear Annie: I think that you and "D.P." in Muskogee, Okla." didn't address the necktie issue

from the correct perspective. Neckties are archaic and silly devices with which the well-dressed man is saddled. Their only function is decorative.

Women don't have a universal symbol for which they are judged to be properly attired. Men should reject this "noose of oppression" and join the modern world. — T.W. in Santa Cruz, Calif.

Dear T.W.: Women are judged on plenty as it is. As far as we know, the modern world still requires a tie for men, and until things change, it helps to know how to tie one properly. But thanks for weighing in.

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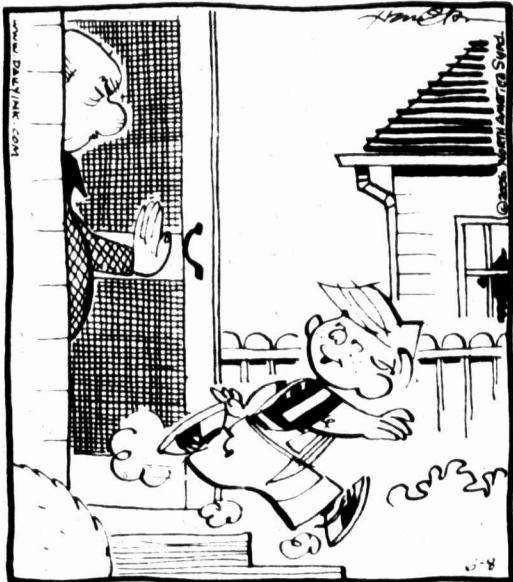


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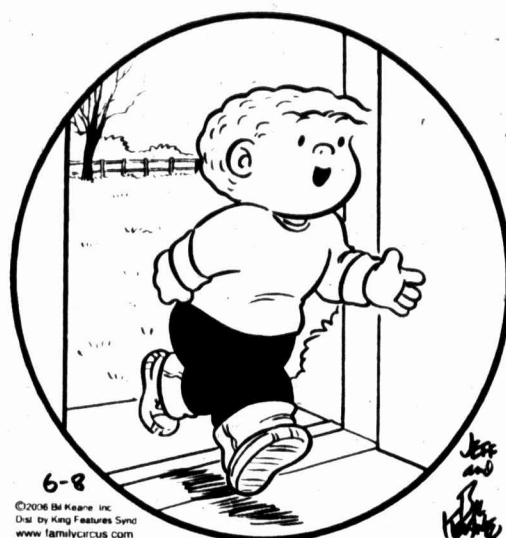
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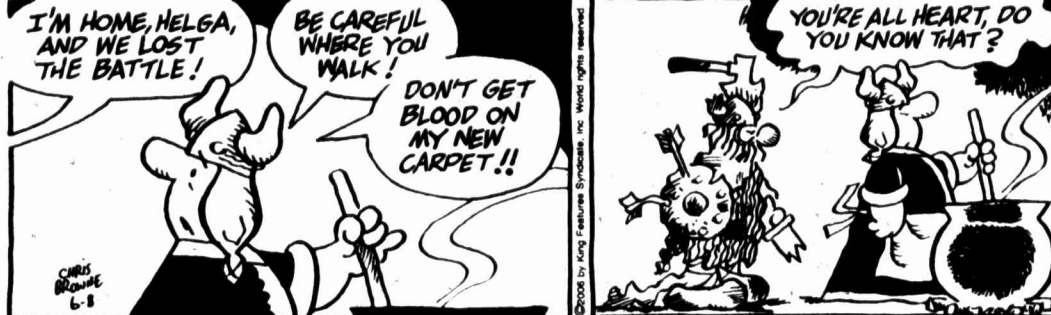
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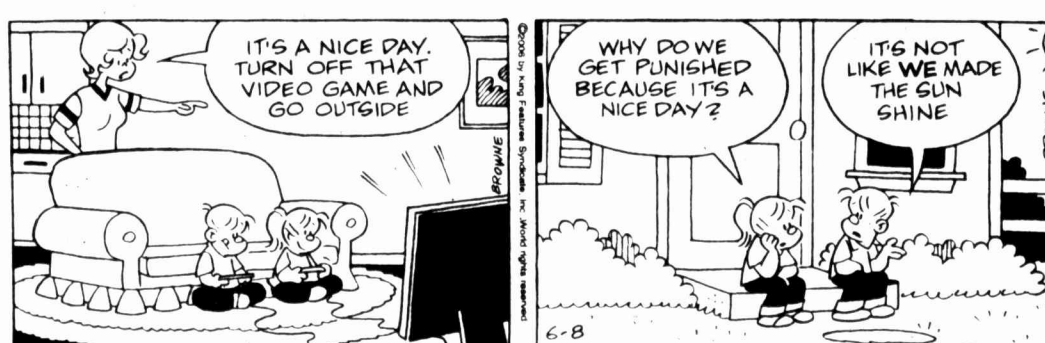
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Today is Thursday, June 8, the 159th day of 2006. There are 206 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On June 8, A.D. 632, the prophet Mohammed died.

Mediterranean. (Israel called the attack a tragic mistake.) In 1968, authorities announced the capture in London of James Earl Ray, the suspected assassin of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

Answer to previous puzzle grid with letters.

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CELEBRATED STRIPS by Doug Peterson Edited by Stanley Newman

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Hijacked computers and Myspace phishing

How much would you be willing to pay for the information on your personal computer?

That's exactly the question posed to a Manchester, United Kingdom, woman that had her personal computer held ransom by hackers, a crime experts and senior police officers have voiced concern that such cases are falling between the local and worldwide cracks.

According to officials involved in the case, Greater Manchester Police (GMP) will not be pursuing the criminals who used a Trojan horse program to lock a Manchester woman's files and demanded a ransom to release them.

The malicious Archiveus program was unintentionally downloaded by Helen Barrow of Rochdale, UK, who found it locked her files into a 30-character password-protected folder. A ransom note instructed her to avoid going to the police, and buy pharmaceutical products online to gain the password to release her files.

Barrow did not pay, and managed to recover some data. The police, however, say they will not be investigating the crime.

"We aren't investigating the incident as it's an Internet crime, and not within the GMP area — technically it's international," a spokeswoman for GMP said.

No other police force

appears to be investigating the incident either.

"We are not aware of any ongoing investigations," the GMP spokeswoman said.

Legal experts questioned the wisdom of sending a message to hackers that they would not be chased for committing Internet crime.

"To say it's difficult to trace a hacker is a dangerous message for the GMP to send," said Struan Robertson, senior associate at solicitors Pinsent Masons. "It's unrealistic for police to investigate every single incidence of hacking, but their response in this case is disappointing."

Senior ex-police officers and security experts are understandably concerned that cases of this kind will not be investigated as they fall outside the remit of both local police forces and international crime agencies.

Cases such as the Archiveus incident would previously have been dealt with by the National High Tech Crime Unit (NHTCU), which was merged into the Serious and Organized Crime Agency (SOCA) in April.

"This is the kind of attack that presumably would have been within the NHTCU's remit," said Robertson. "There is a risk that people will perceive crimes of this kind as falling outside the remit of SOCA, because they do not appear to be the work of organized criminals."

SOCA refused to comment on whether this case falls within its jurisdiction, and could give no suggestion as to whether this incident is actually being investigated by any police unit at all.

"If it falls within our

remit, we will investigate. E-crime is a concern of SOCA, but we can't comment on individual cases. SOCA doesn't comment on ongoing or possible investigations at all," a SOCA spokeswoman recently told ZDNet.

Cambridge University security expert Richard Clayton pointed out that the police simply aren't in a position to handle every reported crime, but also warned that some cybercrime offenses — including international cybercrime committed by individuals — may be a priority for neither local officers nor SOCA.

"Firstly, it is not realistic to expect the police to investigate every crime — we all know that from personal experience, if our house has been burglarized or our car broken into," said Clayton.

"The second issue is the demarcation issue that is occurring, hopefully temporarily, in the UK whereby local police with local targets to achieve do not have any resources or incentive to

investigate out-of-area criminality. However, the national force is concentrating on 'organized' crime, and so if the crime looks like a one-off, committed by an individual, then even if they might be able to track them down, they may not be interested either," Clayton said.

And, as if the idea of having your computer hijacked and ransomed isn't bad enough, users of Myspace.com have reason to worry thanks to a new phishing threat.

Security watchers have discovered a phishing attack targeting users of Myspace, the social networking Web site everyone has heard me rave about over the past year. The attack comes in the form of a hyperlink sent to potential marks in an AOL instant message.

Users who follow the link are taken to a bogus Web site that spoofs the Myspace.com login page. The ruse is designed to fool users into handing over account information to crooks. Surfers duped into handing over this

information are subsequently forwarded to the real Myspace.com Web site.

According to net security firm WebSense, the fraudulent site also sets a "cookie on the victim's computer, which prevents the phishing attack from being displayed on any subsequent visits".

The Myspace phishing e-mail is another example of how e-mail fraudsters are widening their sights beyond traditional targets, such as eBay and high street banks, alongside moves to develop more sophisticated scams.

Myspace.com also found itself the target of a badly-planned extortion attempt recently. It's moving up in the world, I suppose.

Two New York State teenagers have been charged with computer hacking and attempted extortion following allegations they attempted to mount an Internet shake-down targeting Myspace.com.

Shaun Harrison, 18, and Saverio Mondelli, 19,

allegedly hacked into the site to steal the personal information of Myspace users before threatening to share the secrets of how they broke into the site unless Myspace.com paid them \$150,000.

Harrison and Mondelli thought they were in line for a big payday last Friday. Instead, they were arrested in Los Angeles by undercover detectives, posing as Myspace staff.

I bet that ruined their day.

The duo now faces up to four years imprisonment if convicted. The pair were released on bail of \$35,000 on Tuesday pending a preliminary hearing.

Thomas Jenkins, a South Carolina transplant still fumbling through a case of Texas culture shock, is a Staff Writer for the Big Spring Herald by day and rock guitarist for local band Rustic Circle by night. Contact Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com



THOMAS JENKINS

Support Groups

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

FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.

MONDAY

• Encourager's Support

Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for June 5. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.

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2007 Shelby GT500 brings back real American muscle

By ANN M. JOB

For The Associated Press

It's only starting to make its way to showrooms, but the 2007 Ford Shelby GT500 is already appreciating in value.

Potential buyers at eBay are bidding more than \$10,000 above the starting manufacturer's suggested retail price, including destination charge, of \$42,975 to get the modern version of a Shelby Mustang, one of America's famous muscle cars of the 1960s.

Buyers aren't merely getting a retro-styled car, offered as a four-person coupe and convertible. They're getting an honest-to-goodness American muscle car experience with the special touches of racing legend Carroll Shelby.

There's nothing shy or subtle in the 500-horsepower Shelby GT500 with 5.4-liter, supercharged V-8.

Indeed, it's the fastest factory-built Mustang ever with a 0-to-60-mile-an-hour time of less than 4.5 seconds.

And the 480 foot-pounds of torque peaking at 4,500 rpm seem over the top, delivering an "oomph" that can shove a driver back into the seat instantly.

Don't look for a wussy automatic transmission in this Shelby. A driver has to be actively engaged in driving this brawny car, including manually shifting through the six gears of the heavy-duty Tremec transmission.

There's no slinking quietly through traffic. The Shelby GT500 coupe

wears bold LeMans striping and functional hood scoops over an aggressively styled Mustang body.

A deep, throaty V-8 growl emanates virtually all the time, even at neighborhood speeds.

The test coupe got lots of stares, and some onlookers stopped in their tracks as if transfixed by the car's presence.

Collectors, Shelby fans and Mustang aficionados are abuzz, especially considering that only 8,000 to 10,000 will be built in a partnership between Ford Motor Co.'s performance group Special Vehicle Team (SVT) and the 83-year-old Shelby.

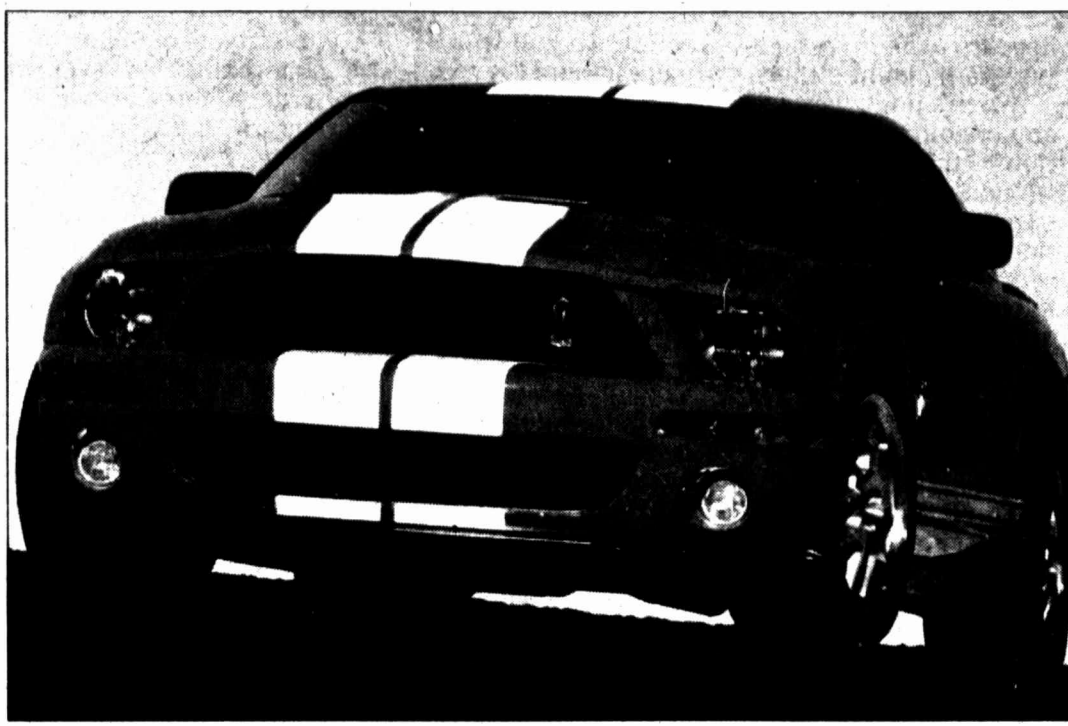
Shelby set land speed records in the 1950s and won the 24 Hours of LeMans in 1959, later becoming a sports car maker.

Early Shelby Mustangs, particularly the GT500KR of the 1960s, are prized as collectibles today worth hundreds of millions of dollars.

It was both exhilarating and intimidating to walk up to the new Shelby GT500 and get inside. The car looks like serious power, even when sitting still.

I appreciated that the driver's seat has height adjustment, and I urge Ford officials to offer it for the front passenger seat, too. Otherwise, short-stature passengers are forced to sit ramrod straight to try to see over the tall dashboard cowl and the resting windshield wipers.

Turning the ignition key brought a raucously deep engine sound that fit



from Ford's \$153,345 super sports car, the GT.

And brakes, needed to quickly slow this fast-moving Shelby GT500, are larger than on any other production Mustang.

The Shelby GT500 tester galloped down straightaways with wild abandon and swiftly passed legal speed limits if a driver wasn't aware. And there was never any weakness in the brakes.

I expected the car to be a handful in the curves, though, just because of its brutish looks and because its historical predecessors of the '60s weren't exactly buttoned-down machines.

But you know, this Shelby car, wearing 18-inch tires, is surprisingly controlled in many of its motions. I went through slaloms at good speed without feeling abrupt or unsettling weight shifts, and the power rack-and-pinion steering was dead on.

Slam on the brakes at high speed, though, and the hood dips precipitously and the rear lightens up because so much of the car's weight — 57 percent — already sits in the front because of the big, heavy engine.

Passengers feel road bumps and vibrations, but they're not jarring in most instances. I didn't notice much road noise, because, frankly, the engine was so loud.

Final government fuel economy numbers weren't available at this writing, but an estimated combined rating, from Ford, of 20 miles a gallon is more on par with a sport utility vehicle than a four-seat car.

The GT500 also requires pricey premium fuel for its 16-gallon fuel tank.

The back seat isn't bad for two, though passengers back there don't have great forward views because the sporty front bucket seats are sizable.

Some amenities aren't offered in this car, including navigation system and rear-view backup assistance.

Safety features include standard front and side air bags for front-seat passengers, anti-lock brakes and traction control.

As for buyers, racer Shelby noted his high-performance sports car "doesn't take a back seat" to any of the "foreign cars with sticker prices of upwards of \$100,000." His Shelby GT500, he said, is "for the guys who don't work for \$200,000 a year."

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- 2002 Chevrolet Blazer L.S. 4-DR. - White, Cloth, All Power, Local One Owner w/55,000 Miles. Was \$13,995. **NOW \$12,995**
- 2002 Chevrolet Suburban LT - Pewter, w/Leather, Loaded, One Owner w/45,000 Miles. Was \$21,995. **NOW \$20,995**
- 2002 Cadillac Escalade AWD - Sandstone w/Leather, Fully Loaded, Local One Owner w/40,000 Miles. Was \$32,995. **NOW \$29,995**
- 2002 GMC Yukon XL SLT 4X4 - Red, Leather, All Power, OnStar, Local One Owner. Was \$20,995. **NOW \$19,995**
- 2001 Lincoln Navigator 4X4 - White, Leather, All Power, One Owner. Was \$20,995. **NOW \$18,995**
- 1999 GMC Suburban - Tan w/Leather, All Power. Was \$12,995. **NOW \$9,995**

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- 2001 Toyota Sienna XLE - Tan, Leather, One Owner. Was \$14,995. **NOW \$16,995**
- 1999 Oldsmobile Silhouette - Beige, Cloth, All Power, Local One Owner w/86,000 Miles. Was \$8,995. **NOW \$7,995**

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