

Big Spring City Manager Gary Fuqua goes over the proposed budget with the city council Monday night during a budget work session at the city council chambers. A second meeting is slated for tonight at 5:30 p.m.

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## City putting together budget to 'be proud of'

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council wrapped up day one of its annual budget workshop Monday night, having reviewed the general fund portion of the fiscal plan.

"It seems like we finished this up just a couple of months ago," City Manager Gary Fuqua said with a laugh. "And here we are again. This is one of the most complicated budgets we've ever put together because of all the variables involved, including gasoline and material prices."

According to Fuqua, prices on materials have skyrocketed over the past several years, with pipe posting a 38 percent cost increase, fuel up an estimated 69.5 percent and asphalt up approximately 150 percent.

"The cost increases are considerable," said Fuqua, "especially when you look at our revenues. Property tax is up 7.4 percent, but it's really sales tax that has saved us. It's up 19.9 percent. That should give you some idea of what a challenge putting the budget together



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**"We're not scrimping, but we have a good, tight budget that we can be proud of. I feel like we're seeing some very encouraging signs."**

has been this year."

The council gave nods to several general fund expenditures, including:

- \$26,000 for playground equipment for Birdwell Lane Park.
- \$326,163 in cost of living and merit pay scale raises.
- \$200,000 for the city's water line replacement program.

Fuqua said one of the most lucrative programs instituted by the council — both from a monetary and labor standpoint — has been the city's water line

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## County tax rate may butt up against rollback

Commissioners hopeful they can give employees an across-the-board wage increase

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

Despite higher-than-expected tax valuations, Howard County commissioners may yet have their hands full when it comes to balancing a 2006-2007 budget.

During a special budget workshop Monday morning, commissioners got both good and bad news concerning the budget and subsequent tax rate.

"I'll be certifying these numbers July 26," said Brett McKibben, chief appraiser for the Howard County Appraisal District. "You're going to be up

considerably from last year. I can't give you a true number until after that last board hearing because we're still in the equalization phase.

"Right now the housing market is a seller's market. The values of our houses are going up. Apartments seem to be going for more. We only have about 16 different apartment complexes, and one has sold twice within the last year and a half; we had two sell last year and one is in closing right now. We're finally seeing our market start to go up, and as long as that



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continues, you will see my values do the same thing."

Commissioners are faced with an estimated effective tax rate of 47.6 cents per \$100 valuation, according to County Auditor

Jackie Olson, a number that could fall considerably if McKibben's final certification is much higher than recent estimates.

"It could fall as low as 41

cents depending on the certified values," said Olson.

Olson said commissioners have the option to include an additional percentage on top of the effective rate, up to 8 percent before triggering a rollback election, something Commissioner Jerry Kilgore said could produce dire consequences.

"I know if we go over the 8 percent and have a rollback election that fails, we're in serious trouble," said Kilgore.

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## Understaffing latest concern for county jail

□ County court OKs \$250,000-plus increase in sheriff's budget. See Page 3.

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

Overcrowding and understaffing at the county jail were among the hot topics discussed by the Howard County Commissioner's Court during a special Monday morning budget workshop.

While the court continues to struggle with the two-pronged dilemma —

how to design, construct and finance a new jail facility while keeping the Texas Commission on Jail Standards from closing the existing jail — Sheriff Dale Walker pleaded with the court for more jailers.

"I'm asking for three more full-time jailers. This may sound familiar," said Walker, who has brought similar requests before the court several times previously. "The state jail commission is recommending that we have a staff of

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Emergency medical technicians with the Big Spring Fire Department check on the occupants of this Ford Winstar minivan after a traffic accident near the 179 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20 Tuesday morning. According to law enforcement officials, the minivan was traveling west on I-20 when it went off the roadway and overcorrected, colliding with a tractor trailer traveling in the same direction. No injuries were reported as a result of the accident.

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### SPILLANE DIES AT AGE 88

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — Mickey Spillane considered himself a "writer" as opposed to an "author," defining a writer as someone whose books sell.

The mystery writer, who wowed millions with the shoot-'em-up sex and violence of gumshoe Mike Hammer, died Monday at 88. His wife, Jane, said he had cancer.

After starting out in comic books, Spillane wrote his first Mike Hammer novel, "I, the Jury," in 1946. Twelve more followed, with sales topping 100 million. Notable titles included "The Killing Man," "The Girl Hunters" and "One Lonely Night." Many were made into movies, including "Kiss Me, Deadly."

### PRECIOUS PETS CONTEST

Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union is holding a "Precious Pets Photo Contest" to benefit the Children's Miracle Network.

Entry is \$5 per pet and all proceeds will go to the network, which is an alliance of children's hospitals.

Winners will be selected by the credit union employees. All photos will be displayed, and entrants do not have to be a member of the credit union to participate.

Registration and photos must be received by Friday, July 29, at 1110 Benton in Big Spring.

For more information, call (432) 263-8393.

### A&M CLUB AUCTION SET

The Howard County A&M Club will hold its annual scholarship auction and reunion Saturday at the Big Spring Country Club. Everyone is invited.

Items will be on display beginning at 5:30 p.m. with the auction set for 6:30 p.m.

Up for bid include vacation trips, celebrity autographed items and much, much more.

Funds raised through the auction allow the club to provide scholarships to Texas A&M University for area high school graduates.

For more information, call Diana Newton at 263-4204.



## Obituaries

### JW Holt



JW Holt, 71, of Stanton, died on Friday, July 14, 2006, at his residence. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 19, 2006, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring with Chaplain Joe Torres of Home Hospice officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

He was born May 1, 1935 in Coleman. He married Frances Tilley and she preceded him in death Sept. 21, 1998. He then married Louise Luxton in 2000.

Mr. Holt worked in various occupations, mostly in construction, and owned and operated his own construction business with his brother. He also had owned a trucking company.

He loved horses and working on cars, but his greatest love was his family, especially his children and grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, Louise Holt of Stanton; a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Becki Holt of Stanton; a daughter and son-in-law, Frances and Thomas Hodges of Big Spring; a brother and sister-in-law, GW and Jackie Holt of California; three grandsons, Ernie Taggart of Big Spring, Chase Holt and Cody Holt both of Stanton; a great-grandson, J.T. Taggart of Big Spring; a great-granddaughter, Elizabeth Reeh of Big Spring; two step-sons, Billy Luxton and wife, Tammy, and their children, Justin and Dillan, and Tony Luxton and wife, Karen, and their children, Jacee and Tanner; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, George and Alice Goolsby Holt; three brothers, Jack, Pee Wee and George; and one sister, Edith Simmons.

The family suggests memorials to Home Hospice, 111 E. Seventh St., Suite A, Big Spring 79720.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).

Local obituary

### Dilworth Perry Thompson

Dilworth Perry Thompson, 62, a native of Big Spring, died Thursday, July 13, 2006, in Camas, Wash.

Funeral services were set for 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 18, 2006, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Parker's Landing Ward in Washougal, Wash. Vault interment will be at the Fern Prairie Cemetery in Camas.

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn of the home; a son, Wilson B. Thompson of Vancouver, B.C.; two daughters, Stormy N. Staley of West Jordan, Utah, and Darci R. Thompson of Seattle; three sisters, Leta Kirby and Francine Jansch, both of Big Spring, and Carole Aziz of El Paso; four grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Terrel Thompson and Clay Thompson.

Memorials in his honor may be made to the church's missionary fund. Brown's Funeral Home in Camas has charge of arrangements. To send condolences or to sign the online guestbook, visit [www.brownsfh.com](http://www.brownsfh.com).

### Elfa Cantrell

Elfa S. Cantrell, 92, of Brownwood, formerly of Big Spring, died Monday, July 17, 2006 in a Brownwood hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

### Stewart Anderson

Stewart L. Anderson, 74, of Big Spring, died Monday, July 17, 2006, in a local hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

### Joshua Williamson

Joshua Christopher Williamson, 21, of Abilene, formerly of Big Spring died Sunday, July 16, 2006, in Abilene. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## 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.

## Police blotter

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

- **RESISTING ARREST, SEARCH OR TRANSPORTATION** was reported in the 1800 block of Lancaster.
- **EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION WITH A VEHICLE** was reported in the 1800 block of Lancaster.

## Sheriff's report

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

- **NOEL ORTEGA**, 29, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated.
- **ROBERT KEITH PARNELL**, 21, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- **GARY LEE SMALE**, 31, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of hindering the apprehension/prosecution of a known felon.
- **LETICIA HERNANDEZ RODRIGUEZ**, 21, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of hindering the apprehension/prosecution of a known felon.
- **JOSEPH ALTON MURLEY**, 27, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of displaying an expired motor vehicle inspection certificate.
- **PAMELA KAY LEFLER**, 43, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated (two counts) and a motion to revoke probation for theft by check.
- **JOSE VALENCIANO-RODRIGUEZ**, 28, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- **DAVID RIVERA JR.**, 20, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while license suspended.
- **DAVID WAYNE HOLSENBECK**, 37, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on charges of bondsman off bond for driving while intoxicated and bondsman off bond for driving while license invalid.

## Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 500 block of Avenue G in Forsan. One person was transported to the VAMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 400 block of East 15th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near the intersection of Highway 350 and FM 700. Service was refused.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 2000 block of Virginia. One person was transported to SMMC.

## 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

• **SANDS-ACKERLY EX-STUDENTS HOMECOMING 2006** will be Sept. 30. The committee is in the process of updating address files. Contact Dorothy Rogers at 1608 W. FM 2230, Big Spring, or call 432 399-4312. We need correct mailing addresses for the homecoming letters. We would also like to have ex-teachers' addresses.

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

• **THE PET PATROL** helps locate lost pets and owners of found pets. To volunteer or for more information, call Melanie Gambrell at 267-PETS (7387).

## Bulletin Board

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

### SATURDAY

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

### MONDAY

- The Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teacher's Association meets in the Cactus Room at Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. in the First Christian Church of Big Spring, 911 Goliad. A different program is offered every week. Enter through the south side door off 10th Street. Call 263-2786 for more information.
- Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in the La Posada Restaurant.
- DAV and Auxiliary Chapter 47 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 610 Abrams St.
- Christian Singles Fellowship meets from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Youth Hall. All singles in the community are invited for an evening of fellowship, food and table games.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

### TUESDAY

- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Big Spring Band Boosters meets at 5:30 p.m. in the high school band hall. All band parents are invited to attend.
- Big Spring Art Association meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library. All working artists and those interested in art are invited to attend.
- Order of the Eastern Star No. 67 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

### WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Senior Circle meets at 10:30 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.
- Senior Circle meets at 11 a.m. in the Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.
- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
- Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third St.

### 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.

## Weather

Tonight: Generally clear. Low 73F. Winds SE at 5 to 10 mph.  
 Tomorrow: Sunny skies. Hot. High 102F. Winds SSE at 10 to 15 mph.  
 Tomorrow night: A mostly clear sky. Low 73F. Winds SE at 10 to 15 mph.  
 Thursday: Sunny. Highs 99 to 103F and lows in the low 70s.  
 Friday: Mainly sunny. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.

## Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:  
 Winning numbers drawn: 6-7-13-23-28.  
 Number matching five of five: none.  
 Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:  
 Winning numbers drawn: 3-5-17-20. Bonus Ball: 32.  
 Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 1.  
 Winning ticket sold in: Brownsville.  
 Prize per winner: \$575,000.  
 Estimated jackpot for Thursday night drawing: \$200,000.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 4-6-1

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**A Gold Mine in Bedroom Drawers**  
 Newsire: People are selling their old broken and outdated items like scrap gold that is gathering dust for chains, charms, rings and more.  
 25 year high (over \$650.00 per ounce), says Richard Zakroff, VP of it makes sense. ScrapGold.com, a marketing. "Even old dental gold has gold recycler, offers free insured value." ScrapGold.com processes 10,000 items per month.

Urgent news for people who took  
**SEROQUEL**  
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three on shift in the jail 24 hours a day and seven days a week. We don't have a problem doing that on days and evenings, but during the night shift we have two jailers.

"In the event of an emergency that requires an evacuation, we learned through our drill it's just not going to happen unless you have three people. Your times for evacuation are going to go up and count against times for smoke inhalation ... Just to get the job done it requires three people."

Walker also requested funding for a transport vehicle — approximately \$35,000 — to relay inmates being housed out of Howard County to various court proceedings and other necessary activities.

Of course, transporting inmates is just one problem the jail faces in housing prisoners in places such as Dickens County.

"It just can't be predicted. Dickens County is full here and there; sometimes they are open and sometimes they are closed," said Walker. "In the last couple of weeks, we've had several occasions where they had no beds for us."

"This weekend was one of those times, and we rose up to 47 inmates in the jail, when we had it down to about 34 or 36 when we left Friday. As a reminder, we're only supposed to hold 40, but there's no place to put them."

"We've put out the word that we need bed space, especially for female inmates," he added. "We have a contract that has come in from Bailey County (Muleshoe) ... and that may be one option for females. However, they do not transport the inmates."

"I'd like to see if we can get by with the one new jailer," said Commissioner Jerry Kilgore.

"Get by who?" asked Commissioner Bill Crooker. "Get by the jail commission? How do you expect to get by the jail commission with this?"

Initially, commissioners agreed to provide for a single new jailer position — expected to cost the county \$30 per year — in the budget. However, after discussion, the court instead decided to add \$38,000 for overtime pay for existing jailers.

Commissioners also approved \$30,000 for a new transport vehicle

Also during the budget workshop, Walker addressed the nightmare facing the jail and its staff should the Texas Commission on Jail Standards decide to shut the facility down.

"There are a lot of people who think if our jail closes — for whatever reason — the jail staff can be cut," said Walker. "I beg to differ. The only difference we would see in the county if the jail was forced to close is the inmates wouldn't sleep in Howard County. You would still be booking inmates, bonding inmates, and transporting them, including doctor appointments. You would still have to bring them for court."

"If this happened, I think the jail staff would have to increase. You scatter 47 inmates across the state of Texas for whatever available bed space you can find, you're going to require people to go get them and take them back and forth constantly. And you can't safely do that with one jailer if you're transport-

ing four or five inmates, so you're doubling your staff."

Walker said the facility is already operating on a "skeleton crew," using a particular employee's current duties to illustrate the havoc closing the jail would have.

"Let me just give you an example," said Walker. "My bonding clerk, Amanda Hernandez, maintains all inmate time accrual. And it's hard for her to do it with them here and in Dickens County. You start scattering inmates all over and she'll have to keep up with them, wherever they are."

"She's also the inmate commissary, so she takes money and puts it on the books for these inmates daily, and when they get transferred she has to get the money and transfer it with them. She's also in charge of arranging all transports and inmate bonding. It's a handful right here with the jail open, and if you start spreading them around it's going to be a nightmare."

Earlier this year, following a meeting between commissioners and representatives of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards, the county was given a 90-day deadline to present the commission with a detailed plan for correcting the items currently out of compliance.

That deadline is expected to end when county officials travel to Austin to meet with the commission once again Aug. 4.

"It's going to beat us to death if we have to close this jail," said Walker.

"That's not going to be an issue because we're going to build a new jail," County Judge Ben Lockhart said with certainty.

"Then I think we had better hurry," said Walker.

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Sheriff's budget to get \$285,700 boost

Should allow county to be covered 24 hours a day, Walker tells court

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners approved a \$250,000-plus increase in the budget for the sheriff's office Monday.

Estimated at \$285,700, the increase — which was given the go ahead during a special budget workshop Monday morning — included items for the sheriff's office and the county jail, according to County Auditor Jackie Olson.

"We've been working short handed — what we call a skeleton crew — for what seems like forever," said Walker, "which greatly effects our comp time build up and it has gotten to the point where if we have to have one deputy off, we have to call



Walker

another one in, and when that second deputy comes in he's automatically on comp time.

"It's impossible to decrease comp time when you're in a situation where you have to rob Peter to pay Paul. It's impossible. And it has been building and building over time. It's impossible to cut down until we start adding personnel until we have the proper number to handle our job."

Walker said the addition of the two new deputy positions would help him and his office provide better coverage in the county.

"We've been operating shorthanded for so long we can only offer two shifts," said Walker. "We have 10 deputies, which includes a civil deputy that does full time civil duties although he's counted as a deputy, and CID (criminal investiga-

tion division) does their shift.

"That leaves you with eight deputies to cover the entire county on patrol calls, and it's killing us. We have eight guys that are supposed to be providing the citizens with 24-hour coverage, and we can't even do that."

Walker said the shortage of deputies leaves a serious gap in coverage of the county, one criminals recognize and exploit.

"We're running two shifts, from 7 a.m. until 4 p.m. or 5 p.m., and then 5 p.m. until 2 a.m.," said Walker. "Sometimes we try to overlap them so we have coverage until 4 a.m. or 5 a.m. because I want to be able to give citizens coverage 24 hours a day, with someone in the vehicle and ready to respond."

"But after 2 a.m. there's nobody out there, and when someone calls needing help, that's a deputy

getting called out. It takes time to get dressed and to wake themselves up from a deep sleep, and that starts comp time as well."

Despite Walker's pleas, commissioners decided not to approve the two deputy positions.

However, commissioners approved four new vehicles for the sheriff's office, estimated at \$70,000; \$10,000 for new crime scene cameras; repairs to video recording systems in HCSO vehicles estimated at \$3,000; comp time pay of \$13,000; overtime pay of \$10,000; and a raise of \$2,000 per year for the county's chief jailer.

The court also approved \$150,000 for the sheriff's office budget to fund future repairs at the county jail.

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"Then we'll have to revert back to the effective rate, and we simply can't operate the county on the effective rate right now."

Several large hikes in county expenses, including more than \$300,000 for the sheriff's office and county jail, have county officials worried an 8 percent increase won't be enough.

"I'm not sure that we'll be able to stay under the rollback rate if we approve what the sheriff is asking for and a \$150 per month pay increase for county employees across the board," Olson told commissioners.

And while commissioners were adamant about the employee raises, Kilgore said the county is still "playing catch-up" because of needs that

have been pushed aside in the past.

"There have been a lot of requirements, whether they are mandates from the state or elsewhere," said Kilgore. "Especially with the jail situation. I see us as having a larger budget in the coming year than we had anticipated. Inflation and gasoline prices play a large role."

"It's just like the situation where we got in trouble with the county vehicles three or four years ago. It's costing us more now to make these things up, and if we don't take care of it now, we're going to pass it right along to someone next year or further down the road. It looks like we're just going to have to make some major adjustments."

Commissioner Gary Simer agreed, saying there are several improvements the county

can no longer afford to put off.

"I think we definitely need to keep the rate below that 8 percent," said Simer. "We need to do whatever we can and cut whatever we can to keep the tax rate under that 8 percent rule. The employees need a raise, and we'll have to make sure we get that in, even if that means excluding the commissioners from that raise."

"We've gotten behind on the raises over the past several years. Other counties have given raises and we didn't because we were trying to catch up on other things. And now we're behind on the raises. Gas is almost \$3 per gallon now and everything is inflated, so everyone definitely needs the raise."

Following several more hearings and meetings, commissioners have until Sept. 25 to adopt a tax

rate.

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## OUR VIEWS

## Please make most of sheriff's offer of free gun locks

It's time to pay attention ... this is important. If you own firearms of any type, the Howard County Sheriff's Office is willing to provide you with free gun locks for those weapons.

Please...please...please take the HCSO up on this offer.

As we noted on our front page the other day, for most Americans the idea of having a front door without a lock would seem insane and we certainly should think the same way when it comes to our firearms.

That's why, for a fifth consecutive year, the sheriff's office is offering free gun locks to local firearm owners as part of a nationwide firearm safety program.

Sheriff Dale Walker says he and his deputies keep a box of the free gun locks in their office, and over the past year have handed out hundreds of them to gun owners. They also give them out at community events, such as the Howard County Fair and neighborhood watch meetings.

We find that commendable, as we do Project ChildSafe — a program the sheriff's office is participating in this year.

Touting special gun locks designed to fit every make an model of firearms, from shotguns to revolvers, Project ChildSafe, an expansion of Project HomeSafe, will distribute millions of free firearm safety kits this year as part of a nationwide initiative to raise awareness about safe and responsible firearm ownership and storage.

The safety kits include a cable-style gun lock and a safety brochure that discusses safe handling and proper storage procedures.

Walker said although the program is annually sponsored by Project ChildSafe, his office keeps the locks on hand throughout the year.

"I think this program is very important," said Walker. "The locks can go on any firearm, so no one has the excuse that it won't fit, and if a child gets access to the gun somehow, you know it will be unloaded and unusable. This can prevent a lot of accidental shootings."

And there's no question that even one accidental shooting involving a child is too many.

And while the locks are a definite step in the right direction for gun owners, we agree with the sheriff when he reminds gun owners that it's important to remember the law. It is a crime to leave a firearm within the reach of a child.

So, once again, if you are a gun owner and do not have gun locks for your firearms, please contact the Howard County Sheriff's Office at 264-2244 and get them and put them to use now.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we break our earthly routine with heavenly prayers.

Amen

## Sorry, world, soccer needs more

I like sports, but I'm not a "sports guy" — you know, the fellow who listens to so many sports-talk programs that he has opinions about the commentators, never mind the players. I generally keep it basic: Give me the classic duels of baseball, the high-speed chess of basketball, or the perfect Sunday afternoon of beer, pizza and football. American football.

But I'm enough of a fan that I'll give any sport a chance, especially when the best are competing. Olympics, Tour de France, Wimbledon, boxing, golf, extreme sports — I'm game. I've even tuned in to the occasional NASCAR race in an as-yet futile effort to figure out why people enjoy watching cars go around in circles.

So I watched several matches of the 2006 FIFA World Cup with genuine enthusiasm. And my verdict is: I think I'd rather watch cars go in circles.

Football — soccer, to us clueless Americans — definitely is not my sport, for the usual clueless-American reasons: Too little scoring, too few legitimate threats to score.

But fear not — I can fix the world's most popular sport with three simple suggestions. And I think I can do it without ruining it for the rest of the world.

Consider the statistics. Only 147 goals were scored in the 64 World Cup matches this year. That's an average of 2.3 goals per game — both teams combined. At least one team was shut out in 41 games, in

seven of those, neither team scored. Thirteen games were decided by scores of 1-0. In only five games did both teams score as many as two goals; of the 44 teams that scored at least two goals in a game, only two lost. All the losing teams combined scored only 17 goals — meaning that scoring at all meant a team had a 77 percent chance of winning or tying the match.

In only six of the 57 games that featured any scoring at all did the team that gave up the first goal to its opponent bounce back to win in regulation time (two teams that gave up the first goal tied the score in regulation, then won on penalty kicks). That means, not counting penalty-kick victories, the team that scored first lost only 11 percent of the time. That renders a football match more like an Old West gunfight: the first contestant to hit the opposing target almost surely wins.

I'm sorry, world — for all the sport's artistry and athleticism, that's simply too little scoring. So here are the three suggestions this clueless American recommends to make soccer — I mean, football — more exciting.

Change the off-side rule. Football needs something akin to the fast-break in basketball. But the rules prohibit an attacking player who isn't controlling the ball from being closer to the opponent's goal than any opposition player (not including the goalkeeper). This prevents a player from simply positioning himself near the goalie and waiting until his team can shoot him a long pass, creating an easy shot at the net. But it also bogs the game down mercilessly, preventing swifter players from gaining advantage over slower

ones. The change: Place a fixed off-side line or arc on the field to function as does the blue line in ice hockey. The line should be far enough from the goal to make a shot on goal from beyond it possible but difficult. Teams will be tempted to leave extra attackers on the opponents' side of the field in hopes of a "fast-break," but at the risk of having fewer defenders on its own side. Either way, more scoring opportunities should open up.

Employ a penalty box, as in ice hockey. For any foul that now results in a direct free kick for the opposition, give the opponent the choice of taking the free kick or sending the offending player to a penalty box for five minutes. Playing with a temporary numerical advantage would make for more exciting attacks.

Instead of penalty kicks deciding tied knockout games, use one-minute, three-on-three showdowns. One team will have a goalie and two defenders, the other, three attackers — but only two attackers can be inside the off-side line (see change No. 1) at any time. The attackers fail if they haven't scored in one minute, kick the ball beyond the end line, or if the goalie gains control of the ball. Each team gets five three-on-three chances, best of five wins. This would be far more challenging than boring penalty kicks.

There you have it, world. Now, if you'll excuse me, the second half of the baseball season is under way.

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ROBERT STEINBACK

THE JUDGE CAN EXPUNGE KEN LAY'S RECORD AND IT'S LIKE THE WHOLE CASE WAS NEVER REAL.



## Parenting more than just having kids

My 2-year-old, Joshua, has taken to screaming whenever he doesn't get his way. He employs this charming tactic whenever we deny him something he wants (like perhaps a third cookie) and for reasons that make sense only to him. His overly-developed internal sense of outrage triggers his screams so often that usually the noise becomes an annoyance in the background, sort of in the way that you get used to sleeping with traffic sounds when you live in a big city.

Still, although we have gotten somewhat used to the noise, my wife, Celine, and I have taken some steps to show our son the consequences of his behavior. Screaming results in the loss of privileges, the removal of toys and being sent to "time-out" (a sort of phantom zone for children that despite it merely being a corner in our living room, he really doesn't want to go to).

Aside from his horrific wailing when we tell him not to throw his toys at the window or not to poke the cat, Joshua is a generally charming child with advanced language skills and an amusing personality.

Still, I can't help but wonder how Celine and I managed to become parents without any sort of training or preparation.

Driving a car or piloting a boat requires a license and proof that

the person who intends to do those things possesses some basic competence. The vast majority of skilled operations in life require some training before just anyone can do them, but having a kid takes little more than two willing people and maybe a Barry White CD.

Simply being out in the world and watching how people parent their kids suggests that the job requires some level of training. Go to any supermarket, department store or mall and you're likely to see young kids acting inappropriately while their parents do nothing to correct the behavior.

While it's easy to blame the lousy parents, perhaps we should look at the world that made them that way. We no longer stress manners, courtesy and respect for our fellow man in school or the world at large. Instead, we make excuses for the bad behavior, blaming the breakdown of the traditional family, both parents having to work and every other life stress that has made actually caring about our children's behavior a priority.

Life has gotten harder and that has made raising children more difficult. My wife and I are towards the upper end of the middle class when it comes to income, but if one of us didn't work, then we would be in dramatically poorer financial shape. Still, because we grew up in homes where basic standards of behavior had to be met, we put significant effort into making sure Joshua learns the proper way to act.

We, however, were fortunate enough to be the children of a gen-

eration that still considered manners, courtesy and respect values that must be taught. Today's young parents may not know that it's not appropriate for their 2-year-old to talk through an R-rated movie that the child should not be at in the first place.

Clearly, parenting can't be licensed and there's no way to make prospective parents pass a test to show their preparedness for the task. The relative ease of conceiving a child makes that illogical, but if parenting skills can't be mandated, they should still be taught.

As a society we spend billions running commercials educating people about not smoking, but almost nothing helping parents raise decent children. We have a huge bureaucracy that sets standards for children's education, but very few people that worry about whether our society will turn out kids that anyone actually wants to be around.

Raising respectful, courteous kids who understand what manners are may start at home, but society must also place a value on those ideals if even good parents are to have a chance. We can't raise our neighbor's children, but we can all commit to a world where we place a priority on behavior and hold children and their parents responsible for meeting those standards.

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**Police: Teen admits to killing, cites 'morbid curiosity'**

RICHMOND (AP) — A Sugar Land teenager accused of killing a classmate and then attempting to flee to Canada admitted to the slaying and said he shot the girl out of "morbid curiosity," police said.

Matthew R. McCombs, 18, was brought back to Texas on Monday after being arrested last week trying to enter Canada from Port Huron, Mich. A second suspect, 18-year-old Sean H. Brown, of Sugar Land, has asked for a formal extradition hearing and remains jailed in Michigan on \$5 million bail.

The two are accused of shooting 16-year-old Ashton Glover more than a week ago and then burying her body in a shallow grave at a remote construction site west of Missouri City.

"We are not sure if it was premeditated," Fort Bend County Sheriff Milton Wright said, adding there was not an argument between the suspects and the victim.

McCombs confessed to shooting Glover during a lengthy interview with detectives on Sunday night in Michigan, police said.

"When we asked why did you do that, his statement was 'morbid curiosity,'" Wright said.

Wright said that McCombs expanded on the motive to some degree, but the sheriff would not release further details.

Based on McCombs' statement, police said they have pieced together some of the events of Glover's death.

Wright said McCombs and Brown arranged to meet Glover, who would have been a senior this fall, outside a Sugar Land coffee shop on the night of July 7. Their plan was to go "mudding," or driving pickups around muddy fields.

The three went to the construction site in Brown's truck, where they walked around for a few minutes, Wright said. Then McCombs suddenly pulled a pistol and shot Glover in the head, Wright said.

**Grayson Co. DA considering filing complaint against judge**

SHERMAN (AP) — Grayson County District Attorney Joe Brown said Monday he plans to file a complaint with the Texas Judicial Ethics Commission against a visiting judge after a camera belonging to KXII-TV was confiscated and footage of the judge erased.

"Destruction of the property of a news organization in this circumstance is at best an abuse of office and at worst criminal behavior," Brown said in a story in Tuesday's editions of The Herald Democrat.

Andrew Kupper, the visiting judge, confiscated the camera of a crew from KXII Friday afternoon at the Grayson County Justice Center. Kupper had declined

a request for an interview after sentencing a local attorney on a drinking and driving conviction.

KXII News Director Matt Brown said the problem occurred when the judge left the courtroom and entered a hallway where the television crew was preparing to tape trial participants leaving the courtroom. The news crew said Kupper put his hand over the camera and lens and told the crew not to tape him, then seized the camera and camera stand and took it to the district clerk's office.

There, a bailiff looked over the tape and erased the image of the judge.

Kupper said he was upset that the news crew continued to tape him after he told them to stop.

"I probably did overreact," Kupper said.

Matt Brown, no relation to the prosecutor, said reporters have always been able to shoot footage and conduct interviews in the hallway.

District Attorney Brown said judges are free to set and enforce the rules of their courtrooms, but that power ends in the hallway.

He said his office would review the case for possible criminal charges.

**More than 200 dogs rescued from dirty, crowded cages**

DECATUR (AP) — More than 200 neglected dogs were rescued from the property of a Decatur animal control officer Monday, the Texas Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals said.

"Ten of the dogs were in a house that was so filthy that the property owners moved out of it," SPCA spokeswoman Maura Davies said. The agency took temporary custody of the dogs, which included mostly Jack Russell terriers.

The animals lived in crowded, filthy pens and in an abandoned house without fresh food or water, Davies said.

Sherri Berend, the owner of the property, admitted in an interview Monday with WFAA-TV that she had many dogs but insisted she could care for them all.

"I took in from people over the years, and when you take care of them, they live a long life," she said.

The Wise County District Attorney's office said it was working to determine whether charges would be brought against Berend.

**Bluesman Myers dies at Dallas home**

DALLAS (AP) — Legendary bluesman Sam Myers died Monday of throat cancer at his Dallas home, according to his sister, Eula Jones. He was 70.

Myers was diagnosed with cancer in February 2005, and had been unable to perform with his band, Anson

Funderburgh & The Rockets, since December 2004.

Jones said Monday that she had not talked to her brother in several months.

"He couldn't talk, you know. He had friends who stayed with him and took care of him," Jones told The Associated Press.

Jones said memorial services were being planned for Dallas and Jackson, Miss. She said Myers would be brought back to Mississippi for burial in a small family cemetery, which she declined to identify.

Myers, best known as a blues vocalist and harmonica player, had been with The Rockets as their featured vocalist since 1986. Myers, along with The Rockets, collectively won nine W.C. Handy awards, the blues community's equivalent to the Grammy awards.

The Laurel, Miss., native had performed since his late teens dating back to the early 1950s. He moved to Dallas in the 1980s.

Myers was a former drummer with blues great Elmore James from 1952 to 1963 and had performed with countless others.

Myers got started in music while living in Jackson. He became skilled enough at playing the trumpet and drums that he received a non-degree scholarship from the American Conservatory School of Music in Chicago. Myers attended school by day and at night frequented the nightclubs of Chicago's South Side, meeting and sitting in with Jimmy Rogers, Muddy Waters, Howling Wolf, Little Walter and James.

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**CITY**

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replacement program.

"In 2000, the council authorized a \$1 fee to be added on to city water and sanitation charges to fund this program," said Fuqua. "That year we had 323 main water line breaks. In 2004-2005, we had 200 main breaks. This is a perfect example of a program that works."

Several expenditures for the Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services, including \$28,500 for field data software, a pair of defibrillators at \$22,000 and a new van-style ambulance for \$70,000.

Another topic of discussion was a \$40,000 for a chapel to be built at the municipal cemetery.

Fuqua said the city is considering terminating its contract with a commercial cemetery management company and using existing city personnel to operate the facility.

"Customers will be required to use a vault," said Fuqua. "We're one of the few cities in this area that don't require a vault. We're also looking at increasing our marketing efforts."

While the majority of reports handed over by Fuqua may have seemed like good news, the same could not be said for expected water costs from the Colorado River Municipal Water District to the city in the coming fiscal year.

"We recently met with John Grant (CRMWD general manager) who told us due to salary and benefit increases, as well as the cost of electricity, water costs are going up," said

Fuqua. "He said CRMWD is looking at two different options. The first is for the rate increase to be passed through to the city in full, amounting to \$229,700."

"The second option, which he said they are leaning more toward, is a partial rate increase that would be in part paid for through their Water Rate Stabilization Fund, which amounts to \$133,400."

Fuqua said Option I would translate into a 12-cent per gallon increase for city water customers, totaling \$2.59 per 1,000 gallons. Option II, however, would mean a 7-cent per gallon water hike, bringing the charge to \$2.54 per 1,000 gallons.

The council also approved \$36,000 in funding for the Spring City Senior Citizen Center, \$10,000 more than the city administration suggested in the budget proposal.

"We agreed to fund an extra \$10,000 for two years, which was up last year," said Fuqua. "That's why we've listed it on the proposal as \$26,000."

"I'd like to see it stay at \$36,000," said Mayor Russ McEwen, to which the council members agreed.

Conspicuously absent from Monday night's proceedings were renovations to the existing police department building, a move McEwen said is still at least a year away.

"We can't get out of the jail business and consider these renovations until a

new county jail is built," said McEwen. "This item could find its way onto next year's budget, but I wouldn't be surprised if it was another two years."

The city also failed to discuss its \$21 million multi-project bond issue, which was given a cursory go-ahead June 13.

"I don't expect to take up that issue until after the budget is completed," McEwen told a councilmember during the workshop.

Fuqua said he felt the first night of an expected two-day budget workshop went very well.

"I think it's going very well. The council seems pleased with what we've provided so far," said Fuqua. "They've made some suggestions, and some very good ones at that. I think we'll be able to wrap things up Tuesday night and things are looking really good at this point."

McEwen said the budget, which doesn't have a final price tag yet, is encouraging.

"I'm encouraged because we're looking at a budget that doesn't have any increases in taxes, and that's a good budget," said McEwen. "On top of that, we're able to do some things that are good for the community. We're not scrimping, but we have a good, tight budget that we can be proud of. I feel like we're seeing some very encouraging signs."

"There's no doubt in my mind we'll be able to complete a balanced budget. We'll be able to do that without any increases taxes, which is a good thing for the citizens."

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**NORTH**  
♠ A 6  
♥ K 7  
♦ A 9 8 4 3  
♣ A 10 9 7

**WEST**  
♠ 8 4 3  
♥ Q 10 9 6 4  
♦ Q J 10 2  
♣ 3

**EAST**  
♠ K Q 10 9 7 5 2  
♥ A J 8 2  
♦ 5  
♣ 6

**SOUTH**  
♠ J  
♥ 5 3  
♦ K 7 6  
♣ K Q J 8 5 4 2

The bidding:  
West North East South  
Pass 1♦ 3♣ 4♦  
Pass 5♦

Opening lead — three of spades.  
One does not have to do something brilliant in every deal to acquire a reputation as a good player. On the contrary, the best players achieve their high standing primarily because they play right down the middle and make very few errors. It is true that what might seem like a simple play to an expert may appear to be brilliant to a lesser player. But most of the good plays made, when examined closely, turn out to be only well-reasoned actions necessitated by the circumstances of that particular deal.

In this hand, for example, declarer made a somewhat unusual play that

enabled him to make five clubs. West led a spade, on which declarer, holding a singleton jack opposite the ace, played low from dummy, losing to East's queen!

Of course, South could have avoided the loss of a spade trick by playing the ace, but he had a very good reason for ducking. It did not matter to him that he lost a spade trick unnecessarily because he knew he could later discard a diamond loser on the ace of spades. He merely swapped a nonexistent spade loser for an otherwise certain diamond loser.

The difference, however, was that as a result of this play, South was able to make the contract. East returned a spade at trick two, declarer discarding a diamond.

After leading a trump to the king, South cashed the K-A of diamonds and ruffed a diamond. A trump to the nine allowed South to ruff another diamond, establishing dummy's fifth diamond as a trick. One of declarer's heart losers was later discarded on the nine of diamonds, and South finished with 11 tricks.

Observe that if declarer had won the opening lead with the ace of spades, he would inevitably have gone down, losing two hearts and a diamond. By substituting one loser for another, he found a virtually fool-proof way of preventing West from gaining the lead and returning a heart through dummy's king.

Tomorrow: Step-by-step reasoning.

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# Nursing a young burrowing owl

## BIRD POOP

**O**n the recorder was a message from the manager of the state park. After he retrieved a young burrowing owl that a lady had found at the airpark, he would bring the bird to us. Upon arrival, Ron Alton told about meeting a tourist in the park that morning.

She was from Houston. Since she wanted to see prairie dogs and burrowing owls, he had given her directions to the best location within the airpark for viewing these species.

As the Houstonian slowly drove by the burrows as the "dogs" and owls were sunning after the previous evening's storm and hard rain, she noticed a young owl lying on the ground some distance from the closest hole. Recognizing that this was out of the norm, she called Ron for assistance.

"How she saw that small

owl on the ground is beyond me! Their coloration blends so well with the terrain it would be almost impossible to see the owl." As he handed the bird to me, he added, "I hope you can save it."

Listless, with a very cool body temperature and damp to the touch, the little owl had probably suffered a very traumatic night. Away from its mother, caught out in the storm, it had somehow withstood the down-pour.

Thanking Ron for the delivery, and turning to go inside, I slipped the bird into my shirt.

With one hand holding the owl against my midriff, I had an instant transfer of body heat to the small creature. Faster than waiting for an incubator to gain the preferred temperature, the procedure worked. As Art came from another room, he saw my Napoleonic effort, and sighed, "What do you have this time?"

Even when the burrowing owl was warm and dry, it was weak from its ordeal and could not stand. Mincing a baby mouse, since it may not have been fed the night before, I opened its beak and slowly put small bits into its throat. Relieved to see that it swallowed readily, I knew the owl and I weren't out of the woods yet.

Bedraggled feathers were nothing compared to the mud on the owl's beak, legs, and talons. Slowly,

we were able to remove the dirt from its mouth and feet. With the movement of its legs as it resisted handling, the remaining soil came off like fine talcum powder.

Of concern was the owl's right eye, which remained closed. Perhaps the owl had flown into something or been slammed to the ground by a wind gust.

Late that day, with one baby mouse for fuel, the burrowing owl stood. Another mouse was given after dark. The next morning, the bird greeted us with the right eye half opened. Too weak to tear its food, we continued mincing its food and giving it plenty to eat.

The third day, the owl's eye was completely open. Having gained strength and confidence, the bird was ready for a larger container with a hide-y hole. Unable to duplicate a burrow, we fashioned a place for the bird to hide within a small cardboard box. Each time we approached the owl's domain, it would run and hide in what it considered a safe home.

With several resident burrowing owls, the wildlife center in Lubbock was the next stop for the bird. The week that followed was one of progress.

The little owl was tearing its food and eating on its own. In the company of other owls, it was acting normal.

Soon it graduated to a mew where it could fly, catch and kill live food. It was ready for placement, and taken to a developing colony of burrowing owls and prairie dogs in Mitchell County.

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The long-legged, small burrowing owl dines on insects and rodents, including very young prairie dogs. The bird will reuse the burrow year after year.

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You and each of you are hereby commanded to appear and answer before the 118th Judicial District Court in the Howard County Court-house located in Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, at or before 10:00 a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from the date of issuance hereof, being at or before 10:00 a.m. on Monday the 7th day of August, 2006, then and there to answer the petition of ENERQUEST OIL & GAS, LTD., Plaintiff in Cause No. 44872. The said petition, filed on the 23rd day of June, 2006, discloses that the nature of said suit is as follows:

This suit is brought to have a receiver appointed under the provisions of Section 64.091 and 64.093 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code for undivided mineral and/or royalty interests owned by the Defendants in the following described lands in Howard County, Texas, to-wit:

A. Northwest Quarter of Northeast Quarter (NW/4 NE/4) and Northeast Quarter of Northwest Quarter (NE/4 NW/4) of Section 23, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, containing 80 acres; and

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

and to execute oil, gas and mineral leases thereof to the Plaintiff and take such other action deemed necessary under the provisions of said statute.

If this citation is not served within ninety (90) days after date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

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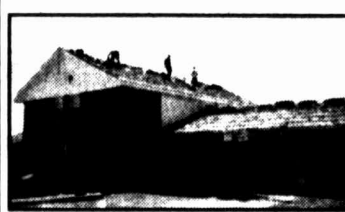
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## IN BRIEF

### B.S. YoungLife sets annual golf touney

The seventh annual YoungLife golf tournament will take place Saturday and Sunday at the Big Spring Country Club.

The touney will have a 1 p.m. shotgun start each day and costs \$75 plus cart fee, but private carts are welcome. The field is limited to 36 teams.

The YoungLife Golf Classic benefits the YoungLife of Big Spring.

For more information or to enter, contact Larry Bryan at 267-5354.

### Hunter education course scheduled

A hunter education class has been scheduled for Saturday and Sunday 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.

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

### Stars sign Lindros to one-year deal

DALLAS (AP) — After years of high hopes and high drama, Eric Lindros signed a one-year bargain deal with the Dallas Stars.

His arrival in Dallas is nothing like his anxiously awaited NHL debut in Philadelphia, his move to the New York Rangers or when he joined his hometown Toronto Maple Leafs last year.

The 33-year-old played only 33 games last year because of a wrist problem. He's also had eight concussions, missing the 2000-01 season because of a hard hit by the Devils' Scott Stevens the season before.

### ESPN's Gammons gets released from Boston hospital

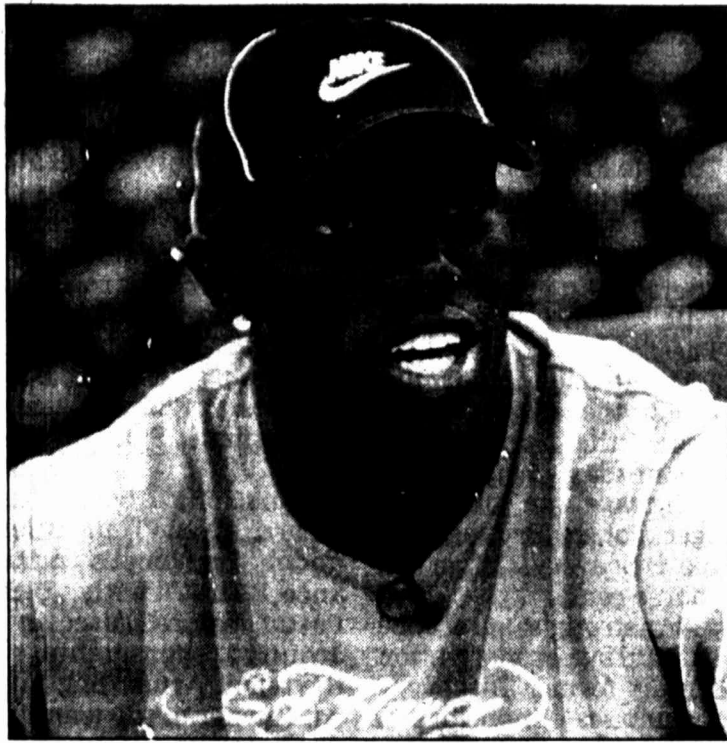
BOSTON (AP) — Peter Gammons, an ESPN analyst and member of the writer's wing of the baseball Hall of Fame, was released from a Boston hospital where he was being treated for a brain aneurysm.

The 61-year-old Gammons was moved to an undisclosed rehabilitation center, his wife, Gloria said in a statement. Gammons was stricken at his Cape Cod home June 27 and airlifted to Brigham and Women's Hospital, where he underwent surgery.

### Homers power U.S. to softball crown

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Stacey Naveman and Lovianne Jung homered to power the United States to the World Cup of Softball title with a 5-2 victory over Japan.

## Owens tells 'Real Sports' he's misunderstood



TERRELL OWENS

IRVING (AP) — Terrell Owens blames the media for portraying him as a selfish player, although he admits a tendency of saying things about others that he wouldn't want said about himself.

In an interview with Bryant Gumbel airing Tuesday night on HBO's "Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel," Owens acknowledges dishing out more criticism than he's willing to take.

"The only thing I can really think of is maybe it was the way I grew up, you know," he said, according to a transcript released Monday to The Associated Press. "I got picked on so much, and it's like I feel like I'm still constantly being picked

on." Owens said he doesn't think reporters are necessarily conspiring against him as much as using him "to gain viewers' attention." As a result, he believes that he is "misunderstood." He said other players have been, too, "but I feel like I have been one of the main guys who've been vilified."

Why?

"That's the million-dollar question," he said. "Why me? ... At some point it does get to me. And I can't say it enough. Dude, I'm human and that's what I'm trying to get people to understand."

Owens also discussed his spat with quarterback Donovan McNabb that eventually led to his

release by the Eagles.

As he wrote in a recently released book, Owens said he believes McNabb was jealous of the attention Owens was receiving in Philadelphia and that things boiled over when McNabb cursed at him in a huddle after a play. Owens said he took it as more than something said in the heat of competition.

"When I tried to address that after the game, he blew me off," Owens said. "So, that let me know it's more than just being competitive. It was more than that."

Owens is scheduled to report to his first training camp with Dallas Cowboys at the end of next week.

## Wells' grand slam leads Blue Jays past Rangers

TORONTO (AP) — Vernon Wells is responding to Toronto general manager J.P. Ricciardi's critical comments with his play on the field.

Wells hit a grand slam in a nine-run fourth inning to lead the Blue Jays over the Texas Rangers 10-1 Monday night.

Ricciardi criticized his team just before the All-Star break, saying his three, four and five hitters were killing the team. Wells objected to the comments when asked about it at the All-Star game.

Wells is 6-for-17 (.352) with two home runs and six RBIs in four games since the break.

"It was a good night for everybody," Wells said.

Reed Johnson and Lyle Overbay also homered for the Blue Jays, who have won three straight after losing six of nine.

Toronto sent 13 batters to the plate in the fourth, tying a season high for runs in an inning. Eric Hinske and John McDonald each drove in a run, Wells hit his fourth career grand slam and Overbay added a two-run homer off loser John Koronka (6-6). Second baseman Ian Kinsler's throwing error also led to a run.

The Blue Jays poured it on despite missing slugger Troy Glaus and designated hitter Shea Hillenbrand. Glaus has a sore right knee and



Baltimore Orioles' catcher Javy Lopez, right, slides safely into third base against Texas Rangers' third baseman Hank Blalock during the sixth inning of their game Sunday. The Blue Jays defeated the Rangers, 10-1, Monday.

Hillenbrand is with his family because they adopted a child.

"It's kind of nice to be able to breakout and get some consistent hitting in key situations," Overbay said.

Ted Lilly (9-8) yielded one run and seven hits in eight innings for the Blue Jays. He struck out two and walked two.

"Our offense went through a stretch where they didn't swing it like we usually do, but they know that's not going to continue," Lilly said.

Johnson homered in the third, and was hit by a pitch in his next two at-bats.

Lilly threw behind Mark Teixeira in the sixth, prompting plate umpire Larry Young to warn both dugouts.

"I thought it was intentional," Lilly said of Johnson being plunked. "If I happen to hit (Mark), I wouldn't feel too guilty about it. It's part of the game."

Koronka allowed 11 hits and a career-high nine runs in just 3 2-3 innings,

tying a season high for runs allowed by a Texas pitcher. He struck out one and didn't walk a batter.

Seven of the runs he allowed in the fourth came with two outs, including Wells' second grand slam of the season.

"Today was a bad all around game for us. We didn't pitch well, we played bad defense. It was probably one of the worst games we've played," shortstop Michael Young said. "I'm going to throw it in the garbage can and look forward to tomor-

row."

Gerald Laird had two hits and an RBI for the Rangers. He singled in Young in the fourth to tie it at 1.

Texas has been held to three or fewer runs in 12 of its last 18 games. The Rangers have scored four runs in their last four games.

Texas right fielder Jerry Hairston Jr. went 0-for-4, lowering his average to .212.

"The way I hit today my sister could have got me out," Hairston said.



The Big Spring Sandlot softball team placed second this past weekend in Lubbock at the USSSA State Youth Softball Tournament. Front row, from left: Jacob Acosta, Manuel Sosa, Frankie Reyes, Ivan Martinez and Isaac Nieto. Back: Angel Martinez, Elijah Salazar, Jake Hernandez, Nick Jones, Cameron Churchwell, Isaac Garcia and Jake Rhoton. The team is coached by Ben Flores and the assistant coaches are Kevin Rhoton and Johnny Prado. Jake Rhoton, Sosa and Acosta were named to the all-state team and Garcia was named best offensive player in the tournament.

## Hole-In-Ones

### Comanche Trail Golf Course

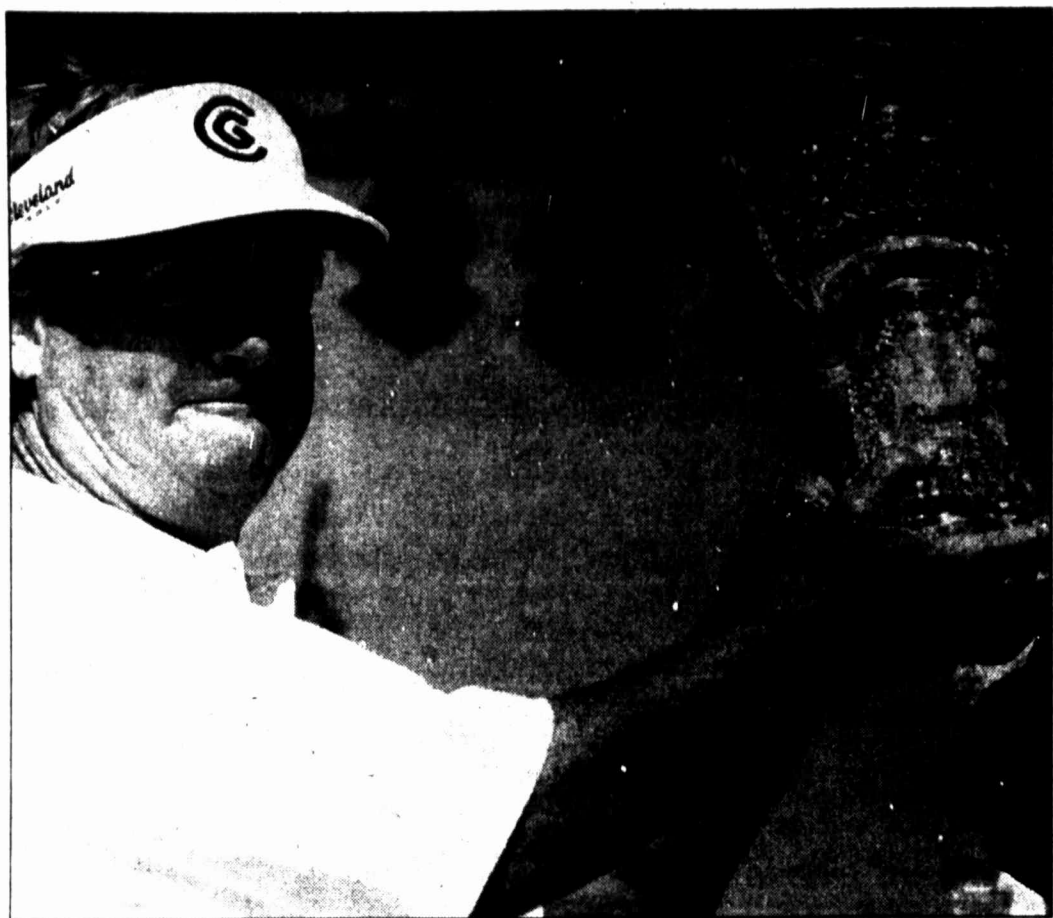
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No. 15  
used a 5-iron  
Witnesses: Doc Matthews, Lynn Walling, Tommy Fletcher, Jerry Dudley





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**Bobby Wadkins holds the trophy for the first time after winning the 2006 Ford Senior Players Championship at the Tournament Players Club in Dearborn, Mich., Sunday.**

## Armstrong returns to Alps

**• Every member of Duke lacrosse team becomes potential witness in rape case**

GAP, France (AP) — Lance Armstrong was back in a familiar spot — at the top of L'Alpe d'Huez.

The retired seven-time Tour de France champion pedaled to the Alpine ski resort Monday on the Tour rest day. Riders will attempt the grueling 116-mile 15th stage on Tuesday.

Armstrong plans to watch the stage on TV, visit the team bus Wednesday before the 16th stage and join manager Johan Bruyneel in the Discovery car on the course route.

Armstrong's presence could serve as motivation for his former Discovery teammates — none are in

the top 10 in the overall standings.

The stage Tuesday ends with a 21-bend climb up L'Alpe d'Huez, a famed ascent where Armstrong decimated the opposition during a tense time trial in 2004.

Armstrong had police snipers riding behind in a support car after the Texan received death threats.

Armstrong will leave the team Wednesday, spend a few days relaxing and rejoin the Tour for Sunday's finish on the Champs-Élysées, Discovery Channel team spokesman P.J. Rabice said.

Armstrong won his record seven Tour titles under Bruyneel's guidance, first with U.S. Postal before Discovery acquired sponsorship of the team. Armstrong is a part-owner of the team.

**Duke lacrosse team**

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — Every member of Duke University's lacrosse team is a potential witness in the case against three players charged with rape, a prosecutor said in arguing for access to their student ID card records.

The cards can be used to buy things and gain access to campus buildings. Attorneys for the uncharged players argued that the information is protected by federal privacy laws and that District Attorney Mike Nifong's May 31 subpoenas for the records were flawed.

The subpoenas also sought a list of the uncharged players' home addresses, which Nifong said he needed to ensure he could call the players to testify at trial.

## Barbaro stable, appears to be playful

By DAN GELSTON

AP Sports Writer

KENNETT SQUARE, Pa. — Barbaro seems downright playful.

The Kentucky Derby winner squirms in his safety device, and even sits on his damaged hind legs the way dogs do when they beg for treats. The sling Barbaro spends most of the day in was designed for comfort in his recovery. The 3-year-old colt instead sees it as a challenge.

"He was using it similar to a jolly jumper," said Dr. Kathleen Anderson,

Barbaro's attending vet when the horse was racing and stabled in trainer Michael Matz's barn at the Fair Hill Training Center in Elkton, Md.

"He was almost doing like children do when they're bored, they do the jolly jumper where they kind of being around the stall. He was boinging, boinging around the stall a little bit."

Those are encouraging signs for the ailing colt, though the odds of Barbaro's full recovery from a severe case of laminitis and a recon-

structed right hind leg are really no better than they were a week ago.

"It is important for people to understand this is not a 'routine' laminitis," Dr. Dean Richardson said Monday in a statement. "The care involved in treating a hoof with this degree of compromise is complex."

Barbaro's condition was stable Monday, his vital signs, appetite and heart rate were normal after another comfortable night.

"We will continue to manage his pain success-

fully, and he is alert," Richardson said.

He said the fiberglass cast on the colt's left hind foot will be changed so the hoof can be treated and watched for signs of infection. Because of laminitis, a painful and often-fatal condition, 80 percent of the hoof wall was removed last week.

The cast on the colt's right hind leg — shattered shortly after the start of the Preakness Stakes on May 20 — has been changed at least four times in the last two weeks.

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## WILSON WOODPECKER AND THE GREAT BIG TREE

It was a very nice quiet day in the big forest. The little squirrels were scampering about, gathering nuts for the long winter that lay just ahead. The deer were eating all they could eat, getting ready for the winter, too. Finding food in the winter is much harder than finding food in the summer when everything is green and lush. Even the field mice were running about, gathering food, too! It was surely a nice, quiet day, until—!

The noise from the chainsaw broke the silence and even woke up some of the animals that had been working all night, looking for food. Did you know that some animals look for food at night, while you and I are sleeping? Do you know what they are called? They are called Nocturnal Animals. Is that a big word for you? It is for me. But, Wilson Woodpecker looks for food in the daytime, so he was already awake. And he wondered just what all that racket was and where it was coming from.

Wilson started flying in the direction of the loud noise and came upon a very big

man, standing next to a very big tree, and he had a very big chainsaw in his very big hands. The big man looked as if he was worried about something. He had a big frown on his face. His forehead was wrinkled from worrying so much. Now, Wilson was a very nice woodpecker and he didn't like to see anyone worrying or unhappy, so he asked the big man, "What is your name and why do you look so worried?" "My name is Tiny, and I must cut this big tree down," he said. "And, please don't ask why I am called CTiny, when I am so big."

Wilson thought it was kind of funny seeing this big, big man in front of him and then calling him CTiny, but he was too nice to ask why the big man was called CTiny. "Why do you need to cut this big, beautiful tree down?" asked Wilson.

"Do you see that little family of cute rabbits living over there?" He asked as he pointed his finger towards the rabbits, and the rabbit hole nearby. "Now look at this big tree. Look at the way it is leaning. Look where it will fall, soon!"

Wilson looked at the tree very carefully and Tiny was



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right. That big old tree will fall soon and it will fall right on top of the cute little rabbit's home. Tiny had to cut the tree down and make it fall in a different place so no rabbits could get hurt. I don't want the little rabbits to get hurt either, do you? "I agree with you," Wilson said to Tiny. "Please cut that tree down right away. I will fly around and warn all the other birds and animals not to come too close to the falling tree. And I will tell them when it will be safe again to come out and look for food." Off he flew!

The big chainsaw came to life! Its mighty roar could be heard for miles and miles. Cutting! Cutting! Cutting away at the huge tree. Soon, the tree would fall. But, not too soon! The big chainsaw stopped. Wilson heard it

"What's the matter, Tiny?" "My chainsaw broke and I am only halfway cutting through the big tree, Tiny said. Now it is more dangerous than ever! I cannot control where the tree will fall if my chainsaw is not working, and all those little rabbits are in even more danger now! Please fly over to the rabbit home and tell them to run away from this tree until I can fix my chainsaw."

Quickly, Wilson flew to the rabbit hole and told everyone to run away just as fast as they could, and run, they did! Then Wilson flew back to try to help Tiny fix his chainsaw. The only problem was that woodpeckers know nothing about how to fix a chainsaw. But Wilson wanted to help. Tiny was working very hard, trying to get the chainsaw started again. But that was not to be! The stubborn chainsaw just would not start! What will they do? Will those little rabbits lose their home? Would this big tree just keep everyone in the forest in danger? The chainsaw wouldn't start. Wilson knows nothing about how to fix a chainsaw. There is one thing that Wilson

knows how to do, and does it very well! Pecking on wood! Why, he just might be able to cut that big old tree down the rest of the way.

"Show me where to start pecking on the tree," Wilson said to Tiny. "Peck over there," said Tiny. "And the tree will fall away from the rabbit hole."

"Rat-a-tat-tat" were the sounds Wilson was making as he pecked away at this big tree. "Rat-a-tat-tat. Rat-a-tat-tat!" After a very long time,



the tree swayed, just a little. "Peck more over there," Tiny said as he pointed his finger to a new spot. "The tree will fall soon. Be ready to fly out of the way when it does."

"Rat-a-tat—craaaaack! The mighty tree leaned even more toward the ground. Then more. Then, with a swoosh and a loud thud, it fell to the ground, making a hole big enough for the cute rabbit family and most of the

other rabbit families in the forest. They were not only saved but they also got a new home. If they wanted. Everyone was safe once again, thanks to the big, big man and Wilson. One day, they would all do something nice for Wilson and Tiny, but that is another story.

"Well, I had better be on my way," said Tiny. "I have many more good deeds to do." Wilson could not help but wonder, so he asked the big man as he slowly turned his back to walk away. "What is your real name?" The big man turned once more and looked at Wilson. The worried look was now completely gone from his face, and replaced with a huge smile. "My real name is Paul." As he walked farther and farther away from Wilson, he hollered another name. It was his last name. He was too far away for Wilson to hear, but it sure sounded like a name he had heard before in a story. "It couldn't be," Wilson thought. After all, he never did see a blue ox. "Rat-a-tat-tat." That is also woodpecker talk for, "Good Night!"

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	Dallas	Midland	Spanish	Odesa	Odesa	Telemundo	Midland	Atlanta	Odesa	Odesa	Discovery	Classics	Spike TV	Atlanta	Black Ent.	Disney	Sports	Sports	Science Fic.
6:30	News (CC)	News	Heridas	King of the Hill	News	La Tormenta	News	Raymond	Dr. Young	News-Lahrer	Dirt Jobs		CSI: Crime	Without a	Live (CC)	Phil of Future	Interruption	World Series of	Dead Like Me
7:30	Entertainment	Wheel-Fortune	La Fae Mas	House (CC)	Big Brother:	Tierra de	Fear Factor	Friends (CC)	Update/Israel	Novel: Elegant	Alaskan Crab	Movie: Broken	CSI: Crime	Law & Order	II Society	Movie: Wendy	WNBA	2006 World	
8:30	The One:	The One:	Barrera de	House (CC)	Rock Star:	Amores de	Last Comic	Sex and-City	Light of the	Wide Angle	Dirt Jobs		Movie: Caddyshack	Law & Order		Homecoming	WNBA	2006 World	Eureka (CC)
9:30	Music Star	Music Star	Premios	To Be	48 Hours	Decisiones	Law & Order:	Seinfeld (CC)		P.O.V. (CC)	Dirt Jobs			Law & Order	Comview	American Drgn	WNBA	The Contender	
10:30	News (CC)	News	Primer Impacto	70s Show	News	Noticias	News	15 Movie:	The Hour of	Charlie Rose	Oil, Sweat and		Real TV (CC)	Cold Case	Jamie Fox	Zack & Cody	Liberty at		ECW
11:30	Entertainment	Jimmy Kimmel	La Hora de la	King of the Hill	Letterman	Al Rojo Vivo	Late Night:	Hooch (CC)	Joe McGee	Sign Off	Alaskan Crab	Movie: The	CSI: Crime	The Closer	In Living Color	Phil of Future	Quite Frankly	SportsCenter	Eureka (CC)
12:30	Live (CC)	Extra (CC)	Sonadoras	My Wife-Kids	Show	Maria Celeste	Conan O'Brien	12:15 Movie:	Update/Israel		Dirt Jobs		MXX	NYPD Blue	Comview	Sister, Sister	Streetball	Baseball	NFL Live

**DENNIS THE MENACE**

"LOOKS LIKE DENNIS KNOWS HOW TO WORK YOUR FAX MACHINE!"

**THE FAMILY CIRCUS**

"Do all kittens have to turn into cats?"

**HAGAR**

"I SAY NO MAN CAN EVER UNDERSTAND A WOMAN!!"

"SEE?!!"

**BLONDIE**

"NOW BOSS, YOU REALLY UNLOADED ON POOR OLE MCGILLICUDDY"

"I KNOW, THAT WAS PROBABLY OVER THE TOP, EVEN FOR ME"

"I ONLY HOPE I HAVEN'T PEAKED TOO EARLY IN THE DAY"

**BC**

"FORE O'CLOCK, IT'S TEA TIME!"

"...GOTTA GET SPELLCHECK!"

**WIZARD OF ID**

"THE KING BROKE A HUNDRED TODAY"

"HOW'D HE DO THAT?"

"HE HIRED A DESIGNATED DRIVER"

**This Date In History**

Today is Tuesday, July 18, the 199th day of 2006. There are 166 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**

- On July 18, 1947, President Truman signed the Presidential Succession Act, which placed the speaker of the House and the Senate president pro tempore next in the line of succession after the vice president.
- On this date: In A.D. 64, the Great Fire of Rome began.
- In 1792, American naval hero John Paul Jones died in Paris at age 45.
- In 1906, American playwright Clifford Odets was born in Philadelphia.
- In 1932, the United States and Canada signed a treaty to develop the St. Lawrence Seaway.
- In 1936, the Spanish Civil War began.
- In 1940, the Democratic national convention in Chicago nominated President Roosevelt for an unprecedented third term in office.

**AGNES**

"YES! I AM WELLNESS WOMAN! I AM A HELPFUL MAP FOR A LOST AND CONFUSED BRAIN!"

"NAH, I'M GOOD."

"OH, C'MON... EVERYONE'S MENTAL HEALTH IS CRUMBLING TO SOME DEGREE! I CAN BE THE SUBMARINE THAT LIFTS YOU FROM THE DEPTHS OF DESPAIR!"

"UM... CAN I BE A PAIR OF LITTLE BOOTS TO HELP YOU WADE THROUGH A COUPLE PUDDLES OF ANXIETY?"

"NOPE, NO DESPAIR HERE"

"BOOTS MAKE MY TOES PRUNE."

**HI AND LOIS**

"HAVE YOU JUST BEEN LYING AROUND OUT HERE ALL DAY?"

"NOPE"

"YOU DIDN'T SEE ME HERE WHEN YOU LEFT FOR WORK THIS MORNING, DID YOU?"

**Newsday Crossword**

**ACROSS**

- Hint
- End of a shirt arm
- Catches sight of
- Sword handle
- Capital of Norway
- Sioux dwelling
- Very soon
- Earns
- First book of the Bible
- Make into law
- Locale in
- 21 Across
- Overturn
- Puts on an act
- Historical periods
- Turntable speed: Abbr.
- Lampoon
- Very soon
- Beer brewer's grain
- Prefix for angle
- \_\_\_ and needles
- Lampoon
- Mails away
- Schedule stats.
- Milky gems
- Unworried
- High-pitched
- Very soon
- Ease off
- Cleveland's lake
- Mountain lion
- Earns
- Copenhagen resident
- Getz of jazz

**DOWN**

- Doorbell sound
- Sheets or pillowcases
- The U in UHF
- Moral code
- Pros and \_\_\_
- Take advantage of
- Where
- 10 Down is: Abbr.
- Fail to remember
- Surprise, greatly
- St. \_\_\_ (city near Tampa)
- Numbered musical work
- Actress
- Hatcher
- Catches sight of
- 18 Julius Caesar phrase
- Swampland
- Catch sight of
- Lowered in rank
- Mice, to owls
- Ceiling
- appliance
- On the summit of
- New Zealand bird
- "\_\_\_ go brag!"
- Hardens
- Eases off
- Gather up crops
- Spherical hairdo
- Fly alone
- Slide on ice
- Hockey official
- Coffee brewers
- 45 Cooked slowly
- Angry
- Earth-friendly prefix
- Crooks, to cops
- Approximately
- Andes beast
- Family car
- Open slightly
- Marching-band instrument
- H.S. junior's exam
- Ending for novel
- Citrus drinks
- "My country, 'tis of \_\_\_"
- Gun owners' org.
- Metal in pewter

**THE OTHER COAST**

"I'M PLANNING TO WALK NAKED ACROSS THE SAHARA DESERT TO RAISE AWARENESS FOR CHRONIC DANDRUFF."

"WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN HELPING ME OUT?"

"SURE, SIMON, TAKE THIS."

"WHAT'S THIS?"

"THE PHONE NUMBER OF A GOOD PSYCHIATRIST."

**SNUFFY SMITH**

"SEZ HERE THEM HOLLYWOOD FOLKS ARE FIXIN' TO MAKE A MOVIE IN HOOTIN' HOLLER AN' THAR HIRIN' LOCAL ACTORS!!"

"HOLLYWOOD COMES TO HOOTIN' HOLLER"

"HOLLER GAZETTE"

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"WOOD COMES TO HOLLER"

"THAT WUZ 'SU'PRISE,' WANNA SEE 'ANGER'?"

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**BEETLE BAILEY**

"I HAVE GREAT BIG BLISTERS ON BOTH OF MY HANDS, DOCTOR"

"MY, HOW DID YOU DO THAT?"

"DRIVING THE GENERAL AND HIS WIFE BACK AND FORTH TO THEIR MARRIAGE COUNSELOR"

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Wacky Facts

■ The familiar time zones of Eastern, Central, Mountain and Pacific were adopted by railroads in the United States and Canada in 1883.  
■ If the tracks of the New York subway system were placed end to end, they would run from New York to Chicago! — *World Almanac for Kids*

# KID NEWS

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Change Box

"It's a little bit scary to have such a big job. It's my choice, but it can be overwhelming. I'm scared that if I say no, it will all go away."  
— *Hilary Duff, on being CEO of her own merchandise line.*  
Stuff by Hilary Duff, in *Self* magazine.

## The house band

BY NICOLE TSONG  
*The Seattle Times*

The bedrooms of Smoosh band members Asy and Chloe don't really tell the whole story.

The sisters' walls feature a few mementos from their rock-star life, like dangling backstage passes from music festivals they've played, a Styrofoam plate signed by the band Longwave and a picture of the two girls dancing on stage with The Go! Team.

But there isn't much about other bands Smoosh has played with, like Pearl Jam, Sleater-Kinney and even indie rock stars Death Cab for Cutie.

Maybe the magazine articles featuring this two-girl, indie-pop band are hidden in the stacks of Spin, Elle Girl and Teen Vogue in 14-year-old Asy's room, but they aren't on display. Even the name Smoosh makes only a brief appearance on a handmade sign in Chloe's window and on the backstage passes.

Instead, the wall in drummer Chloe's room has a drawing she made of her favorite things (apples, pink candy, peace), two four-leaf clovers she found at a park recently and some paper flowers made for Smoosh.

The white walls in keyboardist and singer Asy's room are decorated with pink Christmas lights and a couple of posters. A large stuffed lion lords over the room.

"My friends' rooms are usually better than mine," said Chloe, 12.

But Asy (pronounced "Aussie," short for Asya) and Chloe's unusual

### Famous teen sisters keepin' it real at home



PHOTOS BY TOM REESE/MCT  
Smoosh members Chloe, left, and Asy.

lives invoke envy even in adults. They wowed people in 2004 with the release of their first album, "She Like Electric," lauded for its accessible pop tunes and intelli-

gent lyrics. They've toured nationally and abroad, and are adored by those in the Seattle music scene.

But a peek into the sisters' bedrooms reveals two girls who live a home life that is not exactly glamorous.

#### 'NORMAL' AT HOME

The girls roomed together until a couple of years ago, living in a cozy space with little sister Maia, now 9. They painted the room pink and added blue, purple and pink dots and swirls on the white door.

But then Asy made a bid for freedom in the rambunctious three-bedroom household. She moved in with her 2-year-old sister — the fourth girl in the family — who's hardly ever there since she sleeps in Mom and Dad's room. Asy explained: "I'm really neat, and Chloe's really messy. I wanted to have a clean room."

Chloe, who still rooms with Maia, bemoaned the fact that she may never have her own room now that Asy

claimed the last available space. "She always gets everything," Chloe said. Apparently, that includes the room and its closet, her own cell phone and a stereo Asy found in the basement.

To add more insult, "Asy got a mini iPod," Chloe said. "I had to get a Shuffle."

As the band Smoosh, they are on tour regularly. Tours once were limited to school breaks, but bands want them for more than a few days at a time, said mom Maria, so the girls stockpile homework to take with them on the road.

#### A FAMILY AFFAIR

At home, where life seems utterly teenage and normal, the energetic girls goof off together with their sisters and friends. They both like to longboard, though they say 9-year-old Maia is the best skateboarder.

The girls' framed artwork hangs on the home's walls, and everyone pitched in recently on an abstract background for the next album's cover art, though it didn't make it on, said mom Maria. Maia did the artwork for the last cover and took the photo for the new album, "free to stay." The family also did the background artwork for the band's Web site, [www.smoosh.com](http://www.smoosh.com).

With shared rooms, privacy doesn't come easily in their household. But Asy occasionally closes the door to hers, sometimes to do homework on the floor on a pink and purple flowered area rug.

While she doesn't typically write down lyrics, she "sometimes writes them to make them more like a poem," she said. "I write them in here."

Chloe spends less time in her bedroom. Neither girl has a television or a computer in her room, so Chloe says she goes outside — and she prefers to be with people. "I never want to be alone," she said.

### HIDDEN MESSAGE

Fill in the blanks to discover a secret message.