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Problems being addressed at county jail, officials say

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Progress is being made in designing a new jail facility and correcting problems at the existing facility, according to members of the Howard County Commissioners Court.

Monday, commissioners heard a report from local architect Phil Furqueron, who has door that's swinging in the

been consulting with county wrong problem — designing and financing a new jail facility while bringing the current county jail up to state standards.

"I met with the contractor in conjunction with commissioners Kilgore and Crooker last week and looked at the cost.'

officials on its two-pronged Furqueron. "We've come up with a scheme on how to reverse the swing on that door. It's not a conventional hollow metal door. It's welded out of structural steel, so it's going to be fairly easy to modify. We've got the contractor working on that and he'll come up with a

During a recent fire drill at



Furqueron

Standards.

which is located in the Howard County Courthouse, a number of problems —

including the door were identified and ordered corrected by the Texas Commission on Jail

Another major problem is a

county jail, system to get water from the courthouse basement to the jail in case of a fire.

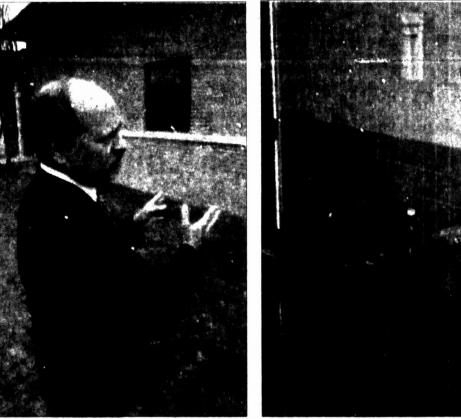
"We're also working on the standpipe. We think we've mapped out a path through the building where we can get through the mechanical room and up to the jail," said Furqueron. "We talked to the

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Howard College officials held tours Monday to show area officials and residents the deteriorating nature of the 50-plus-year-old caminfrastructure. pus Pictured clockwise is **Howard College President** Dr. Cheryl Sparks, as she escorts Harold and Janell Davis through one of the men's dormitories Monday afternoon. Robert Williams, director of the plant facility, illustrates the poor shape of the HVAC (heating, ventilation and air conditioning) system. Terry Hansen, executive vice president, explains how the brick outer-walls of several of the campus buildings are experiencing severe distress because of moisture problems.

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College tour reveals failing infrastructure

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

It's not the typical things you would expect to hear or see during a tour of a junior college.

"Water, sewer and gas lines of this 55-plus-year infrastructure are failing with increased regularity," said Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks before embarking on an afternoon tour of the college and its aging infrastructure. "Sections of utilities had to be replaced in recent years because of major failures. The underground electrical service has failed three times in recent vears."

The college conducted tours during the morning and afternoon hours to show local officials and residents a multitude of problems with school's infrastructure, which was first constructed more than 50 years ago.

"We're having to compete with a number of other colleges, and we have to compete with their dormitory facilities," said Terry Hansen, executive vice president of the college, during a tour of the college dormi-

"It's not uncommon for someone in the dorms to turn on their microwave or hair dryer and the dorm supervisor will get a call that a breaker has been thrown. These are the types of problems we're facing when it comes to the infrastructure of these facilities.."

> -Terry Hansen, executive vice president

tories. "Years ago, students came with a radio and a desk lamp. Now, they bring refrigerators, microwaves, computers and toaster ovens, which put an increased demand on the electrical systems in the dorms.

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Commissioners: Pre-trial bonding program working

Helps solve overcrowding problems at the county jail, officials contend

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners gave the new county-run pre-trial bonding program a thumbs up Monday morning, following a report on the first three months of service.

"It's apparent to me it's working quite well at this point in time," said Commissioner Bill "And Crooker. I'm pleased with it."

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Director Mike Welling made the report.

"This is a breakdown of what we've done in the last three months," said Welling. "We've bonded out 64 people and are currently supervising 46 people — 24 felons and 22 misdemeanors — as of Friday.

"We have deposited in the bank, in cash money, \$8,006.21. There is still \$786 owed, which is being

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arrangements, which will also go into this fund ... The total does include refundable deposits that have been made."

Welling said the bonding program — developed by county officials to alleviate overcrowding in the county jail - has managed to save the county nearly \$80,000 in housing costs for inmates that have benefited from the

"As of Friday, we had and for the female 1,417 male inmate days and 476 female inmate days, which totals up to 1,893 days. This reflects from the time they were arrested until the time the complete their court inmate housing costs conproceedings.

"We figured the males at \$44 per day, which may vary depending on whether they were in Dickens County or here. So we consistently figured them as in-house,

inmates, we figured \$36.50 per day. The total amount the program has saved the county based on these figures comes to \$79,722."

In addition to lowering siderably, Welling said the bonding service has also taken some of the pressure off the county jail, which has been facing overcrowding problems for some time now.

"The average daily

count in March was 42 inmates, which is 31 inhouse and 10 in Dickens County," said Welling. "The average daily cost what we averaged in paying Dickens County was \$370.89. In April the daily count was 37, with 29 in-house and seven in Dickens County, which came to \$278.62 for the inmates being housed out of Howard County.

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MOORE BOARD TO MEET

The board of directors for Moore Development for Big Spring will meet Wednesday at 5:15 p.m. in the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce board room, located at 215. W. Third Street. Among the items on the agenda are consideration of May financials; consideration of May investment report; consideration of goals and strategies for 2006-2007; consideration of 2006-2007 proposed budget; and consideration of recommendation from New Industry Attraction and Recruitment Committee. The board has also reserved the option to go into an executive session to discuss economic development

Council to swear in new member, canvass Saturday's election results

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council is expected to canvass the results of the June 24 runoff election during its meeting tonight, naming Manuel Ramirez Jr. to the District 2 seat.

Ramirez, who finished second in the May 13 general election, defeated Donna Gamboa in Saturday's runoff to decide the city's District 2 representa-

Ramirez tallied 42 votes Saturday —

almost triple his total from last month while Gamboa received 28, three

more than during the general election. Ramirez, who will replace Woody Jumper as the District 2 representative, is expected to take the oath of office during the meeting.

Also among the agenda items are:

· Final reading of ordinances authorizing one-way stop intersections at Grace and Connally streets, as well as Connally and Warren streets.

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Obituaries

Benjamin Rodriguez



Benjamin "Benny" Rodriguez, 61, of Big Spring died Sunday, June 25, 2006, at Medical Center Hospital in Odessa. Vigil services will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. James Plagens, pastor, officiating. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born July 30, 1944, in Big Spring. He grew up working for his grandparents, Natividad and Chon Rodriguez, Sr., at the Spanish Inn. He worked all his life at the Spanish Inn in Big Spring except for 13 years at the Spanish Inn in

He married Helen Gonzales on March 11, 1965, in Big Spring. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and he was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife, Helen Rodriguez of Big Spring; a son, Benjamin Rodriguez, Jr. and his wife Anabell of Midland; four grandchildren, Alexander Rodriguez and his wife Gracie, Audreyana Rodriguez and Angelica Rodriguez, all of Midland, and Amber Rodriguez of Ohio; a great granddaughter, Navaeh Rodriguez of Midland; seven sisters, Aurora Harris of Odessa; Juanita Rodriguez, Annabell Huante, Marie Lopez, Mona Talamantez, and Anna Gomez, all of Big Spring; and Henrietta Salinas of Lamesa; six brothers, Charlie Rodriguez, Jimmy Rodriguez, Ignacio Rodriguez, Robert Puentes, Billy Pineda, and Jody Flores, all of Big Spring; and a number of nieces and

He was preceded in death by his mother, Elena Ruiz: grandparents, Chon and Natividad Rodriguez; five brothers, Gus Rodriguez, Ralph Rodriguez, Albert Rodriguez, Tony Rodriguez and Rudy Rodriguez; and two sisters, Dora Flores and Zenaida Pineda.

The family will be at 402 N. Aylford.

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

Lou Hubert Hamilton

Lou Hubert Hamilton, 41, of Shattuck, Okla., died Friday, June 16, 2006, at his home.

Funeral services will be held at a later date in Liberty, Mo.

Mr. Hamilton was born on Aug. 6, 1964, in Aurora, Ill., the son of Bobbie and Vivian Mitchell Hamilton. He graduated from high school in Bloomington, Ill., in 1982. He moved to Shattuck, Okla., in 2001 where he worked for Yankee Trendle in lawn care service.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Vivian Virginia Hamilton.

He is survived by his father, Bobbie Hamilton of Shattuck, Okla.; four sisters, Lisa Coomes of Shattuck, Okla., Bobbie Hill of Orrick, Mo., and Debra Myer and Michelle Grace, both of Big Spring; two brothers, Paul Griffieth and Michael Hamilton, both of Bloomington, Ill.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

George R. DeLuna

George R. DeLuna, 57, of San Angelo, died June 22, 2006, in his home. Rosary was held at Johnson's Funeral Home Monday, June 26, 2006. Mass of the Christian burial was held 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 27, 2006, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church with burial in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens.

He served in the U.S. Army, earning a Purple Heart. He was preceded in death by his parents, Juan Garcia DeLuna and Andrea Rios DeLuna, and one brother, John R. DeLuna.

He is survived by his wife, Rebecca C. DeLuna; sons George B. DeLuna of San Angelo, Tony B. DeLuna and wife Salina DeLuna of San Angelo, and Raymond B. DeLuna of Big Spring; and step-children Gilbert Hernandez, Ana Marie Hernandez, Jessica Hernandez and Norma Hernandez, all of San Angelo. He had 10 grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews and special friends.

Support Groups

 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

TUESDAY

• The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 6 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1005 Birdwell Lane. The next meeting is March 28. Call Tracey at 263-4948 for more information.

WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Tena at 267-1883 or Lucy at 264-1213 for more information.

THURSDAY

 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.

 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.

 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.

Police blotter

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

- ROBERT ADAM MATA, 19, of 403 Valley, was arrested Monday on charges of resisting arrest and minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage.
- · JONETTA TATE, 42, of 1425 E. Sixth Street, was arrested Monday on two Howard County warrants.
- · RONALD COVINGTON, 36, transient, was arrested Monday on a charge of failure to identify.
- BYRAN HAMMONDS, 43, of 1504 Tucson, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.
- THEFT was reported:
- in the 1500 block of Sycamore. - in the 2000 block of Gregg Street.
- · RESISTING ARREST, SEARCH OR TRANS-PORTATION was reported in the 400 block of Valley.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:
- in the 2900 block of Highway 80.
- in the 2300 block of Wasson.
- in the 400 block of Seventh Street. ASSAULT/CLASS C was reported:
- in the 400 block of Seventh Street.
- in the 2200 block of Cecilia. · ARSON was reported in the 1300 block of Harding.

Sheriff's report

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

· CAROLINA MOSKOE, 22, was arrested Monday by DPS on a motion to revoke probation for possession of a controlled substance.

· HEATHER ATKINSON, 26, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of bondsman off bond for possession of a controlled substance.

Fire/EMS

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

 MEDICAL was reported in the 800 block of Baylor. One person was transported to SMMC.

· TRAUMA was reported in the 200 block of Scurry. One person was transported to SMMC.

· GAS LEAK was reported in the 1300 block of Mount Vernon.

Take Note

- · ROAD TO RECOVERY, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call LaWanda Hamm at 263-7827.
- COAHOMA FREEDOM PARADE begins at 10 a.m. July 1 at the football stadium and continues to the park. Prizes for floats will be awarded in several catagories. Booth spaces for vendors are free and avaliable by contacting Shyrlee Reid at 393-5545.
- THE PET PATROL helps locate lost pets and owners of found pets. To volunteer or for more information, call Melanie Gambrell at 267-PETS (7387).
- BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL STEER BAND 10-YEAR REUNION for classes 1970 to 1980 is planned July 28-29. Send name and addresses to Steer Band Reunion P.O. Box 103 Big Spring. 79721 or go to the Web site www.bigspringsteerband.org. For more information or to leave a message, call 263-2205.
- BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1986 20th REUNION needs addresses and contact information for classmates. Call Kelly at 816-4540.
- BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1996 10th YEAR REUNION needs addresses and contact information for classmates. Call Mindy at 267-6524 or
- FORSAN EX-STUDENT ASSOCIATION ANNU-AL ALL-CLASS REUNION is Aug. 5. Names, addresses and class years for Forsan exes are needed. Submit information or pictures for a newsletter before June 15 to Ida Lou Raney, 5216 Dawson Dr., Big Spring or call 432 267-2414, Jimmy Anderson at 432 267-6143 or Opal Stout at 325 574-2150, or e-mail hiraney@crcom.net.
- BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1977 is gathering addresses for the 30th reunion. Mail contact information to Emily Boyd, 10817 Sandpiper Lane, Dallas or e-mail emilyboyd1@aol.com.
- HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM IS COLLECTING RECIPES to be included in a 2006 cookbook which will display memories of Big Spring over the years. Share your memories and your recipes. Contact the Hangar at 264-1999 for recipe forms.

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WEDNESDAY

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

· Senior Circle meets at 10:30 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.

· Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

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

· Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY

 Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant. · Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet

Shoppe. · Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard

College Cactus Room. Call 267-6479. • The Prospector's Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at 606 E. Third St. The public is invited to these meetings. For more information contact Lola Lamb at 263-3340 or Doyle and Virginia McClain at 263-8407.

FRIDAY

 Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until about 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Members bring their own lunch. 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 Big Spring Country Club.

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 60s. Southeast winds around 10 mph in the evening becoming light and variable.

Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Highs around 90. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph. Thursday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper

Friday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s. Friday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s.

Saturday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s. Saturday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower

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

Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s. Monday...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 90s.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night: Winning numbers drawn: 13-14-32-35-37. Number matching five of five: 1. Prize per winner: \$30,835. Winning ticket sold in: Howe.

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday

Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

night: Winning numbers drawn: 17-26-27-33. Bonus Ball: 16. Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 1. Winning ticket sold in: Burleson.

Prize per winner: \$675,000. Estimated jackpot for Thursday night drawing:

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 2-4-7

Around Town

- HERITAGE MUSEUM is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into the Potton House, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children.
- HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday.

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Area residents look on as Howard College officials explain how the infrastructure at the 50-plus-year-old campus has deteriorated during a tour of the college Monday afternoon. Plumbing, electrical and various heating and air condi-

tioning problems top the list of school problems the college is trying to correct. our classrooms. COLLEGE

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the types of problems we're facing when it comes to the infrastructure of these facilities.'

And while electrical problems abound at several of the college buildings, physical plant director Robert Williams said much of the facility's infrastructure is simply coming to the end of its expected

"I've got some samples of some of the things that we work on here," said Williams, pointing to several lengths of rusted pipe, some with large rust holes and others with deposits choking the interior of the pipes. "This is HVAC (heating ventilation and air conditioning) piping, which carries the cold and hot water that we use to heat and cool

"You can see on the inside of the pipe that it has grown up and some deposits are in there. This happens even though we treat our water systems chemically to try to retard the rusting of the pipes and the deposit of those solids ... When we have these types of failures, we have to go back to where there is good pipe, which can mean running several feet down the hallway just to find something worth fixing

"Not only do we have restriction type problems, the pipes are just getting thin from normal wear. They have had a lot of water put through them during the years," he added. "They have worn thin and gotten where it doesn't take much handling to expose the weak points in these pipes."

Sparks said a price tag for the much-needed renovations has not ald.com

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yet been developed.

"At this point we're still looking at solutions for these different issues, and we are going to have that information very soon," said Sparks. "We're going to be able to share some of the ideas we have that we've been working with Freese & Nichols to help us come up with solutions. We're looking at all avenues as far as possible revenue sources, so we're looking at different projects for different revenue sources.

"We know the taxpayers of Howard County have many considerations in the future relative to what needs to be done," said Sparks. "We're being very sensi-

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permit on Wasson Road.

 Approval of street closures for St. Thomas Church Festival set for July 14, and Under West Texas Skies set for July

 Discussion of possible joint law enforcement center.

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

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fire marshal, and what we're going to do is go up through the stairwell.

"That way, the fittings they will tie their (firefighters) hoses into will actually be on the stairs, which the fire marshal said would be acceptable to him and the easiest and most cost *efficient way to get it from the basement up to the jail. We're going to start preparing the formal documents in order to get some bids for that."

Another problem uncovered during the drill was an inadequate smoke evacuation system, an issue Furqueron said is being looked at this week.

"We're meeting with Bobby Bradshaw, a mechanical engineer, to start the evaluation of the smoke evacuation system," said Furqueron. "By the next commissioner's court meeting we should have some recommendations on what we'll need to do to modify it so it will evacuate smoke from the jail."

Commissioner Jerry Kilgore said until an engineer examines the system, it's hard to say how much the improvements to the aging jail will cost.

"We think we've found an easy way to hook on to it and go up the stairwell," said Kilgore. "We haven't seen the figures from the engineer yet on the smoke evacuation system. However, these are some of the things that we definitely failed on and the state jail commission and the fire marshal said we must take care of immediately.'

As the commissioner's court tries to correct several of the problems with the existing facility, Furqueron said work on designing a new jail facility — a 144-bed facility to be located in the north part of the city near the intersection of Highway and Interstate Highway 20 - is movingforward. "In terms of the pro-

posed jail, we're still not sure if the city is going to be in or out," said Furqueron. "Right now it looks like they may not participate, and in anticipation of that, we're revisiting the architectural program we did at the first and looking at what we can do to accommodate the city not being there and seeing what the impact is and looking at

the different components. "We're tightening up the program as much as we possibly can so the structure will fit the site located on the north side. Once we hear from the city and they decide whether they are in or

out, we'll be able to go on and start on the schematic design and come up with a cost as early as the next meeting, or the meeting after that." However, until city officials make a final deci-

sion on whether to move forward with the county on a joint law enforcement center, Furqueron said the design will be missing one of its most important components -

"It's really hard to say what we're going to do when we can't define all the players involved," said Furqueron.

Commissioner Crooker said he feels the county is moving in the right direction on both issues, and is comfortable the state jail commission will give the existing jail a thumbs up once it sees the progress

"We're moving ahead on this. I feel we'll be able to report to the commission in Austin that we've made some definite progress on the variances they have been discussing," said Crooker.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288 Royal Mills, 79, died Saturday. Funeral Services were at 10:30 AM Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

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CINEMARK **CINEMA 4** 1801 East FM 700 (432) 263-2232 ADULI MATINEE BEFORE 6PM \$4.00 / ADULI \$4.00 / CHILD/SR \$4.00 CARFIELD'S TALE OF TWO LUTTIES (PG) 1:30 4:30



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OUR VIEWS

We can't let our guard down in terrorism fight

omething must be working right in America's battle to prevent domestic terrorism. On Thursday, law-enforce-America's battle to prevent domestic ment officials arrested seven people in Miami who allegedly were engaged in plotting terror activities such as attacking the Sears Tower in Chicago and a Miami FBI office, as well as other buildings in the United States.

Should these accusations prove true — and it must be emphasized that the people arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty — it will show that despite having no domestic terrorism since 9/11, we must not let our guard down. It seems there will always be some person or some group out there determined to do domestic harm to this country and its residents.

Constant vigilance is now a part of our everyday existence, and that must be accepted, not in a paranoid sense, but in accordance with the reality of today's world.

We must live in a state of watchfulness. It's even more important to keep a watchful eye out for what's going on in your neighborhood. In the Miami incident, neighbors noticed young men coming outside late at night and exercising and, in general, it appeared to be a militaristic group.

And it's important to realize, in this time of focusing on border security, that the threats are out there and they could be anywhere.

Early last week, Vice President Dick Cheney praised aggressive U.S. actions as helping to prevent new terror attacks, but noted, "Nobody can promise that we won't be hit."

We're aware of that possibility. But efforts to thwart such attacks must be given credence and credibility, as in the recent Miami incident.

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by K. Rae Anderson

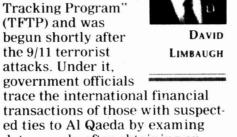
You mark our moments with goodness, Lord, thank You.

Shouting 'fire' in a crowded theater

ould the New York Times pubish our nuclear launch codes if it acquired access to them because it "may be a matter of public interest"?

The Bush administration pleaded with the New York Times not to publish its story revealing the existence of a secret government program to track the financial transactions of international ter-

The program, headed by the CIA and overseen by the **Treasury** Department, is known as the "Terrorist Finance Tracking Program' (TFTP) and was begun shortly after the 9/11 terrorist attacks. Under it,



transactions of those with suspected ties to Al Qaeda by examing data — only after obtaining an administrative subpoena — of the Society of Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication (SWIFT). SWIFT is not a financial institution but a Belgian cooperative

owned by more than 2,200 organizations that oversees the routing of funds between banks, brokerages, stock exchanges and other institutions. The CIA, under the TFTP, examines mainly wire transfers and other methods of moving money overseas and into and out of the United States. Under the program, for example, the CIA could track funds from a personal bank account of a suspected terrorist in Jordan to a mosque in Philadelphia.

It does not examine most routine financial transactions confined to the United States. The government uses the data for terrorism investigations only, not such things as tax fraud or drug trafficking

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PASSIONATE ABOUT SOCCER.

According to legal experts, TFTP is not remotely illegal. The United States Supreme Court ruled in 1976 that the right to privacy does not extend to protect information in the hands of third parties, such as SWIFT, involving financial transactions. Nor do the provisions of the 1978 Right to Financial Privacy Act apply, because SWIFT is not a financial institution.

TFTP has been a very successful tool in the war on terror and has been an important part of the administration's promise, shortly after Sept. 11, 2001, to include a financial component among its 'weapons" to fight terrorists. TFTP led to the capture of the al Qaeda operative known as "Hambali." who is believed to have planned the bombing of a Bali resort in 2002. It also led to the prosecution and conviction of Uzair Paracha, a Brooklyn man, on terrorism-related charges, for laundering \$200,000 through a Karachi bank to assist an al Qaeda terrorist in Pakistan.

The Times admitted that administration officials asked it not to disclose the existence of TFTP and even "enlisted several current and former officials, both Democrat and Republican, to vouch for its value." (The White House had briefed officials from both parties on the program.) The government warned that disclosing the program would alert terrorists to its existence and severely compromise it. But the Times, in its omniscience and omnipotence, wasn't impressed and published the article anyway.

The paper's exective editor, Bill Keller, said, "We have listened closely to the administration's arguments for withholding this information, and given them the most serious and respectful consideration. We remain convinced that the administration's extraordinary access to this vast reposito-

ry of international financial date, however carefully targeted use of it may be, is a matter of public interest.'

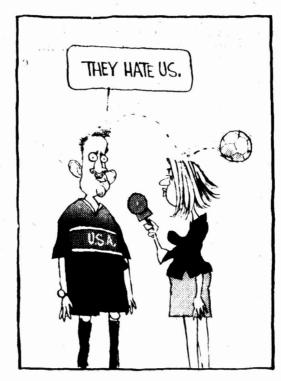
So what might be a matter of public interest is sufficient to outweigh what will certainly be a detriment to the public interest? Under Keller's definition, would any classified information coming into the press's hands ever be offlimits from public disclosure no matter how damaging to the national interest or dangerous to American lives?

If the mainstream media truly has, this attitude toward the publication of highly classified government secrets, we have no choice but to tighten existing laws assuming they're not sufficiently tight now — to criminalize such disclosures by the press. The First Amendment is not absolute. Everyone is well aware of Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes' admonition in Schenck v. United States that "the most stringent protection of free speech would not protect a man in falsely shouting fire in a theater and causing panic.'

Well, this is a case where the Times has done worse than yelling "fire." It has given al Qaeda a book of matches with ignition fuel. It is no exaggeration to say that under the false pretense that the public is entitled to this information, the Times has aided and abetted our terrorist enemies in the war on terror. Its actions in exposing this program might very well result in the loss of American lives through attacks that could have been prevented had the existence of the program not been disclosed to the enemy. If so, blood will be on the Times's vainglorious hands.

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Justice, fairness and flipping

nd then along comes Cut'n'Run Casey. We spend all last week listening to cut'n'run Democrats talking about their cut'n'run strategy for Iraq, and the only issue is whether they want to cut'n'run by the end of this year or to cut'n'run by the end of next year, and oh, by the way, did I mention that Republicans had been choreographed to refer to the Democrats' plans as cut'n'run? As Vice President

Dick ("Last Throes") Cheney said Thursday, redeployment of our troops would be "the worst possible thing we could do. ... No matter how you carve it you can call it anything you want but basically it is

packing it in, going home, persuading and convincing and validating the theory that the Americans don't

have the stomach for this fight.' Then right in the middle of Cut'n'Run Week, the top American commander in Iraq, Gen. George W. Casey Jr., held a classified briefing at the Pentagon and revealed his plan to reduce the 14 combat brigades now in Iraq to five or six. And here's the best part: Rather than wait 'til the end of this year or, heaven forefend, next year, Casey wants to start moving those troops out in

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September, just before whatever it is that happens in early November. They don't call him George W. Jr. for nothing.

One has to admit, the party never ends with the Bush administration. The only question about Cut'n'Run Week is whether they meant to punctuate a week-long festival of referring to Democrats as the party of "retreat" and "the white flag" with this rather abrupt announcement of their own cut'n'run program. Was it an error of timing?

I say no. I say Karl Rove doesn't make timing mistakes. This administration thoroughly believes the media and the people have a collective recollection of no more than one day. Five days of cut'n'run, one day off and BAM, you get your own cut'n'run plan out there.

Republicans have, in fact, a well-developed sense of aesthetics. Regard the superb pairing of the decision NOT to raise the minimum wage with the continued push to repeal the estate tax. House Republicans had almost opened their marble hearts and raised the minimum, now at \$5.15 an hour, to a whopping \$7.25 an hour by 2009. (Since 1997, when they last raised it, members of Congress have hiked their own pay by \$31,000 a year.) This might have gone well with

their decision to reduce the estate tax yet again, so that only the top half a percent of estates will pay

it, while it will cost the treasury \$602 billion over the first 10 years - but even better, NO increase in the minimum wage to match the vote to decrease taxes on the very, very, very richest. Is that suave or

what? Also, very slick move on the Voting Rights Act extension. No amendments, no exemptions, the South rose again and blocked the whole deal. Which Southern state do you think will be the first to pass laws to hold down the black vote? My money is on 'Bama for sentimental reasons.

And now, on to flag burning. What flag burning, you may well ask. Just because something doesn't happen is no reason not to outlaw it. Or, for that matter, not to amend the Constitution of the United States.

I am considering introducing an amendment to require everyone in the audience at "Peter Pan" to clap for Tinkerbell. I believe 99.8 percent of them do, but that's no reason not to amend the Constitution.

I don't believe we should allow

people to be different. If someone wants to burn a flag as symbolic political protest, I believe they should be beheaded. Also, flipping the bird at George W. should merit the same - but not flipping off Clinton, Bill or Hillary.

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About eight inches long, and weighing less than two ounces, the Inca dove is one of the smallest doves and is often called a scaled dove.

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ith snow accumulations of six inches, we watched the Inca doves as they sought shelter in the live oak trees and on the sills of our back porch windows.

In both places the small birds started a feathery pyramid. Four or five Incas on the bottom supported the next row of three, topped off



by one or two as they shared body heat and huddled against the cold, damp day.

When late spring arrived we hoped some of the Incas would choose our trees for nesting season. By the time we discovered this was so, there were two nestlings in each of the twig nests in our front and back yards. One abode appeared to be hastily thrown together, while the other resembled a sturdy cup. As the baby birds grew and parents fed them, we watched through binoculars this

ritual of spring. On a bright, clear day,

the noon forecast warned opened its eyes and of late afternoon storms with damaging winds, rain and hail. We could only watch as the weather tested the strength of the nests and the parents' protective instincts.

The cup-like structure hardly moved in the turbulence, with the mother bird nestled on top of her babies. The poorly woven home was held together by the mother's determination. Straddling her offspring, she literally held the nest together with her feet. The young were shielded from the small bits of hail by her wings.

After the weather had cleared, we checked both nests. The baby birds were dry and expecting their next meal. Relieved, we went back inside to a ringing telephone.

A very young bird had been found in a friend's yard. Only a few days old, the baby was much smaller than the usual mourning and white wing doves we receive. It resembled the occupants of our two for her offspring, and pro-Inca dove nests

mula, and persistence, we kept a daily regimen even a pediatrician would have admired. Responding, the explored its home.

Nicknamed "Inky," the young Inca dove developed layered feathers. Their dark edges gave the bird a scaly appearance. Gray overall, "Inky" was similar to the slender petite birds that frequented the back yard. Our protégé would develop rust colored wing feathers and outer white tail feathers as it matured.

As "Inky" learned to eat seeds and fly, we knew that the dove needed to leave us for the social interaction with other birds in the flight cages at the wildlife center.

The dove was happiest when we were tending to her needs. We did not want her to imprint so much on humans that it would jeopardize her chance at freedom and a life with her own species.

Taking her for her debut into the bird world was difficult, but we could look forward to knowing that some day she would build a future tect them the same way With an incubator, for- the Inca doves had done during that frightful storm.

Bebe McCasland is federally and state licensed to tiny, delicate being grew, rehabilitate wild birds.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

In mythology, the little crab we call "Cancer" earned her constellation through her willingness to protect her beloved goddess, Hera. For her sacrifice in the battle against Hercules, she was cast into a place of honor in the heavens. As the moon transits from Cancer to Leo, we're reminded that anything worth having is worth protecting.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You won't be restless if

dwell you among the mysteries and beauties of life today. Scorpio people live there most of the time -- hang out with one, and you'll learn via osmosis. TAURUS



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(April 20-May 20). History could repeat, but it doesn't have to. Recognize the pattern early, and walk away. Then, pat yourself on the back for the emotional muscle tone you've developed since last time.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're no "yes" person but you're no "no" person, either. You do what you do. Your strong sense of who you are and what you have to contribute gives you a place among those you admire.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). When you've run out of questions, a Libra reintroduces doubt and wonder. Knowing everything is overrated anyhow. Your sense of discovery will invigorate every area of your life.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There are no small jobs, only small mindsets. Today's most satisfying action could be pushing a broom. Happiness is knowing that your efforts have helped people, touched their lives and made a dif-

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). When you're not in the mood for a certain highmaintenance person, they appear. The stars reward patience. If you can put up with this person, you'll work magic with yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It's a basic human need to be acknowledged -- one that you feed so well in others and often neglect in yourself. It's not arrogant to take note of your talents.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You know you're in the right line of work when it's hard to distinguish business from pleasure. People around you spark to your playful imagination, espe-

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cially Aquarius.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There is a difference between the path of least resistance and a path with no obstacles at all. The former allows you to flow toward your purpose. The latter flows toward someone else's purpose.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Someone tells you "don't change a thing." This is an impossible order, but of all the signs, you're able to keep everything nicely in line today. The status quo is lovely for

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). What would you do without those "wild-card people" who throw you for a loop, making your life anything but boring? So don't waste time complaining or feigning surprise. Just tilt your head back and laugh.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There's a pessimistic saying that no good deed goes unpunished, but as long as your motives are pure, your assistance will be well-received, especially if you are helping yourself.

ASTROLOGICAL QUES-TIONS: "I'm so curious about and fascinated by what you do. I've had two readings done by psychics,

and they were both spot on, but part of me is still skeptical. I try to trust my instincts about what I should do and where I should go in my life, but lately I am feeling conflicted about them. I was born May 5, 1977."

Your skepticism is positive - using the discerning part of your brain keeps you making choices that are right for you, instead of handing over your money and your power to anyone who impresses you. No matter how "spot on" a psychic may be, always remember that you're in control of your destiny. Your recent conflicted feelings have to do with a cycle of expansion affecting you and other Taurus people. Something has occurred to alter your perception of the world forever. What you once thought was out of vour reach seems commonplace, so what now? You're not the same person you were, but you're not sure what the new you is about. By July, you'll be feeling more certain. For now, don't worry about where to go or what to do. Just be open. The more comfortable you get with not knowing, the faster the astounding, obviously right answer will find you.

Contract ... Bridge

BY STEVE BECKER Maximizing Your Chances

tive response to his forcing two-bid.

contracted for a grand slam and dis-

covered he had a potential diamond

loser. Making the slam seemed to

depend on guessing whether to take a finesse in diamonds or in spades

each a 50 percent proposition. As can

be seen, neither finesse would have

But South saw a third option that

offered a substantially better chance

than either finesse the possibility of establishing a spade trick in

dummy by trumping spades in his

own hand. Furthermore, he could

pursue this possibility without relinquishing the 50 percent chance of

relying on a finesse to bring the grand slam home. If the spades failed

to divide favorably, he would still

have the diamond finesse in reserve.

Accordingly, after winning the

heart lead with the queen, declarer

cashed the ace of spades and ruffed a

spade high. Next he led a low trump

to dummy's nine and ruffed another

spade high. Then came a low trump

last trump and allowed South to ruff

the fourth round of spades, felling

Declarer now ruffed the ace of

hearts with dummy's deuce of

trumps and discarded the diamond

queen on dummy's spade queen to

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East's king.

worked as the cards lie.

South dealer. North-South vulnerable NORTH WEST ♥J 10832 SOUTH The bidding:

Opening lead — jack of hearts. Many hands offer declarer a choice of two or more lines of play Declarer's job in these cases is to try to find the method of play most likely to win - in other words, the

percentage play In considering his options, declarer should examine all the possibilities and not just the obvious ones. Unfortunately, the best line of play is often camouflaged by alterna-

tives that are much easier to sec. For example, take this deal where

South, encouraged by partner's posi-

put the finishing touch on a well-Tomorrow: Sylvia has trouble counting to 13.





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BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) Terry Morris' friendship with a pint-sized chicken has hatched a new children's book.

"It's pretty strange, I know," Morris said. "But she's a good pet."

Twelve years Henrietta, an Old English Bantam hen, strolled through the front door of a wheel alignment business Morris owned in Olympia, Wash.

She soon made the garage her home, greeting customers with a squawk, punching numbers on the calculator, and sitting on Morris' head when he talked on the phone.

Morris ate lunch with him, sampling his Mexican takeout meals.

Iris-Arla Moore, a librarian in Olympia and one of Morris' customers, decided to write a children's book about the chicken, and "Henrietta the Guard Chicken" was published by Trafford Publishing in March.

Morris has taken Henrietta on trips, logging more than 50,000 miles in his truck, where she sits in a custom coop

on the front seat. Last year, he took

Henrietta to Los Angeles the bullet wasn't a stray. to visit his granddaughter and brought Henrietta to show-and-tell.

"Most of the kids there didn't even know what a chicken was," Morris said.

NEW YORK (AP) - Atenant leader who has campaigned against drug dealers in her neighborhood says a penny jar stopped a bullet fired into

her apartment. Brenda Scott, 56, president of the Ebbets Field **Tenants** Houses Organization in

Brooklyn, said she was in her bedroom Saturday night when she heard a loud noise "that sounded like thick glass crackling.'

She found a bullet hole in her front door. "The heavy-duty penny jar in my front hallway stopped the bullet from going all the way through" the apartment, said Scott, a retired second-grade teacher.

Scott said she is sure the First Amendment.

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"Out of 1,319 apartments in the complex, it hit my door," she said.

"The message is, 'Watch out."

"Sure, I'm scared," said Scott. "I don't want to die, but it's not going to stop

BERKLEY, Mich. (AP) - The parking fine was \$10. But the comment Robert Militzer added to the check could land him in jail for 30 days.

The computer programmer from Allen Park got the ticket May 29. When Militzer wrote the check to Berkley District Court, he scribbled on the memo line, "BULL (expletive) MONEY GRAB."

That got Militzer an inperson court appearance on a contempt of court charge. He's scheduled to before a judge Wednesday, accompanied by an American Civil Liberties Union attorney who will argue Militzer's remark is protected by

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News in brief

Serial killer's lawyers hope courts will stop execution

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Attorneys for train-hopping serial killer Angel Maturino Resendiz were on a mission in the courts Tuesday to try to keep the man nicknamed the "Railroad Killer" from an evening trip to the Texas death chamber.

"It's hard to be optimistic when your client is scheduled to be executed," lead appeals lawyer Jack Zimmermann said. "In a neutral playing field, if this wasn't the railway killer, I think the courts would be more inclined to rule in our favor. I think they're concerned with public pressure."

Resendiz, who has been linked to 15 slayings across the nation, faced lethal injection for the stabbing and bludgeoning of Claudia Benton, 39. Benton was killed eight days before Christmas in 1998 in her home near Houston's world-renowned Texas Medical Center where she worked as a physician and researcher.

She is among eight slayings linked to Resendiz, 46, in Texas, Two more were tied to him in both Illinois and Florida, and one each in Kentucky, California and Georgia.

Report details voting discrimination in Texas

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Department of Justice forced Hale County in West Texas to beef up its bilingual assistance at the polls this year, a sign that discrimination persists and renewal of the Voting Rights Act is needed, a coalition of civil rights groups said Monday.

The Justice Department will monitor future Hale County elections as part of the settlement of its February complaint that the county wasn't providing enough bilingual poll workers to assist Spanish speakers, according to the report released by Renew the VRA, a coalition of groups pushing for renewal of expiring sections of the landmark civil rights legislation

Texas Republicans joined other Southern lawmakers last week in pressing for postponement on a vote to renew the Voting Rights Act. Opponents complained the act's language assistance requirements were no longer needed and its oversight of nine states with histories of voter discrimination were unfair.

But a coalition of groups pushing for renewal of the Voting Rights Act said Texas has a long history of discrimination affecting minority voters, including holding "white" primaries, segregating Mexican children in "Mexican schools" and drawing election districts to dilute minority voting.

Black leaders plan to protest against Christian conservatives

DALLAS (AP) — Prominent black leaders said Monday they will organize against Christian conservatives they say have used gay marriage and abortion to distract from larger moral issues such as the war, voting rights, affirmative action and poverty.

The Revs. Al Sharpton, Jesse Jackson, Joseph Lowery and hundreds of black leaders from around the country are focusing on mobilizing black voters for the fall elections. They kicked off a three-day black clergy conference Monday in Dallas.

Sharpton said tours are planned of swing states starting in July to bring out black voters and push Democrats to take a tougher stand on social justice issues.

Kenyan boy going home with guardians after surgery

HOUSTON (AP) — Four-year-old Daniel Wachira gave a simple but succinct answer when asked how he feels about his face, ravaged by dogs in his native Kenya but now on its way to being repaired by surgeons.

"Good," Daniel responded before he darted off to play with his red and yellow toy bulldozer.

Nearly a month ago, Daniel underwent a marathon 11 1/2 hour surgery in Houston, the first of six to repair the left side of his face. After spending two weeks in a hospital recovering, Daniel has spent the last week and a half living in a hotel. After a final check up by his doctors, Daniel was set to leave Houston Tuesday and return to Oklahoma City with his guardians, Larry and Frances Jones.

Plano congregation to leave Episcopal Church

PLANO (AP) — Christ Church Episcopal has announced that it will leave the denomination because it can no longer abide by the national church's decisions.

Leaders of the conservative Plano congregation announced their plan Monday, a week after the Episcopal Church elected Nevada Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori as its first female presiding bishop.

Jefferts Schori supported the 2003 consecration of V. Gene Robinson of New Hampshire, the first openly gay Episcopal bishop. She also supported the creation of locally authorized blessings for gay unions.

"The mission of Christ Church is to make disciples and teach them to obey the commands of Christ," said a statement approved by Christ Church's leaders this weekend. "The direction of the leadership of the Episcopal Church is different and we regret their departure from biblical truth and the historic faith of the Anglican Communion. ... We declare our intention to disassociate from ECUSA as soon as possible."

A spokesman for the Episcopal Church did not immediately return phone messages left by The Associated Press early Tuesday.

The Episcopal Church is the U.S. branch of the international Anglican Communion. Anglican leaders and some churches overseas broke ties with the American church over Robinson's elevation, which also disturbed conservatives in the American church.

Members of a conservative network within the national church have scheduled a meeting for the end of July to consider a response this month's convention

The Plano church is one of the largest Episcopal churches in the nation, drawing about 2,200 worshippers each weekend to the Dallas suburb.

Bush slams release of information on monitoring of finances for terrorist activities

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush said it was "disgraceful" that the news media had disclosed a secret CIA-Treasury program to track millions of financial records in search of terrorist suspects. The White House accused *The New York Times* of breaking a long tradition of keeping wartime secrets.

"The fact that a newspaper disclosed it makes it harder to win this war on terror," Bush said Monday, leaning forward and jabbing his finger during a brief question-and-answer session with reporters in the Roosevelt Room.

The Times has defended its effort, saying publication has served America's public interest.

The newspaper, along with the *Los Angeles Times* and the *Wall Street Journal*, revealed last week that Treasury officials, beginning shortly after the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks, had obtained access to an extensive international financial data base — the Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication, or Swift

The New York Times late last year also disclosed that the National Security Agency had been conducting warrantless surveillance in the United States since 2002 of people with suspected al-Qaida ties.

Lightning bolts spark another half dozen new wildfires in Nevada

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Lightning bolts sparked another half dozen new wildfires that were burning around Reno and Carson City early Tuesday, worsening the damage from blazes that already have consumed about 50,000 acres of northern Nevada.

More than two dozen fires remained active, many out of control, reaching from the heavily timbered western front of the Sierra Nevada near Reno to the sage- and grass-filled rangeland near Elko, 300 miles east.

In Arizona, a 58,300-acre wildfire north of Grand Canyon National Park jumped the only highway leading to the remote North Rim, closing the road and marooning hundreds of tourists and workers. The fire was burning about 30 miles from the park, but officials said no one was in any danger.

"The canyon is covered in smoke," Amber Boeldt of Globe said in a telephone interview from the Grand Canyon Lodge, where she and her family were staying. "That's all you can smell."

An estimated 200 of the 950 stranded people drove for

two hours on a forest to Fredonia, said park spokeswoman Maureen Oltrogge. Crews planned to evaluate conditions Tuesday morning to determine whether it was safe to escort out the remaining people.

Half-ton Mexican man loses

200 pounds in four months on diet

MONTERREY, Mexico (AP) — Health officials said Manuel Uribe weighed 1,235 pounds when he made a desperate plea for help on national television in January.

Unable to leave his bed for five years, the 41-year-old mechanic in the northern industrial city of Monterrey longed to move again.

His plea was answered by doctors and nutritionists who prescribed a high-protein diet, helping him lose about 200 pounds since then.

Gilberto Montiel, health secretary for Nuevo Leon state, said medical officials have been monitoring Uribe's weight and confirmed the loss.

"I feel better now, I can stretch and move a bit more," Uribe said Monday, flanked by Dr. Barry Sears, creator of "The Zone" diet, who came to check on his progress.

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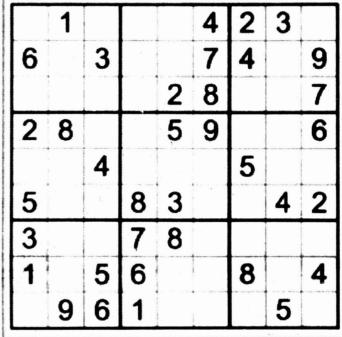
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"In May the daily average was 43 — 37 in-house and seven in Dickens County, for an average daily cost of \$243.73 for out of county housing. That average daily cost is strictly the Dickens County cost."

Commissioner Jerry Kilgore said he's pleased with the obvious success of the program, but it will take more time to see how

the program stacks up.
"We don't have anything to compare it to," said Kilgore. "We don't know what the commer-

cial bondsmen did. After they (commercial bondsmen) met with Mike Welling on this, it appears this is going to be the numbers they are going to be able to stay with because there are a lot of them in there that are not bondable.

"The only thing I question at this point is how many of them would have been out through commercial bondsmen. But it's working right now and it's keeping the number of inmates down. We're going to have to have more figures before we can see whether it's saving us money or costing us money."

Kilgore said the commissioner's court will continue to monitor the

program.

"When we decided to do this (pre-trial bonding program) we said we'd look at this in about six months or a year," said Kilgore. "I expect we'll be

looking at it every six months to see how it's doing. I'm happy with what it's doing right now."

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oftball tourney set or July 15-16 at Cotton Mize Park

The first-ever Ball Softball Tournament will take place July 15-16 at Cotton Mize Field inside of Comanche Trail Park.

The tourney costs 125 per team and trophies and T-shirts will be awarded to the top three teams. There is also a six home run limit.

For more information, contact Amador Rios at 432-466-1128, Pete Carrillo at 432-816-1245 or Abel Rios at 432-213-2115.

Sandiot softball tourney set for this coming weekend

A softball tournament hosted by the Big Spring sandlot softball team will be held Saturday and Sunday at Cotton Mize Park inside of Comanche Trail Park. The top three teams will receive trophies, the top two teams get? T-shirts and there will also be MVP and iden gloves honors warded as well.

For more information, contact Ben Flores at 267-4226 or

The Big Spring Softball Girls Association (BSGSA) will be having its annual co-ed ragball tournament Friday and Saturday at the Roy Anderson Complex.

The cost of the tourney is \$110 per team and each team will play at least six

Interested particiants can register at the complex between 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. June 30. The first ame starts at 7 p.m., For more informalon, contact Ron Shafer at 432-213-3747.

BSHS announces oftball camp for ilddle of July

Big Spring softball coach Jennifer Reyes, along with her assistant coaches, will be having a softball skills amp July 10-14. The camp will run

om 8 a.m. to noon illy and is for first aders. It also costs 5 per participant.

or more inform n, call 263-8527 o

Late error dooms UNC against Oregon State

 Beavers win firstever baseball national title after 3-2 victory

By DENNIS WASZAK Jr.

AP Sports Writer OMAHA, Neb. — Kevin Gunderson carried the College World Series trophy into Oregon State's postgame news conference, smiling as his teammates followed him up to the podium.

The Beavers were unlikely national champions, and their star closer was having fun basking in the moment.

there picked us to lose every single game, so thank you for doing that,"

Gunderson said. "It gave times, becoming the first us a lot of motivation to go out there and prove those people wrong.'

Bill Rowe scored the goahead run on second baseman Bryan Steed's throwing error in the bottom of the eighth inning, and Oregon State held on to beat North Carolina 3-2 Monday night for its first College World Series title.

"We're going to enjoy it, and nobody can take it away," Gunderson said. "We're the 2006 national champions.' That appeared improba-

ble when Oregon State "I think we came here arrived in Omaha and and a lot of people out lost its first game 11-1 to Miami. The Beavers (50-16) bounced back and fought off elimination six

team in CWS history to lose twice in Omaha and win the national championship.

"It's just a dream come true the way it happened," said Jonah Nickerson, who was a big part of it all with three gutty starts in eight days.

Oregon State also had geography working against it — and the perception that a team from the Pacific Northwest could never hang with traditional college baseball powerhouses from warm-weather climates.

Oregon State became the first truly Northernbased school to win the series since Ohio State in

With Monday's game tied at 2 in the eighth, Rowe drew a two-out walk and Tyler Graham blooped a single into left. Tar Heels ace Andrew Miller, the No. 6 overall pick by Detroit, came on in relief of starter Daniel Bard and got pinch-hitter Ryan Gipson to one-hop a

grounder to Steed. The second baseman, who came in as a defensive replacement in the fifth, threw wide and past first baseman Tim Federowicz — who splits time at catcher — for the Tar Heels' fourth error as Rowe scored the go-ahead run from second.

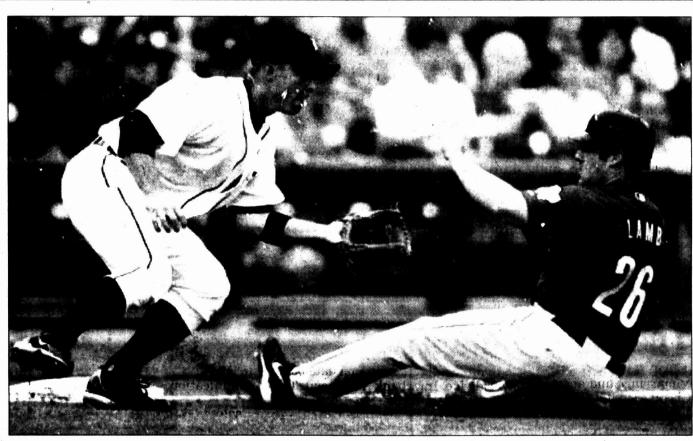
"I turned third, looked and saw the ball going toward the dugout, took

two hard steps and realized I was going to be able to coast into home," Rowe said.

The Beavers stormed out of their dugout and mobbed Rowe as the Tar Heels (54-15) grew silent on the other side of the field.

"I probably got rid of it too quick," Steed said. "It was a little bit up the line. Didn't make the play."

North Carolina put two runners on against Dallas Buck (13-3) with one out in the ninth, but Gunderson got Josh Horton to hit into a fielder's choice, and - with the tying run on third got slugger Chad Flack to fly out to end it.



Detroit Tigers' Brandon Inge, left, makes a play on Houston Astros' Mike Lamb, who was safe at third, during the first inning Monday at Comerica Park in Detorit, Mich. The Tigers won the game, 10-4.

Red-hot Tigers cruise past Houston

 Garner, Berkman tossed in seventh inning for arguing

By RON VAMPLE

Associated Press Writer DETROIT Leyland thought starter Zach Miner was falling behind too early, which could have spelled disaster for the rookie. So the Detroit Tigers manager made an early trip to the mound to give the righthander some encouragement.

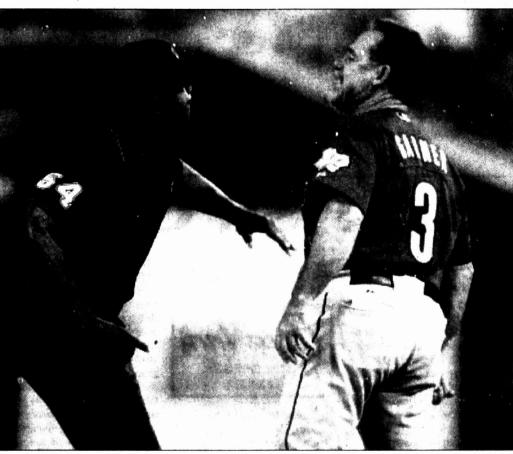
"He gave me a preather, he gave me a pep talk," Miner said after the Tigers beat the Houston Astros 10-4 Monday night. "They were on almost everything I threw. I really didn't trust myself that much. I was out there wondering if I was going to make it to the sec-

seen him before but he said Miner had to pick up the pace after giving up four consecutive hits in the first inning.

"He's got good stuff," Leyland said. "He's still feeling his way a little bit, he just has to trust his stuff."

Miner regrouped and struck out five over 5 1-3 innings, allowing three runs and 10 hits.

Ivan Rodriguez's tworun double highlighted Detroit's five-run third and he homered off starter Wandy Rodriguez (8-5) in the seventh.



KRT photo/Kirthmon F. Dozier, Detroit Free Press Leyland said Miner (4- Houston Astros' manager Phil Garner, right, is ejected from the game after arguing a call 1) has an advantage over with first base umpire Adam Downey during the Astros' loss to the Detroit Tigers opponents who haven't Monday at Comerica Park in Detorit, Mich.

> Chris Shelton led off were ejected in the sevthe Tigers' big inning with a single and he tied the game at 1 when Brandon Inge doubled to the center field wall. Curtis Granderson followed with an RBI single that got past Houston first baseman Mike Lamb.

Rodriguez then drove in Granderson and Placido Polanco, who had doubled. Rodriguez scored on a sacrifice fly by Magglio Ordonez that put the Tigers ahead 5-1.

Lance Berkman, who went 2-for-4, and Astros manager Phil Garner from calling me out to See ASTROS, Page 8

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Berkman was called out at first base trying to beat out a grounder. He slammed his helmet to the ground and was immediately ejected by first base umpire C.B. Bucknor. Garner rushed onto the field to argue and was eventually tossed after throwing his cap to the ground.

"That was quite possibly the fastest ejection in the history of the game," Berkman said. "I think he just continued the same arm motion

throwing me out." Garner threw a chair after he returned to the Houston dugout.

"Phil backs his players, so I wasn't surprised. I told him the chair was a nice touch," Berkman said.

"I had been trying to get thrown out for the last couple of minutes, but he wouldn't do it,' Garner said. "That chair had been bothering me the whole game. It needed to get out of the dugout.'

Garner was making

Minor league manager has major tirade

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) Once the umpire called Roger Clemens' kid safe, a minor league manager threw a major league tantrum that would have made Lou Piniella, Earl Weaver and Tommy Lasorda proud.

It also cost Asheville Tourists manager Joe Mikulik a seven-day suspension and \$1,000 fine.

Mikulik, who used to write "Never Surrender" on his wristbands when he played in the minors, put on a throwing, kicking and screaming show Sunday that was still the talk of baseball a day later.

The South Atlantic League also spent a lot of time talking about his antics and penalized him Monday night.

Upset with umpire Andy Russell's call in the fifth inning of Asheville's 5-2 loss, Mikulik rushed onto the field. The manager of the Colorado Rockies' Class A affiliate made a headfirst dive into second base and later pulled up the bag — taking a few tugs to get it done — before throwing it into right field.

By the time he got ejected, Mikulik was just getting warmed up. And by the time he was done, he had thrown a resin bag, several bats and blocked the umpires' locker room.

"I don't think I ever lost total control, though it may look like it," Mikulik told Asheville Citizen-Times earlier Monday. "It was just frustration, and I obviously went a little bit too far. I apologize to fans and to the umpires for my actions, and I regret what happened.'

Los Angeles Dodgers outfielder Kenny Lofton played with Mikulik in the Houston organization, and watched television highlights of the tirade his former teammate put on Lexington's Koby Clemens was called safe at second base.

"He was crazy," Lofton said, laughing hard before Monday night's game at Minnesota. "Whoo. When I saw it, I was like, 'OK, that's something that he had in him.' That explosiveness. I didn't know he was going to do all that.

"He had a lot of intensity, boy. Whoo. It wasn't bad. He was just ready to go. That's how he was. When I saw that, I was like, 'Well, it just finally

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his first return to Detroit since he was fired as Tigers manager in 2002.

"I knew his agenda as soon as he went out there," said Detroit's Brandon Inge, who made his major league debut while Garner was managing the Tigers. "I knew he was going to get tossed as soon as he went out there. I was cracking up.'

When the dust settled after the ejections, Eric Munson hit a solo homer to pull Houston within 6-

Detroit added three runs in the eighth. Marcus Thames hit an RBI double.

Then, Craig Monroe drove in a run with a bloop single down the right field line.

With the bases loaded, Granderson grounded into a forceout to make it

Rodriguez gave up seven runs and 10 hits in 6 1-3 innings.

"I felt good but they hit good pitches," Rodriguez said through an interpreter.

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came out," he said. Mikulik tossed resin bag into the bullpen, covered home plate with dirt and cleaned it with a water bottle, which he finally

spiked onto the plate. Back in the dugout, he threw a bunch of bats onto the field, enough to send a batboy ducking for cover.

"I could get two mannequins at Sears and umpire better than what I saw this whole series," he the Lexington Herald-Leader.

"I thought the strike was over," Mikulik said. "When will the real umpires show up? That's what I want to know.'



Driver Jeff Gordon and his fiancee, Ingrid Vandebosch, celebrate in the winner's circle after Gordon won the Dodge/Save Mart 350 Nascar Nextel Cup race at Infineon Raceway in Sonoma, Calif., Sunday. The win put Gordon into eighth in the Nextel Cup point standings.

Stars give offer sheets to six free agents

Steve Ott and defenseman Trevor Daley were among six restricted free agents who got qualifying contract offers Monday from the Dallas Stars.

The Stars also made qualifying offers to goaltenders Dan Ellis and wing Mathias Tjarnqvist. The qualifying offers,

which expire July 15, ensure that salary raises for the players who sign with the Stars.

right of first refusal or draft choice compensa- could sign with any team Mike Smith, right wing tion should any of the without compensation.

DALLAS (AP) — Center Junior Lessard and left players sign offer sheets with another NHL club. wings David Left

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Svoboda were not extend-

ed qualifying offers. They will be eligible to The team also has the become unrestricted free agents Saturday, and

Deja vu: rain ruins start of Wimbledon

By STEVEN WINE

AP Sports Writer

WIMBLEDON, England This place needs a roof. A retractable cover for Court Centre

Wimbledon is planned, but that was small consolation on the first day of the tournament Monday, when rain permitted only 30 minutes of tennis.

That meant no matches completed, 17 suspended and 47 postponed. Because of the backlog, defending champion Venus Williams and topseeded Amelie Mauresmo will wait until at least Wednesday to play.

"We'll all be used to this by the end of the fortnight, I'm sure," said James Blake, one of 94 players who waited in vain to take the court.

Precipitation has been a particularly persistent problem in recent years, with the 2004 tournament one of the wettest ever. Help is on the way, at least for Centre Court: Work on a retractable roof will begin shortly after this year's tournament, with four holding platforms already in place for cranes.

The project will blend modern and traditional elements, with a translu-

cent roof covering a stadium that opened in the 1920s. Signs explaining the timetable and design are displayed around the All England Club.

But Wimbledome won't be done until 2009. In the meantime, the forecast calls for the chance of more days like Monday, when three-time defending champion Roger Federer was interrupted in his bid for a record 42nd consecutive grasscourt victory leading Richard Gasquet 6-3, 1-2.

Martina Hingis, mounting a career comeback this year, took to the Wimbledon lawn for the first time since 2001 and hit the shot of the day. She charged forward to chip a half volley at ankle level for a winner and led Olga Savchuk 6-2 when their match was halted.

U.S. Open champion Kim Clijsters led Vera Zvonareva 5-4. Jurgen Melzer was two points from winning the first set, leading Nicolas Mahut 6-5, 40-all when their match was halted.

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The tournament started with a 59-minute rain delay, followed by a brief outbreak of tennis. The rest of the day, the weather alternated between drizzles and downpours.

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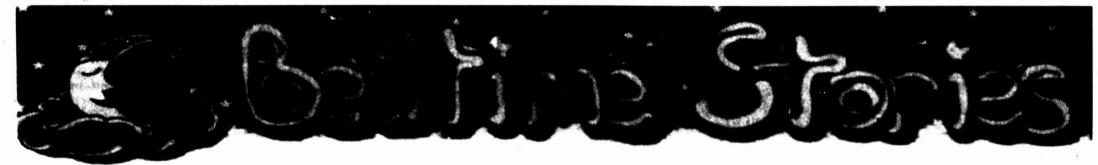
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That day was about to

But. Jason wasn't going to catch that big old fish the way he had always dreamed about. As a matter of fact, Jason didn't even catch the fish. The big old fish caught Jason! Here is the way the story goes. My Grandfather told this story to me a very long time ago, and I think it is probably true. Orandfather told a lot of stories to me. didn't he?

It was a very nice, beautiful day. It was early morning. The dew was still spartding on the grass. There was a

cool breeze. Jayson went to his favorite spot on the bank of the creek. He had caught many fish there, but not the big one! He was excited. He could feel his heart pounding. He knew that today was going to be THE day! He sat down in the wet grass, but he didn,t mind for he had done this many times before. He knew that he would be dry in just a little while. He looked into his can of worms. He found a big, fat, juicy one. "This one will catch that big old fish today," he thought. Little did he know that the blg, fat, julcy worm would indeed, help catch something today!

Jayson balted his hook. found just the right spot, and tossed the line into the water. He waited! Nothing. He walted longer. Still nothing. The bobber on his line never moved at all. He wanted the bobber to disappear under the water so much! But, nothing happened. He wait-

ed and waited. This is not going to be such a good fishing day, after all," he thought to himself. Best, the feeling he had earlier that morning just couldn't be explained. He felt his spirit weakening. He was about to give up and go home, once again without that BIG fish. He laid his head back on the now dry grass. He shut his eyes. Sleepy. He was getting sleepy. He fell asleep right



there, on the creek bank, in the now dry grass.

He was fast asleep. He was smiling. He must be dreaming about catching the big FISH. Do you ever dream about catching fish? Do you ever dream about big, fat, juicy worms? Yuck! What do you dream about? Okay, back to the story.

Jayson rolled over onto his back He was still asleep. The warm sun was now shining on his face. This made him sleep even deeper. He was really snoring now! [1] bet you don't snore, do you? I don't know if I snore or not. for I am asleep.

Jayson rolled over again. but this time he kept rolling. down the creek bank, right into the wateri

The splash was huge, and noisy. All of the little fishles came to see what was making all that racket. They saw Jayson in the water. They saw that Jayson was in trouble, for he had gotten lots of

water in his mouth when he rolled into the creek, and his mouth was wide open from snoring when he went into the water. Jayson coughed and coughed, but had a hard time catching his breath. The little fishles wanted to help. They called for help on their little fishle telephone. Do fish really have telephones? This is a bedtime story and the little fishles can have telephones if we want them to. They dialed their emergency number. Do you know what your emergency number might be? is it 911? You are really smart if you knew the answer to that question. Some other fish answered. "We have a human boy here that is asleep in the water and he will need help," the little fishie said to the other fish. "I am on my way," the boom-

ing voice said from the other end of the fishle telephone line. Then all the little fishles swarn under Jayson, trying to hold him up on top of the water so he could breathe. They were nice tittle fishies, weren't they?

The emergency fish was on his way. He was getting closand closer to Jayson. Then closer. Then, the water illes parted, and the old rotted logs parted, split in two.

it was none other than THE BIG FISH! The big fish saw Jayson

lying on the top of the water. with the little fishies holding him up. The little fishles were so glad to see the big fish for they were getting very tired and they didn't think



263-7316 they could hold Jayson up much longer. "I will help him now," the big fish said to the little fishles, "Thank you for all your help. You all did a wonderful job." Then, the big fish opened his big mouth as if to eat Jayson. He very gently closed his mouth just enough to grab Jayson's shirt and pull him towards the creek bank. As he got closer and closer to the bank, he swam faster and faster, dragging Jayson. Just as he neared the bank, he quickly turned and let go of Jayson's shirt. Jayson went gliding right onto the bank where he was safe once again. Now Jayson could breathe okay again. thanks to that big fishil

Jayson went home that day, wondering what to tell all his

fishing buddles about his adventure. After all, he couldn,t ever tell them that THE BIG ONE had actually caught him, could he? By the time he had gotten home, he knew what to tell all of them.

He said that he would never go back to his favorite fishing spot again, for there just aren,t any fish there! He did not ever want to put the little fishies or THE BIG FISH in any more danger.

Jayson visited his old fishing spot many times after that day, but he never carried a fishing pole with him anymore. He carried fish food instead. He hoped all those little fishles and the big fish would find the fish food and just maybe he could see this big one swimming by. But. he never did see that fish again. He did see the Hity pads parting many times and he saw the rotting logs splitting and somehow he knew that some little fishle somewhere had seen someone in trouble and called the fishie emergency telephone num-

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ceiver appointed under the provisions of Section 64.091 and 64.093 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code for undivided mineral and/or royalty interests owned by the Defendants in the following described lands in Howard County,

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B. 215.00 acres, more or less, being all of the North Half (N/2) of Section 23, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, save and except the Northwest Quarter of Northeast Quarter (NW/4 NE/4) and Northeast Quarter of Northwest Quarter (NE/4 NW/4) and save and except 25.00 acres, more or less, out of the Northwest Quarter (NW/4) described in that certain deed dated October 15, 1902 from W.W. Satterwhite, et ux to J.L. Henderson. recorded in Volume 9. Page 182. Deed Records, Howard County, Texas:

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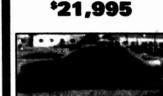


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"WATCH HIM LIKE A HAWK! HE CAN TURN PRICELESS ANTIQUES INTO WORTHLESS RUINS!"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Don't stop reading if my eyes close, Mommy. My ears stay awake later."

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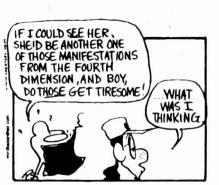
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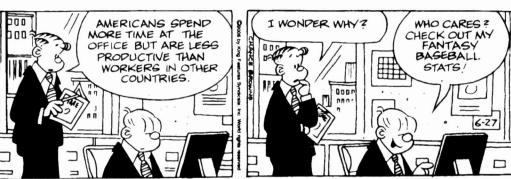
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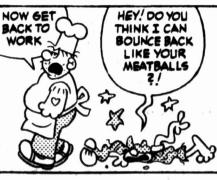
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, June 27, the 178th day of 2006. There are 187 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in

History: On June 27, 1950, President Truman ordered the Air Force and Navy into the Korean conflict following a call from the U.N. Security Council for member nations to help South Korea repel an invasion from the North.

On this date: In 1844, Mormon leader Joseph Smith and his brother, Hyrum, were killed by a mob in Carthage, Ill.

In 1847, New York and Boston were linked by telegraph wires. In 1893, the New York

stock market crashed. In 1944, during World War II, American forces completed their capture of the French port of Cherbourg from the Germans.

In 1957, more than 500 people were killed when Hurricane Audrey slammed through coastal Louisiana

and Texas.

In 1969, patrons at the Stonewall Inn, a gay bar in New York's Greenwich Village, clashed with police in an incident considered the birth of the gay rights movement. In 1973, former White

House counsel John W. Dean told the Senate Watergate Committee about an "enemies list" kept by the Nixon White House.

In 1980, President Carter signed legislation reviving draft registration. In 1986, the International

Court of Justice at The Hague ruled that the United States had broken international law and violated the sovereignty of Nicaragua by aiding the contras.

In 1991, Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, the first black to sit on the nation's highest court, announced his retirement.

One year ago: The Supreme Court ruled, in a pair of 5-4 decisions, that displaying Commandments on government property is constitutionally permissible in some cases but not in others.

Today's Birthdays: Business executive Ross

Perot is 76. The former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, retired Army General John Shalikashvili, is 70. Former Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt is 68. Singer-musician Bruce Johnston (The Beach Boys) is 64. Actress Julia Duffy is 55. Country singer Lorrie Morgan is 47. Actor Yancey Arias is 35. Actor Tobey Maguire is 31. Gospel singer

Madylin Sweeten is 15. Thought for Today: "It is no simple matter to pause in the midst of one's maturity, when life is full of function, to examine what are the principles which control that functioning." — Pearl S. Buck, American author (1892-1973).

Leigh Nash is 30. Actress

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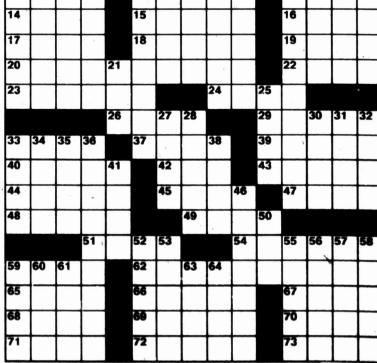
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To the ancient Greeks, a rough sea meant that Poseidon, the god of the sea, was angry. Lightning was the work of Zeus, ruler of the universe. The sun went across the sky because Apollo was driving the chariot of the sun World Almanac for Kids



Chatter Box "If you're unhappy with yourself,

change your attitude, not the size of your nose." — Actress Anne Hathaway ("The Devil Wears Prada"), in Elle.

In The News

'Cars' star chats about Mack's 'vroom'

Hamm, P.T. Flea, Yeti, a school of Moonfish, and The Underminer are all characters in Pixar-animated movies that have shared the voice of actor John Ratzenberger.

In Pixar's latest movie, "Cars," Ratzenberger is the voice of a truck named Mack. Time For Kids kid reporter Alex Friedman talked to Ratzenberger about his interest in "Cars" and factories, and what he and Mack have in common.

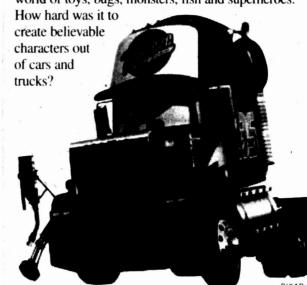
TFK: How did you come up with the voice of Mack? Did you want it to sound like a truck?

JR: My father was a truck driver, and I used to spend time with him in the truck and I remember what it felt like, bouncing up and down. I remember you had to yell a lot, because back then the trucks weren't as quiet as they are now.

TFK: All of the characters you have played in Pixar movies represent either things that don't talk or don't exist in real life. How do you figure out what kind of voice your character will have?

JR: Well I don't think about the physical part of the character. I think about the emotional part of the character. Like Hamm the pig, he was sort of an easygoing sort of character, whereas P.T. Flea in "A Bug's Life," he was very tightly wound.

TFK: Pixar has brought many movie fans into the world of toys, bugs, monsters, fish and superheroes.



JR: I just do what the director tells me to do, because actors — when you're making a movie — are just really like different colors of paint that you get in a paint set. It's up to the artist to decide whether to use a blue here, or a little bit of red there, or orange or green. And in a movie the artist is really the director. So he uses as much or as little of the characters as he needs to to tell the story.

TFK: How would you describe Mack's personality? **JR**: He's a hard worker. He's very loyal and he's very dependable.

TFK: How do you think you are alike or different

JR: I'm also very dependable, loyal and reliable exactly like Mack.

TFK: You have a TV show called "John Ratzenberger's Made in America" where you go to different factories and see how people work. What is your purpose in having this show?

JR: To show people — especially children — that not everything just falls from the sky and already giftwrapped and put on a shelf in the toy store or the supermarket. People have to get up in the morning and go to work, and make things and invent things.

I have a Web site called ratzenberger.com and on that site I have a section (called) kids tinkering. So I'm hoping that kids especially will start thinking about making things, instead of just playing video games and spending their time that way. - Alex Friedman, 10

Beach treasures

Turn beach finds into souvenirs

One of the greatest appeals of spending a day at the shore is scouting out your very own collection of seaside souvenirs. Assorted shells, colorful bits of sea glass, knobby pieces of driftwood — there's no telling what the tide will leave behind. We've come up with some fun and easy ways to transform your beachcombing collection into clever and charming vacation mementos. FamilyFun magazine

Seashell sailboat

This mini craft takes only a minute or two to assemble. and it's just right for launching in a kiddle pool or bathtub. MATERIALS

■ Small triangle cut from a plastic bag, tablecloth

or other item ■ Thin twig ■ Modeling clay ■ Clean shell

Trim the plastic triangle to resemble a sail. Cut off the very upper tip (this will prevent the top of the sail from flopping over later), then snip a series of tiny openings along the edge where the mast will go. Thread the twig through the openings. Press a small lump of clay (if you use too much, your boat might not float) into the shell hull and plant the mast firmly into its center.

Driftwood photo holder

Here's a fun way to display your favorite beach snapshot or a collage of your best vacation photos MATERIALS

Piece of dry driftwood Tacky glue

■ Small wooden craft clothespins

Remove any sand from the driftwood (a dry paintbrush or soft scrub brush makes a good tool for this). Then simply glue several clothespins to the back of the driftwood, spacing them apart and angling them in a way that will let you attach several photos with none obstructing another. If needed, use rubber bands or twist ties to hold the clothespins in place until the glue dries.

SEASIDE SCIENCE: Where does driftwood come from?

When wood and other objects are washed down rivers into the sea, currents can carry them thousands of miles across and around the ocean before depositing them ashore far from their original location. To study the logistics of ocean currents, scientists, in essence, resort to the age-old practice of sending a message in a bottle, setting hundreds of thousands of "drift bottles" afloat offshore and then waiting to hear where they end up. Sometimes nature lends a hand. In 1990, a large wave swept 80,000 pairs of shoes, sneakers and boots off a cargo ship en route from South Korea to the United States. Many months later, the footwear started washing up on beaches along western Vancouver Island, Washington and Oregon.

So what causes ocean currents? Wind, along with the spin of the earth, drives surface currents in huge circles. Deep currents, on the other hand, start up when cold, dense ocean water sinks and warmer, less dense water is drawn into its place.

Cockleshell critters place atop the first one, as shown. When

Perched on their driftwood stand, these salty characters really dress up your desktop. **MATERIALS**

■ Clean shells ■ White pony beads

■ Permanent black marker ■ Tacky glue

Piece of driftwood

For each critter, select two shells of like size and shape. Set one top-side down and glue a pair of bead eyes to the edge opposite the hinge. Then glue the other shell in

the glue is dry, draw pupils on the eyes. Finally, arrange your clam critters atop the driftwood and glue them in place.

SEASIDE SCIENCE: Where do clams get their shells?

Clams, oysters and scallops are part of a group of sea creatures called mollusks. In order to protect themselves from predators, these soft-bodied animals have a special outer layer of "skin" that produces calci-

um-rich crystals that harden together into a shell.

Whether or not the shells you find still have any animal tissue left inside, it's always a good idea to have an adult thoroughly clean and deodorize the ones you plan to keep. Ask an adult to soak the shells overnight in a 50/50 solution of bleach and water and then, wearing goggles and rubber gloves, scrub them clean and rinse them well.

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