

2 women killed at Dollar General

■ Incident on Stan Schlueter Loop is Killeen's second double homicide of 2007

By Justin Cox
Killeen Daily Herald

Two women are dead after police discovered them Wednesday morning inside the Dollar General store on the 4100 block of Stan Schlueter Loop, the victims of an assailant whose motive and association with them are as yet unknown.

Carroll Smith, public affairs officer for the Killeen Police Department, said both victims were from Killeen and worked at the store.

Sheila Reed, 40, was pronounced dead at the scene. Gricelda P. Ramos, 28, was found in critical condition by

police and airlifted to Scott & White Memorial Hospital in Temple, where she eventually succumbed to her injuries and was pronounced dead by Justice of the Peace David Barfield at 10:36 a.m.

Detectives continued to process the scene Wednesday evening and believed the incident was a robbery that resulted in a double homicide.

"We don't have a motive right now," Smith said Wednesday morning while SWAT teams searched the building. Smith said police were not releasing the cause of death because it remains part of the investigation, nor have they said what type

of weapon was used in the killings. Autopsies have been ordered, but Smith did not indicate when the details might be released.

"At 8:23 this morning an officer on routine patrol just noticed a vehicle in the parking lot," Smith said to crews of media representatives on hand outside the store, which was scheduled to be open during the holiday, but was closed at the time the bodies were discovered.

"She wasn't used to seeing that vehicle in the parking lot — this is her area to patrol. She heard an alarm

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Killeen police officers and investigators clear the scene around the Dollar General store on Stan Schlueter Loop on Wednesday as they searched for clues about why two women were killed inside the store.



AP/JASON TURNER

President Bush speaks to West Virginia Air National Guard members Wednesday during an Independence Day presidential visit to the air base in Martinsburg, W.Va.

Bush asks for nation's patience about Iraq

By Deb Riechmann
The Associated Press

MARTINSBURG, W.Va. — Burdened by sagging polls and an unpopular war, President Bush sought a friendly audience on the Fourth of July to deliver a patriotic, gung-ho speech about supporting U.S. troops and sticking it out in Iraq.

He didn't have to go far — just a 35-minute helicopter ride from the White House — to find an amiable audience at the Air National Guard in West Virginia.

“Victory in this struggle will require more patience, more courage, and more sacrifice,” Bush told the guardsmen and their families in a half-hour speech in a cavernous aircraft maintenance hangar at the 167th Airlift Wing.

“If we were to quit Iraq before the job is done, the terrorists we are

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GRAND OLD FOURTH

■ Long family celebrates 30 years in Belton parade

By Don Bolding
Killeen Daily Herald

For the 30th consecutive year, Dr. Will Long, retired Belton physician, drove the “engine” that pulled his family along the Belton Fourth of July parade route Wednesday morning.

The first time he did it, his son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Kathy Long, held his 3-month-old granddaughter, Stephanie. This year that little girl, now the wife of pharmaceutical company representative Norman Angell in Belton, carried her own first-year rider, Cole.

Dr. Will, now 86 years old, drove a riding lawnmower that pulled 33 Western Flyer wagons carrying dozens of family members and friends. Dr. Bill, now a physician himself with an allergy practice in Temple, rode in the last wagon as the “brakeman” — literally, Dr. Will said, because “if I have to stop and we’re going down a hill, all the wagons will crunch up against each other.” A rod that digs into the ground would prevent that.

Also at the end was an empty wagon that carried a sign saying “Future crop.”

Dr. Will said he started a hospital in Belton with two other doctors who later retired. He ran it alone for a while before trading it in for a clinic. He retired in 2002.

He said another son, Dr. Bob Long, a Waco pulmonologist, was



Herald/STEVE TRAYNOR

Dr. Will Long of Belton continued his 30-year tradition of pulling his family members through the Belton Fourth of July Parade on Wednesday. This year's crew included four generations of the Long family, which created the need for a long set of red wagons.

also in the parade with his two children, John and Holly.

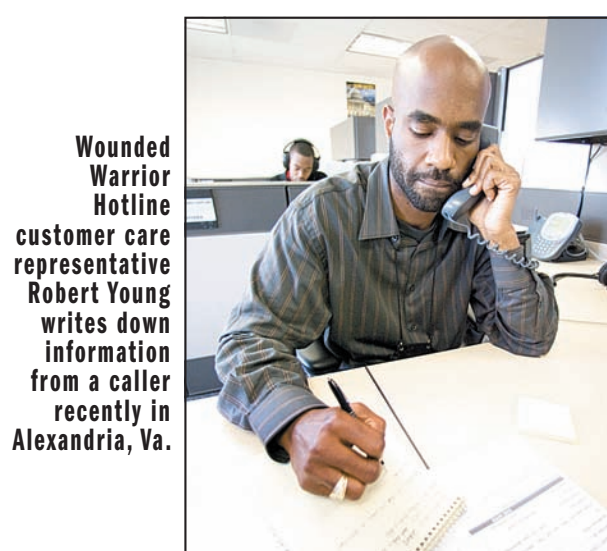
The usual thousands of people formed a river of red, white and blue attire and waved tiny flags along the route south on Main from 10th Street to Central, turning east in front of the Bell County Court-

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Parade watchers were out in full force as the annual Fourth of July Parade streamed through downtown Belton on Wednesday. Despite the threat of rain, thousands lined the streets to observe this year's festivities, including Jackie W. Smith of Temple, who had her flag flying high for the floats.



AP/MANUEL BALCE CENETA

Wounded Warrior Hotline customer care representative Robert Young writes down information from a caller recently in Alexandria, Va.

Army hot line tries to eliminate red tape for wounded soldiers

By Pauline Jelinek
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Every day for weeks, injured Army pilot Joseph Luciano talked to an answering machine at Walter Reed hospital, trying to get an appointment for a heart scan.

Then he called the Army's new Wounded Soldier and Family Hotline. Within six hours, he got the appointment — along with an apology from the colonel who heads Walter Reed Army Medical Center's radiology department.

The hot line has logged more than 3,500 calls

since it was set up three months ago following revelations that Walter Reed outpatients were languishing in shoddy housing and suffering bureaucratic delays in getting additional care, evaluations and compensation for wounds, mental problems and other health issues.

“It's totally needed,” said Luciano, a 59-year-old Army National Guard Black Hawk helicopter pilot from Carlisle, Pa. “There are ... plenty of soldiers who just don't know which way to turn when they've run into a frustrating problem.”

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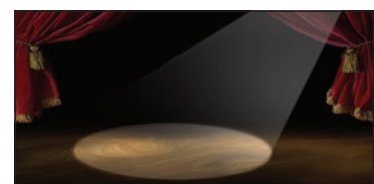
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■ Scene

Four local bands share the spotlight in this month's issue



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Jailed criminals have Hilton envy

By **Stephanie Hoops**
Scripps Howard News Service

VENTURA, Calif. — Social-ite Paris Hilton's jail stint created extra work for Ventura County, Calif. lawyers, forcing them to explain to clients how the system was working one way for her and another way for them.

"It made it hard because you had the general public looking at a celebrity being treated leniently and asking the question, Why aren't I given similar treatment?" said Ventura criminal defense attorney Kevin Denoce.

Hilton, heir to the Hilton hotel empire, was first released after serving three days of a 45-day sentence for violating probation in a drunken-driving case by driving on a suspended license. Citing unspecified medical problems, Los Angeles County Sheriff Lee Baca tried to allow her to serve the rest of the sentence at home with an electronic monitoring device, but public outrage and an order from a judge put her back in a cell for three weeks.

After claiming to be claustrophobic, however, she didn't go straight back to jail. She spent time in a correctional treatment center at the downtown Twin Towers jail, for medical and psychiatric examinations.

"That very day Paris Hilton was released, we received three or four calls before noontime from clients wanting to know why they couldn't get home de-

tention," Denoce said. That was the first wave of questions. Denoce said the second was:

"I have such-and-such medical condition, too, and I'm claustrophobic. Doesn't that mean that maybe I can get out of jail time, too?"

"I think it made it very difficult for a lot of attorneys and public defenders to make their clients feel comfortable about their sentences," Denoce said. "Because when someone sees a celebrity get lenient treatment, they call their attorneys and want to know why they can't."

But Ventura County's justice system is unlike Los Angeles' in many ways, lawyers say. Denoce said it's like comparing apples to oranges.

Sentences here are not reduced to the extent they are in Los Angeles County.

Lawyer Adam Pearlman, who practices in Ventura, said sentence reductions are common in Los Angeles, and it's not unheard of for a nine-month felony jail sentence to be cut down to a "week or so."

"So when Paris Hilton was released in a day or two, I wasn't surprised," Pearlman said. "It was consistent with what I'd heard. That would not have happened in Ventura County."

Hernandez said he was not surprised when Hilton's sentence was reduced.

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Cable TV box rates climbing

By **Deborah Yao**
The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Cable companies are planning to charge more for set-top boxes to help pay for new, more expensive versions mandated by the Federal Communications Commission.

They say the price increases are a result of the government's push to spur competition for the boxes, which are required to receive digital programming and change channels. It's not yet clear how much the charges will rise.

The FCC has been trying for nearly a decade to open up the set-top market so subscribers actually buy their own and then use a cable-company-provided card to decode their programming. The retail market for the boxes, however, has largely failed to materialize and millions of consumers still rent the boxes from their cable company. As of July 1, cable companies were required by the FCC to start shipping the new set-top boxes with detachable cable cards.

The companies have lobbied against the rule, saying the new boxes are more expensive. Consumer groups say it's yet another excuse for cable companies to raise rates.

Rockers can't stop helping neighbors

By **Kathy Hanrahan**
The Associated Press

JACKSON, Miss. — Gulf Coast natives 3 Doors Down have been trying to give Hurricane Katrina victims in Mississippi a "better life" for the past two years.

The Escatawpa band has raised \$800,000 through its charity, the Better Life Foundation.

"It is the right thing to do, pretty much the only thing to do," lead guitarist Matt Roberts told The Associated Press in a telephone interview from Orlando, Fla., where the band is working on its follow-up CD to 2005's "Seventeen Days."

Last July, the multi-platinum selling group did the first concert since Hurricane Katrina at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum. On Thursday, it's playing another opening event as the inaugural performers at the new Hard Rock Hotel and Casino Resort Biloxi.

The Better Life Foundation began as a charity for underprivileged children in 2004. Since then it has raised \$1.2 million.

"What we did was move our efforts to help hurricane relief. Everybody was impacted," Roberts said.

The group — lead vocalist Brad Arnold, guitarists Roberts and Chris Henderson, bassist Todd Harrell and drummer Greg Upchurch — purchased a fire truck and three police cars for the city of Waveland, which suffered severe damage after the storm. The fire department lost all its vehicles.

"Without the purchase of that fire truck, we don't know what we would have done at the time," said David Garcia, the city's fire chief.

The band did not go away after Katrina, returning several times, including on the anniversary of the storm.

"That means a lot to us because it shows they are thinking about us. Words can't express how good it makes us feel," Garcia said.

3 Doors Down had its first radio friendly hit with the single "Kryptonite" in 2000.

Since then the band has scored multi-platinum success with with four albums.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

'King of Pop' looking at vacation property

WASHINGTON — **Michael Jackson** has been hunting for real estate on Maryland's Eastern Shore as he searches for a vacation home, a publicist for the pop star said.



Jackson

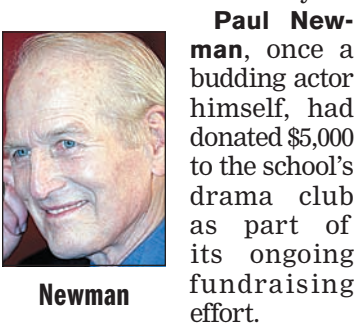
The self-proclaimed King of Pop visited the rural peninsula last week "for about 24 hours," but has not made a purchase, **Raymone Bain** told The Washington Post.

Jackson, 48, is not limiting his search to the Chesapeake region. He has since "gone up the coast" to look elsewhere for a vacation place, Bain said.

"He's always admired the properties on the East Coast because they have a lot of land," Bain said in the story published Wednesday. "Neverland has 3,000 acres — he likes privacy. You can't find as many properties like that on the West Coast."

Paul Newman donates to drama department

YPSILANTI, Mich. — Ypsilanti High School drama teacher **Michelle Peet** checked her mailbox Monday and discovered the color of money.



Newman

Paul Newman, once a budding actor himself, had donated \$5,000 to the school's drama club as part of its ongoing fundraising effort. Inside an envelope delivered from Westport, Conn., was a check that will help defray costs associated with the drama club's upcoming trip to the Fringe Festival in Edinburgh, Scotland. Club members are scheduled to perform a 90-minute show there.

A brief note accompanied Newman's check: "The en-

closed contribution is sent with every good wish for continued success in your worthy endeavors."

"I'm so excited," Peet told The Ann Arbor News for a Tuesday story.

Since January, the club has been soliciting donations via a mass letter-writing campaign that included Newman and other celebrities.

Johnny Knoxville files for divorce

LOS ANGELES — **Johnny Knoxville** has filed for divorce from his wife of 12 years.



Knoxville

The "Jackass" star, whose birth name is Philip John Clapp, cites "irreconcilable differences" as the reason for ending his marriage to

Melanie Lynn Clapp, according to documents filed Tuesday in Los Angeles Superior Court.

Knoxville, 36, is seeking joint custody of their 11-year-old daughter, **Madison**. The couple separated in July 2006.

Knoxville starred in "The Dukes of Hazzard," "Men in Black II" and the "Jackass" franchise, which includes the MTV stunt shows and their movie versions.

Hilton: 'Have a designated driver!'

LOS ANGELES — **Paris Hilton** is back from vacation and has a message for her fans: don't drink and drive.

"Happy 4th of July everyone, and remember to be responsible and have a designated driver!" the heiress writes in a blog entry on her MySpace Web page Tuesday.

Hilton, 26, was released from jail last week after spending about 23 days behind bars for violating probation in an alcohol-related reckless driving case. The notorious party girl has since touted a new beginning — one that she says won't include going out as much.

"The past month has inspired me to move forward with some exciting new projects, so I will keep you all posted," she writes.

After getting out of jail, Hilton did a series of interviews, including one on CNN's "Larry King Live," then skipped town for some rest and relaxation in Maui.

Birthdays

Actress **Katherine Helmond** is 73. Actress **Shirley Knight** is 71. Singer-musician **Robbie Robertson** is 64. **Julie Nixon Eisenhower** is 59. Rock star **Huey Lewis** is 57. Baseball pitcher **Rich "Goose" Gossage** is 56. Country musician **Charles Venable** (River Road) is 55. Singer-songwriter **Marc Cohn** is 48. Actress **Edie Falco** ("The Sopranos") is 44. Actress **Kathryn Erbe** is 42. Rapper **RZA** is 38. Rhythm-and-blues singer **Joe** is 34. Rock musician **Bengt Lagerberg** (The Cardigans) is 34. Actor **Dale Godboldo** is 32. Rapper **Bizarre** is 31. Rock singer **Jason Wade** (Lifehouse) is 27. Rock musician **Nick O'Malley** (Arctic Monkeys) is 22.

Thought for Today: "If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured or far away." — **Henry David Thoreau** (1817-1862).

Passages

SAN ANTONIO — **Linda Pace**, an art patron and heir to the Pace Food fortune, has died. She was 62.

Pace died Monday of breast cancer, said Matthew Drutt, executive director of her artist residency program Artpace.

Pace, an heir to her late father's food company, founded Artpace in 1995 in downtown San Antonio. The program selects international and local artists for eight-week residencies followed by exhibits of the work created during their stay.

The program has brought acclaimed artists to San Antonio, while giving local artists a chance at wider recognition.

Prized violin recovered, owner says

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — A prized violin that was stolen while its

owner snoozed on a hot subway train has been recovered.

"I'm of course overjoyed!!!," Tom Chiu, a Juilliard School graduate and founder of the avant-garde Flux Quartet, wrote Wednesday in an e-mail message about his Scarampella violin.

The violin and his backpack were stolen June 27. Chiu said it was raining that night and he went into a hot and humid subway station after a performance and fell asleep. When he awoke, he said, his bags were gone.

Chiu, who calls his violin his "heart and soul for the last 13 years," said in a statement that

the violin and the backpack and its contents were turned in to the Metropolitan Transit Authority's lost-and-found, and an MTA official contacted him late Tuesday.

The contents included a violin bow that Chiu has used since childhood.

At the time of the theft, Chiu said the violin and bow "all have great sentimental value to me and are completely irreplaceable. I hope the person who has my violin will return it to me. I would be forever grateful."

Chiu did not say what the violin was worth. He said it had originally belonged to his parents.

TODAY IN HISTORY

The Associated Press

Today is **Thursday, July 5**, the 186th day of 2007. There are 179 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 5, 1947, Larry Doby made his debut with the Cleveland Indians, becoming the first black player in the American League.

On this date:

In 1811, Venezuela became the first South American country to declare independence from Spain.

In 1830, the French occupied the North African city of Algiers.

In 1865, William Booth founded the Salvation Army in London.

In 1935, President Roosevelt signed the National Labor Relations Act, which provided for a National Labor Relations Board, and authorized labor to organize for the purpose of collective bargaining.

In 1940, during World War II, Britain and the Vichy government in France broke off diplomatic relations.

In 1946, the bikini bathing suit, designed by Louis Reard, made its debut during an outdoor fashion show at the Molitor Pool in Paris.

In 1954, Elvis Presley's first commercial recording session took place at Sun Records in Memphis, Tenn.; the song he recorded was "That's All Right (Mama)."

In 1975, Arthur Ashe became the first black man to win a Wimbledon singles title as he defeated Jimmy Connors.

In 1977, Pakistan's army, led by General Mohammad Zia ul-Haq, seized power from President Zulfikar Ali Bhutto. (Bhutto was executed in 1979.)

In 1991, a worldwide financial scandal erupted as regulators in eight countries shut down the Bank of Credit and Commerce International.

Ten years ago: NASA scientists brainstormed to fix problems that left Mars Pathfinder's robot rover stuck aboard the lander. Cambodia's Second Prime Minister Hun Sen launched a bloody coup that toppled First Prime Minister Norodom Ranariddh. Sixteen-year-old Martina Hingis became the youngest Wimbledon singles champion this century as she beat Jana Novotna, 2-6, 6-3, 6-3 in the women's finals. (Charlotte "Lottie" Dod won in 1887 at age 15.)

Five years ago: President Bush telephoned Afghan President Hamid Karzai to express condolences for the deaths of Afghan civilians killed in a U.S. bombing four days earlier. (Forty-eight civilians were killed, according to Afghan officials.) Baseball Hall of Famer Ted Williams died in Citrus County, Fla., at age 83.

One year ago: North Korea test-fired seven missiles into the Sea of Japan, including at least one believed capable of reaching the U.S. mainland. Enron founder Kenneth Lay, who was facing decades in prison for one of the most sprawling business frauds in U.S. history, died in Aspen, Colo., at age 64.

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FBI says suicide bombs a big concern, need vigorous vigilance

By Pat Milton
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Suicide bombers have not hit the United States since the 9/11 terrorist hijacking attacks, but they remain a constant concern because of their prevalence around the globe and determination to die for their causes, according to the FBI's chief of counterterrorism.

He does not believe America is overflowing with home-

grown terrorists, but Joseph Billy said "a significant number" of attacks have been thwarted since airliners were crashed into the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and a Pennsylvania farm field on Sept. 11, 2001.

While declining to divulge the nature of the averted plots, Billy credited intelligence that led to either fortified security around potential targets or identification of suspected terrorists. Authorities

recently stopped homegrown plots targeting the Fort Dix military base in New Jersey and a jet fuel pipeline at New York's Kennedy International Airport.

Billy, the FBI assistant director in charge of counterterrorism, made his comments during a rare wide-ranging interview with The Associated Press, days before the failed car bombing in London and the airport bombing in Glasgow.

He has declined to com-

ment on those British bombings because he did not want to interfere with the British investigations.

Billy stressed the need for diligence, saying people plotting against the U.S. from within are more familiar with potential targets than foreign terrorists and can move around more easily.

The FBI, other law enforcement and intelligence agencies continue to raise the nation's already "vigorous vigilance,"

hunting individuals who may want to use explosives to make a statement or further a cause, Billy said.

"Martyrdom and suicide bombers are a great challenge because of their commitment, their willingness to die for sheer belief," Billy said. "Any explosive device, particularly suicide bombs, creates a real challenge to learn about it and then interdict or disrupt it."

The FBI continuously scrutinizes intelligence on new de-

vices and tactics tested by insurgents in Iraq and Afghanistan, wary that they could surface in the U.S., according to Billy.

The National Joint Terrorism Task Force provides law enforcement across the country with a high level of awareness on locations or ingredients to monitor — awareness that is passed along to the public.

Billy said his biggest concern is preventing terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction.

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fighting would not declare victory and lay down their arms. They would follow us here."

That line played well with the crowd.

"Whether we should have gone in or not is another matter, but we need to support our troops," said Ronald Wayne Taylor, a retired colonel with the 167th. "There's no question about it we need to stay and finish the job."

It was Bush's fourth Independence Day trip to West Virginia, a state he carried in the past two presidential elections. His first was to Ripley, W.Va. in 2002.

Since the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq in 2003, the president has struck similar chords in his speeches on the nation's birthday.

Last year in Fort Bragg, N.C., where members of the 82nd Airborne Division greeted him with bellowing chants of "Hoorah," Bush said: "This moment when the terrorists are suffering from the weight of successive blows is not the time to call

retreat."

That echoed his speech on July 4, 2005 in Morgantown, W.Va., when he exclaimed: "The proper response is not retreat. It is courage."

Just like this year, Bush talked, on the Fourth of July 2004 in Charleston, W.Va., about fighting the battle against extremists abroad "so we do not have to face them here at home."

And on July 4, 2003, a few months after the war began, Bush said at an Air Force Base in Ohio, "The United States will not stand by and wait for another attack or trust in the restraint and good intentions of evil men."

A small anti-war demonstration was beginning in Charleston as Bush defended his decision in January to send 28,000 more U.S. troops to Iraq to tamp down the violence and encourage the Iraqis to reach political agreements among Shiites, Sunnis and Kurds.

The war, in its fifth year, has claimed the lives of more than 3,580 U.S. military men and

women. The offensive in Baghdad and areas to the north and south has boosted American casualties, although the number of bombings and shootings has fallen in the city in recent days.

"It's a tough fight, but I wouldn't have asked those troops to go into harm's way if the fight was not essential to the security of the United States of America," Bush said.

About 2,000 people, including members of the 167th Airlift Wing and their families were invited to the event.

After the speech, Bush returned to the White House to watch fireworks and celebrate his 61st birthday on Friday with friends and members of his family, including his twin daughters and his parents, former President George H.W. Bush and former first lady Barbara Bush.

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Associated Press writers Dena Potter in Martinsburg, W.Va. and Lawrence Messina in Charleston, W.Va., contributed to this report.

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It solved Luciano's problem. "Totally," he said.

The hot line — 1-800-984-8523 — is staffed 24 hours a day, every day, by 100 employees on three shifts.

They aim to get an answer for every caller within three business days — not solving the problem themselves, but channeling it to the person or agency that can. The operation essentially cuts through red tape like no average caller could.

"We cut through it and get (the request) in the proper hands so people understand there is a sense of urgency," said Col. Robert Clark, deputy director of the call center. "When a soldier calls us, he may have tried other avenues and not gotten an answer. So we attach a sense of urgency to everything we do."

Callers have included soldiers, their relatives, veterans and members of other services. They call about missing records, questions over treatment, requests for surgery and help with the complicated evaluation pro-

cess that judges their ability to continue in service and decides disability payments.

Though the hot line program was planned as a medical help line — and more than half of calls are on that subject — the issues are wide ranging. Callers want financial counseling, help finding a lawyer or to know why they didn't get a promotion or award they think they earned in their time overseas.

Some want simple information like phone numbers to call, directions to the hospital or Web sites to consult.

One soldier noticed money was being subtracted from his pay and wanted to know why. The call center tracked it down as deductions for an old student loan.

Callers are "going to get an answer," Clark said, though it might not be the one they want.

A wife asked how to serve her soldier husband with divorce papers while he's at war. She was advised she couldn't, since he can't come home to represent himself in the case.

Another was ill and wanted her husband home from assignment in Europe. The hot line passed that on, and he got a two-week leave, but not a permanent homecoming.

To get the hot line up and running quickly, officials used borrowed space with staff borrowed from various offices, and so there is no figure yet on the cost of operating it, they said.

It is one piece in a broad effort the Army has scrambled to make across its health system since problems at Walter Reed surfaced in February.

In March, President Bush ordered creation of a presidential commission to investigate care given to wounded troops and apologized to some of them in person during a visit to Walter Reed. He visited the hospital again on Tuesday.

"There has been some bureaucratic, you know, red tape issues in the past that the military is working hard to cure," Bush told reporters there. "But when it comes time to healing broken bodies, this is a fabulous place."

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OPINION

Editorials

Libby gets break, but few others do

At the outset of the CIA-leak investigation, President Bush sternly warned that if any person in his administration "has violated the law, the person will be taken care of." The person was taken care of, all right, just not the way many were led to believe.

Late Monday afternoon, the White House announced that Bush had commuted the pending prison sentence of I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby, the influential vice-presidential chief of staff found guilty of four felony counts of lying to the FBI and a grand jury about the outing of a CIA agent's identity.

That followed the court's rejection of his plea to remain free pending appeal, meaning Libby was weeks away from prison. Libby had been sentenced to 30 months, fined \$250,000 and given two years' probation. The fine and the probation remain.

Bush, showing a newfound judicial expertise, said he found the sentence "excessive," a judgment vehemently disputed by the special prosecutor, Patrick Fitzgerald.

So, the compassionate conservative showed compassion to fellow conservative Libby, although he has shown little toward anyone else. In 6-1/2 years as president, Bush has commuted only three other sentences and issued only 113 pardons, the fewest of any president since John Kennedy's foreshortened term.

The commutation was unique in another way. They are typically granted only after a review and recommendation by the Justice Department. Bush did this on his own. And department policy is not to recommend a commutation without the petitioner serving some of the sentence. The department's former top pardon lawyer said, "I can't think of a recent commutation that was granted before at least some prison time was served."

The Democrats predictably denounced the commutation as atypical of the Bush White House's hypocrisy, lack of accountability and holding itself above the law. However, some of Libby's stronger partisans were irate that the president didn't issue a full pardon, which would have erased his conviction and restored his rights and ability to practice law.

But, between the short time left in his presidency and his abysmal standing in the polls, Bush surely thought he had little to lose. And Bush may well pardon Libby before leaving the White House. He has two Christmases to go, and his father, in his last Christmas in the White House, pardoned six Reagan-Bush officials convicted in the Iran-Contra affair.

Despite the shabby brand of politics that brought Libby to this pass, it would be overly vengeful to begrudge this disgraced official his avoidance of prison. One does wonder about all those other white-collar criminals without Libby's connections who are serving time for nonviolent offenses like perjury and obstruction.

Quotes of the day

"The arrogance of this administration's disdain for the law and its belief it operates with impunity are breathtaking. Will the president also commute the sentences of others who obstructed justice and lied to grand juries, or only those who act to protect President Bush and Vice President Cheney?" — New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson

"Speaking of common democratic values, we are guided by the idea and principle that these are important both for you and for us. Even in the, shall we say, sustainable democracies, mature democracies, we see basically the same problems ... It has to do with the relationship with the media; it has to do with human rights." — Russian President Vladimir Putin equating Russia's record on human rights and press freedom with that of the United States during a joint address with President Bush.

— The Associated Press

Feedback

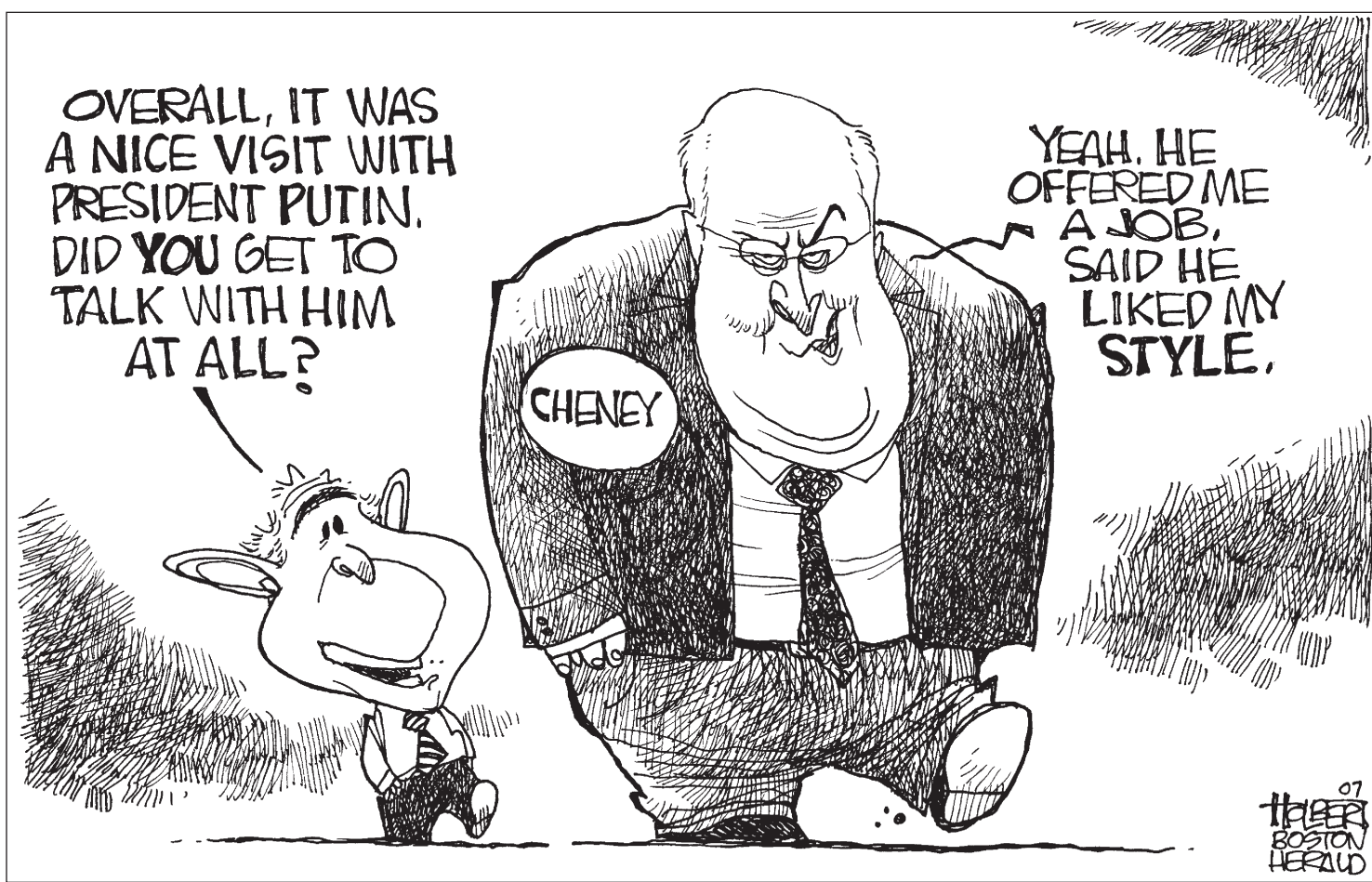
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Answer to Iraq somewhere over the horizon

Even the White House was blindsided when Sen. Richard Lugar, a highly respected Republican, called for a change of course in Iraq. How to respond?

Said White House press secretary Tony Snow, "What he's really talking about is the over-the-horizon strategy — and the president has used that term before . . .," Snow said.

The over the what?

Spin aside, fundamental differences separate Bush and Lugar on war strategy. While both men say the United States needs to be in Iraq long term to ensure stability — that's the over-the-horizon part — they see the present and immediate future very differently.

Bush urges patience. Give the troop surge more time and the Iraqis will take over their own security, democracy will bloom and all will be well.

Not going to happen, says Lugar, former chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations committee, a pragmatist known for his expertise in international affairs.

When Lugar finished his 50-minute speech on the Senate floor, Bush's Iraq strategy looked like an elaborate sand castle Lugar had just walked over.

"Staying the course" is not a viable option, Lugar declared.

Forget engineering a stable, multi-sectarian government in Iraq anytime soon. It's not feasible because of political fragmentation in Iraq, growing stress on the U.S. military and the U.S. presidential campaign, he said.

First and foremost, Iraqis don't want to be Iraqis. We may bemoan this, he said, but it's not surprising when you consider their history. The various factions don't want compromise. They can and will outwait us.

We overestimated what the military can achieve, set unrealistic goals and failed to consider the regional consequences of our actions, said Lugar. What's needed is a bipartisan plan between Congress and Bush to reduce troop strength in Iraq, redeploy forces and give diplomacy and economic aid a chance. The speech is on his Web site, www.lugar.senate.gov.

Lugar, 75, a 30-year Senate veteran from Indiana, is a rare creature in Washington. He's a leader. He saw the risks of loose nukes long before 9/11 and sponsored the law that deactivated nuclear weapons in Russia and the former Soviet republics. He still believes

in bipartisanship and consensus.

A day later, Sen. George Voinovich, Republican of Ohio, underscored the president's war troubles. Voinovich called for a change of course and sent Bush a position paper outlining "The Way Forward in Iraq." His Plan E — for Exit — calls for military disengagement.

Neither Lugar nor Voinovich wants to abandon Iraq, which ironically is why they are calling for change. They fear that waiting will make a hasty, poorly planned withdrawal more likely, not less, and that would be disastrous.

Both also believe that Bush needs to bring Iraq's neighbors to the table.

As if the two senior Republicans weren't headache enough for the White House, public opinion continues to surge against the war — here and abroad.

The president seems likely to stick with his surge strategy, at least until September and possibly longer. But other Republicans are likely to follow Lugar's thoughtful criticism of the war.

As for an "over-the-horizon strategy," it may be to pull President Bush onto a new path in Iraq.

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Should radio go back to the Fairness Doctrine?

The recent defeat of the immigration "reform" bill in the Senate, in response to an overwhelming deluge of phone calls and letters from irate voters, has focused renewed attention on the supposedly malign influence of talk radio, which is dominated by conservative hosts, and which played an undeniably large part in generating the opposition to the bill. Various liberal spokesmen are now demanding that something be done to rectify this supposedly outrageous "imbalance."

Most of these critics have stopped short of openly demanding reinstitution of the Fairness Doctrine, the FCC regulation which, for decades until 1987, required radio stations to broadcast roughly equal amounts of conservative and liberal opinions on public issues, on penalty of having their broadcast licenses revoked. The justification was that broadcast bands were technologically limited in number, and, therefore, the government was entitled to decide who got them and what they should be allowed to say.

That rationale went out the window when it became technologically possible to have a huge number of radio stations, and in 1987 the FCC sensibly jettisoned the Fairness Doc-

trine. Since then, talk radio has mushroomed into a largely conservative preserve.

This development has simply (and rather hilariously) infuriated the liberals, who had been enjoying decades of near-total domination of the means of shaping public opinion. A large segment of the American people, who had had liberal views shoved down their throats for decades, suddenly found on talk radio spokesmen for their own views. Outrageous! And so we are hearing demands for more "balance." Not, mind you, in The New York Times or Newsweek — heavens no! Just strictly in the realm of conservative-dominated talk radio.

I will confess that, 20 years ago, I thought there was something to be said for the Fairness Doctrine. One prominent conservative opinion leader insisted at the time that she could never have gotten her views on the airwaves without it. But that was then. Now, the airwaves are now a much bigger affair;

and the only reason that liberal broadcasters like Air America have gone bankrupt is that they haven't been able to persuade a commercially significant segment of the American public to listen to their opinions.

So now we are being treated to all this music about "fairness" and "balance." Let me repeat: Any liberal who insists upon hearing only his or her favorite brand of baloney has only to pick up The New York Times or The Washington Post (the two most influential newspapers in the country), or any issue of Time or Newsweek (the two most powerful newsmagazines), or switch on the TV news on NBC, CBS or ABC, or tune in to PBS, and inhale deeply. If he turns on a talk radio station and hears something that offends him, all he needs to do is turn it off.

The truth is that America's liberals have been spoiled. For decades conservative opinions were so rare in the major sources of public opinion that, today, hearing one can still sound to liberals like a violation of some cosmic law.

We should tell them: Get over it.

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Immigration fiasco shows crisis in leadership

The most succinct observation I've come across about the failure of comprehensive immigration reform is that of pollster Scott Rasmussen.

The American public simply didn't want the bill. Rasmussen's polling indicated that the immigration legislation being pushed had the support of just 22 percent of the American public.

Rasmussen goes on further to point out just how far detached from the sentiment of the voting public those pushing the bill were. Not only didn't the American public want the bill, but the focus of the immigration debate in the Senate was the opposite of the public's highest concern.

According to Rasmussen, the main concern of the public — 72 percent, according to his polling — is border security. Yet, the main focus of

the debate was how to legalize the 12 million plus here illegally.

Can it be an accident that less than one in four Americans supported the immigration legislation that the Senate tried to pass, and a similar number of respondents give overall positive approval ratings to Congress?

I don't think so.

If we look at the politics of immigration and how this effort was handled, we see all the characteristics of why the voting public is as disillusioned as it is with politicians of both parties allegedly representing their interests in Washington.

First, we have what I call the politics of ruse

and irresponsibility.

This country has large and pressing problems. You would expect that they would be addressed by our leaders in a responsible and timely way. But they are not.

The 12 million illegals did not show up here yesterday. The last major comprehensive immigration legislation was passed more than 20 years ago, in 1986. Does it take 20 years to realize that something isn't working?

Second, is what I call the politics of comprehensive reform. It was clear that the immigration problem has separate components, each in itself independent and complicated. Yet, once the problem received national attention, our shining knights, awakened from slumber, lumped them all under one headline and tried to address them all "comprehensively."



STAR PARKER

Abysmal ratings for Bush, Congress

■ Poll after poll shows that voters are unhappy with politicians’ performances

By Alan Fram
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Like twin Jacques Cousteaus of the political world, President Bush and Congress are probing the depths of public opinion polling as voters exasperated over Iraq, immigration and other issues give them strikingly low grades.

In a remarkable span, the approval that people voice for the job Bush is doing has sunk to record lows for his presidency in the AP-Ipsos and other polls in recent weeks, dipping within sight of President Nixon’s levels during Watergate. Ominously for Republicans hoping to hold the White House and recapture Congress next year, Bush’s support has plunged among core GOP groups like evangelicals, and pivotal independent swing voters.

Congress is doing about the same. Like Bush, lawmakers are winning approval by roughly three in 10. Such levels are significantly low for a president, and poor but less unusual for Congress.

“The big thing would be the war,” said independent Richard MacDonald, 56, a retired printer from Redding, Calif. “I don’t think he knew what he got into when he got into it.” As for Congress, MacDonald said, “It’s just the same old, same old with me. A lot of promises they don’t keep.”

Bush was risking more unpopularity by commuting I. Lewis “Scooter” Libby’s prison term in the CIA leak case, and his refusal to rule out a full pardon. Polls in March after the former White House aide’s conviction showed two in three opposed to a pardon.

The public’s dissatisfaction may be more serious for Republicans because even though Bush cannot run again, he is the face of the GOP. He will remain that until his party picks its 2008 presidential nominee — and through the campaign if Demo-

crats can keep him front and center.

“Everything about this race will be about George Bush and the mess he left,” Rep. Rahm Emanuel, D-Ill., a member of the House Democratic leadership, said about 2008. “He’ll be on the ballot.”

Congress’ numbers could signal danger for majority Democrats, since they echo the low ratings just before the GOP 1994 takeover of the House and Senate, and the Democratic capture of both chambers last November.

But unlike the president, Congress usually has low approval ratings no matter which party is in control, and poor poll numbers have not always meant the majority party suffered on Election Day. Voters usually show more disdain for Congress as an institution than for their own representative — whom they pick.

A majority in a CNN-Opinion Research Corp. survey in late June said Democratic control of Congress was good for the country. Yet only 42 percent approved of what Democratic leaders have done this year — when Democrats failed to force Bush to change policy on Iraq.

Republican strategists hope the dim mood will help the GOP in congressional elections.

“The voters voted for change and they expected change, and they see an institution still incapable of getting anything done,” said GOP pollster Linda DiVall.

The abysmal numbers are already affecting how Bush and Congress are governing and candidates’ positioning for 2008.

Last Thursday’s Senate collapse of Bush’s immigration bill showed anew how lawmakers feel free to ignore his agenda. Republican senators like Richard Lugar of Indiana and George Voinovich of Ohio have joined increasingly bipartisan calls for an Iraq troop withdrawal.

This year’s GOP presidential debates have seen former New York mayor Rudy Giuliani, Arizona Sen. John McCain and others criticize Bush or his administration for mishandling the war and other issues. Some Republican congressional

candidates have not hesitated to distance themselves from Bush.

“President Bush is my friend, and I don’t always agree with my friends,” said Sen. Gordon Smith, R-Ore., facing a tough re-election fight next year. “And on the issues of Iraq and immigration, I simply disagree with his approach.”

Bush’s doleful numbers speak for themselves.

In an early June AP-Ipsos poll, 32 percent approved of his work, tying his low in that survey. Other June polls in which he set or tied his personal worst included 27 percent by CBS News, 31 percent by Fox News-Opinion Dynamics, 32 percent by CNN-Opinion Research Corp. and 26 percent by Newsweek.

The Gallup poll’s lowest presidential approval rating was President Truman’s 23 percent in 1951 and 1952 during the Korean war; compared with Nixon’s 24 percent days before he resigned in August 1974. Bush notched the best ever, 90 percent days after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

The AP’s June survey showed that compared with an AP exit poll of voters in November 2004, Bush’s approval was down among swing voters. His support dropped from about half of independents to a fifth; from half to a third of Catholics; and from nearly half to a fifth of moderates.

Among usually loyal GOP voters, his approval was down from about eight in 10 to roughly half of both conservatives and white evangelicals.

Congress had a 35 percent approval rating in a May AP-Ipsos survey. Polls in June found 27 percent approval by CBS News, 25 percent by Newsweek and 24 percent by Gallup-USA Today.

Congress’ all-time Gallup low was 18 percent during a 1992 scandal over House post office transactions; its high was 84 percent just after Sept. 11.

In the AP poll, lawmakers won approval from only about three in 10 midwesterners, independents and married people with children — pivotal groups both parties court aggressively.

NATION

2 children, woman drown in park’s pond

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. — A van rolled into a pond Wednesday after the driver got out to ask directions to a Fourth of July barbecue, killing a woman and two children and leaving a third child in critical condition, authorities said.

The victims were in 15 to 20 feet of water for 20 to 25 minutes, Fire Battalion Chief Ismael Pomales said. Their names were not immediately released.

“It’s horrible,” Pomales said. “We’ve had children die before. That’s probably one of the toughest things for any rescue person to deal with.”

The van’s driver had apparently stopped near a concession stand at Beardsley Park and left the vehicle to ask for directions, Pomales said. The driver was still outside the van when it started to roll down a hill to a pond 60 or 70 yards away.

Bridgeport Hospital spokesman John Cappiello confirmed that two of the children died. The children appeared to be under 5, Pomales said. The adult in the van was taken to St. Vincent’s Medical Center, where she also died, Pomales said.

Red Cross flush with fire donations

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, Calif. — Because of the “extraordinary generosity of the public,” the American Red Cross

says it has received sufficient donations to cover the cost of its response to the Angora fire, which forced thousands to evacuate.

The Red Cross reports that donations and pledges will cover the estimated \$395,000 cost for the agency’s response to the fire.

That doesn’t mean, however, that donors should not make good on the pledges they have made, according to Diane Thomas, a Red Cross fundraising manager.

Al Gore’s son busted for drug possession

LAGUNA NIGUEL, Calif. — Al Gore’s son was arrested early Wednesday on suspicion of possessing marijuana and prescription drugs after deputies pulled him over for speeding, authorities said.

Al Gore III, 24, was driving a blue Toyota Prius about 100 mph on the San Diego Freeway when he was pulled over at about 2:15 a.m., Sheriff’s Department spokesman Jim Amormino said.

The deputies said they smelled marijuana and searched the car, Amormino said. They found less than an ounce of marijuana along with Xanax, Valium, Vicodin and Adderall, which is used for attention deficit disorder, he said.

“He does not have a prescription for any of those drugs,” Amormino said.

Gore was released from the men’s central jail in Santa Ana Wednesday afternoon after posting \$20,000 bail.

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Positive discipline earns high marks from parents, children

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: This is in response to “Young Mom in Oklahoma” (May 7), who wrote asking if it was OK to discipline her 4-year-old by smashing his toys with a hammer. Your response was appropriate. However, that mother should be encouraged to attend parenting classes or speak to her son’s pediatrician regarding her problem with how to discipline her son. I am very concerned for the child’s well-being if she even has to ask if it’s OK to smash his toys with a hammer. — A MOM WHO CARES

DEAR MOM: You were not the only person to suggest that “Young Mom” attend parenting classes. I heard from other parents and child-care professionals who were appalled at her behavior. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: As a student and researcher in psychology, I’ve come to learn that the only way time-outs work is if the parent uses “time-in.” This is time in which the parent engages in positive physical contact with the child (such as a pat on the head, a hug or a high-five). Being in the room with the child while the child plays and engaging in conversations with the child during play are other important parts of time-in. Time-out then becomes a punishment because you are taking the child away from the positive and loving environment you created using time-in. Because the child finds time-in rewarding, he/she will not want to experience time-out and thus will stop the negative behavior. — GRADUATE STUDENT IN PSYCHOLOGY

DEAR ABBY: I feel for “Young Mom in Oklahoma,” but don’t see how smashing a 4-year-old’s toys will have any effect other than instilling violent behavior in her son. Parents should not try to intimidate their children, but rather help them find solutions and/or ways to make better decisions. As a child development associate, I have been trained in positive discipline. It is a wonderful tool for parents, and many classes are offered nationwide. — OFFERING ALTERNATIVES IN KENTUCKY

DEAR ABBY: You were on the mark about not smashing the 4-year-old’s toys in front of him, but I think giving away a child’s toys at his age is quite harsh. For goodness’ sake, this is a 4-year-old, and he will have his moments and meltdowns. Removing a toy with the promise of returning it with GOOD behavior is a far more positive reinforcement. — OLDER MOM IN WISCONSIN

DEAR ABBY: I took all my daughter’s toys out of her room and made her earn them back with good behavior. This may seem drastic, but it worked well. She is now 5, and she’s great. All the sassy acting-up she did before is gone. (She also has a newfound respect for her toys.) P.S. I really liked your advice about giving the toys to charity. Some toys my daughter didn’t want to earn back, and we let her take them to Goodwill. It was a positive learning experience for her. — BEEN THROUGH IT IN OREGON

DEAR ABBY: I was an extremely disobedient child (later diagnosed with ADHD), so my parents set up a token system. For every good thing I did, I got a token. Disorderly conduct resulted in tokens being removed from the jar. There were prizes that could be earned with a certain number of tokens. The prizes included going to the movies with my parents, going to lunch with them and various other activities with them. The key was that the prizes were not material, but based on my relationship with my parents. — JENNIFER IN BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.

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Cancer survivor has digestive troubles

By Dr. Peter H. Gott

DEAR DR. GOTT: I’m a 53-year-old man, 6 feet 2 inches tall and 200 pounds. My waist is 33 inches, and I am built like an athlete. I have never smoked, bike 20 to 40 miles a day, usually doing the first 20 in an hour. I swim both in the ocean and the pool, lift light weights and surf occasionally. I also work in the construction field and do manual labor to keep in shape, even though I am the architect and builder of each project. Having said that, I have been to hell and back, surviving cancer. My problem and something that seems to affect my social behavior is that I cannot eat anything without almost immediately heading to the bathroom to make room for whatever I consume. Whatever I manage to store at dinner comes out in the morning immediately after waking. After breakfast I again return for a bathroom visit. I don’t have an eating disorder; I love food, and I enjoy eating at the best restaurants. I also enjoy cooking. The stomach cramps I have after eating force me to seek a bathroom to relieve myself. The cramps that accompany gas are usually within 30 minutes of eating even small portions. Everything returns to normal after a return to the rest room. I know I have a relatively small stomach for my size, but can this really send me to the bathroom after every meal, or do you think there is something else involved? I don’t remember this being a great concern of mine in the past, although it has been going on for years. I now find myself skipping lunch to avoid foreign bathrooms.

DR. GOTT

DEAR READER: I don’t have an explanation for your bowel urgency and frequency. Because you may have low-grade colitis or some other treatable condition, I suggest that you check in with your doctor. Also, you don’t mention the location of your previous cancer. If it arose in the intestinal wall, your symptom could reflect a regrowth or a reaction to anticancer therapy. Your physician should be able to pin this down or refer you to a specialist if necessary. If a low-grade infection or abnormality exists, a visit to your primary-care physician would be appropriate. He or she can order a simple stool analysis to rule out giardia, salmonella or other disorders. If the testing is abnormal, it would explain your diarrhea and gas, and antibiotics will help. Should the test results be negative, your doctor might refer you to a gastroenterologist for a colonoscopy to rule out polyps. The answer is not a simple one, and it may have to be determined through exclusion. Start with your primary-care physician. Provide a history, and if he or she can’t find an answer, request a referral to the appropriate specialist. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report “Constipation and Diarrhea.” Other readers who would like a copy should send a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and \$2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

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Did you know that you can wash baseball caps in the top rack of your automatic dishwasher? Put in the normal amount of detergent, and take them out before the drying cycle. Set them on tall cans or another implement to hold their shape while air drying. Works great! And according to Tami P., you can wash other nonkitchen things this way, too.

WASHING SPORTS GEAR: As any hockey mom can attest, the gear gets pretty stinky pretty fast. I run the elbow pads, shin pads, shoulder pads, gloves (yes, leather gloves) and helmet through the dishwasher every few weeks. Just use regular dishwasher soap, and be sure to turn off the heat-dry setting so you don’t accidentally melt the plastic. Let the gear air-dry. — Tami P., e-mail

WATERMELON HOLDER: We found a great way to store cut watermelon and watermelon balls. We put the cut-up watermelon in a salad spinner with a lid. The juice pools in the bottom below the strainer, and the lid keeps the bugs off. The entire bowl fits nicely in the fridge, and cleanup is a snap: The spinner goes right into the dishwasher. — Abby T., e-mail

CLEAN SHOWER: Hang a plastic window squeegee in the shower. Scrape down the shower walls after every shower, and then wipe quickly with a towel. This way, you can stay ahead of the buildup. — Leonie E., e-mail

CASH ON HAND: I keep a small amount of cash in my desk drawer at work — about \$10 to \$25. When there is a collection for a baby gift or a wedding, I have the cash on hand and don’t get off track on my weekly budget. I do the same thing at home for various collections, such as Girl Scout cookies. I replenish the account as needed. — Melody S., Iowa

SANDBOX: For an inexpensive sandbox, just buy two different-sized plastic kiddie pools. The sand goes in the smaller pool, and the larger pool covers the entire thing. We did this last summer, and the pools with the sand inside sat outside all winter covered with snow. When we took the cover off, the sand was just fine, and our 2-year-old daughter was able to play without having to wait for us to buy more sand. The lid keeps the cats out, too. — Beverly W., New York

METER REMINDER: If you

find yourself forgetting when you need to feed the parking meter, just set your watch timer to go off when it’s time to put in more coins. If you don’t have a timer on your watch, set an alarm on your cell phone. No phone? Carry a cheap kitchen timer from the dollar store in your pocket or purse. — Terri C., New Jersey

DUSTING BRUSH: If you

need to dust an object with lots of grooves, such as furniture, a fancy picture frame or a lampshade, use a paintbrush with soft bristles. The brush will get the dust out of all those little spaces. You can even spray the brush with furniture polish if the wood needs some shine. — Claire N., Illinois

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AZNTV (13)	(5:30) Warriors of Heaven and Earth +7946698				Hwang Jini +8751476		To Be Announced +7620834	Warriors of Heav...			
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ESPN (27)	(5:00) NFL Live +921394		Poker +721563	Ultimate Nascar +730211		Baseball Tonight (L) +727747	Sportscenter +720834	Tonight +3971259			
ESPN2 (28)	Hot Dog Eat Contest +766878		MLS Soccer New York Red Bulls vs. Houston Dynamo Site: Robertson Stadium (L) +3385582			The Complete Wimbledon Features the day’s tennis highlights from Wimbledon. +6897414					
TNT (29)	Law & Order +301124		The Closer +697308	★★ Tombstone Wyatt Earp comes out of retirement and forms a group to fight a gang of unruly outlaws. +911766		★★ Tombstone (’93) Kurt Russell. +932259					
USA (30)	★★ National Treasure (’04) Nicholas Cage. Fortune hunters search for a treasure using clues contained in the Declaration of Independence. +276785		★★ Broken Trail (2006, Western) Robert Duvall, Thomas Haden Church. Print Rittter and his estranged nephew overcome many obstacles on their horse run. +863679			Burn Notice (N) +925327	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit +829414	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit +829414			
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VH1 (47)	Flavor: Charm School +483327		Flavor: Charm School +788259	Left Eye Never before seen footage capturing the final month in the life of Lisa Lopes. +768495		VH1 News Presents +770230	Charm +158495				
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WE (55)	Kate & A. +7148872	Kate & A. +7139124	★★★ The River Wild A rafter must navigate two robbers down a raging river in order to save her family. +7977563			The River Wild +9040230					
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National anthem is daily ritual for waitress, diners

The Associated Press

CHARLES TOWN, W.Va. — Customers at the Liberty Street Carryout don’t sing for their supper. They sing for their country. Every day at noon, customers join waitress Judy Hawkins in a station-along with a local radio station’s broadcast of “The Star-Spangled Banner.” Hawkins said she started singing the national anthem

several months ago and it’s now a daily ritual. “We just think it’s good to honor (“The Star-Spangled Banner”). The public enjoys it,” she said. Hawkins said she and her co-workers like to have fun, but singing the national anthem is no joke. “We take “The Star-Spangled Banner” very seriously,” she said.

putting up yard signs for his campaign for mayor. According to the Rapid City Journal, Johnson continually referred to the driver as a woman, but police later learned that the driver was a man dressed as a woman, which Johnson claimed he was shocked to find out.

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

By Chuck Shepherd

Police in Rapid City, S.D., stopped a car at about 1 a.m. on June 5 and found the female-looking driver to be intoxicated and, at 18, too young to drink. They also found that the passenger was local alderman Tom Johnson, who called the driver his “helper” at his middle-of-the-night task of personally

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Volunteers return Vietnam veterans' long-lost dog tags

By Carol Ann Alaimo
Arizona Daily Star

TUCSON, Ariz. — The war vet bellowed for five minutes when Jess DeVaney telephoned from Tucson to tell him his long-lost dog tag had been found in Vietnam.

“Why do you care? What’s in it for you?” DeVaney remembers him shouting. “He was very angry. Sometimes there’s a lot of anger around what we do.”

DeVaney, head of a nationwide effort to reunite Vietnam vets with personal items recovered overseas, mailed the dog tag anyway with a note thanking the soldier for his service. Soon, he received another call.

“He said, ‘I’m sorry for the way I treated you. I lost both my legs, that’s how I lost the dog tag. The day you called, I was going to kill myself,’” he recalls the veteran saying.

DeVaney, a former Marine Corps rifleman in Vietnam, never knows what he’ll face during such calls. He has learned to expect anything.

Thirty-five years after the war’s end, those small pieces of metal can still stir up a cauldron of emotions, says DeVaney, the president of Tours of Peace Vietnam Veterans.

The Tucson-based nonprofit arranges visits to Vietnam for veterans seeking to heal psychological wounds. On the trips, DeVaney and others stumble upon dog tags and other military relics, sometimes sold as tourist trinkets

overseas.

Since 1999, they’ve been buying the tags and trying to return them to veterans or their survivors. The effort costs up to \$10,000 a year and involves hundreds of volunteer hours.

R. Steve Sneed Sr. of Tucson, a Marine who served in Vietnam and once made dog tags, donates his time to check each tag’s authenticity, cleaning them just enough to read the name, rank and other data.

As he works, his mind swims with his own war memories.

“When I’m cleaning the tags, a certain amount of dust will come off and I can smell the dirt of Vietnam,” said Sneed, 60. “There’s a sadness to it. It makes me think of the friends who didn’t come back.”

A trail of volunteer sleuths, stretching from Tucson to Washington, D.C., then tries to match the tags with their rightful recipients.

They get help from the National Personnel Records Center, the keeper of military service records, and from Ancestry.com, a genealogy Web site that provides the group’s researchers with free access to its database, DeVaney says.

Tours of Peace also has a list on its Web site of hundreds of names on unclaimed tags.

Of 1,754 dog tags recovered so far by Tours of Peace, 270 have been returned to veterans or their next of kin.

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Employees and friends of the two victims grieved outside of the Dollar General store Wednesday on Stan Schlueter Loop as they awaited updates from law enforcement. One woman was found dead inside and another woman died later on Wednesday at Scott & White Memorial Hospital in Temple.

Killed: City’s sixth and seventh homicides in 2007

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going off,” Smith said, “and saw the back door open. They (the officer and other policemen called to the scene) went in there and located a female who was deceased.”

That female was Reed, pronounced dead by Justice of the Peace Garland Potvin at 8:45 a.m. Ramos was found severely wounded moments later.

“They found another female who was injured, and she was airlifted to Scott & White where she was in very critical condition,” Smith said at the time.

Killeen’s SWAT team was called in to do a thorough search of both upper and lower areas of the store because it was unclear whether the parties responsible had left the building. During the process, police set up a perimeter of approximately 500 feet surrounding the store, and had the area closed off to traffic until after 2 p.m.

“There were some areas of the store they were a little concerned with,” Smith said. “So they went in and did a clean sweep of the store just to make sure that everything is clear.”

This is the second double homicide in Killeen this year, and the sixth and seventh homicide victims the city has seen in 2007.

Detectives continue to investigate the slayings of Darius Treymene Westbrook, 30, and his girlfriend, Natasha Williams Brannum, 36, who were found on the floor of their home at 2506 Grasslands Drive early on Saturday, April 27, the victims of gunshot wounds.

The first homicide of 2007 took place on Jan. 13 in the 1500 block of Janis Drive, just three blocks away from the April 28 murders. One man has been indicted on a murder charge in that death and is awaiting trial.

The second was what authorities described as a murder-suicide on April 9 on Cimarron Drive.

The most recent victim was Joshua James Montague, 26, of Killeen, who was found shot to death June 8 in a hotel room at the Hallmark Inn & Suites. Police located three suspects in the murder during the investigation who identified 28-year-old Joe Castillo, of Harker Heights, as Montague’s assailant in written and oral statements, according to the June 13 arrest affidavit. Castillo was arrested on a murder charge in addition to a drug charge.

Anyone with information about these homicides is asked to contact the Killeen Police Department at 501-8800 or Crime Stoppers at 526-TIPS.

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Parade: Cloudy, but dry

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house to Birdwell before ending on Fourth Street. The crowd, under the shade of heavy cloud cover, might have been a little lighter than the usual 30,000 because of National Weather Service warnings of possible downpours, but not a drop fell. Grand marshal of the parade was Brig. Gen. Christopher Tucker, former Operational Test Command commander at Fort Hood. He also was keynote speaker at opening ceremonies on the courthouse lawn for the week-long celebration that included a barbecue beginning the afternoon Festival on Nolan Creek at Yettie Polk Park. The four-day Rodeo Belton kicked off Wednesday night at the Bell County Expo Center. The rest of the parade included a mile of high school bands, cars and trucks carrying state and local officials, and entries by local companies.

Other events at the Expo Center were to include a carnival open from 10 a.m. to midnight each day of the rodeo and a Western Gift Show beginning at 5:30 p.m. before the rodeo's opening at 7 p.m. The parade has been a Central Texas tradition since the mid 1800s. The Independence Day rodeo began in 1924. At the 9 a.m. opening ceremonies, Tucker thanked Central Texans for all they do for soldiers and their families. He quoted President Theodore Roosevelt, as saying, "The credit belongs to the man and woman in the arena. If they fail, at least they fail while daring greatly." "Our soldiers in danger in Iraq and Afghanistan are in the arena, and each is a volunteer, joining our veterans from Bunker Hill forward in safeguarding our liberty," Tucker added.

"Central Texas people care about our service people better than any others I know," Tucker said. "Each time you pass a soldier, a sailor, a Marine or Coast Guardsman, I hope you'll thank them for what they're doing for us." Other speakers included U.S. Sen. John Cornyn and U.S. Rep. John Carter, who also rode in the parade. "For the first few decades of our country's existence, the world held its breath to see if the new experiment would succeed," Cornyn said. "Then, in the 1830s, the French writer Alexis de Tocqueville visited and told the world that our greatness lies in our ability to repair our faults. Through the first decades, we not only persevered but thrived on our way from starting as a few colonies hanging onto the East Coast to the major world power. "Some look to us for leadership, and others delight when we falter," Cornyn said. "But de Tocqueville said America is great because she is good. When we cease to be good, we'll cease to be great." "The lady represented by the statue atop this courthouse stands for justice," Carter said. "The statue on the Capitol building in Washington is liberty. It means we will allow people to be themselves here wherever they come from. They have the freedom to succeed based on their own labors." He said the Belton Fourth of July parade has grown to be renowned all over the country as a constant symbol. "We stand now in some very dangerous places around the world," he said, "and we stand here to celebrate American liberty as the hope for all mankind."

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John Cruz showed off his roping skills for the entire seven miles of the parade route as he participated in the Belton Fourth of July Parade on Wednesday. Cruz was part of the entry for Rising Star Ranch from Austin.



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Karlee Drake, 3, takes her eye off the parade to play with Casey Drake during Wednesday's Fourth of July parade in Belton.



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The world's largest H-E-B grocery cart, powered by a V-8 engine, was one of the Belton parade's highlights.

Nation celebrates its 231st birthday

By Samantha Gross
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Tens of thousands of people sporting ponchos and umbrellas braved heavy rain to mark the Fourth of July holiday beneath the booming, bright explosions of the city's massive fireworks display. "It's kind of tradition to see the fireworks every year," said Peter Fedak, a Queens musician. For the first time the annual Macy's show featured exploding shells aimed down, not up. The shells, designed to explode on the surface of the East River, remain illuminated for a few seconds and then fade out. The 30-minute show was billed as the nation's biggest, with 40,000 fireworks. For the display, eight barges on the East River and at the South Street Seaport set off an average of 1,300 shells per minute. The program featured musical performers as part of the nationally televised broadcast, including Martina McBride, Joss Stone and "American Idol" winner Jordin Sparks. Organizers estimated about 3 million people withstood the soggy weather to line up and watch the pyrotechnic extravaganza, about the same number as the year before, when another 8 million watched on television. The organizers had called their fireworks show "waterproof." The threat of storms forced officials in several eastern Pennsylvania cities to postpone fireworks shows. Dry weather curtailed some celebrations. Breckenridge, Colo., canceled its fireworks show because of the high fire danger. In Washington state, private fireworks were banned in Seattle, Tacoma and parts of Spokane. In the South, some cities across Georgia considered canceling fireworks displays because of a drought, but two big shows stayed on the sched-

ule for Atlanta, one downtown and one at Lenox Square in Buckhead. The festivities and patriotic observances took place under heightened security in the aftermath of the attempted car bombings in Britain. Hundreds of officers from about 20 law enforcement agencies were on duty in Washington. The Mall was fenced off and visitors were required to pass through 19 security checkpoints, which opened at 10 a.m. Security measures at the New York region's tunnels, bridges and airports remained heightened following failed attacks on Glasgow and London last week, and no additional precautions beyond those already in place were taken for the holiday, said Marc LaVorgna, a spokesman for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. In Massachusetts, 20 local, state and federal agencies were assigned to help police the annual Boston Pops concert and fireworks show. Car and boat traffic were banned from the area and security was tightened at mass transit stations. America's birthday celebration opened in Philadelphia with a reading of the Declaration of Independence at Independence Hall, and descendants of signers of the original declaration were on hand for a symbolic ringing of the Liberty Bell. About 1,000 people from around the globe became U.S. citizens at Walt Disney World, raising their right hands in front of Cinderella's castle at the Magic Kingdom as the oath was read by Emilio Gonzalez, head of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. It was also a day to honor military service. The Army honored its one-millionth veteran at an American Legion post in Philadelphia. The recognition went to Bronze Star recipient Bill Beck of Steelton, Pa.

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‘Those who cure you are going to kill you’ – al-Qaida chief’s warning before Britain attacks

By Paisley Dodds
The Associated Press

LONDON — “Those who cure you are going to kill you.”

That, a British priest said Wednesday, was the cryptic warning made to him in Jordan by a purported al-Qaida chief months before the failed car bombings in London and Glasgow that have been linked to a group of foreign Muslims working as doctors in Britain.

British authorities have said the attacks bore the hallmarks of an al-Qaida operation, but security officials say investigators are still trying to determine whether there was any direct link between the alleged plotters and an outside mastermind.

Canon Andrew White, a senior Anglican priest who works in Baghdad, said he met the man privately with a translator and sheik after holding talks with Sunni Muslim tribal and religious leaders April 18 in the Jordanian capital, Amman. He meets regularly with extremists in an attempt to calm Iraq’s sectarian violence.

He said religious leaders told him the man was an al-Qaida leader who traveled from Syria to the meeting. The man, an educated Iraqi in his 40s and dressed in Western clothes, warned of attacks on Britain and the United States, White said.

“It was like meeting the devil,” he told

The Associated Press in a telephone interview from Baghdad. “He talked of destroying Britain and the United States and then said, ”Those who cure you are going to kill you.””

White, who runs Baghdad’s only Anglican parish and has been involved in several hostage negotiations in Iraq, said he did not understand the threat’s significance at the time. He said he passed the general threat along to Britain’s Foreign Office, but did not mention the comment that could be interpreted as hinting at the involvement of doctors in a terror plot.

Then came the news that six physicians were among the eight suspects detained in the failed attacks in Britain.

“As soon as I heard many of the suspects were doctors I remembered those words,” he said. “I work with a lot of people who are not necessarily good people. It becomes very difficult to distinguish what threat is real and what is not.”

White said he gave the man’s identity to the Foreign Office but would not say publicly what it was. He also said he gave the same details to American authorities in Baghdad.

A spokesman for the Foreign Office, who spoke on condition of anonymity in line with government policy, denied White relayed the man’s identify but confirmed he reported his meeting with the alleged al-Qaida leader.

He also said that White did not pass on the reference alluding to medical practitioners and that because his information was vague it “didn’t really merit further analysis.” But White’s report has now been given to British police in their investigation, the spokesman said.

Prime Minister Gordon Brown, meanwhile, announced that Britain will increase its scrutiny of foreigners recruited for their skills, including doctors coming to work for the National Health Service, which employed all eight suspects in the failed car bombings.

“We’ll expand the background checks that have been done where there are highly skilled migrant workers coming into this country,” Brown told the House of Commons in his first appearance at the weekly prime minister’s questions.

The government also lowered its terrorism threat level one step to “severe” from “critical” — the highest on a five-point scale. Officials said Tuesday that investigators believe the main plotters had been rounded up, though others on the periphery were being hunted.

The reduction “does not mean the overall threat has gone away — there remains a serious and real threat against the United Kingdom and I would again ask that the public remain vigilant,” Home Secretary Jacqui Smith said in a statement.

Hundreds of troops re-enlist in July 4 event in Iraq

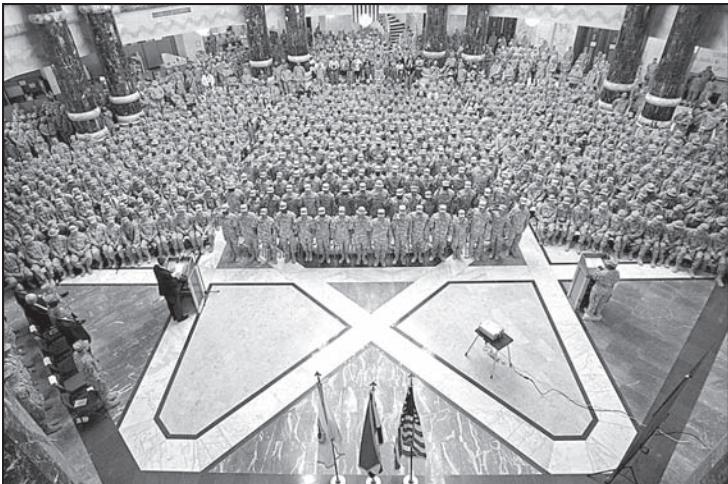
By Robert H. Reid
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Hundreds of U.S. troops marked the Fourth of July by re-enlisting Wednesday while others took oaths of American citizenship in ceremonies at the main U.S. headquarters in Iraq.

A total of 588 troops signed up for another stint, according to a U.S. military statement, while 161 soldiers became naturalized American citizens. The ceremonies took place at Camp Victory, the sprawling American headquarters at the western end of the Iraqi capital.

“No bonus, no matter the size, can adequately compensate you for the contribution each of you has made and continues to make as a custodian of our nation’s defenses,” the top U.S. commander, Gen. David Petraeus, told the audience.

Visiting Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., congratulated the new citizens and spoke of the hardships endured fighting in an unpopular war. McCain, who has backed the war, has watched his presidential campaign suffer as public support for the conflict



AP/ALI AL-SAAIDI

Newly naturalized U.S. Marines raise their hands during a ceremony at Camp Victory, Baghdad on Wednesday at which troops reenlisted and some were naturalized as United States citizens.

has waned.

“You know that you who have endured the dangers and deprivations of war so that the worst thing would not befall us, so that America might be secure in our freedom,” McCain said. “As you know, the war in which you have fought has divided the American people. But it has divided no American in their admiration for you. We all honor

you.”

Petraeus dedicated the Independence Day ceremony to the memory of two soldiers who were killed in action before they could be sworn in as citizens.

They were Sgt. Kimel Watt, 21, of Brooklyn, N.Y., a native of Jamaica who was killed June 3 in Baghdad, and Spc. Farid Elazzouzi of Paterson, N.J., who died June 14 in a bombing near

Kirkuk. Elazzouzi was born in Morocco.

“Words cannot express the admiration I feel for these two men or the sadness I feel for our nation’s loss and their families’ sacrifice,” Petraeus said.

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., led the new citizens in the Pledge of Allegiance.

“I’m glad that I can be here to get my citizenship,” said Pfc. Yaremi Boza, a Cuban-born human resources specialist with the 260th Military Intelligence Battalion. “It means being able to take care of myself and my family and having lots of opportunities and windows open.”

New disputes delay U.S.-backed oil bill

By Qassim Abdul-Zahra
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Attempts to pass a key oil law sought by the U.S. were snarled once more Wednesday by deep differences among Iraq’s Sunni, Shiite and Kurdish leaders, delaying parliament debate despite the prime minister’s claims of a breakthrough.

Despite heavy U.S. pressure, Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki has struggled for months to get members of his coalition together behind the bill, part of a long-delayed political package that the Bush administration hopes will reconcile Iraq’s Sunni Arab minority with the government, reduce support for the insurgency and ease the country’s violence.

Parliament failed to start debate on the bill Wednesday, despite al-Maliki’s announcement the day before that it would. The acting speaker, Khaled al-Attiya, said he expected it to be sent Thursday to the legislature, where it would be put to a committee.

Al-Maliki said Tuesday that his Cabinet had unanimously approved a draft of the law, raising hopes that major progress had been made — President Bush phoned the prime minister to thank him for the step.

But almost immediately Sunni and Kurdish members of his coalition said they were not yet on board.

The influential Sunni organization, the Association of Muslim Scholars, issued a fatwa, or religious edict, blasting the bill as “religiously forbidden” and warned that those who back it “anger God for usurping public money.”

The wrangling over the bill is so tough because it hits on the most contentious question

over the future shape of Iraq — how to balance power between the central government and the country’s regions, divided on sectarian and ethnic lines. The demands of each side — Shiite, Sunni and Kurdish — for the bill are far apart, and often mutually exclusive.

The law aims to regulate Iraq’s oil industry and will determine the central government’s role, and companion legislation that is nearly finalized sets how oil wealth will be distributed among regions.

Sunnis, centered in parts of the country with few proven reserves, fear Shiites and Kurds in the oil-rich south and north will monopolize profits from the industry — and so want a stronger federal role to ensure a Sunni say in how the fields are run.

The Kurds, in particular, want control of potentially lucrative future discoveries of reserves in their northern enclave.

Further complicating the negotiations are other political disputes. Al-Maliki’s main Sunni coalition partner, the Iraqi Accordance Front, was not present when the Cabinet approved the draft because it is boycotting meetings in a row over an arrest warrant issued against the Sunni culture minister.

An Accordance Front leader warned Wednesday that no draft should be considered until the Sunnis sign on.

Al-Maliki may have pushed the bill through the Cabinet in an attempt to force the Accordance Front to end its boycott.

But the Kurds also objected, fearing concessions had been made to the Sunnis. The Kurdistan Regional Government warned it would oppose the bill if it made “material and substantive changes” to an outline agreed upon during weeks of negotiations.

Bomb kills 6 NATO soldiers in Afghanistan

By Noor Khan
The Associated Press

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — A roadside bomb tore through a NATO vehicle on Wednesday, killing six soldiers and their Afghan interpreter in a southern Afghan region that has recently seen heavy fighting, a NATO statement said.

NATO did not release the soldiers’ nationalities or the location of the attack, but Afghan police said it happened in Kandahar province’s Zhari district. The majority of the troops in Kandahar are Canadian.

Canadian Defense Department spokeswoman Sarah Kavanagh said had no information on the incident.

The attack was the deadliest against foreign troops in Afghanistan since May 13, when seven troops were killed — five Americans, a Cana-

dian and a Briton — when the Chinook helicopter they were riding in crashed in Helmand province. Officials at the time said it appeared a rocket-propelled grenade might have brought the aircraft down.

Afghan and NATO forces clashed with Taliban militants in Zhari, leaving 33 suspected insurgents dead on Tuesday, according to the provincial governor. Seven Afghan police died in a roadside bomb explosion in Zhari on Monday.

The region was the site of one of NATO’s largest-ever operations last fall, and remains highly volatile.

Southern Afghanistan has seen fierce fighting in the past several weeks. More than 2,900 people — mostly militants — have been killed in insurgency-related violence in Afghanistan this year, according to an Associated Press tally of numbers provided by Western and Afghan officials.

China set to strengthen controls on dental products amid international toothpaste scare

By Audra Ang
The Associated Press

BEIJING — China is stepping up controls on dental care products, state media reported Wednesday amid international alarm over Chinese toothpaste producers’ use of a potentially toxic chemical found in antifreeze.

Countries in North and South America, as well as Asia, have recently halted imports of Chinese-made toothpaste due to its content of diethylene glycol, a low-cost and sometimes deadly substitute for glycerin. However, there have been no reports of health problems stemming from the product. China has no guideline banning the chemical in toothpaste, and the government says it is harmless in small amounts.

The toothpaste is one of series of apparently tainted Chinese exports that have sparked fears the Asian country’s chronic domestic product safety problems are turning into a global scourge. On Tuesday, China’s food safety watchdog reported on problems with nearly a fifth of products made for domestic consumption in the first half of this year.

A set of “strict certification and evaluation procedures” are being drawn up for oral care products by China’s Health Ministry and the China Certification and Accreditation Administration, the China News Service said, citing an announcement made during a national symposium.

The certification administration’s Web site said the new rules would “improve the quality, safety and hygiene of oral health

care products.” It was unclear how the rules would treat diethylene glycol.

A spokeswoman for the administration, which oversees the certification of Chinese products, confirmed the regulations were being drawn up and said the administration had asked for public opinions last year. Like many Chinese bureaucrats, she declined to give her name.

Also Wednesday, China’s Ministry of Health announced a recall of two brands of diapers spot checks found to contain excessive fungus. Authorities did not say if the diapers, made in the northern province of Hebei, and in Fujian province in the south, and sold under the brand names Haobeir and Jinglianbangshuang, had been exported or if they had caused problems for any children.

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By Sean Murphy
The Associated Press

At least 20 Texas counties were under flash flood warnings, and the Trinity River in the Dallas-Fort Worth area was expected to crest at 37 feet during the night, about 7 feet above flood stage.

By Eric Stern
Sacramento Bee

According to National Zoo officials in Washington, there are fewer than 2,500 red pandas in the world.

Associated Press writers Marcus Kabel in Springfield, Mo., Margaret Stafford in Coffeyville, Kan., and Roxana Hegeman in Wichita, Kan., contributed to this report.

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Ice cream man beaten up by rival

FORT WORTH — An ice cream man chiming his cart in a competitor's neighborhood had his bell rung by a rival vendor.

An apparent turf war between two ice cream peddlers peaked when one of the vendors parked his truck next to his competitor, got out and beat him with a baseball bat, Fort Worth police Sgt. Todd Dearing said.

Mario Hernandez, 30, was allegedly hit on the back and neck Saturday by the other vendor while being told, "This is my area, so get out of here!"

Inmate drowns during dog-training exercise

ROSHARON — A 48-year-old convict participating in a dog-training exercise for the prison where he was incarcerated died when he drowned in a rain-swollen creek, authorities said.

The man, whose name was not released by prison authorities, died Tuesday in Oyster Creek outside the Stringfellow Unit near Rosharon, about 30 miles south of Houston. His disappearance was initially investigated as an escape until a diver found his body in 15 feet of water.

The convicted robber and burglar, who was serving a 20-year sentence from Harrison County, was training prison dogs used to track escapees, said Michelle Lyons, a spokeswoman for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. The prisoner was to "lay track" for the dogs to follow and find the inmate, Lyons said.

Huntsman gets higher bid from equity firm

THE WOODLANDS — Huntsman Corp., the nation's fourth-largest chemical company, said a private-equity firm has made a cash buyout offer of about \$6 billion that trumps a bid from a Dutch company announced last week.

The proposal from Apollo Management's Hexion Specialty Chemicals Inc. of Columbus, Ohio, values Huntsman at \$27.25 per share, Huntsman said in a statement late Tuesday. The offer is an 8 percent premium over the \$25.25 per share bid from Basell AF, a Dutch holding of U.S. industrialist Len Blavatnik's Access Industries.

-Herald wire reports

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Guardsmen indicted in human smuggling

The Associated Press

LAREDO — Three National Guard soldiers accused of running an immigrant smuggling operation have been indicted on five counts of human smuggling and one count of conspiracy to transport undocumented immigrants, the U.S. Attorney's Office said.

Federal authorities say Sgt. Julio Cesar Pacheco, Sgt. Clarence Hodge Jr. and Pfc. Jose Rodrigo Torres used cell phone text messages to coordinate transporting van loads of illegal immigrants through a border-area checkpoint.

Torres, 26, of Laredo, was arrested in early June when a border patrol agent found 24 immigrants in an official van of the guardsman was driving, officials said. Pacheco, 25, of Laredo, and Hodge, 36, of Fort Worth, were arrested later.

The three remain in federal custody on bonds of \$75,000.

The guardsmen are accused of sneaking the immigrants through

a checkpoint that they were assigned to as part of Operation Jump Start, a border security initiative.

Tuesday's indictment alleges that the defendants made seven successful smuggling trips, transporting 88 undocumented immigrants over 22 days in May and June.

The indictment says Torres would pick up a load of undocumented immigrants at a house in Laredo and drive into the checkpoint through the service lane. Torres and Hodge

would interact to make it seem like they were on official business, and then Hodge would allow the van to pass uninspected, the indictment alleges.

Torres would then drive the immigrants to San Antonio or Cotulla and drop them off, the indictment says.

The indictment says Pacheco coordinated the operations.

The border agent stopped Torres' van during the operation's eighth smuggling attempt.



Photos by Steve Traynor

ABOVE: Sgt. Todd Rieger, who is stationed at Fort Hood with the 589th Brigade Support Battalion, celebrates his win in the grocery cart relays sponsored by H-E-B Stores on Wednesday. The event was part of the annual Freedom Fest celebration held at the post.

RIGHT: Visitors to Fort Hood's Freedom Fest climb on an M1A2 Abrams Tank, one of many military vehicles on display during the event on Wednesday.



Freedom festivities

Central Texas high school students gain perspective through study-abroad program

By Desiree Johnson
Killeen Daily Herald

Most college students are lucky to find the time and money to study abroad during their college career.

A national program, however, is not only helping college students study abroad, but high school and middle school kids too.

This summer, a special group of Central Texas students had the opportunity to be immersed into another culture, and the experience was life-changing. They returned from the trip earlier this week with some different outlooks than those they had when they left the U.S.

"It changed my perspective on life," said Austin Jones, a Harker Heights High School senior. "I definitely want to go back to

experience more of it."

The People to People program began in 1956 as a vision of President Dwight D. Eisenhower. He believed that ordinary citizens of different nations, if able to communicate directly, would solve their differences and find a way to live in peace.

Today the highly selective program is still working to send American children abroad as student ambassadors.

Through using national academic listings and recommendations, the People to People program invites students to join as well as invites them back every year.

"My younger brother was in the middle school delegation and last year he recommended me to the program," Jones said. "From there I had to get recommendations from



Herald/STEVE TRAYNOR

From left, Austin Jones, Jake Murray, Crystian Allen, Kaitlyn Adams and Tony Blanco, students from several Central Texas high schools, participated in "People to People," a study abroad program for middle and high school students, this summer.

my teachers and peers before I could get in."

After being accepted, the students go through training to get to know the cultures they're about to experience.

The Central Texas delegation met once a month for two to three hours in Austin, learning about the culture of the British

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Arrest made in Austin beating death

The Associated Press

AUSTIN — A 20-year-old man was arrested in connection with the beating death of a house painter in a case that drew widespread attention when police initially linked the attack to a nearby Juneteenth festival.

Austin police, who arrested Kurtiss Colvin on Tuesday on a charge of manslaughter, have since backed off their description of an angry mob beating David Rivas Morales to death during a celebration of Juneteenth, which commemorates Texas slaves learning they had been freed.

Morales died of blunt-force trauma to the head after being attacked while trying to protect a driver who had struck and injured a toddler June 19. Police believe he was attacked by four or five people.

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Abroad: Students saw American culture from outside perspective

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Isles and what to expect while studying abroad. From there, the students were sent abroad, where their days were packed with activities the normal tourist doesn't get to experience. "We did tourist stuff too, like visiting Stonehenge and Buckingham Palace, but we also got to meet a former member of Parliament," Jones said. "One of the most memorable moments was getting to rappel off a castle's walls," said Crystian Allen, a Killeen High School senior. While abroad, the students also spent time in a home stay, living with a native family on their own.

"They try to put you with more than one person, but it all depends on the size of the family and the number of rooms," Jones said. "It was comfortable, like living with my grandparents."

"Not having a language barrier was a lot easier, but it was still hard to understand the accents sometimes," said Tony Blanco, a 16-year-old Shoemaker High School student.

Although they were well taught on the cultures overseas, the students still caught a few surprises while they were there.

"I knew all about people driving on the left side of the road, but I expected people to be walking around in kilts in Scotland," Jones said. "You hardly ever see anyone in a kilt over there."

"Everyone was so much more friendly there," said Jake Murray, a Shoemaker High School junior. "You could just walk up to someone and start talking and they would hold a conversation with you."

While immersed overseas, the students also got a taste of American culture from the viewpoint of another country.

"While we were there, we also got to see George Washington's ancestral home, which was owned by both the British and U.S. governments," Jones said.

"We hardly ever ran into anything anti-American," Allen said. "Every once in a while we would see graffiti, but no one ever said anything or openly insulted America."

The total experience has

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Austin Jones

senior at Harker Heights High School

left these students changed for life and with a strong desire to study abroad again in the future.

"It can be expensive, but the experience is well worth the money," said Susan Jones, mother of Austin Jones. "It's an experience most kids don't get to do, and they can't take it for granted."

"She's become so much more outgoing, not as quiet and shy as she used to be, and she definitely wants to go back," Kathy Adams said of her daughter, 16-year-old Kaitlyn Adams of Ellison High School.

"Tony came back so much more dissatisfied with the U.S.," said Melanie Blanco, mother of Tony Blanco. "He kept saying how it's not as nice and the air is not as fresh, that the U.S. is too industrialized."

"He even brought home a Scottish cookbook and asked me to make a Scottish dinner. I have enough trouble with fish sticks, let alone haggis!"

"As a parent, you can get scared because of terrorism today, but the supervisors are so well-trained," Susan Jones said. "You can't live in a cocoon of fear forever. I think everyone comes back with a little more independence and a better appreciation for what they have."

For more information on the People to People Student Ambassadors Program, check out their Web site at www.peopletopeople.com.

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Arrest: Investigation is far from over, police say

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Colvin was being held in the Travis County Jail on felony charges of manslaughter and theft and a misdemeanor charge of assault, police said. His bond was set at \$215,000. His arrest is expected to be the first of many in the case, police said.

Police Sgt. Hector Reveles said witnesses told investigators that Colvin, a former high school track star and Golden Gloves boxer, hit Morales at least once and took his wallet after he was incapacitated.

Police "believe he was one of the primary participants in the assault," Reveles said.

A jail official said records available Tuesday night did not list an attorney for Colvin.

Morales, 40, had just been dropped off at an East Austin apartment complex when the driver who had given him a ride struck a 2-year-old boy, according to police.

The driver got out of the car to check on the child and was confronted by several people. When they attacked the driver, Morales tried to intervene and was attacked as well.

The toddler, Michael Hosea Jr., was not seriously hurt.

"The investigation is definitely far from over," Reveles said.

"The investigation is definitely far from over. We have talked to a lot of people. And we believe there are several more people involved."

Sgt. Hector Reveles

Austin Police Department

eles said. "We have talked to a lot of people. And we believe there are several more people that are involved."

Police decided to charge Colvin with manslaughter rather than murder because it would probably be difficult to prove that he intended to kill Morales, Reveles said.

"We believe it was a safe charge, a charge that's going to hold," Reveles said. "There is the possibility that at a later time the charges may be upgraded."

The Texas penal code defines manslaughter as recklessly causing the death of an individual.

Morales' younger sister, Margaret Morales, said Colvin's arrest was "one step."

"It may take time, but they'll all be caught somehow," she said.

Central Texas city adopts aggressive neutering program

By Kathleen Thurber

Waco Tribune-Herald

WACO — As sunlight creeps into the Waco Lions Park miniature golf course, dozens of cats meander out from the edges of the chain-link fence and the protection of brightly colored picnic tables and benches.

For the next few hours, before the course is overrun by streams of children swinging their putters through the thick summer heat, cats will rule the park.

When they slink into the open this recent morning, though, they notice something out of place: A cluster of long metal boxes filled with fresh food. A burnt orange kitten delicately steps toward the foreign structure and then SNAP! the stillness of morning is broken by the clank of metal.

The first feral cat has been trapped.

"I think that one's too young," says Carrie Kuehl, director of Waco's Animal Birth Control Clinic. "We can take it in and see."

Kuehl has teamed with Lions Park director Bob McClory and park manager Sandy McClory to control the park's feral cat population through a pilot trap-neuter-release program she says could help solve the city's feral cat issues.

"Waco's pretty behind in not having a feral cat program," Kuehl says, explaining how her initiative, which aims to prevent reproduction of feral cats and stop the spread of rabies among them, already has been implemented in several other places.

Feral cats are unsocialized cats that were either born in the wild or have been abandoned so long they've reverted back

to their wild state, says Heidi Marcum, senior lecturer in environmental studies at Baylor University. When unfixed cats are abandoned or allowed outside, a city's feral cat population gets out of hand.

And that, she says, has been the case in Waco for years.

"The mentality is that cats do fine on their own and easily adapt to being dumped," Marcum says. "But that's not the case."

She says the majority of abandoned cats are run over, eaten by other animals or killed by humans. Those that persevere outdoors, however, reproduce and spark colonies like the ones Kuehl is targeting with her program.

There are anywhere between several dozen to 300 cats in Waco Lions Park and the surrounding area, Kuehl says. The constant supply of water and shelter at the park coupled with food from customers and garbage bins create an ideal environment for feral cats.

Other areas, such as the Baylor campus or any city block highly populated with restaurants, also provide ideal habitats, she says.

"Baylor has a huge problem," Kuehl says. "Unfortunately, dogs and cats sometimes get left behind at the end of the year."

Although some cat fanciers would like to turn these alley cats into lap cats including Sandy McClory who, much to her husband's dismay, has taken 13 cats home, Kuehl says it's best to leave them outside.

"Once the kitten is beyond the age of 10 weeks, it becomes very difficult to tame them," Kuehl says.

Instead, she says, it's best to release the felines back into their colonies after they've

"If cat colonies are removed or killed, new cats inevitably move in, breeding more kittens more often than normal to make up for the loss in population."

Carrie Kuehl

director of Animal Birth Control Clinic, Waco

been vaccinated for rabies and spayed or neutered.

"When you move a colony completely, there's always cats outside the colony," she says. If cat colonies are removed or killed, new cats inevitably move in, breeding more kittens more often than normal to make up for the loss in population.

"The park's trying to do something as a responsible citizen," Bob McClory says, adding that he has noticed cats in the area throughout more than 20 years working there. "We know there's a problem and we're trying to do something."

Marcum, who previously researched Waco's feral cat situation with a student, says that although the trap-neuter-release program is the best short-term solution, educating residents to spay or neuter their animals is the only long-term answer.

"There are still people in Waco who do not subscribe to fixing their animals," Marcum says, attributing the problem to a lack of information for some and a lack of money to spay or neuter pets for others.

South Dakota awaits first execution in 60 years

By Carson Walker

The Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. — South Dakota's first execution in 60 years and what would be its 16th on record is scheduled for sometime next week, nearly a year after the governor delayed it due to legal concerns over the lethal injection mixture.

Elijah Page, 25, of Athens, has ended all appeals and asked to die by for the March 2000 murder of Chester Allan Poage, 19, of Spearfish in the northern Black Hills.

He was scheduled to be executed Aug. 29, but Gov. Mike Rounds stopped it just hours before because of a conflict between the two-drug method written in state law and a three-drug combination that prison officials planned to use.

This past winter, lawmakers changed the law to let prison officials use whatever lethal injection method they choose.

Mike Butler, Page's Sioux Falls attorney, said the governor and the state Supreme Court chief justice have assured him that if Page wants to call off the execution even moments before, his verbal request will be honored.

State and federal courts will be available to handle any issues that arise, said Butler, who plans to watch the execution but won't restart the appeals process unless Page directs him to.

"Truly the matter rests in Mr. Page's hands at this point," he said.

Butler said he has met with Page weekly but his client will not give any interviews before the execution.

Last summer's stay surprised everyone and delayed closure for the victim's mother, Dottie

Poage of Rapid City, said John Fitzgerald, Lawrence County state's attorney.

"She had gotten herself emotionally and physically ready for the execution," he told The Associated Press in an interview in Deadwood.

Poage has not talked publicly since. She plans to speak after the execution, which she will view, said Fitzgerald, another witness.

Page has been housed in a newer wing of the South Dakota State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls. At some point he'll be taken to a cell at the old death row in an older part, on a hill overlooking the state's largest city.

The chamber has been remodeled since the last execution in the state, although there are still holes in the floor from where the electric chair was bolted down for George Stitts' April 1947 execution for killing two lawmen.

That crime happened not far from where Poage was killed. Besides being the first person executed in South Dakota in 60 years, Page would be among a handful of people his age or younger put to death since capital punishment was reinstated in 1979. His case also is unusual because a judge, not a jury, imposed a death sentence — and he has asked to die.

Page's execution is set for the week of July 9. State law prevents the exact date and time of execution to be released until 48 hours before.

The seven years it took to get to that point started March, 13, 2000, with a plan to steal from Poage, who thought he was with friends but was killed so there wasn't a witness to the theft.

Page and Briley Piper of Anchorage, Alaska, were sentenced to death after they pleaded guilty. The third man, Darrell Hoadley of Lead, opted to stand trial. He was convicted and a split jury sentenced him to life in prison.

OBITUARIES

Irene McLane Barbaria

No services are planned for Irene McLane Barbaria, 83, of Harker Heights, who died July 1, 2007, at a Killeen hospital. Cremation was planned.

She was born Aug. 10, 1923, in Frankston, the daughter of James Frank McLane and Gilliland McLane.

Sheppard Funeral Home of Copperas Cove handled arrangements.

Ingeburg H.E. Stull

Graveside services for Ingeburg Hildegard Erika Stull, 82, of Copperas Cove, will be at 11 a.m. Friday in the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery.

Mrs. Stull died June 28, 2007, in a local nursing home.

She was born Sept. 17, 1924, in Berlin, Germany, to Erich Hugo Ernst Arndt and Emma Bendler Arndt.

Marcum says places such as the Animal Birth Control Clinic provide a step toward controlling and minimizing feral cat problems. However, to truly handle the situation, the city or some larger entity must assume control.

"Waco is just not there; it's not a priority for Waco to take care of its stray animals," she says. "And this is an easily solved problem. It's not rocket science."

City Manager Larry Groth says as far as animals are concerned, the city's priorities are first with stray dogs because they have a greater potential for harming children.

"Obviously any additional animals that are not taken care of are a problem," he says. "Stray dog problems are much more critical."

Veterinarian Kelly Gilliland says feral cats are mostly a health risk to other cats not to humans. "They're out there being promiscuous," she says, explaining that contact between cats helps spread diseases such as feline leukemia, which is incurable.

However, Kuehl says, one reason Waco Lions Park was chosen as the first target area is because of the large number of children who could come into contact with kittens that have not been vaccinated for rabies.

Kuehl says her organization has received some donations to fund the program, and she hopes these continue so the city's feral cat population can be better controlled.

"I'm hoping the community will step up and we can go from colony to colony in Waco," Kuehl says. "I mean, that would be a dream."

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West Texas reinventing itself with new energy projects

By Betsy Blaney
The Associated Press

LUBBOCK — Oil gushed from the vast scrub brush terrain of the Permian Basin and made millionaires of many. From the High Plains just to the north came cattle, cotton, and food crops.

West Texas held its own economically for decades. But since the 1980s the region has seen its population dwindle and its economy shrivel.

While the numbers of farmers, ranchers and oil field workers have been on a steady decline over the past decade, hardy West Texans have been adapting.

The region long known for sheep and goats, cattle feedyards, cotton fields and oil derricks is evolving into a hub of alternative energy, with plans for ethanol plants and wind farms, and possible nuclear reactors and coal-powered plants.

“These rural communities have to find something they can have in their area that provides quality of life and will generate the economic activity that allows communities to thrive and grow,” said Greg Clary, a Texas Cooperative Extension economist who works with the Texas Center for Rural Entrepreneurship.

Just last week, a University of Tennessee study projected that Texas would lead the nation in production of renewable energy by 2025, creating more than 173,000 jobs and adding about \$22.8 billion annually to the state’s economy.

The report was commissioned by the National 25x’25 Alliance, a group of organizations and individuals shooting to have 25 percent of the nation’s energy come from renewable sources by 2025. Nationally by that year, the renewable energy effort was forecast to have an annual economic impact of \$700 billion and create 5.1 million jobs.

Already, West Texas has begun moving in that direction, and efforts continue to expand

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the region’s energy industry. Cities and counties across the region have economic development corporations, which work to attract businesses and create job opportunities. Some are funded by a portion of sales tax revenues allowable under state law while others are privately funded.

Here’s a look at some energy projects — proposed, underway or already in place — that many believe will revitalize West Texas.

■ **WIND:** Since the mid-1990s, wind turbines have stretched skyward in Texas; in 1999, the bladed towers began to dot mesas across portions of West Texas. The state last year surpassed California as the nation’s leading producer with 2,370 wind-generated megawatts, enough to power 600,000 homes a year.

That number could grow significantly in coming years, and breezy West Texas would benefit. Billionaire T. Boone Pickens recently announced plans to build a 4,000-megawatt wind farm — the world’s largest — in the Panhandle.

■ **ETHANOL PLANTS:** Three plants are under construction in West Texas. Two

plants in Hereford and one in Levelland will produce 240 million gallons a year when completed. Statewide, eight more are planned. Four of those, potentially totaling another 380 million gallons a year, would be built in West Texas.

One of the Hereford plants, owned by The Panda Group of Dallas, will turn manure from nearby feedyards and cotton gin waste into fuel.

■ **NUCLEAR:** The University of Texas system, Permian Basin cities and private industry hope to bring the nation’s first High Temperature Teaching and Test Reactor to Andrews County. A feasibility study is under way on the reactor, which would cost \$400 million and be completed by 2012.

If built, the reactor would use fuels that include uranium, some types of plutonium and thorium, and spent reactor fuel elements now in secure locations across the country.

Fuel pellets about the size of poppy seeds would be covered with three layers of ceramic coating and do not rupture up to 3,600 degrees, according to University of Texas-Permian Basin’s Jim Wright, a spokesman for the project.

At high temperatures it’s believed the reactor can generate hydrogen as an alternative energy source.

The reactor, which would be part of an energy research facility, is considered safer than traditional nuclear plants. Because it is cooled by helium rather than water, there is no danger of a meltdown, according to Wright. Japan and China are currently the only countries with high temperature test reactors, and each is working to generate hydrogen.

Andrews County already has a nuclear-related industry. Dallas-based Waste Control Specialists currently stores 45,000 tons of Cold War-era radioactive waste and is seeking a license to dispose of it.

A couple of hundred of miles north in Amarillo, a developer is seeking federal approval to build a nuclear power plant.

The city has long been home to Pantex, the nation’s only nuclear weapons assembly and disassembly facility.

George Chapman and his company, Amarillo Power, and UniStar Nuclear plan to apply to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission next year for a permit to build and operate the plant. Technical reviews for the license and hearings could take four years, NRC officials have said.

No location has been disclosed.

■ — **COAL-POWERED PLANT:** The Permian Basin is one of four sites — two in Texas and two in Illinois — that are finalists for the \$1.5 billion project headed by the U.S. Department of Energy and a consortium of 10 energy companies from the United States, China and Australia.

The plant, billed as a prototype coal-fueled power plant that produces almost no pollutants, would store carbon dioxide, a heat-trapping “greenhouse” gas, underground. Possible locations are Mattoon and Tuscola, in eastern Illinois, and Odessa and Jewett, in Texas. A site is expected to be chosen in September.

Breathing new life into the basin’s economy now, though, is a resurgent petroleum industry, spurred by the high price of oil.

In a region long known for agriculture, West Texas is eager to expand its economy beyond food and fiber, Texas Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples said.

“I think we need to be smart and selective when we go after projects,” Staples said. “We need to look at the entire set of ramifications, but I see opportunity in this and I see an ability to attract new minds and new talent to the rural parts of Texas that have been suffering from a lower population base.”

Betsy Blaney has been the AP’s Lubbock correspondent since 2001 and regularly reports on agricultural issues.

ON THE AGENDA

Codependents Anonymous

For relationship problems, go to Codependents Anonymous, a 12-step study support group. Meetings are from noon to 1 p.m. every Saturday at First Assembly of God, 502 N. 38th Street, next to Killeen High School.

More information: 699-2292

Copperas Cove Community Center

Pinochle starts at 7 p.m. Fridays at the downtown community center at 105 Avenue D in Copperas Cove, next to the movie theater. You do not need a partner. To register, call 518-2175.

Christian karaoke begins at 8 p.m. Saturdays at the community center.

Depression and Bipolar Support Group

Adults meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursdays.

More information: Larry Egly, 630-9141

Children, ages 9 to 12, meet from 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays. Parents or guardians must stay onsite.

More information: Shelley Bertzyk, 432-4950

Children, ages 13-18, meet from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursdays.

Location: 1104 N. Fourth Street, Killeen

More information: 319-8024 or chowell307@aol.com

Killeen Heights Rotary

Meetings begin at 7 a.m. Fridays at the Plaza Hotel, 1721 E. Central Texas Expressway, Killeen.

Molly Kaufman, with Fort Hood’s Santa’s Workshop, will discuss the workshop and the upcoming “Christmas in July” kickoff event at the Outback Restaurant.

Rich Kaye, assistant district governor, will update members on important Rotary activities.

For more information or to make reservations, call Bobby Hoxworth at 554-4224.

New Light Lodge 242 PHA

Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. today at 304 S. 40th St., Killeen. For more information, call Ernest Lott at 702-1278.

TOPS Chapter 1004

Take off Pounds Sensibly meets every Thursday at 902 Conder St. in the Special Olympics Building.

Weigh-in is from 5:30 to 6:20 p.m. Meeting is from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

For more information, call Betsy Eads at 690-6298 or Kerry Campbell at 634-6531.

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PROGRAM UNDER MEDICAL SUPERVISION

ASTROGRAPH

Thursday, July 5, 2007

The urge to acquire more knowledge either through reading or personal experiences might become more pronounced.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) It behooves you to listen to whatever anybody has to say, even idle chatter. Someone could inadvertently let the cat out of the bag concerning info you've been trying to gather. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker wheel can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o Killeen Daily Herald, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your commercial affairs could possess some kind of unique edge that may be more evident to your associates than to you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You may get an opportunity to win over a new ally who could prove to be of immense value down the line.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your ingenuity and resourcefulness can be advantageously expressed in some unusual ways, especially involving important issues that have to do with your work or career. Use them.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Some of the best things that happen to you, things of considerable importance, could come about in unexpected ways.

BRIDGE BY PHILLIP ALDER

Take a look at the North hand. Your partner opens one diamond, you respond one heart, partner rebids one spade, and you jump to two no-trump. (I never found out if this was game-invitational or game-forcing. It ought to be invitational. With the values for game, bid three no-trump.) Now partner continues with three spades, showing 5-6. What would you do?

North knows there are no rounded-suit losers. And admittedly South's hand is not as strong as North would expect. (With a weaker 5-6, South might open one spade, calling his hand a 5-5 and not wishing to risk losing his spade suit should the opponents pre-empt the auction.) But North, with no honor cards in partner's suits, should only dabble his toe in the slam water with a four-club advance control-bid (cue-bid). Since North cannot be trying to find a club fit, this says that he is raising to four spades, that he likes his hand, and that he has the club ace. It shows a better hand than a quiet raise to four spades. South would sign off in four spades, ending the auction.

At the table, though, North jumped to four no-trump, which resulted in a final contract of five spades, losing three trump tricks.

This dabble-your-toe is an important bidding concept. If you are unfamiliar with it, discuss it with your partner. If you hate partner's suits, you jump ship with three no-trump. If you are lukewarm for spades, you raise to game. If you think a slam is possible, you make an advance control-bid.

North
07-05-07
♠ 9 3 2
♥ A Q 10 6
♦ 4 2
♣ A Q 6 2

West
♠ K Q 8
♥ 9 8 5 2
♦ J 5
♣ J 9 5 3

East
♠ A 5
♥ 7 4 3
♦ 9 8 6
♣ K 10 8 7 4

South
♠ J 10 7 6 4
♥ K J
♦ A K Q 10 7 3
♣ —

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: East-West

South 1 ♦
1 ♠
3 ♠

West Pass
Pass
Pass

North 1 ♥
2 NT
??

East Pass
Pass
Pass

Opening lead: ♣ 3

CELEBRITY CIPHER BY LUIS CAMPOS

Today's Clue: A equals W

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CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Soften up
5 Desert plant
10 Dorm sharer
12 Raw deal (2 wds.)
13 Naval rank
14 Of high mountains
15 Temper tantrums
16 Bleach bottle
18 Foundation
19 Backer
23 Wane
26 Stashed away
27 — -Aid (drink mix)
30 Improve by experience
32 Sounded hoarse
34 Pasture entrances
35 Half-shell item
36 Injure a toe
37 Caustic

DOWN

1 Cager — Kukoc
2 Emulate Oprah
3 Faulty
4 Toupee kin
5 “The King and I” name
6 Foul-ball caller
7 Cattle stall
8 Sugar source
9 Mimicked

substance
38 Where to see stars
39 Goes over again
42 Thai neighbor
45 Fix a squeak
46 Tostada’s cousin
50 Came to terms
53 Fluffed, as hair
55 Cheesy snacks
56 Squealed
57 Meadow feature
58 Subtraction word

Answer to Previous Puzzle

L	U	R	E	D				B	L	O	O	M		
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10 Sports “zebra”
11 Forbids
12 Sacks
17 And, for Wolfgang

20 Moon, in poetry
21 Approved
22 Antarctic sea
23 Mountain curve
24 Las Vegas “action”
25 Night crawler
28 Makes a choice
29 Onion cousin
31 Disparaging remark
32 Author’s payment
33 Dull
37 Aloha token
40 Dowels
41 Unimaginative
42 Ger. or Fr.
43 Seaweed derivative
44 Willy or Shamu
47 Venomous snakes
48 High notes
49 Weird
51 Codgers’ qudies
52 Goddess of dawn
54 Electric —

Vehicles reported stolen in Killeen, Cove

By Justin Cox
Killeen Daily Herald

Five vehicles were reported stolen earlier this week from their owners in Killeen and Copperas Cove.

■ A theft over \$20,000 constituting a second degree felony was reported on the 2700 block of East U.S. Highway 190 at 12:24 p.m. in Copperas Cove. A Kia Sedona, a dog, miscellaneous clothing and electronics were reported stolen, valued at \$24,010.

■ A gray 2006 Ford Explorer was reported stolen from the 1800 block of Ruiz Drive in Killeen between 10 p.m. Sunday and 10:43 a.m. Monday. The vehicle is valued at \$21,000.

■ A black 2002 Pontiac Grand Am was reported stolen from the intersection of Chapparral and Featherline Roads just outside of Killeen between 10:30 p.m. Tuesday and 2:02 a.m. Wednesday.

■ A vehicle was reported stolen from the 1000 block of East Rancier Avenue in Killeen between 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 27, and 10:50 a.m. Monday. The report did not include the make or model.

■ A Suzuki motorcycle was reported stolen from the 1600 block of North Main Street in Copperas Cove at 6:05 a.m. Tuesday. The cycle is valued at \$11,500.

Additional criminal activity Tuesday and Wednesday included the following:

■ A building was burglarized on the 5700 block of Tumbled Stone Drive in Killeen between 5 p.m. Monday and 9:51 a.m. Tuesday.

■ A home was burglarized on the 2800 block of Schwald Road in Killeen between 11 a.m. Saturday and 4 a.m. Tuesday. The amount of property stolen was not included in the report.

■ A building was burglarized on the 1100 block of Leslie Court in Killeen between 10 a.m. and 8:21 p.m. Tuesday.

■ An apartment was burglar-

ized on the 3300 block of Cantabrian Drive in Killeen between 5:55 and 10:27 p.m. Tuesday.

■ An identity theft was reported on the 4300 block of Jim Avenue in Killeen between 1:35 p.m. Saturday, June 16 and 5:45 p.m. Tuesday.

■ An incident of debit card abuse was reported at an apartment on the 1800 block of North 8th Street in Killeen between midnight Saturday, June 16 and 4 p.m. Tuesday.

■ A home was burglarized on the 500 block of West Central Texas Expressway in Killeen between 8 a.m. and 2:13 p.m. Tuesday.

■ An incident of debit card abuse was reported on the 900 block of West Jasper Drive in Killeen between 8 a.m. Saturday and 2:31 p.m. Tuesday.

■ An assault by contact was reported on the 2700 block of East U.S. Highway 190 at 2:02 a.m. Tuesday in Copperas Cove.

■ A home was burglarized on the 900 block of Ballard Drive in Copperas Cove before 3:18 a.m. Tuesday.

■ An attempted sexual assault in combination with an assault by contact/family violence was reported on the 300 block of West U.S. Highway 190 in Copperas Cove at 3:31 a.m. Tuesday.

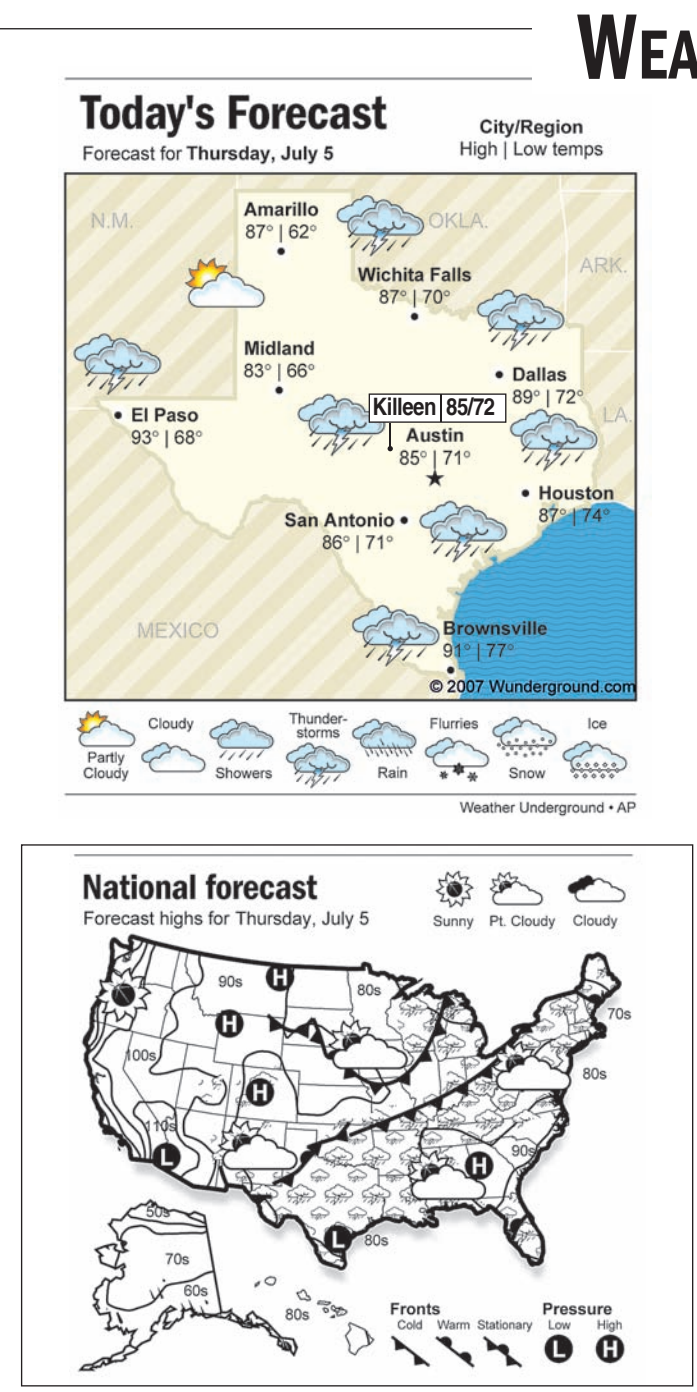
■ An assault causing bodily injury/family violence was reported on the 400 block of Myra Road in Copperas Cove at 12:11 p.m. Tuesday.

■ An assault by contact was reported at an apartment on the 200 blk of Marston Street in Copperas Cove at 1:13 p.m. Tuesday.

■ An assault by contact was reported on the 2100 block of Terrace Drive in Copperas Cove at 4:55 p.m. Tuesday.

■ An assault by contact was reported on the 200 block of East Halstead Avenue in Copperas Cove at 11:12 p.m. Tuesday.

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WEATHER



TODAY'S FORECAST

HIGH.....85 LOW.....72
CHANCE OF PRECIPITATION.....80
WINDS.....NORTHEAST, 5 TO 10 MPH

FORECAST



FRIDAY
87/73



SATURDAY
89/72



SUNDAY
91/72



MONDAY
91/74



TUESDAY
89/71

STATISTICS

HIGH TEMPERATURE.....82
LOW TEMPERATURE.....72
RAINFALL.....0.42 INCHES

LAKE LEVELS

BELTON.....623.4 (UP 29.4)
STILLHOUSE.....659.3 (UP 37.3)

STATE TEMPERATURES

ABILENE.....86/71
AMARILLO.....89/64
AUSTIN.....81/68
BROWNSVILLE.....93/80
COLLEGE STATION.....82/75
CORPUS CHRISTI.....85/72
DALLAS-FORT WORTH.....86/74
EL PASO.....96/73
GALVESTON.....78/73
HOUSTON.....82/74
LUBBOCK.....89/66
MIDLAND-ODESSA.....89/66
SAN ANGELO.....84/69
SAN ANTONIO.....82/72
WACO.....85/71
WICHITA FALLS.....88/71

SUN

SUNRISE.....6:32 A.M.
SUNSET.....8:39 P.M.

NATION'S EXTREMES

DEATH VALLEY, CALIF.126
WEST YELLOWSTONE, MONT.32

NATIONAL TEMPERATURES

ATLANTA.....86/67
BOSTON.....82/61
CHICAGO.....86/67
CLEVELAND.....82/65
DENVER.....90/60
INDIANAPOLIS.....84/65
KANSAS CITY.....88/71
LAS VEGAS.....114/84
LITTLE ROCK.....86/73
LOS ANGELES.....84/67
MIAMI BEACH.....90/73
NEW YORK CITY.....71/65
PHILADELPHIA.....80/63
PHOENIX.....116/85
SEATTLE.....84/61
WASHINGTON, D.C.....87/69

Heavy rain continues throughout Texas

The Associated Press

DALLAS — Widespread heavy rain brought minor street flooding and more weather warnings across Texas on Wednesday, the National Weather Service said.

At least 20 counties were under flash flood warnings, and the Trinity River in the Dallas-Fort Worth area was expected

to crest at 37 feet overnight, about 7 feet above flood stage. Water level was measured at more than 35 feet Wednesday morning.

The heaviest rainfall Wednesday came in St. Hedwig, about 22 miles east of San Antonio. Nearly three-quarters of an inch fell in about 2½ hours, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service.

Houston to pay sexual harassment judgment after losing appeal

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — The city plans to pay nearly \$1 million to the first female officer in the Houston Police Department's motorcycle unit after losing a federal appeal of her sexual harassment lawsuit.

The city's legal department is reviewing its options, but city attorney Arturo Michel said he does not plan to seek a rehearing or file additional appeals.

"I think it's likely that we will just ... seek to pay the judgment from our claims fund," Michel said.

Beth Kreuzer sued in federal court for harassment and retaliation and won a \$600,000 verdict in 2005. She also was awarded more than \$315,000 in attorney fees.

Her lawsuit said her supervisor "offensively touched and humiliated her" and that she was mocked by her colleagues.

Kreuzer joined the department's motorcycle unit in 1998 after 10 years as a homicide investigator. The department is 13 percent female, which makes Houston one of the least gender-balanced of the nation's big-city police departments. Of 39 motorcycle officers, one is a woman.

"This is a tremendous validation not just for me but for so many people in this situation," said Kreuzer, who retired from the department last year.

Kreuzer's suit is the third successful sexual harassment lawsuit filed on behalf of female Houston police officers by lawyers Katherine Butler and Margaret Harris.

Since the Kreuzer lawsuit, the police force has revised sexual harassment policies and begun an awareness program by displaying sexual

harassment posters, changes department officials deny are connected to Kreuzer's lawsuit.

A month after the April 2005 verdict, the department announced plans to prevent high-ranking officials from interfering in internal investigations. The department has also since officially added the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and the Texas Workforce Commission's civil rights division as places for employees to report harassment.

Midlevel managers now receive more training and supervisors must take immediate action when they learn of misconduct. Investigations into harassment claims must conclude within two months.

"The department does make it easier for people to come forward not because of these cases but simply because the department does not tolerate this kind of conduct," police spokesman Capt. Dwayne Ready said.

Two-car collision



Herald/STEVE TRAYNOR

Brandi Enriquez is consoled by her mother, Laura, after the younger woman collided with another car on Stan Schlueter Loop on Wednesday. The accident happened near the scene where two women were killed in a Dollar General store in Killeen. The driver of the other car is seen in the background.



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Bystanders rush to help the drivers of two cars involved in a collision on Stan Schlueter Loop in Killeen on Wednesday.

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6:30-7:00-7:30-9:50-10:20-10:50

1408 (PG13)
(11:05-2:15-5:00)-7:50-10:25

EVAN ALMIGHTY (PG)
(11:10-11:40-1:50-2:20-4:20-4:50)
6:55-7:25-9:35-10:05

FANTASTIC FOUR: RISE OF THE SILVER SURFER (PG)
(11:50-2:30-4:15-5:10)-7:40-10:10

KNOCKED UP (R)
(3:50)-10:15

***LIVE FREE OR DIE HARD (PG13)**
(12:40-1:10-3:40-4:10)
6:50-7:20-10:00-10:30

OCEANS THIRTEEN (PG13)
(12:50)-7:05

PIRATES WORLD END (PG13)
9:30

***RATATOUILLE (G)**
(11:00-12:20-1:45-3:20-4:30)
6:40-7:10-9:55

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(11:20-1:40)-6:45-9:00

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SPORTS

THURSDAY'S ROUNDUP

In The Spotlight

Ride 'em

The Bell County Fourth of July PRCA rodeo continues tonight at the Bell County Expo Center at 7 p.m.



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Today's Schedule

MLB
American League
 Cleveland at Detroit, noon
 Minnesota at NY Yankees, noon
 Tampa Bay at Boston, 6 p.m.
 Baltimore at Chicago White Sox, 7 p.m.
 LA Angels at Texas, 7:30 p.m.
 Seattle at Oakland, 9 p.m.
National League
 Milwaukee at Pittsburgh, 11:30 a.m.
 Florida at San Diego, 2:30 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs at Washington, 6 p.m.
 San Francisco at Cincinnati, 6 p.m.
 Arizona at St. Louis, 6 p.m.
 NY Mets at Houston, 7 p.m.
 Atlanta at LA Dodgers, 9 p.m.
WNBA
 Indiana at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

American wins hot dog title over 6-time champ



AP/SETH WENIG

Joey Chestnut, center, celebrates after winning Nathan's Famous Hot Dog Eating Competition in New York, Wednesday. Chestnut emerged as the world's hot dog eating champion by gobbling down a record 66 franks.

By Larry McShane
 The Associated Press

NEW YORK — In a gut-busting showdown that combined drama, daring and indigestion, Joey Chestnut emerged Wednesday as the world's hot dog eating champion, knocking off six-time winner Takeru Kobayashi in a record-setting yet repulsive triumph.

Chestnut, the great red, white and blue hope in the annual Fourth of July competition, broke his own world record by inhaling 66 hot dogs in 12 minutes — a staggering one every 10.9 seconds before a screaming crowd in Coney Island.

"If I needed to eat another one right now, I could," the 23-year-old Californian said after receiving the mustard yellow belt emblematic of hot dog eating supremacy.

Kobayashi, the Japanese eating

machine, recently had a wisdom tooth extracted and received chiropractic treatment due to a sore jaw. But the winner of every Nathan's hot dog competition from 2001 to 2006 showed no ill effects as he stayed with Chestnut frank-for-frank until the very end of the 12-minute competition.

Once the contest ended, the runner-up suffered a reversal — competitive eating-speak for barfing — leading to a deduction from his final total. Kobayashi finished with 63 HDBs (hot dogs and buns eaten) in his best performance ever.

Competitors receive credit for anything in their mouths at the 12-minute mark, provided they can swallow it.

"Obviously, the last bit exited his mouth quite dramatically," said Rich

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PRCA RODEO

Hanging on



Herald/STEVE TRAYNOR

Casey Rogers, of Dodd City, hangs on for his ride in the bareback bronc competition during the opening night of the Belton PRCA Fourth of July Rodeo at the Bell County Expo Center on Wednesday. Rogers scored 69 points to win the event.

Competitors struggle during opening night of rodeo

By Raegan Stanley
 Killeen Daily Herald

BELTON - The cowboys and cowgirls seemed to struggle on the first night of the 83rd Annual Fourth of July PRCA Rodeo at the Expo Center but that didn't stop a large crowd from cheering them on.

Bareback riding sported the highest success rate on Wednesday night with the two competitors that were in it for the money earning points.

Casey Rogers of Dodd City was the first one out of the chute on stock contractor David Bailey's Golden Rule and rode for 69 points.

With three riders going as fillers, Jared Smith was the final rider registered for the event. Smith, the No. 9 bareback rider in the PRCA Texas circuit standings and No. 48 in the world, didn't disappoint the eager crowd. The Williston, Fla. native rode Night Hawk for 75 points, winning the first go-round.

An early go of Mutton Bustin' gave people an extra shot of energy as nine competitors ages 4-7 hung on to sheep for all they were worth. Appropriately enough, Rowdy Baker of Lott, who is 46 inches and 49 pounds, rode his sheep for a score of 85 to win the event. The score was also the highest in any event. Sean Parham of Belton took second place with a score of 80 and Hunter Howton of Salado took third with 74 points. The remaining competitors

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Howard, Phillies snap Astros three-game winning streak

By Chris Duncan
 The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Ryan Howard had a two-run homer and an RBI single and Cole Hamels earned his elusive 10th win as the Philadelphia Phillies beat the Houston Astros 8-3 on Wednesday.

Wes Helms, Jimmy Rollins and Pat Burrell also homered and Chase Utley went 3-for-4 with a single, double and triple for the Phillies, who won for the third time in nine games. Helms also had a single and an RBI double.

Hamels (10-4) gave up eight hits with eight strikeouts in seven innings and became the first Phillies starter since Eric Milton in 2004 to win 10 games before the All-Star break. The left-hander, one of three Phillies headed to the All-Star game, had his longest outing since

going eight innings against the Chicago White Sox on June 12, his last victory.

Eric Munson hit a solo homer and had a sacrifice fly for the Astros, who lost for just the second time in 10 home games. Hunter Pence hit a solo homer to lead off the ninth, his 11th of the season.

Houston starter Chris Sampson (6-6) hasn't won since June 8. He took a loss for the first time in five starts, giving up four runs and eight hits in 6 1-3 innings.

Burrell singled in the second inning before Helms hit his second RBI double in two nights, a liner to left.

Munson, Houston's left-batting backup catcher, led off the bottom of a third with a tying homer into the left-field porch. Munson's second

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AP/PAT SULLIVAN

Philadelphia Phillies' Chase Utley (26) welcomes teammate Ryan Howard, right, to home plate after Howard's two-run home run in the eighth inning against the Houston Astros Wednesday in Houston.

COMING UP

THURSDAY, JULY5
RODEO

Belton 4th of July PRCA Rodeo, Bell County Expo Center, Belton, 7 p.m.

TODAY'S TV SPORTS

GOLF

1 p.m. U.S. Senior Open Championships, first round ESPN

TENNIS

7 a.m. Wimbledon Championships, women's semifinas, from London ESPN2

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

7:30 p.m. Los Angeles at Texas FSNSW

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER

7 p.m. New York at Houston ESPN2

BRIEFS

Killeen Chamber golf tournament set

The 52nd annual Greater Killeen Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors Tournament is set for Aug. 18. The four-person scramble begins at 8 a.m. at Stonetree Golf Course. The entry fee is \$70 per player and includes green fees, cart, refreshments/food and prizes. Register at the chamber. Registration forms can be downloaded from the chamber Web site at www.gkcc.com.

Sonics sign Durant, Green

SEATTLE (AP) — Kevin Durant and Jeff Green, the second and fifth overall choices in last week's NBA draft, signed contracts with the Seattle SuperSonics on Wednesday. The 6-foot-9 Durant, just 18, is a forward who earned Associated Press college player of the year honors in his one season at Texas. He also won the Adolph Rupp Trophy, the Naismith Award and the Wooden Award. He will make \$3.476 million as a rookie and \$3.736 million in the second year. Green will earn \$2.548 million in his first year and \$2.739 million in the following one. The SuperSonics have one-year options for the players' third and fourth years. The 6-9 Green, also a forward, played three seasons at Georgetown, averaging 13.2 points and 6.5 rebounds. Green, 21, was named to the AP All-America third team in 2006-07 and, as a junior, helped the Hoyas make their first NCAA Final Four appearance since 1985.

Red Sox rotation set, without Schilling

BOSTON (AP) — The Boston Red Sox are making plans to return from the All-Star break without Curt Schilling in the rotation. The 40-year-old right-hander went on the 15-day disabled list with right shoulder tendinitis effective June 19, but the team had announced that he won't pitch again until after next week's break. On Wednesday, the Red Sox announced their rotation through July 16 without Schilling. Schilling played catch on Monday and was to do so "several more times" before he would return, manager Terry Francona said. Josh Beckett is on the AL roster for the July 10 All-Star game in San Francisco, and if he pitches then the Red Sox would use Tim Wakefield on July 12, when baseball returns from the three-day break. Julian Tavarez will start that Friday, followed by Daisuke Matsuzaka, Beckett and Kason Gabbard.

A-Rod may skip All-Star game

NEW YORK (AP) — Alex Rodriguez hasn't decided whether he will play in Tuesday's All-Star game or use the three-day break to rest his strained hamstring. The Yankees slugger, who leads the major leagues with 28 homers and 80 RBIs, topped fan voting for the game in San Francisco with 3.89 million votes. He hurt his left hamstring Monday night when he tripped over Twins first baseman Justin Morneau's ankle while beating out a potential double play. Rodriguez remained in the game after injuring his hamstring and advanced to second, then came out. He went 0-for-4 with a strikeout Tuesday night but looked comfortable in the field, starting an important double play with a fine pickup on the backhand side. Rodriguez has played in every game this season and hasn't been on the disabled list since July 2000 with Seattle, when he had a right knee strain.

Beckham aims to play against Chelsea

LONDON (AP) — David Beckham is confident he can recover from an ankle injury in time for his debut with the Los Angeles Galaxy in a July 21 exhibition against Chelsea in California. The England midfielder originally injured his left ankle playing for England in a European Championship qualifier June 6. The injury flared again when he played for Real Madrid in the Spanish league. Beckham decided to have an ankle scan during a stopover in London, and it was determined he has an injured ligament. His agent, Simon Oliveira, said Wednesday the scan showed "no long-term damage." Beckham helped Real Madrid win the league title before leaving the Spanish club and also has regained his place on the England team. He is to be introduced as a Galaxy player July 13 at the team's stadium in Carson, Calif.

Homesick guard wants out of contract

HOUSTON (AP) — Rockets guard Vassilis Spanoulis said he does not plan to return to the team and wants to play next season in his native Greece. "I want to stay in my country," Spanoulis told the Houston Chronicle in a story on its Web site Wednesday. That might be a problem for Spanoulis, who averaged 2.7 points and 0.9 assists in 31 games last season as a rookie. He signed a three-year contract with the Rockets, and general manager Daryl Morey said Tuesday the club has no plans to release him. Morey, coach Rick Adelman and Yao Ming have each called the guard and asked him to return. Miodrag Raznatovic, Spanoulis' agent, said his client is homesick and has promised to repay the \$350,000 buyout the Rockets paid to his former club. "I prefer to be with my family than to play in the United States," Spanoulis said. "It is very difficult for me to make that step, to be away from them and live there."

Nadal finally wins, then takes verbal shots at tournament

The Associated Press

WIMBLEDON, England — Who could blame Rafael Nadal and Robin Soderling for being a bit sick and tired of each other and, well, Wimbledon as a whole? They did, after all, spend an awful lot of time trying to finish their third-round match, until the No. 2-seeded Nadal finally won 6-4, 6-4, 6-7 (7), 4-6, 7-5 Wednesday, more than 90 hours after the pair first stepped on Court 1 to warm up. Still, the on-court animosity and verbal shots traded afterward were hardly in keeping with the genteel setting. The usually affable Nadal, in particular, had harsh words for Soderling — and questioned tournament organizers. "He's a strange guy," Nadal said. "I've said 'Hi' to him at least seven times since I've been on the tour and he's never answered back. I asked other players about it. It doesn't only happen to me."

Nadal was critical of the way Soderling appeared unconcerned when the three-time French Open champion fell to the turf at one point. Nadal also didn't like the way Soderling pumped a fist instead of offering the customary "sorry about that" wave of a hand after winning a point with the help of a favorable net cord. "He must have been in his complaining mood today," the 28th-seeded Soderling said. "If my opponent gets a lucky shot and he doesn't say, 'I'm sorry,' I don't care. For me, it's OK. Why should I say I'm sorry when it's the happiest moment of my life?" The last straw for Nadal: What he considered a half-hearted handshake at the net when their marathon ended. "After four days," Nadal said, "that's not normal." Told of Nadal's comments, Soderling responded: "I'd probably say the same, but I won't do that. I keep it to myself." On Monday, Soderling was upset that Nadal persisted in his slow, between-point rituals that many players have complained about, including Andre Agassi at Wimbledon last year. With Nadal ready to serve the opening game of the fifth set, Soderling walked deliber-



AP/ALASTAIR GRANT

Spain's Rafael Nadal throws his headband into the crowd as he celebrates after beating Sweden's Robin Soderling to win a men's singles match at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships, Wednesday.

ately to the sideline to change rackets — sending a message. When Soderling returned to the baseline, Nadal stopped his service motion and held up the ball, as if to say, "Ready now?" That's when Soderling turned away from Nadal and tugged at the back of his shorts, mimicking one of the Spaniard's habits and drawing guffaws from fans. Remember, that all happened Monday, when there were three rain delays — including one right after Nadal missed a forehand on match point at 7-6 in the third-set tiebreaker. By the time they had to stop Monday night after 8 p.m., Soderling had won that set and the fourth, too. Nadal, though, led 2-0 in the fifth. When they picked up again Tuesday, they got in a total of 19 minutes, enough for Soderling to even the set at 4-all. Sometimes, matches don't resume immediately after rain stops because weather reports predict more precipitation on the way, but Nadal and Soderling were ushered out onto court for stints of eight and 11

minutes. "That's very tough for the players," said Nadal, last year's Wimbledon runner-up. "They don't think very much about the players here, maybe." He and Soderling originally were scheduled to play Saturday, and they began hitting at 4 p.m. that day. But drizzles forced them off before the match actually began, and then came the traditional day off on the middle Sunday. "I didn't understand why we didn't play on Sunday," Nadal said. "The weather was OK, so much better than yesterday, Monday and today, too." It took him about 20 minutes to close it out Wednesday, and he celebrated by dropping to his knees, as though the championship were his. Instead, Nadal or No. 4 Novak Djokovic — who completed a three-day, 7-6 (4), 6-7 (6), 6-2, 7-6 (5) victory over Nicolas Kiefer — faces the prospect of playing on seven consecutive days if either makes it to Sunday's final. Then again, who knows whether the men's final will

be played Sunday? It's rained on eight of nine days so far, including Wednesday. "I've got nothing to do next week," two-time finalist Andy Roddick said with a smile, "so I'm here as long as I keep going." He beat Paul-Henri Mathieu 6-2, 7-5, 7-6 (6) in a fourth-round match suspended Tuesday and now faces No. 12 Richard Gasquet. Roddick trailed Mathieu 5-0 and 6-3 in the third-set tiebreaker before taking the final five points. The No. 3-seeded American has won 18 consecutive tiebreakers. All the remaining men are scheduled to play Thursday, including four-time reigning champion Roger Federer — who's been off since Friday. He avoided all of the rain hassles because his fourth-round opponent withdrew with an injury. "We've been stuck in a locker room for nine hours a day, and he's been chilling out taking the double-decker bus tour, maybe," Roddick said. "Given the choice, I'll take a living room over a locker room."

Astros: Hamels gets win Rodeo: 'Ugly Joe' gets ugly

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homer of the season was the third allowed by Hamels in his last two starts. Helms drove Sampson's first pitch of the fifth inning into the left-field seats, his third homer of the season. Helms has 11 hits in his last 18 at-bats against the Astros. Sampson retired Chris Coste and Hamels, but Rollins then homered to right to make it 3-1. The switch-hitting Rollins has hit 11 of his 15 homers batting left-handed. Utley led off the sixth with a triple off the fence in right center, his third of the season. Howard lined a single to right to put the Phillies up 4-1. The Astros averaged six runs in the first six games of their homestand, but couldn't get the key hits against Hamels, who beat

them for the second time this season. Houston left the bases loaded in the fifth inning, then stranded two runners in both the sixth and seventh. Utley led off the eighth with a double off Astros reliever Mark McLemore. Howard then drove a 3-2 pitch into the Astros' bullpen in right center, his 20th of the season and 14th since he came off the disabled list on May 25. One out later, Burrell homered off the left-field foul pole, his 10th home run of the season and second of the series. Helms singled and scored later in the inning on a wild pitch to make it 8-1. Mark Loretta led off the Astros' eighth with a double off Phillies reliever Ryan Madson. He went to third on Eric Bruntlett's single and came home on Munson's fly out to right.

Chestnut: Record setting

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Shea of the International Federation of Competitive Eating. Kobayashi's gastric distress was the only sour note in the tube-steak tussle, which aired nationally on ESPN. Kobayashi's previous best was 53½ in the competition that dates back to 1916. The all-time record before Wednesday's remarkable contest was Chestnut's 59½, set just last month in the Phoenix suburb of Tempe. The two gustatory gladiators quickly distanced themselves from the rest of the 17 competitors, processing more beef than a slaughterhouse within the first few minutes. The two had each downed 60 hot dogs with 60 seconds to go when Chest-

nut — the veins on his forehead extended — put away the final franks to end Kobayashi's reign. Kobayashi, through a translator, promised to return for the 2008 event. The victory by the San Jose, Calif., resident ended Japan's long dominance of the contest. The only previous non-Japanese winner since 1996 was New Jersey's Steve Keiner in 1999. Third place this year went to another American, Patrick Bertoletti of Chicago, with 49. "This title's been held by Kobayashi for six years, so it's about time it came home," said Chestnut, holding an American flag in his arms. "I knew going into this contest that Kobayashi was going to give 100 percent."

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were David Williams of Lorena, Savannah Davis of Temple, Josiah Powell of Temple, Logan Newton and Peyton Woytek of Belton and Meg Utley. Another local competitor, G.J. Ratliff of Nolanville, gave his best shot in the bull riding event on a bull named "Ugly Joe," with an emphasis on "Ugly". The bull, who has only been in one other PRCA event, tried his best to climb out of the chute. "It pumps me up," said Ratliff of the bulls' actions. "A lot of guys would get nervous but it gets my adrenaline going." Ratliff, 38, said he has spent a lot of time on "green" bulls and he is used to the nervousness of an untested animal. Ratliff has been in Nolanville for four months, but was raised in Holland before he joined the military. He has been a bull rider since 1997 and it is the only rodeo event he has ever competed in. "When I was a little kid, Leon Coffee (a renowned bull-fighter now in the Texas Rodeo Cowboy Hall of Fame) grabbed me by the scruff of the neck because I was trying to climb over the gate at the old rodeo arena downtown. I was going to ride a bull. I got away from the farming and ranching thing when I went into the Army but one day I pulled into Johnny Boren's in Belton and talked to Mr. Boren for a while," Ratliff said. "I got on three bulls in my tennis shoes, shorts and a vest. After that it was pretty much history." Ratliff didn't make the required eight-second ride and received a no score for his

efforts. Chad German of Groesbeck took the top ride on "Blue Bell" for 79 points. He was the only rider to earn points. Liz Cloud of Midlothian had the quickest time around the barrels with a time of 16.55 seconds. Bobbi Wagner of San Angelo and Jodye Smathers of Marble Falls both rode for a time of 16.61. Sandra Richter of Rogers had a five second penalty for a time of 22.55 in the first go-round. Only one of the nine team-roping teams were able to catch in the first go and that was the first team to rope, header Derrick Miller of Reeves, La. and Justin Babincauz of Sulphur, La. The team caught in 7 seconds flat to take the money. The saddle broncs were a bit kinder than the roping steers and Bryan Hammons of Victoria and James Savoie of Church Point, La. each rode for 71 points to split the pot. Shawn Felton of Dublin had the quickest time in the down roping with an 8.0. Jeff Davis of Fort Worth was close behind with a time of 8.5. Cody Schenkel of Sonora came in third with a time of 12.8. Brody Curbo made the steer wrestling look easy for the crowd. The cowboy had his steer down in 4.8 seconds. He was the fourth competitor in the go but the first to earn a time. The rodeo will begin tonight at 7 p.m. and it is family night. Additional information can be found at www.rodeobelton.com. Contact Raegan Stanley at rstanley@kdhnews.com or call (254)501-7564

U.S. SENIOR OPEN

Doyle taking shot at Senior Open threepeat

The Associated Press

HAVEN, Wis. — A desperate hacker could flip through a mountain of golf-advice books and magazine articles and never find one that recommends swinging like Allen Doyle.

But Doyle figures his slap-shot swing, something that looks like a vestige of his days as a college hockey player, is just part of his everyman appeal.

“People are going to embrace someone, maybe, that they can say, ‘Well, I swing something like that,’” Doyle said.

Besides, it seems to work just fine for him.

Doyle has risen from relative obscurity to win the past two U.S. Senior Opens, and will be going for an unprecedented three in a row when play begins Thursday at Whistling Straits.

Although he doesn’t have the pedigree of a Tom Watson, the golf icon Doyle beat to win last year’s Senior Open, Doyle believes he’ll have the fans on his side.

“It is nice to get around and have people acknowledge what you’ve done,” Doyle said. “Even during the year, people were yelling, ‘Go for the threepeat.’ That’s kind of nice.”

Doyle occasionally returns the favor by letting fans in on the joke, playing his favorite gag on the gallery after hitting a drive.

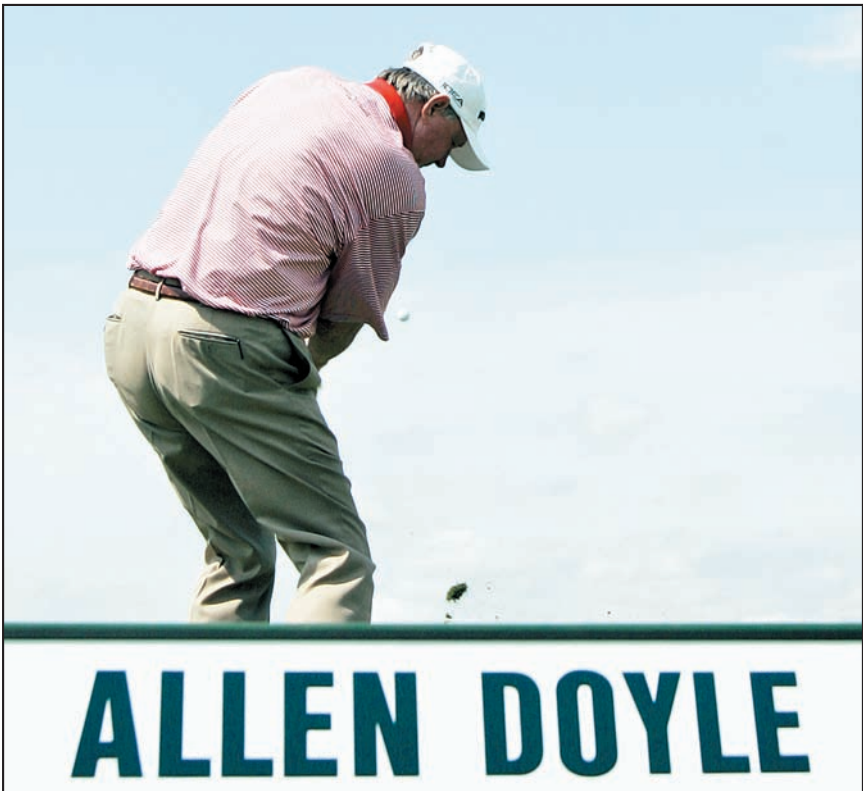
“I’ll turn to them and say, ‘I’ve been trying to stay short of parallel. Did I stay short of parallel there?’” Doyle said.

In sharp contrast with a traditional golf swing, where a player’s club shaft is more or less parallel with the ground at the top of his backswing, Doyle takes his club back only halfway.

“Some of them know I was kidding, and some of them don’t, and they’ll say, ‘Oh, no, you weren’t anywhere near parallel,’” Doyle said.

Although Doyle graduated as the top-scoring defenseman in the history of Norwich (Vt.) University, his unorthodox swing has less to do with one-timers from the blue line than the fact that he practiced in a room with a low ceiling when he was younger.

“If you saw Allen swing on the first tee, you’d probably say, ‘I’ll give him five shots, and beat him pretty



AP/MORRY GASH

Allen Doyle hits at the driving range during a practice round for the U.S. Senior Open golf tournament Monday at Whistling Straits in Haven, Wis. Doyle is the defending champion.

easy,” Watson said. “That isn’t the case.”

Doyle might not have a textbook swing or long-standing reputation as an elite golfer — he’s 58, but spent most of his years as an amateur and didn’t turn professional until 1995 — but he does have a shot at becoming U.S. Senior Open history. Only Doyle, Gary Player and Miller Barber have won back-to-back Senior Opens, and nobody has won three straight.

Doyle figures stories like his are good for golf.

“It does not become so humdrum that five guys show up and they’re the prohibitive favorites and maybe no one comes out to watch any more,” Doyle said.

Doyle likes his chances this week, assuming he goes back to driving the ball as well as he’s used to. But he doesn’t expect things to be easy.

“There’s a reason that it hasn’t been done — because it’s damn hard to do,” Doyle said.

Doyle will have to fend off a field that includes Jay Haas, who has won four times already on the Champions Tour this season; Hale Irwin,

a two-time U.S. Senior Open champion; and 2007 Senior PGA Championship winner Denis Watson.

And everyone will have to contend with a course that could turn ugly if the winds whip up as fiercely as they did during practice rounds this week.

Perched on the banks of Lake Michigan about an hour north of Milwaukee, Whistling Straits’ relatively treeless layout leaves little to shield players from strong lake breezes.

“Although I would say I’m a pretty good wind player, wind at 10, 12 mph isn’t the same as 20 to 25 mph,” Doyle said. “So it’s something that you’re going to have to be patient with.”

The course’s difficulty will depend largely on wind conditions, along with tee and pin placements. But even on a day with relatively calm winds, Doyle said the course’s unforgiving narrow fairways leave little margin for error.

Doyle notes that if players miss shots in certain spots at Whistling Straits, “they’re going to have to send out search parties for guys.”

Funny Cide snaps 6-race losing streak



AP/KEVIN RIVOLI

Funny Cide (5), the 2003 Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner, and jockey Alan Garcia pose for photographs after winning the 31st running of the Wadsworth Memorial Handicap horse race at Finger Lakes Gaming and Racetrack in Farmington, N.Y., Wednesday.

■ Four years after making Triple Crown run, horse returns to winner’s circle

The Associated Press

FARMINGTON, N.Y. — Funny Cide received a regal reception and responded like a champion.

Four years removed from making a run at a Triple Crown, Funny Cide returned to the winner’s circle on Wednesday at a track far removed from the majesty of Churchill Downs.

The 2003 Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner captured the 31st running of the \$100,000 Wadsworth Memorial Handicap at Finger Lakes Gaming and Racetrack, driving past pace-setting Johnie Bye Night down the stretch and pulling away by three lengths at the finish.

The 7-year-old Funny Cide had not won in six straight outings, but the 1 1-8-mile test for 3-year-olds and up proved to his liking as a near-record crowd of more than 12,000 cheered his every stride. He covered the distance in 1 minute, 51.77 seconds, despite an uncharacteristic slow break from the gate.

“I don’t think he cared for the surface,” assistant trainer Robin Smullen said. “But he still loves it. He’s got dapples from ear to tail. They don’t look like that if they’re not happy. Hopefully, we can use this as a springboard and keep going. He’s healthy and he’s happy, so let’s have at it.”

It was the first time a Derby winner had raced at Finger Lakes since the track opened in 1962 and a rarity in this day and age. In the past six decades, only two other Derby winners — Assault (1946) and Tomy Lee (1959) — have raced at age 7.

With a light drizzle falling, Funny Cide trailed Johnie Bye Night in fifth entering the first turn. Johnie Bye Night, who had won four straight stakes races at this out-of-the-way track just southeast of Rochester, continued to lead as the field of eight sped along the backstretch.

Alan Garcia, who gave up several mounts at Belmont to ride Funny

Cide for the first time, gave the chestnut gelding the whip a couple of times as they slowly moved up entering the stretch turn.

Garcia swung Funny Cide to the outside at the top of the stretch and they easily sailed past Tiger Speech and Johnie Bye Night for Funny Cide’s 11th victory in 38 starts. The win boosted his career earnings past \$3.5 million.

“Funny Cide looks the other horse in the eye and says, ‘Let’s go. I’m the old man. I’ll show you how it’s done,’” said Smullen, who admitted she was a bundle of nerves after her mount’s slow start. “We’ll figure out in discussions with (trainer) Barclay (Tagg) what we think is next.”

Funny Cide, running without blinkers for the first time in three starts, had not won since taking the \$200,000 Grade 3 Dominion Day Stakes one year ago at Woodbine but was in the money in each of his last two starts. He returned \$4.00, \$2.60, and \$2.20. Johnie Bye Night paid \$3.20 and \$3, and Tiger Speech paid \$4.40 to show.

Funny Cide, who arrived at dawn, looked calm as he pranced around the gazebo at the center of the paddock with hundreds of fans straining their necks to get a glimpse of the workingman’s horse who won the first two legs of thoroughbred racing’s Triple Crown.

“We just wanted him to put on a good show in front of the hometown crowd,” said Jack Knowlton, one of six former high school buddies from Sackets Harbor, N.Y., who purchased Funny Cide for \$75,000 five years ago. “

As Funny Cide approached the winner’s circle, a beaming Garcia gently tapped his mount on the mane, then raised his left arm in triumph as the horse’s owners and close friends, who numbered nearly 100, posed nearby for pictures.

“This is what everybody came to see,” Knowlton said. “Nobody’s going home disappointed, except the owners of the other seven horses.”

“We may not still be on top, but it sure feels like it,” said J.P. Constance, another member of the Sackatoga Six.

The Finger Lakes attendance record is 13,066, set July 4, 1962.

Abbott, Brayton among hall inductees

The Associated Press

LUBBOCK—Former major leaguer and University of Michigan star Jim Abbott was one of 11 former players and coaches inducted Wednesday into the College Baseball Hall of Fame.

“My baseball life has been one of taking the next step and learning how to do things more efficiently with my left hand and arm, and I am very proud of representing Michigan as the school’s first honoree,” said Abbott, who was born without a right hand.

Other former players named to the hall’s second class include: Pete Incaviglia (Oklahoma State), Fred Lynn (Southern California), John Olerud (Washington State), Phil Stephenson (Wichita State) and Derek Tatsuno (Hawaii).

The late Jim Brock, who led Arizona State to two College World Series titles and coached Barry Bonds in college, was among five former coaches elected. Chuck “Bobo” Brayton (Washington State), the late Bibb Falk (Texas), Jerry Kindall (Arizona)

Sochi wins 2014 Olympic Games

The Associated Press

GUATEMALA CITY — Russia’s Black Sea resort of Sochi was awarded the 2014 Olympics on Wednesday, rewarding President Vladimir Putin and taking the Winter Games to his country for the first time.

Sochi defeated the South Korean city of Pyeongchang 51-47 in the final round of voting by the International Olympic Committee.

The Austrian resort of Salzburg was eliminated in the first round of the secret ballot, setting up the decisive head-to-head contest between Sochi and Pyeongchang.

Pyeongchang led the first round with 36 votes, followed by Sochi with 34 and Salzburg with 25. Sochi picked up 17 votes in the second round to secure the victory.

The result was a triumph for Putin, who put his international prestige on the line by coming to Guatemala to lobby IOC members and lead Sochi’s final formal presentation to the assembly. Putin had left by the time the result was announced.

IOC president Jacques Rogge opened a sealed envelope and read the words the Russians longed to hear:

“The International Olympic Committee has the honor of announcing the 22nd Olympic Winter Games in 2014 are awarded to the city of Sochi.”

Russian delegates in the hall erupted in cheers, jumped to their feet and hugged each other. They unfurled a Russian flag and chanted, “Sochi! Sochi!” Korean delegates bowed their heads, some in tears.

“It was a historic decision for all countries,” Sochi bid chief Dmitry Chernychenko said. “Russia will become even more open, more democratic.”

In Sochi, cheers erupted from the crowd of more than 15,000 that had gathered for a pop con-

cert and the announcement in a main square.

“We did it all together. We won,” the concert’s announcer said from the stage as fireworks flashed and boomed in the sky.

People hugged and waved their hands in the air. Some appeared to have tears in their eyes.

“It is great. I’ve never been so happy in my life,” said Marina Matveyeva, 23, who works in a bank. “It means that Russia has reached the level of Europe, and we can be proud of our country.”

Russia, an Olympic power which has won 293 Winter Games medals, has never hosted the Winter Games. That was a strong point in Sochi’s favor with the IOC, which likes to spread the Olympics to new host countries. Moscow hosted the 1980 Summer Games, which were hit by the U.S.-led boycott following the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

The Sochi bid won out over the appeals of its rivals — Salzburg, presenting itself as a safe, no-risk winter sports mecca at the heart of Europe with world-class venues already in place; and Pyeongchang, offering the potential for peace and reconciliation on the divided Korean peninsula and promoting winter sports in Asia.

Ninety-seven IOC members were eligible to vote in the first round, with 95 casting valid ballots. Members from bidding countries are ineligible to vote as long as their cities remain in contention. With Salzburg out, 100 delegates were eligible in the second round, with 98 casting valid votes.

Putin’s government has pledged \$12 billion to develop Sochi into a world-class winter sports complex linking the palm-lined Black Sea coast — the so-called “Russian Riviera” — to the soaring Caucasus mountains nearby.

Putin, one of the world’s most powerful figures, emphasized his commitment by making a rare for-



AP/ MIKHAIL METZEL

Fireworks explode as thousands of people burst into cheers and applause as the Russian resort city of Sochi becomes the host of the 2014 winter games in Sochi early Thursday.

mal presentation in English to the IOC. He praised Sochi’s natural setting, saying, “On the seashore you can enjoy a fine spring day, but up in the mountains, it’s winter ... a real snow is guaranteed.”

Although the site would have to be built largely from scratch, Putin assured, “We guarantee the Olympic cluster in Sochi will be completed on time.”

“No traffic jams, I promise,” he said with a smile.

Noting that athletes would have a short walk to their venues, Putin said, “Five minutes’ walking distance, not bad.”

It was the second straight first-round defeat for Salzburg, which also mounted a failed bid for the 2010 Winter Games, which went to Vancouver, British Columbia.

The Austrians were squeezed out by the political and economic might of the Russian and Korean bids.

Nationals celebrate Independence Day with rare triumph

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Dmitri Young hit a grand slam and Matt Chico pitched seven innings of four-hit ball, leading the Washington Nationals to a 6-0 victory over the Chicago Cubs on Wednesday.

Ryan Zimmerman also homered for the Nationals, who had lost seven of eight and hadn't scored more than three runs in 10 straight games. It was only the second time in 19 games they scored at least five runs.

Chico (4-5) struck out four and did not walk a batter in another strong performance. He had been 0-1 in his previous eight starts despite giving up only 13 runs in seven no-decisions.

BASEBALL

American League			
East Division			
	W	L	Pct GB
Boston	52	31	.627 —
Toronto	41	43	.4881½
New York	39	42	.481 12
Baltimore	37	46	.446 15
Tampa Bay	33	50	.398 19
Central Division			
	W	L	Pct GB
Cleveland	51	33	.607 —
Detroit	48	34	.585 2
Minnesota	43	40	.518 7½
Chicago	36	45	.44413½
Kansas City	36	49	.42415½
West Division			
	W	L	Pct GB
Los Angeles	51	33	.607 —
Seattle	46	35	.568 3½
Oakland	43	41	.512 8
Tampa Bay	36	48	.429 15
Tuesday's Games			
Boston 4, Tampa Bay 1			
Cleveland 5, Detroit 4, 11 innings			
N.Y. Yankees 8, Minnesota 0			
Kansas City 17, Seattle 3			
Chicago White Sox 5, Baltimore 1			
Texas 8, L.A. Angels 2			
Oakland 3, Toronto 1			
Wednesday's Games			
Minnesota at Tampa Bay 5			
Minnesota 6, N.Y. Yankees 2			
Toronto 10, Oakland 3			
Detroit 6, Cleveland 4			
Baltimore 9, Chicago White Sox 6			
Seattle 4, Kansas City 0			
Texas 4, L.A. Angels 2			
Thursday's Games			
Minnesota (Slowey 3-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Iwaga 2-2), 12:05 p.m.			
Cleveland (Sabathia 12-2) at Detroit (Verlander 9-3), 12:05 p.m.			
Tampa Bay (Howell 1-2) at Boston (Beckett 11-2), 6:05 p.m.			
Baltimore (Bures 4-2) at Chicago White Sox (Danks 4-6), 7:11 p.m.			
L.A. Angels (Escobar 9-3) at Texas (Tejeda 5-7), 7:35 p.m.			
Seattle (Batista 8-6) at Oakland (Gaudin 7-3), 9:05 p.m.			
Friday's Games			
Minnesota at Chicago White Sox, 1:05 p.m., 1st game			
Boston at Detroit, 6:05 p.m.			
L.A. Angels at N.Y. Yankees, 6:05 p.m.			
Cleveland at Toronto, 6:07 p.m.			
Tampa Bay at Kansas City, 7:10 p.m.			
Minnesota at Chicago White Sox, 7:11 p.m., 2nd game			
Baltimore at Texas, 7:35 p.m.			
Seattle at Oakland, 9:05 p.m.			

National League

East Division			
	W	L	Pct GB
New York	46	37	.554 3½
Atlanta	42	41	.512 3½
Philadelphia	43	42	.506 4
Florida	39	46	.459 8
Washington	34	50	.40512½
Central Division			
	W	L	Pct GB
Milwaukee	48	36	.571 —
Chicago	42	41	.506 5½
St. Louis	38	43	.469 8½
Pittsburgh	37	47	.440 11
Houston	37	48	.43511½
Cincinnati	32	52	.381 16
West Division			
	W	L	Pct GB
San Diego	48	35	.578 —
Los Angeles	48	36	.571 ½
Arizona	47	39	.547 2½
Colorado	42	43	.494 7
San Francisco	36	46	.43911½
Tuesday's Games			
Pittsburgh 6, Milwaukee 2			
Chicago Cubs 3, Washington 1			
Cincinnati 7, San Francisco 3			
Colorado 11, N.Y. Mets 3			
Houston 5, Philadelphia 4, 13 innings			
Arizona 7, St. Louis 4			
Florida 6, San Diego 1			
L.A. Dodgers 7, Atlanta 6			
Wednesday's Games			
Washington 6, Chicago Cubs 0			
San Francisco 9, Cincinnati 5			
Philadelphia at Houston 3			
Pittsburgh 5, Milwaukee 3			
St. Louis 5, Arizona 4			
Colorado 17, N.Y. Mets 7			
San Diego 1, Florida 0			
Atlanta at L.A. Dodgers, (late)			
Thursday's Games			
Milwaukee (Sheets 10-3) at Pittsburgh (Gorzelanny 8-4), 11:35 a.m.			
Florida (Kim 3-4) at San Diego (Peavy 2), 2:35 p.m.			
Chicago Cubs (Marshall 4-3) at Washington (Bergmann 1-5), 6:05 p.m.			
San Francisco (Morris 7-4) at Cincinnati (Arroyo 2-9), 6:10 p.m.			
Arizona (Davis 5-9) at St. Louis (Wainwright 6-7), 6:15 p.m.			
N.Y. Mets (Maine 9-4) at Houston (Jennings 1-3), 7:05 p.m.			
Atlanta (T.Hudson 8-5) at L.A. Dodgers (Penny 10-1), 9:10 p.m.			
Friday's Games			
Chicago Cubs at Pittsburgh, 6:05 p.m.			
Milwaukee at Washington, 6:05 p.m.			
Arizona at Cincinnati, 6:10 p.m.			
N.Y. Mets at Houston, 7:05 p.m.			
San Francisco at St. Louis, 7:10 p.m.			
Philadelphia at Colorado, 8:05 p.m.			
Atlanta at San Diego, 9:05 p.m.			
Florida at L.A. Dodgers, 9:40 p.m.			

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Rich Hill (5-6) allowed six runs and 10 hits in six innings.

■ **Giants 9, Reds 5** — At Cincinnati, Fred Lewis hit another grand slam and slumping starter Matt Cain turned it into a long-awaited win, while Barry Bonds watched from the dugout with a day off.

Lewis, a 26-year-old rookie filling in for the Giants' slugger, had three hits, including a fourth-inning grand slam off Matt Belisle (5-6).

Lewis didn't hit a homer during a September call-up last year. Two of his three this year are grand slams, making him the first rookie in San Francisco history to hit two in a season.

No one appreciated it more than Cain (3-9), who got his first win since

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May 13. The bullpen had blown three leads for him, and the offense had scored only three runs in his last 32 innings on the mound.

■ **Pirates 5, Brewers 3** — At Pittsburgh, Adam LaRoche hit a go-ahead, two-run homer in the sixth inning, leading the Pirates past the team with the worst record in the majors on the Fourth of July.

Ian Snell (7-5) withstood Ryan Braun's three-run homer with none out in the first, then settled down to shut out Milwaukee over his final seven innings. Ryan Doumit added a two-run drive for the Pirates.

Sacramento (A's)	47	39	.547 —
Fresno (Giants)	45	41	.523 2
Tucson (D-backs)	43	41	.512 3
Las Vegas (LA-NL)	38	47	.447 8½
Wednesday's Games			
Albuquerque 12, Memphis 7			
Oklahoma 7, Nashville 3			
New Orleans 7, Iowa 3			
Round Rock 9, Omaha 8			
Colorado Springs at Salt Lake, (late)			
Las Vegas at Tucson, (late)			
Sacramento at Fresno, (late)			
Tacoma at Portland, (late)			
Thursday's Games			
Albuquerque at Memphis			
Colorado Springs at Salt Lake			
Las Vegas at Tucson			
Nashville at Oklahoma			
New Orleans at Iowa			
Omaha at Round Rock			
Sacramento at Fresno			
Tacoma at Portland			
Friday's Games			
Albuquerque at Memphis			
Colorado Springs at Salt Lake			
Las Vegas at Tucson			
Nashville at Oklahoma			
New Orleans at Iowa			
Omaha at Round Rock			
Sacramento at Fresno			
Tacoma at Portland			

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL	
American League	
BALTIMORE ORIOLES —Purchased the contract of LHP Garrett Olson from Norfolk (IL). Designated RHP Scott Williamson for assignment.	
KANSAS CITY ROYALS —Claimed LHP Sean Thompson off waivers from the Chicago (NL).	
TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS —Placed RHP Al Reyes on the 15-day DL. Purchased the contract of LHP Jon Switzer from Durham (IL).	
National League	
LOS ANGELES DODGERS —Placed LHP Randy Wolf on the 15-day DL and LHP Hong-Chih Kuo on the 15-day DL, retroactive to July 1. Recalled LHP Eric Stults from Las Vegas (PCL).	
NEW YORK METS —Purchased the contract of C Sandy Alomar Jr. from New Orleans (PCL). Optioned LHP Jason Vargas to New Orleans. Transferred RHP Duanean Sanchez from the 15-day to the 60-day DL.	
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS —Placed LHP Jonathan Sanchez on the 15-day DL. Purchased the contract of RHP Scott Atchison from Fresno (PCL).	
BASKETBALL	
National Basketball Association	
CHARLOTTE BOBCATS —Signed F Jared Dudley to a two-year contract. Agreed to terms with G Matt Carroll on a six-year contract.	
SEATTLE SUPERSONICS —Signed F Kevin Durant and F Jeff Green.	
American Basketball Association	
ABA —Granted an expansion team to Winston-Salem, N.C. to begin play in the 2008-09 season.	
WINSTON-SALEM —Named Louis Vincent general manager.	
HOCKEY	
National Hockey League	
ANAHEIM DUCKS —Signed D Maxim Kdnratyev to a one-year contract.	
ATLANTA THRASHERS —Re-signed F Slava Kozlov to a three-year contract.	
BUFFALO SABRES —Re-signed D Teppo Numminen.	
CALGARY FLAMES —Signed RW Jarome Iginla and D Robyn Regehr to five-year contract extensions and F Grant Stevenson to a one-year contract.	
EDMONTON OILERS —Re-signed D Matt Greene to a two-year contract.	
MONTREAL CANADIENS —Signed F Tom Kostopoulos to a two-year contract.	
NEW YORK ISLANDERS —Signed F Ruslan Fedotenko to a one-year contract.	
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING —Acquired D Bryce Lampman from the New York Rangers for LW Mitch Frantz.	
TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS —Signed G Vesa Toskala to a two-year extension through the 2009-10 season.	
LACROSSE	
National Lacrosse League	
CALGARY ROUGHNECKS —Named Troy Cordingley coach.	
COLLEGE	
ARKANSAS-LITTLE ROCK —Announced freshman F Jonathan Uchendu is transferring from Purdue.	
STEPHEN F. AUSTIN —Named Ben Rikard assistant director of media relations.	

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.60		At The All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club	\$47.
72		Singles	\$30.
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in fro-		Third Round	\$29.
impres-		Rafael Nadal (2), Spain, def. Robin Soderling (28), Sweden, 6-4, 6-4, 6-7 (7), 4-6, 7-5.	\$29.
osed.		Novak Djokovic (4), Serbia, def. Nicolas Kiefer, Germany, 7-6 (4), 6-7 (6), 6-2, 7-6 (5).	\$8.
are fair		Fourth Round	\$9.
low		Andy Roddick (3), United States, def. Paul-Henri Mathieu, France, 6-2, 7-5, 7-6 (6).	\$23.
		Richard Gasquet (12), France, def. Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, France, 6-4, 6-3, 6-4.	SAD
		Women	1.
		Fourth Round	2.
		Venus Williams (23), United States, def. Maria Sharapova (2), Russia, 6-1, 6-3.	\$45.
		Quarterfinals	\$37.
		Marion Bartoli (18), France, def. Michaela Krajcek (31), Netherlands, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2.	\$36.
		Justine Henin (1), Belgium, def. Serena Williams (7), United States, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.	\$31.
		Wimbledon Show Court	\$9.
		Schedules	\$28.
		Thursday, at The All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club	(24)
		Wimbledon, England	\$1.
		Play begins on all courts at 5 a.m. EDT	\$63.
		Centre Court	\$63.
		Svetlana Kuznetsova (5), Russia, vs. Venus Williams (23), United States.	\$59.
		Ana Ivanovic (6), Serbia, vs. Nicole Pietrangeli (4), Czech Republic	\$47.
		Roger Federer (1), Switzerland, vs. Juan Carlos Ferrero (20), Spain	\$4.
		No. 1 Court	\$39.
		Lleyton Hewitt (16), Australia, vs. Novak Djokovic (4), Serbia	\$33.
		Andy Roddick (3), United States, vs. Richard Gasquet (12), France	(25)
		Goran Ivanisevic, Croatia, and Cedric Pioline, France, vs. Todd Woodbridge and Mark Woodforde, Australia	\$29.
		No. 2 Court	10
		Mikhail Yuzhnyh (14), Russia, vs. Rafael Nadal (2), Spain	(11)

THE GRIZZWELLS

BY BILL SCHORR

NEVER MIND

DID YOU JUST SAY SOMETHING?

I DINNO...WHAT DID IT SOUND LIKE I SAID?

NEVER MIND

NO SWEAT

MOTHER GOOSE

BY MIKE PETERS

WHY DOES EVERYBODY ALWAYS ASSUME I WANT SEAFOOD?

THE BORN LOSER

BY ART AND CHIP SANSOM

DO YOU KNOW WHERE THE REMOTE IS?

I HAVEN'T SEEN IT FOR A WHILE.

THAT BLASTED THING IS NEVER NEARBY WHEN YOU WANT IT!

MAYBE THAT'S WHY THEY CALL IT A REMOTE!

BC

BY HART

WHAT WOULD YOU SAY IS A DECENT TIP FOR A WAITER?

DEPENDS ON THE DISTANCE BETWEEN YOUR TABLE AND THE EXIT.

FRANK AND ERNEST

BY BOB THAVES

PRODUCE DEPT.

NOTICE! TAKE LETTUCE FROM TOP OF STACK, OR HEADS WILL ROLL!

GRAND AVENUE

BY STEVE BREEN

AND HOW'S RUDY HANDLING PEOPLE SHOOTING OFF ALL THEIR LEFTOVER FIREWORKS TODAY?

OH, LET'S JUST SAY HE'S HANGING IN THERE.

IT'S INDEPENDENCE DAY, PEOPLE, NOT WEEK!

WIZARD OF ID

BY BRENT PARKER AND JOHNNY HART

I KEEP FORGETTING THINGS

I HEARD THAT GINSENG HELPS

ANYTHING WITH GIN IN IT WORKS FOR ME!

LUANN

BY GREG EVANS

MMM! THAT RISOTTO SMELLS GREAT!

BEFORE YOU GET ANY, YOU HAVE TO TELL ME ABOUT DIRK

OK, HE'S GONE, IT'S OVER AND I'VE MOVED ON

I'VE HEARD THAT BEFORE

I KNOW I HURT YOU, BRAD, BUT THIS TIME IT'S THE TRUTH, AND IF YOU'RE WITHHOLDING THE RISOTTO TO PUNISH ME, IT'S WORKING

THIS IS SO GOOD!

ARLO AND JANIS

BY JIMMY JOHNSON

Shoo!

I KNOW—YOU HAD MY BACK.

ZITS

BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN

VIGOROUS GROWING SEASON WE HAVE GOING, HUH?

ALLEY OOP

BY DAVE GRAUE AND JACK BENDER

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS THING? IT'S NOT WORKIN'!

GIVE IT TIME... THEY'RE WORKING ON MATERIALIZING!

WELL, IT'S CLOSER THIS TIME.

...BUT I DON'T THINK IT'S QUITE SATISFACTORY!

SALLY FORTH

BY FRANCESCO MARCIULIANO

IT'S NOT ABOUT JOGGING, TED. IT'S ABOUT GETTING YOU BACK INTO A ROUTINE.

WHAT'S THE POINT, SAL?

I APPLY FOR JOBS I WANT AND DON'T HEAR BACK. I APPLY FOR JOBS I DON'T WANT AND DON'T HEAR BACK...

I'M ALREADY IN A ROUTINE AND IT'S CALLED A "RUT."

STILL KNOW HOW TO MAKE A GIRL SWOON, HUH, TED?

GARFIELD

BY JIM DAVIS

YOUR FACE LICKED 5¢

YOUR FACE NOT LICKED \$5.00

MONTY

BY JIM MEDDICK

A SOUND ABSORPTION POD?

YEAH. THIS BUTTON TURNS IT ON AND THIS ONE TURNS IT OFF.

SAY... TELL ME THAT STORY AGAIN ABOUT HOW YOU BOUGHT THAT MULTI-PACK OF MASKING TAPE EVEN THOUGH THE COUPON HAD EXPIRED...

WELL, IT ALL STARTED WITH A MISPRINT IN THE CIRCULAR...

CLICK

...BUT THE BEST PART IS: THE REBATE OFFER WAS STILL VALID!

WHERE CAN I GET ONE OF THESE?..

BABY BLUES

BY JERRY SCOTT AND RICK KIRKMAN

OKAY, EVERYBODY OUT.

HERE ARE YOUR TOWELS. GO PUT YOUR PATJAMAS ON.

BLEEA.

WHAT?

SOME NIGHTS I'M NOT SURE IF I'M BATHING THE KIDS OR MAKING GRAVY.

GRAVY HAS FEWER LUMPS.

MODERATELY CONFUSED

BY JEFF STAHLER

YOU HAVE YOUR FAVORITE SUMMER READING AND I'VE GOT MINE.

7/5

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HEY, FAIREST OF THEM ALL! TELL ME YOU'RE NOT GOING OUTSIDE WITHOUT YOUR SPF50!

SUDOKU

UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

Complete the grid so every row, column and 3 x 3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

Previous puzzle solution

6	7	8	9	2	1	3	4	5
4	3	1	5	6	2	8	7	9
2	9	5	4	3	8	7	6	1
1	8	2	3	7	9	6	5	4
9	4	3	1	5	6	8	2	7
7	5	6	2	8	4	9	1	3
3	2	4	6	1	7	5	9	8
5	6	9	8	4	3	1	2	7
8	1	7	5	9	2	4	3	6

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Answer: " " " "

Yesterday's

Jumbles: BANDY OXIDE BANISH RATHER

Answer: What the chef experienced when he poured the pasta into the colander — A "STRAIN"

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Argiriou

You will receive the going rate

WHAT SHE WAS PAID WHEN SHE BECAME A COVER GIRL.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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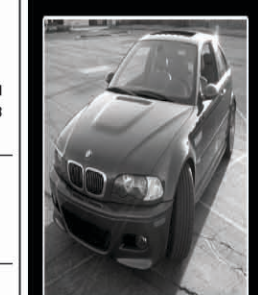
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