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Council strengthens sex offender ordinance

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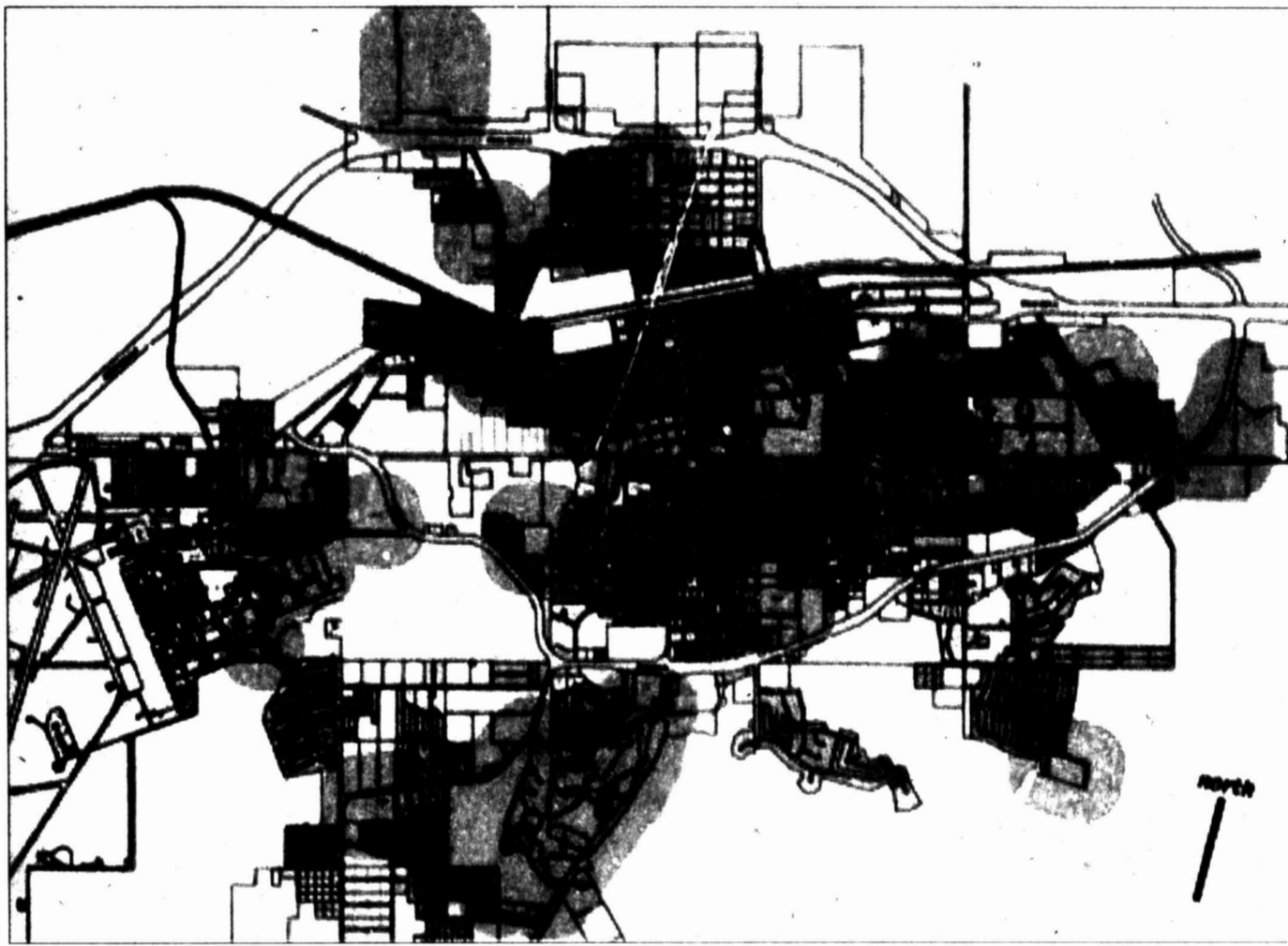
Smith

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council put some "teeth" into city ordinances designed to create safe zones for children Tuesday, approving first reading of an ordinance that would make it an offense for convicted sex offenders to live within 1,000 feet of schools, daycare facilities and city parks.

The council voted unanimously for an ordinance amending Chapter 14 of the Big Spring City Code by adding Article 4, entitled "Sex Offenders."

"The Texas Code of Criminal Procedures allows for certain provisions on the release of sex offenders," Police Chief Lonnie Smith told the council. "One of these is a child safety zone, which covers the playgrounds and schools, similar to what we're looking to pass on this city



This map, presented at Tuesday night's meeting of the Big Spring City Council, illustrates the portions of the city that would off-limits for convicted sex offenders to live in the city according to a new ordinance that passed first reading. Red areas denote schools, daycares and other educational facilities, while the green areas represent city parks and recreational areas.

ordinance. This would make it a violation of city ordinance if they moved within that 1,000-foot range."

Smith told the council the ordinance would help police keep watch on local sex offenders, thereby making the community safer for children.

"We have two investigators whose duties include keeping a check on registered sex offenders in Big Spring," said Smith. "We have 41 sex offenders living within the city limits. Of those, 31 involve victims that were 16 years old or younger. That's why I see a definite need for a child-

protected zone, something these investigators can use to keep these neighborhoods and schools safe."

During consideration by the council, Councilwoman Gloria McDonald asked if the ordinance

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Prove it, city says to Atmos

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Prove it. That's exactly the message the Big Spring City Council sent to utility-giant Atmos Energy Tuesday, as the council voted unanimously to approve a resolution ordering the company to show cause regarding the reasonableness of its existing natural gas distribution rates.

According to City Finance Director Peggy Walker, the resolution will force Atmos Energy to "prove" that its rates, which include a hefty surcharge intended by the legislature to help the company improve its infrastructure, are on the level.

"Based on the information we have, the city believes Atmos is over-earning as a result of its current rates," said Walker. "This resolution

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Not too early to begin thinking about the fair

Howard County Fair is scheduled Sept. 27-30.

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Managing Editor

Would you like to show off your favorite bread or dessert recipe? Well then, Howard County Fair officials want to hear from you in September.

There's no need to pre-register, but Jo Ann Staulcup, who is heading up the fair board's baked goods division, says it's time for the community's best bakers to make plans to enter this year's contest.

"Here is the opportunity for the best bakers in Howard County to display their best," Staulcup said. "If you have a favorite cake, pie, cookie, candy, bread or decorated cake, the fair is a fun place to display it. What's more, you'll also win a ribbon

for your trouble."

This year's county fair is scheduled for Sept. 27-30. However, entries for the baked good division will be accepted Tuesday, Sept. 26, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The rules will be as follows: Baked goods must be placed on a small paper plate and completely sealed in a large zip lock bag. Please bring two paper plates of each item to be entered — one for display and one for the judges to taste.

CAKES: Two large pieces must be entered, one for judging and one for display.

BREADS: Six rolls or slices of bread must be entered, three for judging and three for display.

COOKIES: Six cookies must be entered, three for judging and three for display.

CANDY: Six pieces of candy must be entered, three for judging and

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PIES: Two large pieces of pie must be entered, one for judging and one for display.

DECORATED CAKES: An entire cake must be entered and placed on a disposable plate or card-

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WATER LINE REPLACEMENT



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
Steve Salinas, a crew leader with the city of Big Spring water department, prepares a water line to be encased in concrete near the intersection of 24th Street and Main. Part of the city's water line replacement project, the crew is replacing all of the main water lines on the block.

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POST LEFT DRY

POST (AP) — A water line break discovered Tuesday morning forced officials to shut off water to all of the town's homes and businesses until repairs could be made.

It could be another day before water is flowing again to residents in this small West Texas town.

The break in the 12-inch line along Texas 380 was discovered about 8 a.m. Tuesday, Assistant City Secretary Cynthia Williams said. Officials shut water about two hours later when they discovered the extent of the problem.

"They've just informed us that it may be out all day," Williams said.

HE'S NO CHICKEN LITTLE

WAYNE, Neb. (AP) — Del Hampton has no reason to be fowl. He was named champion Saturday of the National Cluck-Off competition — an event the Fort Smith, Ark., native has won for the past eight years.

During his winning cluck, Hampton scratched, pecked and clucked before perching on what appeared to be a large wooden roost and laying a spring-loaded fake egg the size of a small watermelon.

Hampton said watching "Looney Toons" when he was young and later entertaining his daughter helped him develop the award-winning schtick. "I always say that 'I make my momma proud,'" he said.

BLOOD DRIVE THURSDAY

United Blood services will be at the Alon USA Refinery from 8 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Thursday conducting a blood drive.

The location of the Bloodmobile will be in front of the main office building, under the flag poles.

As a method to increase blood donations during the summer months, United Blood Services will be conducting a monthly drawing for a trip for two to Las Vegas, Nev. This includes roundtrip air transportation and hotel accommodations for two nights. You must be 21 or older to win.

To donate blood you must be 17 or older and weigh at least 110 pounds.

Obituaries

Vernard Cleon "Smokey" Rigdon



Vernard Cleon "Smokey" Rigdon, 73, of Big Spring died Monday, July 10, 2006, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center following a sudden illness. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints with Bishop Burr Lea Settles officiating.

Burial will be at Coahoma Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He was born Feb. 21, 1933, in Colorado City to Ruby and Vernard Rigdon. He had been a resident of Big Spring since 1961, coming from Odessa. He married Margaret Green Oct. 31, 1974, in Lovington, N.M. He worked at Cosden, later American Petrofina from 1961 until 1992.

He was a faithful and active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. He was a high priest, a group leader and was in the Bishopric. He had worked in the Temple at Dallas and Lubbock. His hobbies included poetry, fishing, wood working, gardening and music.

He had been in several bands, and enjoyed singing and playing the guitar. He wrote poems about everything, but especially the refinery. He had published two books of poetry and was honored with a plaque at the Heritage Museum.

He is survived by his wife Margaret Rigdon of Big Spring; four sons, Richard Rigdon of Lubbock, David Overton and Donald Overton, both of Big Spring, and Danny Mar and his wife Terrie of Clyde; four daughters, Kathy Highley and her husband Dee, Debra Kay Ivie and her husband James R., and Polly Speaker, all of Big Spring, and Vickie Fontana and her husband Ray of Coahoma; 31 grandchildren; and 38 great grandchildren.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by two grandsons, Joey Fontana and Roy Lynn Overton; one great grandson, Sergio Gonzales; and one brother, Robert Lee Rigdon.

Pallbearers will be Gary McKinney, Jerry Overton, Derek Mar, Matthew Rigdon, John Rigdon, Keith Fontana, Brian Fontana and Matt Fontana. Honorary pallbearers will be all other grandsons and great grandsons.

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

Paid obituary

Ellihue "Possom" Magers



Ellihue "Possom" Magers, 83, of Big Spring died Friday, July 7, 2006, at University Medical Center in Lubbock. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Holston Banks of the Shiloh House of Praise officiating.

Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He was born June 16, 1923, at Wortham to Betty and Bill Majors. He married Opal Scott, June 4, 1955, in San Angelo. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Army in Europe. He worked 27 years in Civil Service at Goodfellow Air Force Base in San Angelo, and then at Webb Air Force Base in Big Spring, retiring in 1978. He was a Baptist.

He is survived by his wife, Opal Magers of Big Spring; three sons, Eugene Magers of Big Spring and John Magers and James Magers, both of Midland; five daughters, Lena Mae Magers and Nanna Lee Magers, both of Omaha, Neb., Sandra Magers of Charlotte, N.C.; Rose Magers-Powell of Huntsville, Ala.; and Linda Magers of Tampa, Fla.; one brother, Willie Magers of Fresno, Calif.; 12 grandchildren; and 12 great grandchildren.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by one sister and three brothers.

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Support Groups

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.

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.

Ray McKinnon, 86



Ray McKinnon, 86, of Elbow died Monday, July 10, 2006, at his daughter's residence in San Angelo following a long illness. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Monroe Teeters, pastor of Salem Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He was born Dec. 15, 1919, in Big Spring. He was a member of a pioneer Elbow Family. He was the son of Corrie and Smith McKinnon. He married Charlene Grissam, Dec. 24, 1945, in Big Spring. She preceded him in death Dec. 15, 2003.

He entered the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1939 and retired from the service in 1963 from Webb Air Force Base. He then began work at Gamco. He served on the Forsan school board and with his wife Charlene on the board of The Spring City Senior Citizens Center. He was a member of Berea Baptist Church.

He is survived by two sons, Ray McKinnon Jr. and his wife Doris of Coahoma and Clayton McKinnon and his wife Reeann of Garden City; two daughters, Pam Roper and her husband Billy of Anton, and Belinda Koehler and her husband Craig of San Angelo; nine grandchildren; and 14 great grandchildren.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by one granddaughter and a brother.

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Police blotter

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

• **GABRIEL TALAMANTEZ**, 28, of 708 N. Scurry, was arrested Tuesday on a local capias warrant and held for the HCSO.

• **ERNEST CLARK**, 66, transient, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of criminal trespass.

• **VIOLATION OF A PROTECTIVE ORDER** was reported in the 1900 block of Johnson.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 800 block of Third Street.

• **POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE** was reported in the 100 block of Brown.

• **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported in the 200 block of Marcy.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1200 block of 16th Street.

• **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported:

- in the 3200 block of Auburn.

- in the 1400 block of Virginia.

- in the 1200 block of Stanford.

• **AGGRAVATED ASSAULT** was reported in the 800 block of Wyoming.

Sheriff's report

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

• **MANDA LISMAN MEEKS**, 36, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of issuance of a bad check and an Ector County warrant for theft by check.

• **GABRIEL C. TALAMANTEZ**, 28, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke community supervision.

Fire/EMS

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

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3200 block of Auburn. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1600 block of 16th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1200 block of Mesa. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **TRASH FIRE** was reported at the municipal landfill.

Take Note

• **AMERICAN LEGION POST 506**, 3203 W. Highway 80, will hold a fish fry from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday. Food will be delivered from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. by calling 263-2084. Plates are \$7 each; carry outs are welcome.

• **NEW LIFE MINISTRIES** Church of God In Christ is holding a soup kitchen every second and fourth Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 204 N.W. 10th. The meal is free.

Call 264-0771 for more information.

Bulletin Board

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

TODAY

• 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, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.

• Friends of the Library meets at noon in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

• Big Spring Main Street meets at noon in the Railroad Museum located at Second and Main streets.

• American Legion Auxiliary meets at 6 p.m. at 3203 W. Highway 80.

• 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.

• Neighbors and Newcomers Club meets. New members are welcome. Call 263-2005 for more information.

• Staked Plains Lodge No. 598 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

FRIDAY

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

• AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.

• Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Big Spring Country Club.

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

SATURDAY

• Free eye glasses are available from 9 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. in the Event Center, 1607 E. Third.

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.

• **POTTON HOUSE**, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into Heritage Museum, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens.

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms in the evening. Lows in the mid 70s. South winds around 15 mph.

Thursday...Continued hot. Partly cloudy. Highs around 101. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 70s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 90s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s.

Saturday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 90s.

Saturday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s.

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

Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s.

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

Monday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s.

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

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 7-10-26-27-30.

Number matching five of five: none.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-3-8

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Dallas school district axes credit card program

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas school district canceled its credit card program Tuesday in response to reports of wasteful spending and lax oversight of the program.

Superintendent Michael Hinojosa said he expects to suspend "more than a handful" of employees for credit card abuse. The district will also hire an outside company to review district purchases for instances of abuse, he said.

The cancellation was in response to an investigation by *The Dallas Morning News* that found thousands of potentially wasteful purchases.

The newspaper reviewed district records of more than 155,000 credit card transactions over two years and found more than \$6 million in purchases that either violated state procurement laws or district policy.

Using district credit cards, employees made purchases including iPods, lawn ornaments, gift cards and a subscription to an online dating service, the newspaper reported. The users of about 1,200

district-issued MasterCard charged an average of \$20 million a year.

"There are no sacred cows," Jerome Garza, vice president of the Dallas school board, said in Wednesday editions of *The Dallas Morning News*. "Every individual will be held accountable. ... I would be surprised if there were not terminations."

Officials said employees needing to make job-related purchases will work through the district's purchasing office, or they can buy supplies on their own and seek reimbursement.

10 years after losing brooch, stranger gives it back

SAN ANGELO (AP) — The best story behind Bernice Weinkauff's antique brooch is no longer about the aunt who gave it to her.

Ten years after losing the 70-year-old rhinestoned clasp in a restaurant parking lot, Weinkauff was reunited with her treasured jewelry last week after the woman who originally found it finally placed an ad in the newspaper.

That woman, who did not want to be

identified by the *San Angelo Standard-Times*, told the newspaper she "felt so guilty" for waiting so long. She had intended to locate the owner but forgot until rediscovering the brooch in an old purse, she said.

"This was just the time," Weinkauff said.

Dallas woman pleads guilty

DALLAS (AP) — A Dallas woman pleaded guilty Tuesday to defrauding the Federal Emergency Management Agency of \$80,000 through false claims for Hurricane Katrina benefits, the U.S. Department of Justice said.

Lakietha Hall, 35, faces up to 12 years in prison, a \$750,000 fine and restitution on federal conspiracy and identity theft charges, authorities said.

Hall admitted in court documents that she conspired with nine others between August and December, said a spokeswoman for the justice department.

Hall was accused of leading a scam in which she submitted online claims for disaster and unemployment assistance on behalf several of the other defen-

dants, falsely stating that their primary homes were in areas devastated by Katrina and that the hurricane caused them to lose their jobs.

Joey Buttafuoco gets year in jail on ammo charge

SAN FERNANDO, Calif. (AP) — Joey Buttafuoco, who gained notoriety in the 1990s when his teenage girlfriend shot his wife in the face in New York, was sentenced to a year in jail Tuesday after pleading no contest to possessing ammunition as a felon.

Probation officers found the ammunition during a search of his home in Chatsworth last August.

Buttafuoco had been sentenced to a year in jail and five years' probation in March 2004 after pleading guilty to insurance fraud. Prosecutors said Buttafuoco, who co-owned an auto body shop in the San Fernando Valley, told undercover investigators how to file false claims and cheat insurance companies.

Buttafuoco, 50, was ordered to report to jail Nov. 1.

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board. The cake does not need to be covered.

"Contestants need to remember that no late

entries will be accepted," Staulcup said. "And they also need to understand that no whole pies or cakes will be accepted, except in the decorated cake division."

Stalcup also noted that this year's antique dis-

plays should be very interesting.

"Last year's entries were old cast iron items, but this year the antique category will be antique toys," she noted.

To qualify for entry, the toy must be 25 years old

or older. Entries in that division will be accepted from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26, only.

"Please join us this year for fun at the fair," Staulcup added. "Bring your baked goods and your old toys. We think

you'll have a special time at this year's fair."

Staulcup also noted that children are also welcome to enter items in the fair, and their entries are judged only against those entered by other children.

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could be amended later to include additional areas.

"Is this ordinance set up so we can go back later to make amendments, such as including school bus stops?" asked McDonald.

The mention of bus stops drew a response from City Attorney Jean Shotts, who warned the council a community in Georgia had recently run into trouble with a similar inclusion.

"A couple of days ago the Georgia federal courts enjoined an ordinance that did exactly that," said Shotts. "They said the ordinance was so broad that it basically ran them (sex offenders) out of the state. That was

just a preliminary injunction."

Shotts said the ordinance, as it was approved by the council, stands little chance of drawing a federal injunction.

"What happened in Georgia wouldn't have any effect on this ordinance as it stands now," said Shotts. "By restricting bus stops, they basically made it where there was hardly any place where they could live. If you look at our ordinance, the map of it, there's still 50 percent or better in the city that would still be available. So I don't see that being a problem."

Mayor Russ McEwen said convicted sex offenders currently living within the safety zones will be grandfathered into the ordinance.

"If there are sex offenders cur-

rently living in these areas, they would be grandfathered into the ordinance," said McEwen. "They would not be made to move, but if they moved once the ordinance is in effect, they would not be allowed to move within any of these safe zones."

McEwen said the new ordinance, which is expected to go for final reading in approximately two weeks, gives local law enforcement more "teeth" in watching over sex offenders.

"The city of Big Spring is going on record saying we're not going to allow sex offenders to live in these locations and in these approximations to children," said McEwen. "And if they choose not to adhere to that, it puts some teeth into the law and could be a reason for revocation

of their probation or parole.

"I feel like it's absolutely justified," he added. "There's a sacred trust between adults and children, and when people break that trust how can there be anything worse to that? You heard it tonight. There were people suggesting we include 1,000 feet from every bus stop. People care about it and it's justified because these are children. You and I can't understand a sexual offense against a child, but it happens and we need to do everything as a community to make sure we do everything we can to protect these children."

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ATMOS

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will force them to show that their current rates are, in effect, reasonable."

Walker said the surcharge, which was given the go-ahead by the Texas Railroad Commission without input from the cities it would affect, leaves one very important question unanswered: What exactly is infrastructure?

"The way we understand the law, it is to allow them to make improvements to their infrastructure," said Walker. "Replacing such things as pipelines or gas meters — that type of improvements. What we've found through analyzing the filing is there is some data in there that doesn't meet our estimation of the law. It includes office equipment and computers."

Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen said the resolu-

tion is just one in a long line of defensive measures the city is forced to use to protect it and its citizens from being plundered.

"It's just one of those situations where we find ourselves in every couple of years, where we have to force them to prove what they need," said McEwen. "It's very frustrating to me that we have to go through this kind of process and spend money to make sure they are doing things the way they are supposed to be doing them."

"Almost inevitably, we get into situations where it's beneficial for us to enter into these types of coalitions because we find things that aren't correct and it saves the citizens

of Big Spring money. And that's what we want to do. We want to make sure of these things. I'd love to be in a circumstance in the future where you can just accept what's being done, but we sure haven't gotten there yet."

Walker said a formal coalition has not yet been developed, but is in the works with more than a dozen expected to take part in the effort.

McEwen said the vast number of cities participating in the effort speaks volumes about the current relationship between cities and the utility provider.

"I think it says a lot about the process," said McEwen. "There's not a level of trust in the whole process, and it's not just the city of Big Spring. There are a number of communities that are saying we have a problem with what Atmos is doing and the numbers they are putting out."

The council also

approved the following during the meeting:

- Final reading of a resolution electing to become eligible to participate in a tax abatement program in accord with the Property Redevelopment and Tax Abatement Act and adopting guidelines and criteria to govern tax abatements.

- Final reading of a grant application with the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission for a regional solid waste grant and authorization for the city manager to purchase a rotary tiller and tracking equipment with the funds.

- Final reading of an ordinance amending existing electric franchise ordinance to provide a different payment schedule and providing an extension of the franchise terms.

- Final reading of a resolution authorizing the purchase of property from Howard County, trustee for all taxing entities.

- Elected Councilwoman Gloria McDonald to serve as mayor pro tem.

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Vernard Cleon "Smokey" Rigdon, 73, died Monday. Funeral services will be at 10:00 AM Thursday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Burial will be at Coahoma Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6:00 until 7:00 PM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Ellihue "Possom" Magers, 83, died Friday. Funeral Services will be at 2:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6:00 until 7:00 PM on Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS

Time to submit
Family of Year
nominations

Do you know a family in our community that deserves to be considered for Family of the Year honors? If you do, the Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas wants to hear all about them.

Churches, civic groups and individuals are eligible to nominate a local family.

The counseling center, according to Janie Conley, a member of the committee that selects each year's recipient, wants to know about families that are involved in their community and their churches.

The award is meant to recognize families who have a healthy relationship with each other and contribute to the community. Families where parents are raising healthy children and are guiding them into positive futures.

The center honors one family from each of its primary service areas — Big Spring, Midland and Odessa — at an annual banquet on Oct. 26.

Past Family of the Year recipients from the Big Spring area have included the Rocky and Barbara Harris, Henry and Patsy Sanchez and Richard and Pam Steel.

Applications forms can be obtained by calling Samaritan Counseling Center at 432-563-4144 or 1-800-329-4144. The are also available at the center's website www.samaritancc.wtx.org.

The deadline to receive nominations forms is Aug. 4. Nominations can be sent to: Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas Inc., P.O. Box 60312, Midland 79711-0312 or faxed to 432-561-8611.

Take a few minutes to consider friends and relatives you believe are deserving. Then call the counseling center and get the process started.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR: The entire populace of Big Spring can take pride in this must be the first day for your new website.

What a great improvement — something the

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

This earthly place will tell us lies, Lord, but You won't.

Amen

Bigotry comes in all colors

When white, native-born Americans express themselves with disdain for immigrants, when they spew their venom in angry and bitter diatribes against Latinos, we call them bigots and xenophobes — and rightfully so, I might add.

Thankfully, in a nation of very compassionate people, they are a dwindling minority of heartless extremists.

But what do we call them when Latinos are the ones making mean-spirited remarks against other Latinos?

When longtime immigrants put down recent immigrants, isn't that still xenophobia? When Latinos judge other Latinos by the color of their skin, isn't that still racism? When we stereotype other Latinos by nationality, isn't that still ethnic discrimination?

Of course it is! And unfortunately, such hideous behavior is prevalent among U.S. Latinos. Before we complain about a racist society, some of us need to look at ourselves in the mirror.

Throughout American history, the population of xenophobes and bigots has always been replenished by the children and grandchildren of immigrants — people who forget that their own ancestors were once the victims of similar behavior.

Amazingly, some Latinos are now joining the ranks of the xenophobes. Once they integrate into American society, when they learn to speak English and earn enough wages to reach the middle class, some Latinos are bothered by those who arrived here recently.

They may not call themselves Archie Bunker, like the infamous TV bigot from "All in the Family," but the Latino bigots are out there, spewing venom with a Spanish accent.

And xenophobia is only part of the problem. Name anything that makes people different — race, gender, ethnicity, nationality, political ideology — and you have a reason for discrimination in the Hispanic community.

Whether our biological roots are in Spain, Africa or pre-Columbian America, our problems are often based on which ancestors we choose to recognize — and which we choose to deny. Based on how white, black or Indian we think we are, some of us may frown at those who are different.

Many Latinos are really an amalgam or two or three of these races and heritages, but some refuse to recognize that their own family members might be blacks, mulattos or Indians. Some even try to hide the fact that their own ancestors had darker skin.

We even have a popular saying to question those who pretend to be all white. "Y tu abuela, donde esta?" we ask in Spanish, "And your grandmother, where is she?" In other words, show me your grandmother, and maybe I'll believe you.

This is not racism we learned here. It's racism we brought from our homelands, hideous behavior which is ingrained in our attitudes and often reinforced by our culture, including our music and literature.

Many Latinos are in denial, refusing to accept the fact that racism and discrimination are major problems in our community.

But without even thinking about it, we might find ourselves singing

or dancing to a song that has racist lyrics. Or we may describe someone with kinky hair as having "pelo malo" (bad hair). Or we may even acknowledge, as some confused Latinos do, that they want to marry and have children with someone with lighter skin because they want to "improve the race."

Excuse me? When you are ashamed of your own skin color, aren't you a racist, too?

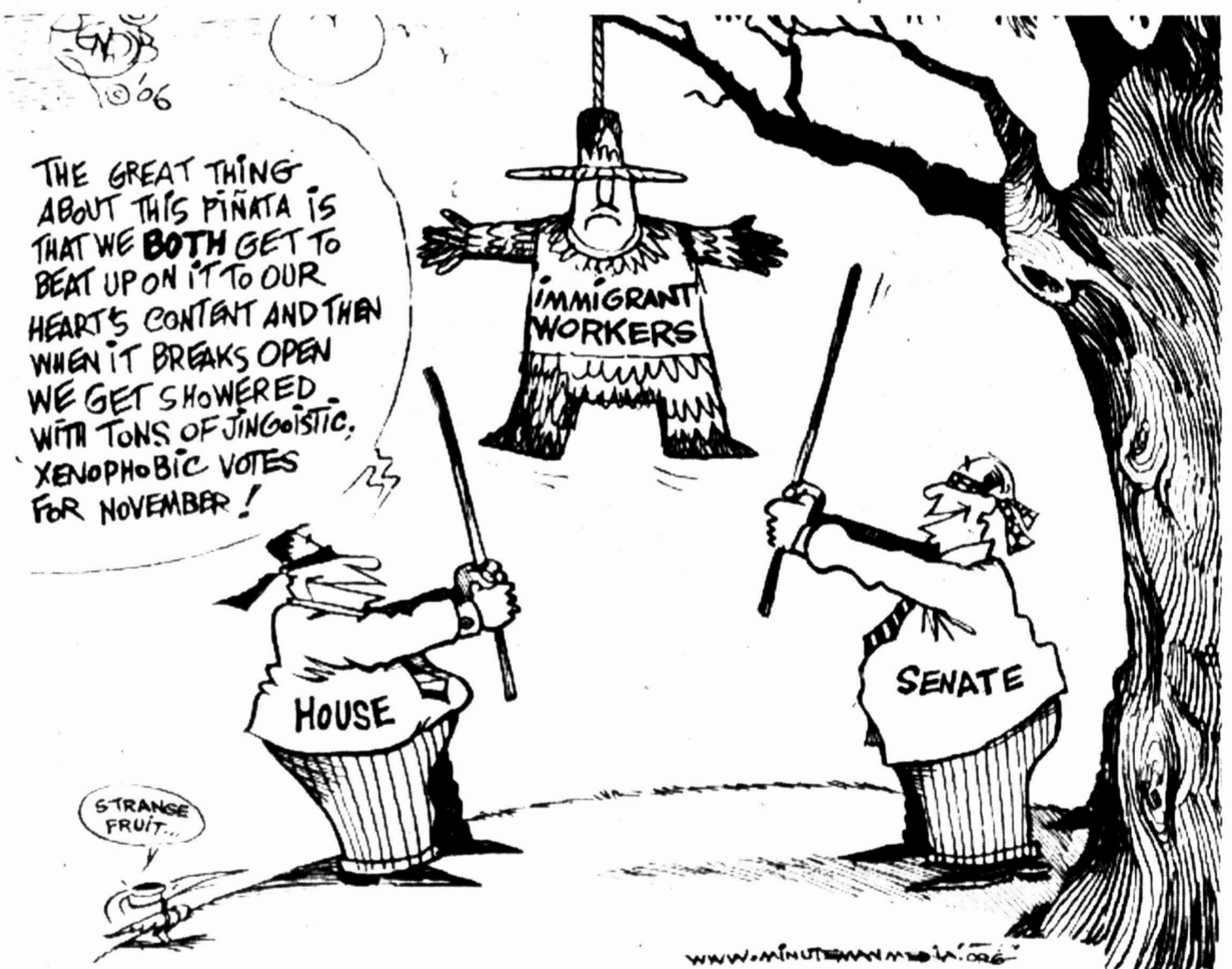
Thankfully, like the white bigots, the Latino bigots are a small minority. But nevertheless they are out there, keeping their community divided and disenfranchised.

Compared to the many things they have in common — like language, culture and heritage — the differences among Latinos should be insignificant. Yet community leaders often blame those differences for preventing the unity of 40 million U.S. Latinos and delaying their political, social and economic empowerment.

Sometimes we Latinos feel awkward, sensing that the cold shoulders and dirty looks are based on the brownness of our skin or the strength of our Spanish accent. But when such unrefined behavior is displayed by other Latinos, when the insensitive remarks are made in Spanish, it's still discrimination based on *racismo* or *xenofobia*.

As we complain about the racists in our society, Latinos should start paying more attention to the racists in our own community. We are the new wave of immigrants. But let's change the course of American history. Let us not replenish a new wave of American xenophobes and bigots.

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Words on the museum's walls

On my last visit to Santa Fe I made my usual stop at the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum. It had an exhibition that highlighted some of the more than 1,000 new works. I've always been impressed with this artist who spent the years 1916-1918 in the Texas Panhandle creating images of the Palo Duro Canyon.

This time, though, I was fascinated with some of her quotations, which were printed on the walls of the museum:

"Color is one of the great things in the world that makes life worth living."

"One paints what is around."

"In front of my house there are low scrub bushes and cottonwood trees and, further out, a line of hills. And then I have this mountain. A flat top mountain that slopes off on each side. A blue mountain. And to the left you can

see snow covered mountains, far, far away.

"It's my mountain."

"I once spent three and a half months flying around the world. I was surprised that there were so many desert areas with large river beds running through them. I made many drawings about one and a half inches square of the rivers seen from the air. At home I made larger charcoal drawings from the little pencil drawings."

"Where I was born and where and how I have lived is unimportant. It is what I have done with where I have been that should be of interest."

"Singing has always seemed to me the most perfect means of expression... it is so spontaneous... since I cannot sing I paint."

"Nothing is less real than realism... details are confusing. It is only by selection, by elimination, by emphasis, that we get at the real meaning of things."

"From experiences of one kind or another shapes and colors come to me very clearly."

"I paint what interests me and what I see."

"Women don't make good painters, they said. I had never thought of it that way. I just painted, that was all."

"It is easier for me to paint it than to write about it and I would so much rather people would look at it than read about it."

"My painting is what I have to give back to the world for what the world gives to me."

"When I was at Mabel's house in Taos, there was an alfalfa field like a large green saucer. On one side of the field was a path lined with flowers... one day walking down the path I picked a large, blackish red hollyhock and some bright dark blue larkspur that immediately went into a painting — and then another painting."



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House passes bill to limit Internet gambling

By NANCY ZUCKERBROD
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — If online poker is your passion or if you fancy Internet roulette, you might want to consider taking up a new hobby. Congress has taken a significant step toward banning most online gambling.

The House voted 317-93 Tuesday for legislation that would prohibit credit cards and other payment forms from being used to settle Internet wagers. It would clarify and update current law to spell out that most gambling is illegal online.

It also would allow law enforcement officials to work with Internet providers to block access to gambling Web sites. The bill would exempt state-run lotteries and horse racing.

The fight now moves to the Senate. Leaders in

that chamber have not identified Internet gambling as a priority, and the bill's supporters say the House vote gives them momentum to push the Senate to act. The bill's main champion in that chamber, Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz., said Tuesday he would pursue it aggressively.

Supporters of a ban say the Internet's widespread availability makes it too easy to gamble, something that can create betting addictions and financial problems.

"It puts gambling in every living room, at every school desk and at every work station," said John Kindt, a business professor at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign who has studied the issue and supports the bill.

Critics argue that the legislation favors some gambling industries over

others and that regulating the \$12 billion industry and collecting taxes on it would be more effective than a ban.

"Prohibition as a general principal is a bad principal, because it doesn't work," said Rep. Ron Paul, R-Texas.

The American Gaming Association, the industry's largest lobby, opposed online gambling in the past but recently softened its stance and backed a study of the feasibility of regulating it.

The Internet gambling industry is headquartered almost entirely outside the United States, although about half its customers live in the U.S.

The bill's sponsors successfully beat back an amendment to strip out exemptions in the bill for the horse racing industry and state lotteries.

Rep. Shelley Berkley, D-Nev., sponsored the failed

amendment. She said it was unfair to allow online lotteries and Internet betting on horse racing to flourish while cracking down on other kinds of sports betting, casino games and card games like poker.

If the horse provision were stricken from the bill, there's a good chance the measure would run into objections in the Senate from Majority Whip Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., and others.

Under the provision concerning horse racing, betting operators would not be prohibited from any activity allowed under the Interstate Horseracing Act. That law was written in the 1970s to set up rules for interstate betting on racing. The industry successfully lobbied for legislation several years ago to clarify that Internet betting on horse racing is

allowed.

Greg Avioli, chief executive officer of the National Thoroughbred Racing Association, acknowledged the House bill likely would move Internet gamblers away from banned sites toward horseracing sites.

However, he said the racing industry did not get a new exemption but that Congress recognized existing federal law, meaning the Interstate Horseracing Act.

The Justice Department has taken a different view on the legality of Internet betting on horse races.

In a World Trade Organization case involving Antigua, the department said online betting on horse racing remains illegal under the 1961 Wire Act despite the existence of the more recently passed, and updated,

horse racing law.

The department hasn't actively enforced its stance, though it recently indicated it was considering taking action on the issue.

"This bill does not touch the dispute between the Justice Department and the horse racing community," Rep. Jim Leach, R-Iowa, said of the House-passed gambling ban, which he helped write.

Congress has considered banning online gambling in the past.

In 2000, disgraced lobbyist Jack Abramoff led a fierce campaign against a similar bill on behalf of an online lottery company. Supporters of the bill brought up that history Tuesday and suggested that a vote for the bill was a way to make a statement against Abramoff's influence.

Senate approves plans to allow prescription drug imports from Canada

By LARA JAKES JORDAN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate opened the way Tuesday to let Americans import prescription drugs into the United States from Canada, seeking to ease a regulatory ban on cheaper medicine crossing the border.

The proposal, which was approved 68-32, would create a Canadian loophole on a Food and Drug Administration ban on importing prescription medicine into the United States.

It was offered as part of a \$31.7 billion Homeland Security Department spending blueprint for the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1.

The department's Customs and Border Protection bureau began aggressively seizing Tamiflu, Viagra and other incoming prescription medications at borders in November. Prescription drugs — even those manufactured in the United States — are generally sold at cheaper prices in Canada.

"We should demand that (Customs and Border Protection) focus on the true priority that we face on the war on terror," said Sen. David Vitter, R-La., of efforts to secure U.S. borders. "Stripping small amounts of prescription drugs from the hands of seniors ... that should not be a priority."

Vitter's plan, which was embraced by Democrats, specifically would prohib-

it Customs and Border Protection from stopping people with doctors' prescriptions for FDA-approved drugs from bringing the medicine into this country from Canada.

But Republican leaders vociferously opposed the plan for fear, they said, the drugs could be unsafe for consumers — or even present a terror risk.

Sen. Judd Gregg, R-N.H., said the proposal was an attempt to push the FDA into reversing itself while "creating a massive hole on our capacity to secure our borders and protect ourselves."

"If I were a creative terrorist, I would say to myself, 'Hey, listen, all I've got to do is produce a can here that says 'Lipitor' on it, make it look like the original Lipitor bottle, which isn't too hard to do, fill it with anthrax,'" Gregg said.

Lipitor is a cholesterol-lowering drug. Aides warned that the drug import plan was likely to be stripped out of the legislation — as it has been in past years — whenever it got to a conference of House and Senate lawmakers who will negotiate the final version. The administration also has opposed efforts to loosen the restrictions.

Two House spending bills this year — to fund the Homeland Security and Agriculture departments in 2007 — include the drug importation plan, said Kirstin Brost,

spokeswoman for Rep. David Obey of Wisconsin, the top Democrat on the House Appropriations Committee.

The House has approved efforts to import drugs in six spending bills over the last seven years, Brost said, but the idea so far has survived the conference only once. But that year, 2000, the plan was

eventually dropped because it was written in a way that couldn't be carried out, Brost said.

While importing drugs into the United States is illegal, the FDA generally has not stopped small amounts purchased for personal use. Still, the FDA says it cannot guarantee the safety of imported drugs.

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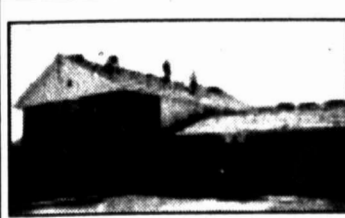


Coming full-circle

It was a collection of gospel songs that Alan Jackson never intended to release commercially. Yet this heartfelt tribute to his mother has shined the light on the private side of one of country music's biggest and brightest stars. Plus, a family circus and welcome to *Belish*.

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Tables turned on Nigerian scammer

The tables have been turned on at least one Nigerian scammer after an online vigilante successfully played him at his own game with an intricately laid "anti-scam" operation.

The campaign netted a life-sized wooden carving of a Commodore 64 computer keyboard which was sent all the way from Africa to the scam-baiter who is code-named Shiver Metimbers.



THOMAS JENKINS

Millions of dollars have been conned out of gullible Australians who fall for a variety of Nigerian scams (also known as 419 scams) received via spam e-mail or in a targeted response to an online advertisements they have placed.

Shiver Metimbers runs a Web site called 419eater.com, which is an Internet hub for scam-baiting advice and war stories. However, his most recently celebrated exploit is what he describes as an "artwork anti-scam" in which he poses as the director of Derek Trotter Fine Arts.

To ensnare his victim, Shiver Metimbers replied to numerous scam e-mails with a standard letter apologizing that he was too busy to accept their business proposition at this time, asking instead if they knew of any local artists that might benefit from his financial help.

When he found a willing victim — I use that term very, very loosely — his anti-scam unfolded in much the same way as a typical 419 scam, promising payment only after a substantial investment had been laid down, in this case the receipt of a series of commissioned wooden carvings from a local artist.

With some creative photo editing, Shiver Metimbers was able to string along his quarry with claims that the two carvings sent had mysteriously been damaged enroute, the first through a mysterious shrinking process, and the second by a rogue African hamster.

Needless to say, the bad guys bought it. And all this time I thought you had to be intelligent to run a successful scam. Geez.

At the end of the campaign, his booty included a wooden carving of UK characters from the Creature Comforts TV series, and a carving of a Commodore 64 computer keyboard.

After sending over these intricate but unusual wooden carvings, the sting in the tail came when the 419 scammer received seemingly "official" police notification that his recent dealings with a person calling himself Derek Trotter were in fact with a notorious art forger and fraudster who had now been arrested.

I bet someone had to change their shorts at that point.

Nigerian scams have been around for many years, but are now far more prevalent because of the ease with which they

can be orchestrated via the Internet.

Shiver Metimbers writes on his Web site that the point of scam-baiting is to "enter into a dialogue with scammers, simply to waste their precious time and resources."

"Whilst you are doing this, you will be helping to keep the scammers away from real potential victims and screwing around with the minds of deserving thieves," he writes.

Well, Shiver certainly gets my vote of confidence if he can cut down on the number of spam e-mails I get everyday.

Most of the current scams are derived from Africa with victims either lured by the promise of a percentage in an investment with guaranteed high returns, or by what they interpret as a genuine appeal for help.

Speaking of dirty looters that take advantage of our need for the Net, Microsoft is back in the news.

Microsoft Corp. has been hit with a second lawsuit over Windows Genuine Advantage (WGA), its antipiracy program that checks if the Windows operating system on a machine has a valid license.

The class-action suit was filed Friday in U.S. District Court in Seattle, just four days after the first one. The new suit lists its plaintiff as Engineered Process Controls LLC and Univex Inc., along with citizens Edward Misfud, David DiDomizio and Martin Sifuentes, who are listed as owners of licensed copies of Windows XP running WGA.

The suit alleges WGA is spyware and that Microsoft misled consumers by labeling it as a critical security update. The plaintiffs maintain that Microsoft did not make users aware that WGA frequently contacted its central servers.

"WGA gathers data that can easily identify individual PCs, and WGA can be modified remotely to

collect additional information at Microsoft's initiation," according to the filing.

WGA collects a computer's IP address, BIOS data, system version and local language and settings information, the suit says.

That's right. Ol' Bill Gates is once again looking inside your computer, careening through your BIOS and anything else he wants. Kinda' makes the end writers for "South Park" included for Mr. Gates in their feature-length film look good, doesn't it?

Microsoft acknowledges that WGA collects hardware and software data but maintains that it is only used to verify that just one copy of an operating system has been registered on one computer. If Microsoft finds a discrepancy, WGA can use pop-up warnings to notify users that their operating system may be unlicensed.

Then a black van pulls up in front of your house and your cousin Billy is never heard from again.

OK, that might be taking it a little far.

Users have complained that WGA is flawed and identifies legitimate copies of an operating system as fraudulent. If an operating system is judged to be invalid, Microsoft blocks the download of some programs but allows security patches.

Last week, Microsoft changed some features of WGA, including adding an option that lets users turn off the warnings that say their operating system may be invalid and reduce the frequency with which WGA communicates with its servers.

The suit asks for compensation and calls on Microsoft to warn users of the risks of WGA and to produce a tool to remove it.

I wonder if I've downloaded it already, and if so, will the defendants share their settlement with me. Something tells me the answer to that question is going to be no.

And while there's little hope for my share of the settlement, there may be hope for a censor-free Internet in China.

Computer experts from the University of Cambridge claim not only to have breached the Great Firewall of China, but have found a way to use the firewall to launch denial of service attacks against specific IP addresses in the country.

The firewall, which uses routers supplied by Cisco, works in part by inspecting Web traffic for certain keywords that the Chinese government wishes to censor, including political ideologies and groups it finds unacceptable.

The Cambridge research group tested the firewall by firing data packets containing the word "Falun" at it, a reference to the banned Falun Gong religious group. The researchers found that it was possible to circumvent the Chinese intrusion detection systems (IDS) by ignoring the forged transmission control protocol (TCP) resets injected by the Chinese routers, which would normally force the endpoints to abandon the connection.

"The machines in China allow data packets in and out, but send a burst of resets to shut connections if they spot particular keywords," explained Richard Clayton of the University of Cambridge computer laboratory. "If you drop all the reset packets at both ends of the connection, which is relatively trivial to do, the Web page is transferred just fine."

Clayton added that this means the Chinese firewall can be used to launch denial of service attacks against specific IP addresses within China, including those of the Chinese government itself.

Naw, they would never... OK, they might.

The IDS uses a stateless server, which examines each data packet both going in and out of the firewall individually,

unrelated to any previous request. By forging the source address of a packet containing a "sensitive" keyword, people could trigger the firewall to block access between source and destination addresses for up to an hour at a time.

If an attacker had identified the machines used by regional government offices, they could block access to Windows Update, or prevent Chinese embassies abroad from accessing specific Chinese Web content.

"Due to the design of the firewall, a single packet addressed from a high party official could block their Web access," said Clayton.

Even though this technique would only block communication between two particular points on

the Internet, the researchers calculated that a lone attacker using a single dial-up connection could still generate a "reasonably effective" denial of service attack. If an attacker generated 100 triggering packets per second, and each packet caused 20 minutes of disruption, 120,000 pairs of endpoints could be prevented from communicating at any one time.

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Contract Bridge

The Science of Card-Reading

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
♦ 10 6
♥ A Q 10 4
♦ Q J 10 8 4
♠ A 9
WEST
♦ K 9 4 2
♥ 7 5
♦ A 6
♠ K Q 6 4 2
SOUTH
♦ A Q J
♥ K 8 2
♦ K 9 5
♠ 10 8 7 3

Here is a relatively simple exercise in card reading. West leads a low club. How should South play the hand?

To begin with, it is reasonable to assume that West does not have the K-Q-J of clubs because, if he had that holding, he would have led the king and not the four. It follows, therefore, that East must have at least one of the missing club honors.

It is also fairly certain that West has led from either a four- or five-card suit, which marks East with either two or three clubs.

The contract is not in danger if West has only a four-card suit. The most that can be lost in that case is three clubs and a diamond. Declarer's primary concern, therefore, is to guard against a five-card suit.

This can be accomplished by going up with the ace of clubs at trick one and immediately forcing out the ace of diamonds. West will then be unable to cash four club tricks, because East's now-singleton club honor prevents the suit from being run.

Observe, though, that if a low club is played from dummy on the opening trick, South enables the defenders to disentangle their clubs. In the actual deal, he would be defeated after East wins with the jack and returns a club.

Tomorrow: Discovery play.

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Jerusalem (I)

Whose city — whose "holy city" — is it?

It is thirty-nine years since Israel's victory in the Six-Day War in 1967, that the city of Jerusalem, which had been divided for nineteen years, has been reunited under Israeli rule. But there is still much talk, and many people insist, that solution of the "Middle East Problem" will not be possible until Israeli Jews relinquish their "occupation" and restore the holy city — or, at the very minimum, its eastern part — to its "rightful owners", the Moslem Arabs.

What are the facts?
A city of many nationalities. Before the end of the 1967 Six-Day War, during which the Israeli Defense Forces reconquered Jerusalem from the Jordanians, claims to Jerusalem being a Moslem holy city were rarely, if ever, asserted. Jerusalem had always been a city in which many religions and nationalities lived side by side. It was only after the old city was back in Jewish hands that the Moslem Arabs declared their willingness to wage "jihad" (holy war) to bring the city back into Arab possession.

The notion to call Jerusalem an Islamic holy city has only come about in modern times, especially after the Arabs lost the city to Israel in the Six-Day War. It now has gained currency by dint of constant repetition. The basis for the claim is that Jerusalem does indeed contain an Islamic holy site, namely the Temple Mount (sacred to both Moslems and Jews, with its two mosques, El Aksa and the Dome of the Rock. It is the place from which Mohammed is believed to have ascended to heaven. Mohammed never set foot in Jerusalem. But aware that it was the holy city of Christians and Jews, and wishing to convert them to his new religion, he commanded his followers to build a mosque in Jerusalem. But never in Moslem history did this mosque compare in significance to the Moslem holy cities of Mecca and Medina — cities that no "infidel" may visit.

A tenuous Moslem claim. It's on the basis of this religious tradition that the Moslems designated the entire Jewish Temple Mount to be their holy site. The Israeli Government, in its constant spirit of accommodation to Moslem sensibilities, has largely acceded to this tradition and has put the area in and around the two mosques entirely under Moslem control. But how would Christians feel if, instead of from the Temple Mount, Moslem tradition had Mohammed ascend from the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, and if the Moslem Arabs were to claim that site as their property? The Christian world, often ready to consent to Moslem claims against Jews and Christians, would be greatly astonished and would certainly resist such claim. But Moslem Arab assertiveness doesn't end there. On the tenuous claim of their right to the Temple Mount, they have construed a claim to the entire city of Jerusalem (or at the very least to its eastern part), which they have declared to be their "third holiest city". And it would be an insult to all Moslems and all Arabs to leave the city in the hands of the "infidel Jews".

Jerusalem: Never an Arab capital. The city of Jerusalem — in contrast to Baghdad, Cairo, and Damascus — has never played any major role in the political and religious lives of the Moslem Arabs. It was never a political center, never a national or even a provincial or sub-provincial capital of any country since biblical times. It was the site of one Moslem holy place, but otherwise a backwater to the Arabs. The passion for Jerusalem was not discovered by the Moslem Arabs until most recent history.

A center of Jewish life. Jerusalem has stood at the center of the Jewish people's national life since King David made it the capital of his kingdom in 1003 BCE. It remained the capital until the kingdom was conquered by the Babylonians 400 years later. After the return from Babylonian exile, Jerusalem again served as the capital of the Jewish people for the next five and a half centuries.

Jews are not the usurpers in Jerusalem. They have been living there since the Biblical era and have been the majority population since the 19th century. Jews have synagogues and other holy sites in most cities of the world. But do they claim sovereignty over those cities because of it? Of course not! It would be preposterous and people wouldn't accept it. And the Moslem Arab claim to Jerusalem, based on the mosques on the Temple Mount, is just as untenable. Jerusalem has been the center of Jewish life, of Jewish yearning, and of Jewish thinking for over 3000 years. That is the reason that the State of Israel has rededicated the Jewish holy city to be its indivisible capital.

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Softball tourney set for this week at Cotton Mize Park

The first-ever Ball Busters Softball Tournament will take place Saturday and Sunday 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.

BSHS announces baseball camp for upcoming week

Big Spring head baseball coach Clint Clayton, along with his assistant coaches, will be having a summer baseball camp this upcoming Monday through Thursday.

The camp will run from 9 a.m. to noon daily and is for first through ninth graders. It also costs \$25 per participant.

For more information, call coach Clayton at 214-801-2782 or the ATC at 264-3662.

Forsan sets all-skills tennis camp for this week

Forsan High School's all-skills tennis camp will finish up Thursday and Friday at the Forsan High School tennis courts.

The camp is open to junior high and high school students. It costs \$25 for junior high players and \$35 for high school players and the cost of a new can of tennis balls.

The camp for junior high players will go from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. both days and high school players will go from 7:45 p.m. to 9:45 p.m.

For more information, contact coach Eggleston at 267-6913 or 432-517-0749.

Hunter education course scheduled

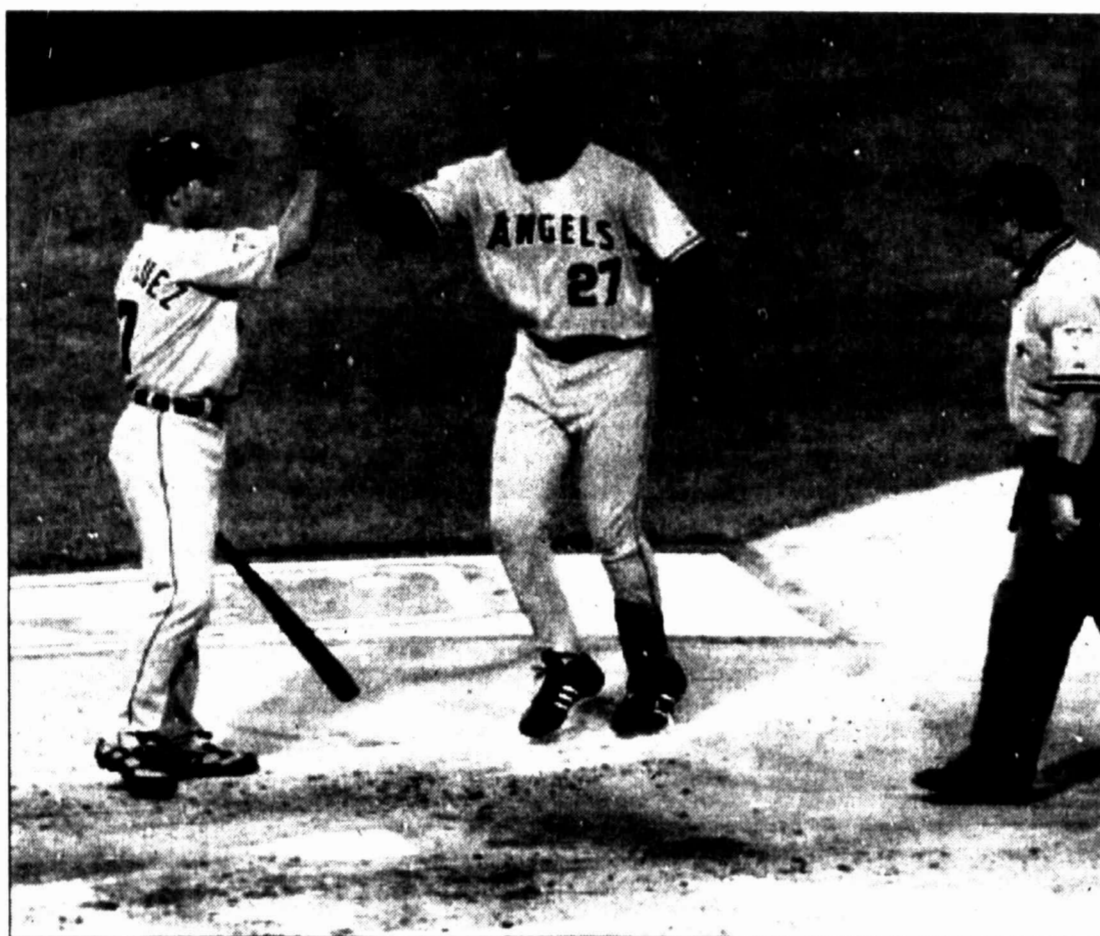
A hunter education class has been scheduled for July 22-23 at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce building.

The cost of the class, which will be held at 8 a.m. each day, is \$15 per person.

All persons born after Sept. 1, 1971, who want to hunt in Texas are required to successfully complete the course.

Successful completion of the course is good in all 50 states, as well as Canadian provinces and Mexican states which require hunter education.

For more information or to register, contact Steve Poitevint at 264-7033 during the evening hours.



MCT photo, Mauricio Rubio
Vladimir Guerrero, center, of the American League is congratulated by Detroit Tigers catcher Ivan Rodriguez after Guerrero's home run in the top of the second inning Tuesday at PNC Park in Pittsburgh, Penn., during the 2006 MLB all-star game. The American League scored two runs in the top of the ninth inning and won the game, 3-2.

Young's triple in ninth leads AL to comeback win over NL

By MIKE FITZPATRICK

AP Baseball Writer
PITTSBURGH — No matter who's on the mound, the National League can't find a way to close out an All-Star game.

With the AL down to its final strike, Michael Young hit a two-run triple off Trevor Hoffman for a 3-2 victory Tuesday night that kept the Americans unbeaten for the past decade.

Behind David Wright's homer and some daring, old-style baserunning, the NL took a 2-1 lead into the ninth and brought in Hoffman to try to finish it.

But the San Diego Padres' reliever, closing in on the career saves record, failed to put this one away. He gave up a two-out single to Paul Konerko, who was replaced by pinch-runner Jose Lopez.

Then the NL nearly caught a break — it has-

n't had many since its last victory in Philadelphia in 1996.

Troy Glaus' smash bounded over the left-field fence for a ground-rule double, perhaps preventing Lopez from scoring. He was held at third, but Young made that moot.

The Rangers' underrated shortstop lined a 0-2 pitch into right-center and slid into third with what was probably the biggest All-Star game hit since Texas teammate Hank Blalock's go-ahead homer off Eric Gagne in the eighth inning in 2003.

Young earned the MVP award — and the AL again earned home-field advantage in the World Series.

"Nobody wants to make the last out of anything," Glaus said, "whether it's a regular season, World Series or an All-Star game."

Young had seen Hoffman a couple of weeks ago in interleague play, and said that

helped.

"When you have someone of that caliber, it's always a tough at-bat," he said. "I was just fortunate to make contact on a tough count."

Mariano Rivera worked around Lopez's error at third base in the bottom half for his third All-Star save, tying Hall of Famer Dennis Eckersley for the career mark since the stat became official in 1969.

Old reliable for the New York Yankees, Rivera retired Milwaukee slugger Carlos Lee on a popout with a runner on second to end it — making the AL 9-0-1 in this summer showcase over the past 10 years.

The NL's best result was a tie in 2002 in Milwaukee.

In fact, the AL has dominated year round lately, sweeping the last two World Series and winning a whopping 61 percent of interleague games this season.

Croshere looks to fresh start as Mav

By CLIFF BRUNT

Associated Press Writer
INDIANAPOLIS

Austin Croshere has nothing but fond memories of his nine-year career with the Indiana Pacers, but he's looking forward to playing for a championship contender in the Dallas Mavericks.

The Pacers agreed last week to send their longest-tenured player to Dallas in exchange for Marquis Daniels. Croshere said Tuesday that it was hard to believe he was moving on.

"It's certainly something that was difficult at first, but I think after that first wave of emotions went through, it's been excitement," he said. "It'll be a fresh start and a really good thing."

Croshere, a 6-foot-10, 235-pound forward, has career averages of 7.5 points and 4.3 rebounds per game. His best season came in 1999-2000, when he averaged 10.3 points and 6.4 rebounds and helped the Pacers reach the NBA finals.

Croshere said his best memory as a Pacer was beating the New York Knicks in the 2000 playoffs to advance to the finals, where Indiana lost to the Los Angeles Lakers.

"Winning the Eastern Conference championship and celebrating in the locker room at Madison Square Garden ... It was only my third year at the time, but I really got the history of the rivalry with the Knicks," he said. "I'm very proud to be a part of getting past them."

Croshere even saw the positive in the worst Pacer moment. He was on the team that lost Ron Artest, Jermaine O'Neal and Stephen Jackson to long suspensions for the brawl with fans in a game at Detroit two seasons ago. That team rallied to reach the second round of the playoffs.

"You take away that one incident ... you know,

we're playing games with seven guys, and guys that never got an opportunity to play before were playing," he said. "We were bringing up CBA guys. Everybody was just giving it everything they had."

Now he sees a chance to play for a championship again. The Mavericks lost to Miami in six games in the finals last month.

"If I were a free agent this summer, I don't know if I could have picked a better situation," he said. "A team that went to the finals and has great fan support, a team that has great relationships between the coaches and the players."

He said he didn't know what to expect at the end of the season but knew things could change.

"I think in this day and age, being around as long as I have, you understand the business side of it," he said. "Going into the last year of your contract, the possibility of getting traded becomes greater."

With Dallas, Croshere could back up Dirk Nowitzki or play small forward and take pressure off the Mavs' star. Croshere said he'll be a good fit in Dallas because he can run the floor and is a 3-point threat who could make opponents pay for double-teaming Nowitzki.

He looks forward to playing for outspoken owner Mark Cuban, and is focusing on the results and not Cuban's antics that have earned him numerous fines. Dallas has won nearly 70 percent of its games since Cuban bought the team in 2000.

"I think you have to admire someone who is willing to take risks," Croshere said. "What he's gotten with that franchise in a very short time is impressive."

Croshere said Larry Bird was good to him both as coach and team president.

"I don't think it could have gone much smoother," he said.

Freire wins stage 9, American Landis is second in France

DAX, France (AP) — Oscar Freire of Spain won stage nine of the Tour de France by less than a wheel length Tuesday over Robbie McEwen of Australia.

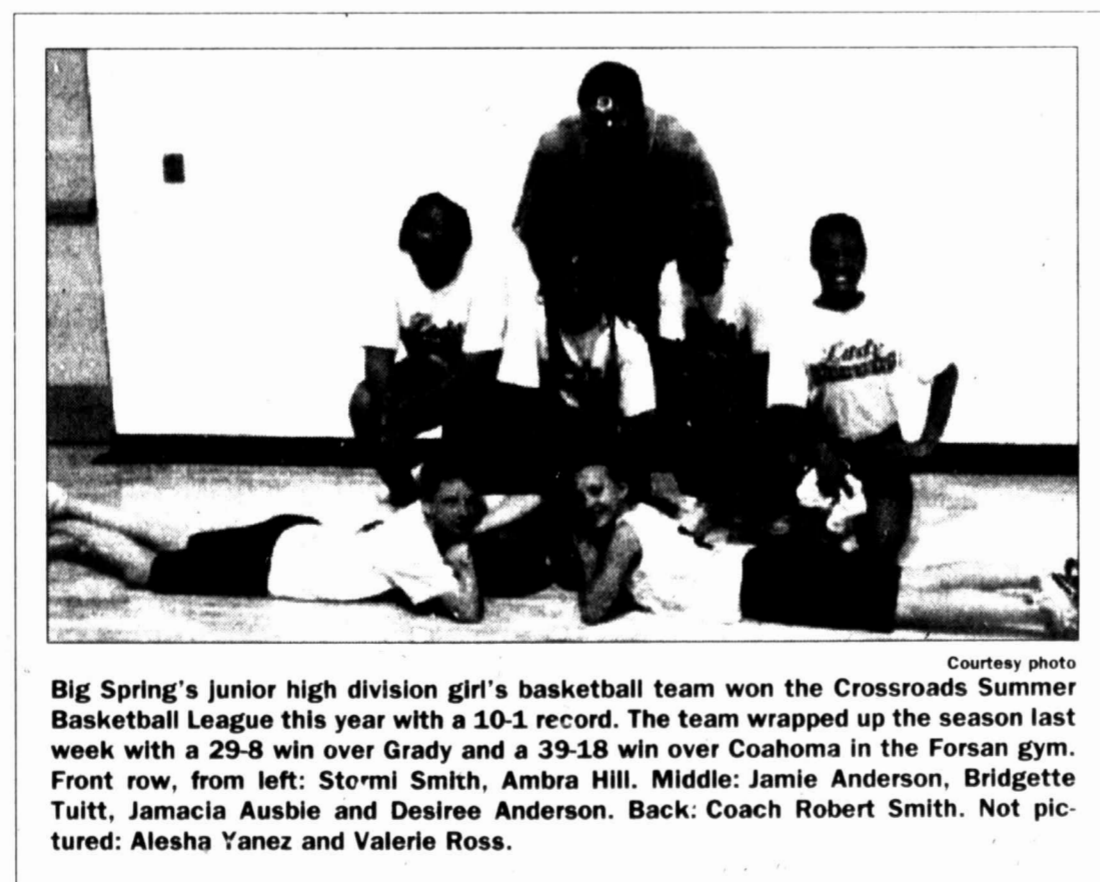
The win was Freire's second at this Tour — the Rabobank sprint specialist also won stage five. The race now heads into the Pyrenees.

The Spaniard surged past world champion Tom Boonen in a grouped sprint finish at Dax, in southwest France, and held off a rapidly closing

McEwen at the line.

Race leader Serhiy Honchar and second-place Floyd Landis of the United States did not contest the sprint finish, preferring to stay safely in the trailing pack. Honchar's lead over Landis remained unchanged at exactly 1 minute.

Landis will be keeping tabs on rivals who fare well in the mountains — trying to make sure they won't jump ahead and cut into his advantage.



Courtesy photo
Big Spring's junior high division girls' basketball team won the Crossroads Summer Basketball League this year with a 10-1 record. The team wrapped up the season last week with a 29-8 win over Grady and a 39-18 win over Coahoma in the Forsan gym. Front row, from left: Stormi Smith, Ambra Hill. Middle: Jamie Anderson, Bridgette Tuitt, Jamacia Ausble and Desiree Anderson. Back: Coach Robert Smith. Not pictured: Alesha Yanez and Valerie Ross.

Point guard James picks Timberwolves over two Texas teams

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The Minnesota Timberwolves and free agent point guard Mike James have reached an agreement on a four-year deal, James' agent told The Associated Press Tuesday.

Bill Duffy said James, who is coming off a career year for the

Toronto Raptors, will get the Timberwolves' full midlevel exception, which is worth about \$5 million in 2006-07.

The veteran averaged a career-high 20.3 points and 5.8 assists for the Raptors last year and instantly solidifies the Timberwolves' shaky point guard situation.

Before signing James, the Wolves had injury-prone veteran Troy Hudson, inconsistent Marko Jaric and rookie lottery pick Randy Foye as their options at the point.

Former MVP Kevin Garnett pleaded with Timberwolves' management to surround him

with more veterans after the team missed the playoffs for the second straight season in 2005-06. And Garnett made a personal call to James Tuesday morning to convince the 31-year-old spark plug to come to Minnesota.

"They had a great conversation and that meant

a lot to Mike," James' agent, Bill Duffy, said. "Garnett told him he needed him there. That says a lot about Garnett to do that and it says a lot about Mike that Garnett wanted him."

The Rockets and Mavericks also were in contention for his services.

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The Aquarius moon harmonizes with Venus and Neptune, creating that carefree, summer-love feeling. It's flip-flops, it's sunscreen, it's the way your back relaxes against a hot car seat. Even if you're working indoors today, you may feel your mind hovering over a volleyball net on some distant sandy beach.



HOLIDAY MATHS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The truth could set you free — freer, in fact, than you want to be. When in doubt, just say nothing. Tonight, it's very important to finish with one project before beginning another.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You won't be the master of your workflow, much in the same way as you won't be able to regulate the ocean tides or control the wind. You're learning to be content to surf the surprises and gracefully sail on gusts of activity.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The stars promise you are as successful as you are innovative. Go public with a fresh idea. On a side note: The unpopular boss prevails only a little while longer, so hang in there.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). While you're doing small things you're thinking about big things. This not only heads you toward greatness, it makes you great right now. It takes wisdom, humility and vision to operate in this manner.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The stars suggest you'll be listening through a rambling rant, probably wondering what is relevant to you. Perhaps none of it. You're just a good listener, and everyone knows that.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're usually detail-oriented to the extreme.

Legals

PUBLIC NOTICE
Sale to satisfy landlord's lien of floor cleaning equipment, tools, assorted coolers, dog kennel, gardening tools, child's rocker, and misc. items of the following tenants now stored at Great Dane Storage, 1510 West 4th Street, Big Spring, TX 79720.
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

So you'll find it absolutely wacky that some of the finer points have gone undetected by your radar. You have more time because of the oversight. Enjoy it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Something you do while being very still, such as meditating, visioning or reading, is what sharpens your approach, giving you the edge you need to compete in a bigger arena.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). An extra source of energy is ignited in you. You can actually feel it like a knot unraveling in the solar plexus. It's a steady wiggling to complete what must be completed before you can truly start anew.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). From the Latin word "disciplina," which means "teaching," we get the word "discipline." Self-discipline is really about educating yourself, not about creating more ways and reasons to punish yourself. Be nice to you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Keep "fun" on the to-do list. If you're very daring, you'll move

it into the top slot. You just might wind up enjoying your work so much that as a result, your productivity is through the roof.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Give your attention to matters of health. After all, if you don't have that, the rest is very hard to appreciate. No matter how well you are, there's always room for improvement in this department.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). A partner's needs and your own are likely polarized today. Stay calm. The stars converge to support you in becoming the king or queen of compromise.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I read you every day and want to know why my love life is so miserable. March 8 is my birthday."
Pisces is a wise sign. Wisdom means coming up with answers that breed a positive outcome. How can you come up with such answers if your question is focused on the negative? I urge you to focus on what you DO want instead of what you don't, because you will get what you focus on.

Some Pisces people experience more than their share of genuine tragedy in love before finding a suitable companion. You have your moon in Gemini, which says you like a long leash that permits you plenty of free time to be with your own friends and pursuits. Yet, your Mars in Taurus attracts mates who are possessive and want you to wait on their needs and comforts first. You're also an excellent caregiver, but are not interested in a partner who would need such care giving. For all of your complexities, you can still find perfect love. In fact, I see a sudden and intense attraction developing in August. Keep the faith (which requires that you first find your faith!).

CELEBRITY PROFILES: "Dancing with the Stars" dynamo Lisa Rinna is a show biz whiz, who went from soap opera ("Days of our Lives") to prime time ("Melrose Place") to talk-show host ("Soap Talk"), all before hitting the dance floor. This she does while raising two daughters with hubby Harry Hamlin and running two

Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: For the last 25 years, I have been in an intimate relationship with "Horace," a married man. I also am married.

Horace was recently diagnosed with incurable lung cancer and was told he has less than six months to live. He would like to confess to his wife about our relationship. I have advised him not to, since it would only hurt her and create more questions. Horace's marriage has never been good, neither sexually nor in terms of communication, but he wants to leave this world with a "clean slate."

Do you think it is a good idea to tell one's spouse about past indiscretions before death? If the situation were reversed, I wouldn't tell my husband.

Like To Know in Massachusetts
Confession may be good for the soul, but it won't do much for Horace's wife to know that their years together have been a lie. She will be angry and bitter, and Horace won't be around to take the hit and clean up the mess. If Horace wants to die with a clear conscience, he should talk to his clergyman and unburden himself. He should not leave this earth tormenting his wife.

Dear Annie: What is the protocol when one gets food poisoning from a restaurant? This has happened twice to me, once to my husband (we both ate from the same salad bowl), and twice to my elderly mother. In each instance, I told the restaurant manager, but only once were we reimbursed for our meal.

Most of these incidents happened while we were traveling. The usual response from the manager is, "Nothing like this has ever happened before." Some managers insist they aren't responsible.

Other than informing the manager, what else should one do after getting food poisoning? Should we report it to the health department? — Tired of Paying to Get Sick in Casper, Wyo.

Dear Casper: The correct procedure is to inform the manager, and yes, if the food is contaminated, it is good PR for them not to charge you for your meal. You also should notify the city or county health department.

Food poisoning can be



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

very serious, and the symptoms are severe. It may require a trip to the emergency room. However, sometimes illness is not, in fact, food poisoning. Such things as allergic reactions, food sensitivities and gallbladder attacks can make one quite sick. If this happens again, it is worth a call to your doctor to make sure you and your family members are not repeatedly exposed to something that is making you ill.

Dear Annie: I read the letters from "D.P. in Muskogee, Okla.," and "Acton, Mass.," about the intentional asymmetry of the half-Windsor and the four-in-hand ties. The four-in-hand predates the invention of the Windsor by a long shot. It is preferred by most men for several reasons, not the least of which is that it is more complementary to a person with a round face than a full Windsor, which, even when tied correctly, evokes the image of a golf ball on a tee.

The Windsor knot is not without its variations: The half-Windsor creates an appearance not unlike the four-in-hand, and the double Windsor consumes literally yards of fabric and is about the size of a baseball.

Most men wear ties that are too short to begin with and look like a variant of Fatty Arbuckle. Both points of the tie should touch the belt buckle. — D.L. in Pensacola, Fla.

Dear D.L.: Fatty Arbuckle's name does not get bandied about too much these days. We were quite impressed with the number of readers, all male, who are so knowledgeable about ties. Our thanks for your expertise.

Dear Annie: Last summer, my girlfriend and her children spent the day at my house. After they swam in my pool, I placed

their wet clothes in the dryer — as I do for all my guests. When I removed the clothes from the dryer, my girlfriend became upset and said I had ruined her bathing suit.

I immediately offered to pay for the damage, and repeated the offer several times that evening. She insisted that I not worry about it because the bathing suit was two years old and she realized it was an accident. I thought that was the end of it.

Four months later, we were planning a trip and she politely told me that it would now be necessary for me to reimburse her for the damaged suit. I was shocked but agreed to pay.

Now, after thinking about it, I am a little annoyed. I don't feel I did anything wrong, plus, I offered several times to pay for the damaged suit at the time it happened, and she refused. When I explained to her how I felt, she sent me a rude e-mail and requested \$80.

Is there a price tag on our friendship of 22 years? If I don't give her the money, it's over. Is there some rule of etiquette on this? — Pricey Friendship

Dear Pricey: This goes beyond etiquette. You offered to pay, which was the correct thing to do since, accidentally or not, you damaged the swimsuit. However, she refused your offer repeatedly, and that should have been the end of it. You think she's being greedy, and she can't understand why you won't reimburse her.

Go ahead and give her the money, but we suspect this has damaged the friendship beyond repair regardless. Too bad.

Dear Annie: What is the proper way for a woman to wear her rings? Does the engagement ring go on the finger first, and then the wedding band, or is it the other way around? Thank you so much for clearing this up. — Gettysburg, Pa.

Dear Gettysburg: It is customary to put on the wedding band first. This is to keep it closer to the heart, and also to allow the fancier engagement ring to be easily removed when washing dishes or doing other chores. But there is no hard-and-fast rule, and a woman can wear the rings in whatever order she prefers.

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	WFAA (2) Dallas	KMID (3) Midland	UNI (4) Spanish	KPEJ (5) Odessa	KOSA (7) Odessa	KTLE (8) Telemundo	KWES (9) Midland	WTBS (11) Atlanta	KMLM (12) Odessa	KPBT (13) Odessa	DISC (20) Discovery	AMC (21) Classics	SPK (22) Spike TV	TNT (23) Atlanta	BET (26) Black Ent.	DISN (27) Disney	ESPN2 (28) Sports	ESPN (29) Sports	SCIFI (64) Science Fic.
6 PM	News (CC)	News Wheel-Fortune	Heridas	King of the Hill The Simpsons	News Entertainment	La Tormenta	News Be a Millionaire Raymond	Booker John Hagee	News Lehrer	Future Weapons (CC)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigator	Without a Trace (CC)	Without a Trace (CC)	Without a Trace (CC)	Live (CC)	Phil of Future Thats-Raven	Minor League Baseball	Shootaround WNBA	Movie: The Uruborn II
7 PM	George Lopez Freddie (CC)	George Lopez Freddie (CC)	La Fea Mas Bella	Bones (CC)	Rock Star Supernova	Tierra de Pasiones	Outrageous Outrageous Raymond	Updates/Israel Dr. Karl Coke	Jean-Michel Cousineau	MythBusters (CC)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigator	Movie: The In Laws (CC)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigator	Without a Trace (CC)	Wayans Bros	Movie: Zenon Girl of the 21st Century (CC)	AAA All-Star Game (CC)	Basketball All-Star Game	
8 PM	Lost (CC)	Lost (CC)	Barbera de Amor	You Can Dance	Criminal Minds (CC)	Amores de Mercado	America's Got Talent (CC)	Light of the Southwest	American Masters (CC)	MythBusters (CC)	Ultimate Knockouts	Blade: The Series (CC)	Nightmares & Dreamscapes	Nightmares & Dreamscapes	Keyshia Cole Soul of a Man	Century (CC)		(CC) Boxing	Movie: Armlyville A
9 PM	News (CC)	News Nightline	Primer Impacto Noticias	70s Show Raymond	News Late Show	Noticias Laura	News Tonight Show	The Hour of Healing	Charlie Rose (CC)	Future Weapons (CC)	15 Movie: Silver Streak	Blade: The Series (CC)	Saved (CC)	Jamie Foxx	Zack & Cody Thats-Raven	Life Derek American Orgh	Seventh Inning Stretch	Quite Frankly With Smith	Wednesday Night Fights
10 PM	Entertainment Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)	Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)	La Hora de la Risa	King of the Hill Malcolm-Mid	Letterman Late Late	Al Rop Vivo	Late Night	Ya Ya Sisterhood (CC)	N. McBride Charles Scott	MythBusters (CC)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigator	Las Vegas (CC)	In Living Color	Phil of Future Kim Possible	Phil of Future Kim Possible	Seventh Inning Stretch	(CC) NFL Live	Movie: Sub Zero (CC)	
11 PM	Live (CC)	Extra (CC)	Sonadoras	My Wife Kids Divorce Court	Show The Insider	Maria Celeste Pagado	Conan O'Brien Paid Program	Update/Israel Booker	MythBusters (CC)	Hustle (CC)	Blind Date	Blind Date	Alias (CC)	Keyshia Cole Soul of a Man	Sister, Sister Thats-Raven	2005 U.S. Poker		Twilight Zone	

DENNIS THE MENACE

"I WOULDN'T WANT YOU TO BE BEST OF SHOW IF YOU HAD TO PRANCE AROUND LIKE THAT!"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

"I DON'T WANT TO GO TO THE MALL. I'M BROKE!"

7-12

"Well, maybe Dr. James can fix you."

HAGAR

"IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO LEARN HOW TO RELAX, HAGAR..."

"DOCTORS NOW BELIEVE STRESS CAN BE HARMFUL TO YOUR HEALTH!"

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Permanent

A TEMPORARY HAIRDO

WILEY'S DICTIONARY

WIZARD OF ID

WHO GOES THERE?

AN ITINERANT UNEMPLOYED VAGRANT

WHAT DO YOU WANT?

ANYTHING!

AGNES

GRANMA, I WANT TO BE NUMBER ONE AT DOING SOMETHING.

GO FOR IT!

BUT I WANT IT TO BE A SUPER EASY SOMETHING SO I DON'T HAVE TO WORK SO HARD AT IT, AND I WANT IT TO BE FAIRLY OBSCURE, SO THE COMPETITION IS VERY MINIMAL.

YOUR YOUTHFUL AMBITION MAKES ME SO PROUD.

ALSO, A BIG FINANCIAL GAIN WOULD SWEETEN THE POT.

HI AND LOIS

OH BOY, MOM'S PUTTING ME IN "GOING OUT" CLOTHES.

RATS! I WAS HOPING FOR THE MALL!

THE OTHER COAST

MAYBE I SHOULD MOVE TO FRANCE. THE FRENCH REALLY APPRECIATE CREATIVE TALENT: MAUPASSANT, VOLTAIRE, BALZAC, GAUGUIN...

JERRY LEWIS.

OBVIOUSLY, THE SUBTLE NUANCES IN THE NUTTY PROFESSOR ARE LOST ON YOU.

SNUFFY SMITH

YORE JUGHAID NEVER FINISHES HIS MATH...HE NEVER FINISHES HIS ENGLISH...OR HIS ART...OR...

GEE, MIZ PRUNELLY, ENNY GOOD NEWS?

HE ALWAYS FINISHES HIS LONCH !!

BEELE BAILEY

WHEN IS MY MEETING?

I KNEW YOU'D ASK, SO I PUT THE INVITATION ON MY BOARD

SOMEWHERE

BLONDIE

ALL RIGHT! CHECK THIS ONE OUT!

WATCH THIS ONE! IT'S YOUR PAYCHECK!

This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, July 12, the 193rd day of 2006. There are 172 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 12, 1862, Congress authorized the Medal of Honor.

On this date:

In 100 B.C., Roman dictator Julius Caesar was born.

In 1543, England's King Henry VIII married his sixth and last wife, Catherine Parr.

In 1690, Protestant forces led by William of Orange defeated the Roman Catholic army of James II at the Battle of the Boyne in Ireland.

In 1948, the Democratic national convention opened in Philadelphia.

In 1972, George McGovern won the Democratic presidential nomination at the party's convention in Miami Beach.

In 1977, President Carter defended Supreme Court decisions limiting govern-

ment payments for poor women's abortions, saying, "There are many things in life that are not fair."

In 1984, Democratic presidential candidate Walter F. Mondale announced he'd chosen U.S. Rep. Geraldine A. Ferraro of New York to be his running-mate; Ferraro was the first woman to run for vice president on a major-party ticket.

In 1985, doctors discovered what turned out to be a cancerous growth in President Reagan's large intestine, prompting surgery the following day.

In 1993, 196 people were killed when a magnitude-7.8 earthquake struck northern Japan.

Today's Birthdays: Artist Andrew Wyeth is 89. Movie director Monte Hellman is 74. Pianist Van Cliburn is 72. Comedian Bill Cosby is 69.

Singer-musician Christine McVie is 63. Actress Denise Nicholas is 62. Singer-songwriter Butch Hancock is 61. Fitness guru Richard Simmons is 58. Actor Jay Thomas is 58. Singer Walter Egan is 58. Actress Cheryl Ladd is 55. Country singer Julie Miller is 50. Gospel singer Sandi

Patty is 50. Actress Mel Foster is 49. Rock guitarist Dan Murphy (Soul Asylum) is 44. Rock singer Robin Wilson is 41. Actress Lisa Nicole Carson is 37. Olympic gold medal figure skater Kristi Yamaguchi is 35. Country singer Shannon Lawson is 33. Rapper Magoo is 33. Rhythm-and-blues singer Tracie Spencer is 30. Actor Topher Grace is 28. Actress Michelle Rodriguez is 28. Actor Erik Per Sullivan is 15.

Thought for Today: "The tragedy is not that things are broken. The tragedy is that they are not mended again." - Alan Paton, South African author (1903-1988).

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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Away from work
 - 4 Augment
 - 9 To no (useless)
 - 14 Frazier foe
 - 15 Little House on the Prairie girl
 - 16 Rigoletto composer
 - 17 Junior, to Senior
 - 18 Exclusive group
 - 20 Lyricist Gershwin
 - 21 Auto brand
 - 22 Discussed, with "out"
 - 23 Coho and sockeye
 - 25 Small taste
 - 26 Called up
 - 27 Mexican moolah
 - 28 Actor Kilmer
 - 31 Atlanta university
 - 33 One way to reduce risk
 - 35 Praise highly
 - 36 Home away from home
 - 37 Farm measure
 - 38 Of a city
 - 40 Female voices
 - 41 Ancient
 - 42 Pub potables
 - 43 Secondly
 - 44 Creative pursuits
 - 45 On the loose
 - 48 Go to extremes with
 - 51 Medicinal plant
 - 52 Strong desire
- DOWN**
- 1 Desert haven
 - 2 Plant life
 - 3 Open ender
 - 4 Court-ordered payment
 - 5 Vietnamese port
 - 6 NBA shots
 - 7 Yuletide purchase
 - 8 Boat mover
 - 9 Pilot
 - 10 Work by Whitman
 - 11 Shoe part
 - 12 Doing nothing
 - 13 Bent the truth
 - 19 Stone shaper
 - 24 Tuesday, in Tours
 - 25 Cut at an angle
 - 27 Pocketed breads
 - 28 Winner's "tour"
 - 29 Curly coiffure
 - 30 Caustic solutions
 - 31 Sesame Street character
 - 32 Handle roughly
 - 33 Foolish ones
 - 34 Spicy dip
 - 36 Head Island, SC
 - 39 Checking IDs
 - 40 Accusatory one
 - 43 Immediately
 - 44 Cosmetics queen Elizabeth
 - 45 Otherworldly visitor
 - 46 Reach
 - 47 Brought to a conclusion
 - 48 Night hunters
 - 49 Face covering
 - 50 Author Ferber
 - 51 Opera offering
 - 54 Some drs.

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WHAT'S NEW AT THE LIBRARY

Try a good romance

How about a good romance to read while basking in your chaise lounge under the air conditioner? Kathleen Eagle is the award-winning author of "What the Heart Knows" and she has returned in "The Last Good Man."

The storyline: when beautiful model Savannah Stephens comes back to Sunbonnet, Wyo., to care for the woman who raised her, she brings a six-year-old daughter, a brave if wounded spirit and the need to heal. In this hard-hitting, down-to-earth romance, Eagle turns her considerable skills to the very real issues of breast cancer, reconstructive surgery and the emotional aftermath. Readers are given not just a poignant, satisfying romance but a realistic yet hopeful look at a situation that many women will face.



HOLLIS MCCRIGHT

Another romance of sorts is "Duchess of Aquitaine" by Margaret Ball. Stretch your memory back to the 1200s and the time of courtly love. Eleanor is the daughter of the Duke of Aquitaine who dies and leaves her as heir to the richest dukedom in France. However, Eleanor is only 15 and will be prey to whomever kidnaps her and "marries" her. Eleanor is determined to be mistress of her own fate and devise a scheme to do just that. She marries Louis VII, the king of France. Alas, life "ain't easy for a girl named Eleanor of Aquitaine" (apologies to the "Boy Named Sue"). If you like grand sweeping historical books, this will fill the bill.

Fern Michaels has started a series called "Revenge of the Sisterhood." This is where a group of women

wreak havoc on persons who have harmed them, usually in some horrific way. For example, in one book, a diplomat has run down someone's daughter and then claims diplomatic immunity. He is punished in a particularly imaginative way. Book 2 is "Payback" and Book 4 is called "The Jury." The Library does have some additional volumes; "Vendetta" is Book 3.

A new author has appeared on the scene. Alex Berenson is a *New York Times* reporter and has drawn upon his experience covering Iraq to write a chilling new book. John Wells is the only American CIA operative to ever penetrate al Qaeda. He has done this by converting to Islam. Sequestered in the mountains of Pakistan, his Oman Omar Khadri has ordered him to America. His CIA handlers don't know whether to trust him or not. In the end, it becomes a moot point, as he is the only person who can stop Khadri's plan.

Growing up, we had a portfolio book of John James Audubon's bird drawings. I think mother has given it to my younger brother as an "heirloom." Audubon's life makes an engaging story, and Pulitzer Prize winner Richard Rhodes has written "John James Audubon: The Making of an American" (BAUDJ). In it, Rhodes chronicles every aspect of Audubon's life, the commonplace as well as the audacious. Rhodes' style is subtle, enlivened by passages from Audubon's own letters and journals, and he presents a picture of a man who charmed almost everyone he met, remained devoted to his wife even though he abandoned her for years at a time and was not above lying about his birth and other details of his life. Perhaps most importantly, Rhodes succeeds in shedding light on how Audubon perfected his ability to capture in his depictions of birds so

much life and emotion that they transcend traditional wildlife painting.

It is time to clean out your bookshelves and bring books "not too old" and in good condition to the library for the Friends of the Library annual book sale. Books should be packed in a sturdy box or double bagged in grocery sacks. The sale will be in September, the specific date will be announced later. The Friends cannot use the following: magazines, textbooks, sets of encyclopedias and books with a copyright date before 1980. If a book is really dusty and nasty, please do not bring it. It is just not saleable and will be discarded.

What do the Friends of the Library do? They provide the library with extras that the budget does not stretch to. The Friends purchased the book bags that we now have, the flooring in "the Pit" in the Children's area, assist with the Summer Reading Program; provide funds to purchase large print books, books on tape or CD and the book display located in front of the circulation desk. If you would like to become a member, meetings are held at the Library at noon, on the third Thursday of each month.

Howard County Library is operating with our summer hours. We are open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday and are closed on Saturdays. The Internet/Video room closes one-half hour before closing. The Library is located at 500 S. Main St. Our phone number is 264-2260. Our Web site is www.howard-county.lib.tx.us; the online catalog should be working; our e-mail address is hollise@hotmail.com

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200 feared dead in India bombings

BOMBAY, India (AP) —

The death toll from a series of bombs that struck Bombay's packed commuter trains rose Wednesday to 200, and India demanded that Pakistan dismantle the "infrastructure of terrorism," but leveled no direct accusation at its rival for the attacks.

The number of dead in the eight near-simultaneous bombings during Tuesday evening's rush hour in India's financial hub has risen steadily as rescue efforts uncovered more bodies and people have succumbed to their injuries.

R. Patil, the deputy chief minister of Maharashtra state told lawmakers that 200 bodies had been found in the twisted wreckage of the trains. Bombay is the capital of Maharashtra.

Officials say more than 700 people were wounded in the attack, stunning a city that embodies India's global ambitions.

Wednesday, Foreign Ministry spokesman Navtej Sarna repeated Indian demands that Pakistan crack down on the militants, who New Delhi says operate from Islamabad's part of Kashmir.

"We would urge Pakistan to take urgent steps to dismantle the infrastructure of terrorism on the territory under its control and act resolutely against individuals and groups who are responsible for terrorists' violence," he

said.

His comments followed remarks by Pakistani Foreign Minister Khurshid Mahmood Kasuri, who said in a speech Tuesday at the Carnegie Endowment for Peace in Washington that solving the Kashmir issue "is the best way of tackling extremism in South Asia."

Sarna replied angrily to those comments. "We find it appalling that Kasuri should seek to link this blatant and inhuman act of terrorism against men, women and children to the so-called lack of resolution of dispute between India and Pakistan," Sarna told reporters.

Indian officials have been hesitant to blame Pakistan in the wake of the bombings, although many here suspect the attacks were the work of Kashmiri militants that New Delhi charges are trained, armed and funded by Islamabad. Pakistan insists it only offers the rebels diplomatic and moral support.

Meanwhile, a senior police official said investigators were looking into a possible link with Lashkar-e-Tayyaba, a Kashmiri militant group that has denied playing a role in the bombings.

"It is difficult to say definitely as this stage, but Lashkar-e-Tayyaba can be involved going by the style of attack," said P.S. Pasricha, the director general of police.

July Summer Selldown

PROGRAM CARS

- 2006 Lincoln Town Car Signature Luxury - Light French Silk Clearcoat w/LT Stone Leather, Moonroof, In Dash 6 Disc CD, All Power, Loaded, MSRP When New \$48,015, Program Car w/8,800 Miles. Was \$31,995. **NOW \$30,995**
- 2006 Ford Five Hundred SEL - Silverbirch w/Shale Leather, Moonroof, Traction Control, All Power, Program Car w/10,000 Miles. MSRP When New \$26,215. Was \$22,995. **NOW \$21,995**
- 2006 Ford Five Hundred - Silver Birch w/Leather, Moonroof, All Power, Loaded, Program Car w/10,000 Miles. MSRP When New \$27,470. Was \$23,995. **NOW \$22,995**
- 2006 Ford Mustang V-6 - Legend Lime w/Cloth, Automatic, Sport Pkg., All Power, Program Car w/9,000 Miles, Tinted Windows. Was \$21,995. **NOW \$20,995**
- 2006 Ford Mustang V-6 - Tungsten Gray w/Cloth, Sport Pkg., Automatic, All Power, Program Car w/5,600 Miles. Was \$21,995. **NOW \$20,995**
- 2006 Ford Taurus SEL - Vibrant White w/Flint Leather, All Power, Moonroof, Program Car w/12,000 Miles. MSRP When New \$24,870. Was \$17,995. **NOW \$16,995**
- 2006 Ford Taurus SE - White w/Leather, All Power, Program Car w/8,100 Miles. MSRP When New \$21,995. Was \$15,995. **NOW \$14,995**
- 2006 Ford Taurus SE - Arizona Beige w/Cloth, All Power, CD, Program Car w/8,100 Miles. MSRP When New Was \$21,995. Was \$15,995. **NOW \$14,995**
- 2005 Mercury Grand Marquis L.S. Premium - Vibrant White w/Parchment Leather, Moonroof, All Power, Program Car w/19,000 Miles. MSRP When New Was \$31,660. Was \$21,995. **NOW \$20,995**

CARS

- 2006 Nissan Sentra 1.8S 4DR - Silver w/Cloth, Automatic, Local One Owner w/3,500 Miles. Was \$17,995. **NOW \$16,995**
- 2005 Dodge Magnum RT 5.7 Hemi - Pearl White, Gray Leather, Moonroof, 20" Chrome Wheels, All Power, Beautiful One Owner w/22,000 Miles. Was \$27,995. **NOW \$26,995**
- 2005 Ford Mustang - 6 Cyl., Mineral Gray w/Cloth, All Power, One Owner w/26,000 Miles. Was \$20,995. **NOW \$19,995**
- 2004 Ford Focus ZTS 4-DR - Black, Automatic, All Power, Local One Owner w/36,000 Miles. Was \$14,995. **NOW \$13,995**
- 2004 Chevrolet Malibu Maxx LT VE - Beige w/Cloth, All Power, Local One Owner w/16,000 Miles. Was \$17,995. **NOW \$16,995**
- 2004 Ford GT Convertible - Silver w/Black Top, Silver Leather, Anniversary Edition, All Power, Automatic, One Owner w/34,000 Miles, 4.6 V-8. Was \$21,995. **NOW \$20,995**
- 2004 Lincoln Town Car Signature - Silver w/Leather, All Power, Local One Owner w/27,000 Miles. Was \$25,995. **NOW \$24,995**
- 2004 BMW 325 Ci Coupe - White, Tan Leather, Moonroof, All Power, Local One Owner w/28,000 Miles. Was \$29,995. **NOW \$28,995**
- 2004 Honda Civic 4-DR - White, All Power, Local One owner w/72,000 Miles. Was \$14,995. **NOW \$13,995**

CARS

- 2004 Chevrolet Impala L.S. 4DR - Silver w/Cloth, All Power, V-6, Local One Owner w/30,900 Miles. Was \$15,995. **NOW \$14,995**
- 2003 Lincoln Town Car Signature - White w/Leather, All Power, Local One Owner w/Only 22,000 Miles. Was \$23,995. **NOW \$22,995**
- 2001 Mazda 626 LS - Black w/Leather, All Power, Local One Owner w/20,000 Miles. Was \$6,995. **NOW \$5,995**
- 2001 Cadillac DeVille - Beige w/Leather, All Power, Local One Owner. Was \$14,995. **NOW \$13,995**
- 2001 Pontiac Grand Prix 4DR - Silver, V-6, All Power. Was \$9,995. **NOW \$7,995**
- 2000 Nissan Maxima SE - White w/Leather, Moonroof, All Power, Locally Owned. Was \$13,995. **NOW \$12,995**
- 2000 Ford Focus SE - Blue w/Leather, All Power, Local One Owner w/33,000 Miles. Was \$8,995. **NOW \$8,995**

TRUCKS

- 2005 Ford F150 Supercab XL 4X4 - White, 5.4 V-8, Air, Automatic, Local One Owner w/60,000 Miles. Was \$20,995. **NOW \$19,995**
- 2004 Ford F350 Crew Cab King Ranch 4X4 Powerstroke Diesel - Dark Copper/Beige, Saddle Leather, One Owner w/82,000 Miles. Was \$27,995. **NOW \$26,995**
- 2004 Ford F150 Supercab STX 4X4 - Yellow w/Cloth, All Power, Local One Owner w/33,000 Miles. Was \$25,995. **NOW \$24,995**
- 2004 Ford F250 Supercab XLT 4X4 - Silver w/Cloth, V-10, All Power, Local One Owner, w/58,000 Miles. Was \$22,995. **NOW \$21,995**
- 2004 Ford F150 Supercab Lariat - White/Tan, Leather, All Power, One Owner w/46,000 Miles. Was \$25,995. **NOW \$24,995**
- 2004 Ford F150 Supercab XLT - White/Tan Cloth, all Power, One Owner w/60,000 Miles. Was \$22,995. **NOW \$21,995**
- 2003 Ford F150 Supercab XLT - Gray w/Cloth, All Power, Local One Owner w/47,000 Miles. Was \$21,995. **NOW \$20,995**
- 2003 Chevrolet Silverado - White, V-8, Automatic, Local One owner w/43,000 Miles. Was \$14,995. **NOW \$13,995**
- 2003 Ford F150 Supercab XLT 4X4 FX4 - Silver, All Power, Local One Owner w/29,000 Miles. Was \$23,995. **NOW \$22,995**
- 2003 Ford F150 Supercab XLT 4X4 - Blue/Silver, 5.4 V-8, All Power, Local One Owner, w/46,000 Miles. Was \$23,995. **NOW \$22,995**
- 2002 Chevrolet Avalanche 2500 4X4 Z-71 - Black w/Leather, All Power, One Owner w/52,000 Miles. Was \$22,995. **NOW \$21,995**
- 2001 Ford F150 Super - White, V-8, Leather, All Power, Local One Owner w/84,000 Miles. Was \$15,995. **NOW \$14,995**
- 2000 Ford F250 Crew Cab XLT V-10 - Red w/Cloth, All Power, Locally Owned w/85,000 Miles. Was \$15,995. **NOW \$14,995**

SUVS

- 2005 Jeep Grand Cherokee Limited 4x4 - Silver w/Leather, Loaded, DVD, Navigation, One Owner w/26,000 Miles. Was \$29,995. **NOW \$28,995**
- 2004 Buick Rendezvous CXL - Tutone Silver, Gray, Leather, All Power, One Owner w/30,000 Miles. Was \$19,995. **NOW \$18,995**
- 2004 Ford Expedition XLT - Silver, All Power, Local One owner w/25,000 Miles. Was \$23,995. **NOW \$22,995**
- 2003 Ford Escape XLT - Red, V-6, All Power, Local One Owner w/50,000 Miles. Was \$17,995. **NOW \$16,995**
- 2003 Hummer HZ Luxury - Maroon w/Leather, DVD, OnStar, New Tires, Local One Owner w/61,000 Miles. Was \$35,995. **NOW \$34,995**
- 2003 Buick Rendezvous CX AWD - White/Gray, Cloth, All Power, Local One Owner w/57,000 Miles. Was \$17,995. **NOW \$16,995**
- 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 Ford Expedition - White, All Power, Local One Owner w/46,000 Miles. Was \$16,995. **NOW \$15,995**
- 2002 Ford Explorer XLS 4Dr - White/Silver, All Power, Local One Owner w/52,000 Miles. Was \$14,995. **NOW \$13,995**
- 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**
- 1999 Land Rover Discovery 4X4 - Black w/Leather, Sunroof, V-8, All Power, 67,000 Miles. Was \$14,995. **NOW \$13,995**

VANS

- 2006 Ford Freestar SEL - White, All Power, Air, DVD, Program Van w/13,000 Miles. Was \$23,995. **NOW \$22,995**
- 2001 Toyota Sienna XLE - Tan, Leather, One Owner. Was \$16,995. **NOW \$13,995**
- 2000 Dodge Grand Caravan - White, All Power, Local One Owner w/54,000 Miles. Was \$9,995. **NOW \$8,995**
- 1999 Oldsmobile Silhouette - Beige, Cloth, All Power, Local One Owner w/86,000 Miles. Was \$8,995. **NOW \$7,995**

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