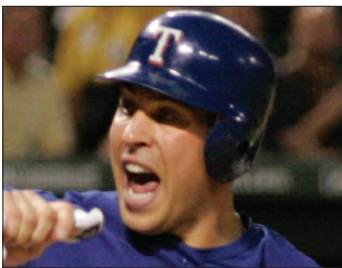


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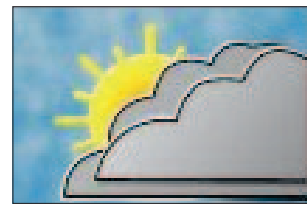
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Hefty hike?

City eyes 26 cent increase in tax rate

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

Taxpayers, brace yourselves.

The administrative staff for the city of Big Spring began its presentation of the proposed \$43.2 million budget for 2007-2008 to the city council Monday night, a budget that will spell tax increases for property owners, thanks to a pair of bonds approved by voters last year.

At 97.3266 cents per \$100 valuation, the proposed tax rate for the coming year includes 66.39 cents for the city's general fund; 5.2 cents for the refund of bonds re-negotiated in 2002; 16.03 cents for the street bond approved by voters; 8.8 cents for improvements to the Roy Anderson Sports Complex, also approved by voters; and 0.8 cents for the construction of an annex for the municipal animal shelter.

With the average value of a home in the city of Big Spring estimated at \$37,165 — up considerably compared to last year, thanks to higher valuations — with an estimated homestead exemption of \$7,433, the average taxpayer will be looking at a \$76.40



Big Spring City Manager Gary Fuqua, left, goes over the proposed 2007-2008 budget while City Attorney Linda Sjogren and newly appointed Assistant City Manager Todd Darden listen during a budget work session Monday night. Work on the budget is expected to continue this evening following the regularly scheduled council meeting set for 5:30 p.m.

annual increase in taxes, up to \$289.37 compared to last year's tax of \$212.97.

In addition to a tax hike, citizens can also expect to see an increase in their municipal water bills, due to elevated costs projected by the Colorado River Municipal Water District, according to City Manager Gary Fuqua.

"They (CRMWD) adjust their rates each year depending on how much water they

pump and sell to the different communities and how much each community's share of that is," said Fuqua. "It looks like our share is going to go up around \$100,000 this year, so we looked at what it would cost the citizens if we passed that through, and it looks like an increase of about four cents per 1,000 gallons.

"It's not a great deal of money, but if you add it all up over the year it comes to

about \$100,000 that we just can't absorb right now. We're simply looking at passing through what CRMWD is charging us."

The increase, which amounts to raising water rates from the current \$2.47 per 1,000 gallons used to \$2.51 per 1,000 gallons, is expected to generate an additional \$60,000 in water revenue, still

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Advisor may get the axe

Commissioners mull cancelling lockup consultant contract

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners decided to table a new contract with consultant Carl Griffith and Associates during the court's Monday morning meeting, as county officials attempt to move forward with the design and construction of a new jail facility.



Kilgore

Commissioners approved a \$25,000 contract with the Port Arthur consulting firm in April with hopes of garnering much needed statistics for the design of a new jail system.

According to County Judge Mark Barr, it appears Griffith and his firm are reluctant to move forward on the issue unless the county signs a new, much more expensive contract.

"I got the feeling in talking with Carl that they have gone as far as they are going to go unless we sign this contract with them," Barr told the court. "And I don't know if we should go forward with this. The contract would be for 2 percent of the total cost, and that's a lot of money."

The bond county taxpayers defeated less than a year ago was for slightly more than \$10 million, which would project Griffith's fee at more than

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College trustees OK bond sale to finance renovation

By **DUSTIN WILSON**

Staff Writer

Everyone was in agreement Monday afternoon as the Howard College board of trustees met to discuss the issuance and sale of tax bonds recently approved by Howard County voters.

The approved bonds will finance campus improvements that include asbestos removal, interior repair and infrastructure improvements.

The trustees were visited by



Sparks

history, they were helping Howard College with its initial bonds," President Dr. Cheryl Sparks said during the meeting. "Back then we were able to pay

Jason Hughes, a representative from First Southwest Co., an investment bank that has advised the board since 1946.

"We were able to take a tour of the First Southwest Company offices, and looking at the

\$200,000 for the construction of four buildings, and here we are, it's \$21 million to fix the pipes."

The high point of the bond transaction is that it sold at a fixed rate of 4.632 percent for a 21-year term with a total of principal and interest for fiscal 2008 at around \$1.63 million per year.

The total amount that Howard College will receive is \$21.625 million. The sources and uses of the money will be divided for various projects.

According to Hughes, the

bond was reviewed and received high marks from investment auditors.

"The bond received an 'A' rating from both Standard and Poor and Fitch, which according to their rating standards for investment grading, reads as a 'solid financial performance with sound reserves, low overall debt levels and future capital means,'" he informed the board.

The interest will begin to be paid in February 2008 on a semi-annual basis. The amount

of debt service to be paid is \$1.63 million.

The campus also received its acknowledgment from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools with its biennial letter that reaffirmed the college as part of the association. "Being a part of the association is something we strive for," said Sparks.

"We want the principles of the association to be part of our fabric and our culture at Howard College," said Sparks. See **COLLEGE**, page 3A

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MOORE BOARD TO MEET

The Moore Development Board of Directors will meet Wednesday at 5:15 p.m. at the economic development corporation's offices, located at 215 W. Third Street.

The board of directors is expected to consider its June financial statement and investment report, the executive director's report and may convene in executive session.

Time also will be set aside for comments from both the public and members of the Moore Board.

For more information, call 264-6032.

RECEPTION PLANNED

The Parish of St. Mary's Church invites all in the community to a farewell reception for the Rev. Jim and Kathleen Liggett on Sunday, following the 9:30 a.m. service. Father Jim and his family have faithfully served St. Mary's Parish and the community of Big Spring for 13 years and has accepted a call at St. Nicholas' Church in Midland.

Please come by and wish the Liggett family well in their new endeavor, parishioners said.

BOMBER KILLS 24

BAGHDAD (AP) — A suicide bomber struck a busy commercial center in a major Shiite city south of Baghdad on Tuesday, killing at least 24 people and wounding dozens as the streets were packed with shoppers and people on their way to work, police and hospital officials said.

The explosion occurred at 9 a.m. in Hillah, according to provincial police, who said the driver of the tow truck detonated his payload in the middle of the Bab al-Mashhad district.

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IN BRIEF

Garden City hosting two all-star games

Glasscock County Independent School District will be hosting a basketball and a football all-star game.

The Small School Shootout will take place Friday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The girls game will occur at 6 p.m. with the boys taking the court at 8 p.m.

The Texas Bowl is a 6-man all-star football game scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Saturday in Garden City. The game will feature Division I all-stars pitted against Division II all-stars.

Several area athletes from Garden City, Sands and Grady will be participating in both events.

Lady Steer Booster Club meeting

The Big Spring Lady Steer Booster Club will hold a meeting at 6 p.m. Monday in the Athletic Training Center.

All parents of Lady Steer athletes are encouraged to attend.

Call Carrie Fox at 816-9687 for more information.

Physicals required for some athletes

Big Spring High School is informing all student athletes that a physical is required for all incoming seventh, ninth and 11th graders, as well as any students who are new to the district.

Physicals must be taken care of and on file at the Athletic Training Center before athletes will be allowed to practice, participate or get equipment issued to them.

Call the ATC at 264-3662 with any questions.

Howard County Golf Championship set

The 2007 Howard County Championship golf tournament has been set to take place Friday through Sunday at the Big Spring Country Club.

The format is 54-holes individual stroke play and all participants must have been a Howard County resident prior to Jan. 1, 2007.

Entry fee \$75 per player plus a \$30 cart fee. Prizes will be given for gross and net scores with the field being pre-flighted based on handicap. The championship flight will break into two flights after the first round.

A senior division will be made for those over 70. The lowest score for a country club member will be club champion.

Tee times will be set for Friday and Saturday with a 1 p.m. shotgun on Sunday. A barbecue lunch will be served Saturday.

To enter or for other information, call the country club at 267-5354.

Big Spring Youth Soccer meeting

The Big Spring Youth Soccer Association will be holding an organizational meeting at 2 p.m. Saturday at College Baptist Church's Fellowship Hall.

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Minor league coach killed by line drive

By ELIZABETH WHITE

Associated Press Writer

SAN ANTONIO — Mike Coolbaugh became a coach with the Tulsa Drillers earlier this month not so much for the job itself, but because his little boys loved to see him on the baseball field.

"He had just started," said Coolbaugh's wife, Amanda, who is expecting their third child in October. "We were going to be done with it, but his kids wanted

to see him."

Coolbaugh, 35, died Sunday after being struck in the head by a line drive as he stood in the first-base coach's box during a game in Arkansas.

Amanda Coolbaugh, 32, said they planned to wait to find out the baby's sex until the birth. The couple has two sons, Joseph, 5, and Jacob, 3.

"You couldn't have asked for a better father," Amanda Coolbaugh said through tears Monday in San Antonio. "He just

paid attention to the boys, put them in clubs and sports ... volunteered time on their teams."

The game between the Double-A Drillers and Arkansas Travelers was suspended in the ninth inning Sunday after Coolbaugh was hit by a foul ball off the bat of Tino Sanchez. He was taken to Baptist Medical Center-North Little Rock, where he was pronounced dead at 9:47 p.m.

The Drillers, a Colorado Rockies affiliate, said Monday

night's game against the Wichita Wranglers in Kansas was postponed.

"Our entire organization grieves at the death of Mike Coolbaugh," Rockies president Keli McGregor said. "We were shocked and deeply saddened to learn of the accident on Sunday evening. Mike was a great husband, father, brother and friend to so many throughout the baseball community."

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Rangers hold off late Mariners rally for 8-7 win

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON — Slammin' Sammy finally returned for the Texas Rangers — and they really needed him.

Sosa's 603rd career homer was his first in July and he also had five RBIs as the Rangers rallied and then held on for an 8-7 victory over the Seattle Mariners on Monday night.

"He has struggled in July and hopefully this is what is going to take to get him out of it," manager Ron Washington said. "We needed those RBIs and he got them. I hope it's a trend that will happen from this point on."

Since a homer June 30 at Boston, Sosa was 6-for-43 (.140) with one RBI in 12 games in July.

The 38-year-old slugger finally snapped out of that slump with a two-run double in the third inning. Sosa's three-run homer in the fifth broke a 3-3 tie and put the Rangers ahead to stay.

"It's been a tough month for me. Every player has to go through that situation," Sosa said. "I know how hard I work every day and somehow, some way I'm going to get out of this."

It was Sosa's 15th homer this season — one more than he had in 102 games for Baltimore in 2005 before sitting out last year. Brad Wilkerson also hit his 15th homer in the fifth, a two-run shot that chased Horacio Ramirez (5-3).

Kevin Millwood (7-8) won despite allowing 12 runners on eight singles and four walks in 5 1-3 innings. The first five Seattle hitters reached base, but the right-hander held on to improve to 5-2

over his last eight starts.

Jose Vidro was 4-for-4 with a walk and two RBIs for the Mariners, who lost their third straight game since getting within a game of the AL West-leading Los Angeles Angels.

Seattle scored twice off Millwood before its first out. Then against Eric Gagne, the closer pitching in a non-save situation, the Mariners had four straight hits to start the ninth. Richie Sexson's three-run homer made it 8-7 before a game-ending double play.

The Mariners hadn't scored in 22 innings and were coming off consecutive shutout losses at Toronto in which they had only three hits in each game. They had three hits and a 2-0 lead against Millwood before their first out.

Jose Guillen hit a two-run single after Ichiro Suzuki's leadoff single and consecutive walks loaded the bases. Adrian Beltre singled before a strikeout and a double play grounder.

"We should have come out of the first with more runs," Vidro said. "It would have made a difference at the end. We were facing their ace. When you have him on the ropes like that, you have to go for the knockout."

Sosa played for the first time since being hit in the head by a pitch against Cleveland on Saturday night, when the Rangers honored him for his 600th homer before the game. Sosa became the fifth member in the 600-homer club June 20 in Texas against the Chicago Cubs.

Sosa also had a five-RBI game June 15 at Cincinnati. His 69 RBIs in 82 games are ranked in the top 10 in the



MCT photo/Ron T. Ennis/Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Texas Rangers' Mark Teixeira slides safely past Seattle Mariners catcher Kenji Johjima at Rangers Ballpark in Arlington. The Rangers beat the Mariners 8-7.

American League.

"For the most part, all year he's gotten big hits," Millwood said. "Give this team enough chances and keep them in the game, they're going to put some runs up more times than not."

Travis Metcalf had a leadoff double in the third and scored on Michael Young's single. Mark Teixeira walked before Sosa's double into the left-field corner.

Teixeira scored on a close play, reaching with his left hand to touch the plate on a feet-first slide at the same time catcher Kenji Johjima tagged him on the shoulder. Umpire

Lance Barksdale immediately ruled safe, and repeated replays were inconclusive — though Johjima was clearly surprised at the call.

"Lance said he slid around him. I thought he came up to call him out," manager John McLaren said. "It was a bang-bang play. I thought we had him."

Seattle got even in the fourth when Ichiro had a two-out single and a stolen base before coming home on Vidro's single. Vidro added an RBI double in the sixth.

Ichiro was 2-for-3 against Millwood, raising his average against the

Rangers ace to .410 (16-for-39), the highest for anybody with at least 35 plate appearances. Vidro has the most hits off Millwood, two more Monday to push his total to 25.

Notes: Ramirez is 5-0 with a 2.27 at home, but is 0-3 with a 15.22 ERA on the road ... Texas reliever Akinori Otsuka, on the disabled list because of inflammation in his right forearm, made 15-20 throws off flat ground with no problems. He'll do it again Wednesday ... The teams play a double-header Tuesday.

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Vick told not to show up for training camp

By GEORGE HENRY

Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA — NFL commissioner Roger Goodell has weighed in on Michael Vick's indictment on dogfighting charges, and as a result the Falcons star was ordered to stay away from training camp until the league reviews the case.

The other men who could determine the future of Vick's football career — including Falcons owner Arthur Blank — were expected to be speak publicly Tuesday for the first time since the troubled quarterback was indicted.

It could be another pivotal day for Vick, though Goodell has asked Blank to wait for the NFL to finish its investigation before announcing the team's plans for Vick.

In a letter to Vick on Monday, Goodell instructed the Newport News, Va., native to stay away from training camp, at least for now.

"While it is for the criminal justice system to determine your guilt or innocence, it is my responsibility as commissioner of the National Football League

to determine whether your conduct, even if not criminal, nonetheless violated league policies, including the personal conduct policy," Goodell said.

Goodell also promised that the league would complete its review quickly, adding that he expected Vick's full cooperation. The NFL wants to speak with federal investigators and prosecutors to learn how strong of a case they have against the 27-year-old.

The Falcons open camp on Thursday, the same day Vick will be arraigned in Richmond, Va. He and three other men face charges of allegedly sponsoring a dogfighting operation and brutal treatment of pit bulls.

Along with Blank, Atlanta's general manager Rich McKay and new coach Bobby Petrino are also expected to speak publicly for the first time about Vick's future and his effect on the team.

Falcons spokesman Reggie Roberts said Vick, who is in Virginia, will not attend the news conference.

Vick hasn't commented publicly since the team held a mini-camp in May. None of the phone messages left on his cell phone

have been returned. His lawyer, Lawrence Woodward of Newport News, Va., also did not respond to interview requests Monday.

Vick, the No. 1 overall pick in the 2001 draft, last season became the first quarterback to rush for more than 1,000 yards last season. He led the Falcons to an NFC wild-card win 2002, his first season as a starter, and in 2004, Vick's play helped Atlanta reach the conference title game.

The Falcons will pay Vick during his hiatus. NFL veteran players earn \$1,100 per week from the beginning of camp until the first week of the regular season. Vick signed a 10-year contract extension in 2004 worth approximately \$130 million. His salary this season is \$6 million.

Before Monday, the league, the NFL players' union and the Falcons had yet to make a definitive statement on Vick, each saying they would monitor developments and allow the legal process to "determine the facts."

Since then, pressure has mounted publicly and particularly from animal-rights activists.

PETA — People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals — demon-

strated at Falcons' headquarters in Flowery Branch, Ga., on Monday.

While PETA was demonstrating last Friday outside the NFL offices in New York last week, Goodell was meeting with officials from the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. The league and the ASPCA are working on a program to educate players about the proper treatment of animals.

Activists also pressured companies that have endorsements deals with Vick to sever their ties, and Nike said it would withhold release of a fifth signature shoe, the Air Zoom Vick V, this summer.

Nike spokesman Dean Stoyer said the four shoe products and three shirts that currently bear Vick's name will remain in stores.

The Humane Society of the United States has asked the apparel company to sever its relationship with Vick immediately.

Goodell's order came down after several talks with the Falcons and Gene Upshaw, the union's executive director.

Obituaries

Dennis Michael Welsh



Dennis Michael Welsh, 56, of Big Spring, died Friday, July 20, 2007, in a Lubbock hospital. Memorial services will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, July 25, 2007, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Bill Welsh, pastor of Bellview Church of Christ, officiating.

He was born Sept. 8, 1950, in Salem, Ohio, and married Bobbie Nell Bufkin on Dec. 17, 1997, in Mobile, Ala.

Dennis served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam Conflict. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Bobbie Nell Welsh of Big Spring; one son, Dennis Michael Welsh Jr. of Benecia, Calif.; his mother, Viola Welsh of Aptose, Calif.; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Bill and Jennie Welsh of Stanton, Bob and Sue Welsh of Austintown, Ohio, and Rick and Irene Welsh of Payson, Ariz.; three sisters, Cynthia L. Watts and husband, Terry D., of Lamesa, Cheri Welsh of Aptose, Calif., and Trish Pennington and husband, Rand, of Orville, Calif.

He was preceded in death by his father, Robert Leroy Welsh; his grandparents; a nephew; and a great-nephew.

The family suggests memorials to the Westview Boys Home, P.O. Box 553, Hollis, Okla. 73550.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Take Note

• **A FUND HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AT COSDEN CREDIT UNION** to help pay medical expenses for Raul Robles. Any assistance would be appreciated. The account is No. 761882.

• **ST. MARY'S AND FRIENDS OF ST. MARY'S ARE HOLDING A LAP BLANKET DRIVE** to place approximately 400 lap blankets in the hands of every nursing home patient in Big Spring. Blankets can be taken to the church office, 1001 Goliad, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Friday or call Connie Fowler at 267-2713.

A beginning crochet class is being held at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the church's Parish Hall.

• **ALL CREATURES SANCTUARY AND RESCUE** has an account set up with Big Spring Salvage at 3608 N. Highway 87 for all types of metals and aluminum cans. See John Kimberly, manager or Cruz Rodriguez, metal specialist, to make your donations. Please tell them that your donations are for All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue. The sanctuary is also still taking weight circles off of all Purina Brand Dog Foods. Send your Purina Weight Circles to A.C.S. & R. at P.O. Box 871, Coahoma 79511. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue has an account also set up with Howard County Feed and Supply at 701 E. Second St. For donations of coastal or grass hay for a rescue horse.

• **CHRIST COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP IS COLLECTING INFANT CAR SEATS AND CARRIERS.** These are given to new mothers who cannot afford them. To donate your old or new car seats and carriers, call Karen Allen at 263-3517 or leave a message at Christ Community Fellowship, 263-love. All donations are appreciated.

• **ROAD TO RECOVERY**, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call Nancy Koger at 267-7809.

• **NEW LIFE MINISTRIES** Church of God In Christ is holding a soup kitchen every second and fourth Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 204 N.W. 10th. The meal is free. Call 264-0771 for more information.

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

• **ODYSSEY HOSPICE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS** to work in the office and perform patient services. For more information or to volunteer, call 263-5999.

• **THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM** that delivers meals to the elderly and homebound needs volunteers to deliver meals. If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, you are needed. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered to recipients within the city limits of Big Spring.

If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

• **LEGAL AID OF NORTHWEST TEXAS** is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

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Police blotter

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

- **KRISTEN HAWKINS**, 24, of 405 N. Moss Lake Road, was arrested Sunday on a capias warrant.
- **JUAN JUAREZ**, 40, of 1506 Mesa, was arrested Sunday on two local warrants.
- **TRAVIS MELTON**, 27, of 217 Sandlin, was arrested Sunday on a local warrant.
- **MICHAEL HOWLEY**, 41, of Tempe, Ariz., was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **REBECCA COMSTOCK**, 23, of 1700 S. Runnels, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **ELIZABETH RIOS**, 30, of 1515 Sycamore, was arrested Monday on five capias warrants.
- **RAY CERVANTEZ**, 30, of 1103 E. 12th Street, was arrested Monday on charges of driving while license invalid and two local warrants.
- **CACEE CORBELL**, 23, of 205 Driver, was arrested Monday on a charge of parole revocation.
- **SHEILA EISENBACH**, 23, transient, was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **MELISSA GAY YOUNG**, 38, of 800 S. Lancaster, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication and two local warrants.
- **ASSAULT BY CONTACT** was reported in the 1700 block of Third Street.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1900 block of Wasson.
- **CRUELTY TO ANIMALS -FAILURE TO PROVIDE** was reported in the 1100 block of Lloyd.
- **DRIVING WHILE LICENSE INVALID** was reported in the 500 block of Westover.
- **THEFT** was reported in:
 - the 900 block of Willia.
 - the 1700 block of Third Street.
 - the 4800 block of Highway 80.

Sheriff's report

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 46 inmates at the time of this report.
- **LUIS ANTONIO RODRIQUEZ**, 43, was arrested by DPS Monday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
 - **KIMBERLIE KAY PINEDA**, 26, was arrested by the HCSO Monday on charges of bondsman off bond, theft, bail jumping and failure to appear.
 - **JOE DAVID FEWELL**, 47, was arrested by the HCSO Monday on a motion to adjudicate for indecency with a child.
 - **RICARDO MARINEZ GARCIA**, 42, was arrested by the HCSO Monday on a motion to revoke probation for failure to identify as a fugitive from justice — giving false information.

Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 300 block of Alice. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near mile marker 182 on Interstate Highway 20. Service was refused.

Support Groups

TUESDAY
• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. and closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) support group meets from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main. Anyone who has a mental illness or has a friend or family with mental illness is invited to participate. Call Felicia Talley at 268-3835 for more information.

• The Path, faith-based addiction recovery, meets at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St.

• Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
• Dual Recovery Anonymous (DRA), 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Howard County Library Basement Community Room. DRA is a 12-step meeting for those who have a desire to stop drinking and/or using drugs and also have a mental or emotional illness.

All meetings are non-smoking and coffee is not available but members can bring their own coffee or non-alcoholic beverage. For more information, call Deidra F. at (432) 816-3033. Leave a message if you get voice mail.

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TODAY
• Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.
• The Powwow Committee of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church annex, 809 Scurry, or the fellowship hall at 810 Scurry. Call Robert Downing at 263-3255 for information.

WEDNESDAY
• Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.
• Senior Circle meets at 10:30 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.
• Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
• Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
• Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY
• Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
• Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room. Call 267-6479.
• League of United Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information, contact John Ybarra at 264-1628. The public is invited.

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

Weather

Tonight...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

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

Wednesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows around 70. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday night...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 70s.

Friday...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s.

Friday night...Partly cloudy. Lows around 70.

Saturday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s.

Saturday night...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows around 70.

Sunday...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s.

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

Monday...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s.

Lottery

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 18-19-25-29-34.
Number matching five of five: none.

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 9-18-24-28. Bonus Ball: 1.
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 2.
Winning tickets sold in: Brownsville and Dallas.

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 7-8-4.

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COACH

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According to a report on the Drillers' Web site late Sunday, Coolbaugh was knocked unconscious and CPR was administered to him on the field.

Sgt. Terry Kuykendall, spokesman for North Little Rock police, said Coolbaugh stopped breathing as his ambulance arrived at the hospital.

The former major leaguer who played 44 games for the St. Louis Cardinals and Milwaukee Brewers over two seasons was remembered Monday as a generous man.

"He always said if he won the lotto, he would divide it up between every single person he knew," said Amanda Coolbaugh, who met Mike on the first blind date for both. They had been married for seven years.

Coolbaugh was good with his hands, and built a changing table and crib for one of his sons. He

also was taking college courses on nights and weekends to earn a business degree.

Mikaela Adams Rios, who graduated with Coolbaugh in 1990 from Roosevelt High School in San Antonio, said she was grateful to have seen the star high school athlete at a luau get-together with a few other classmates in late June.

"You could tell he cared about everyone," said Rios, who had known Coolbaugh since kindergarten. "He gave hugs to everybody and wanted to talk about what they'd been doing. He was really kid-oriented. I was very impressed with how confident and secure he was as a father and husband and how much he loved his family. You could tell."

The native of Binghamton, N.Y., was homecoming king, a star quarterback and also played baseball and basketball, Rios said.

"Everybody in high school liked him," she said. "He was a little

more reserved in high school. Very focused on sports. He was a really nice popular guy."

Mark Worley, who hosted the June luau, said they talked briefly about his baseball career, "but it was definitely, 'Let's get the families together.'"

Coolbaugh was drafted by the Toronto Blue Jays in the 16th round in 1990.

He played third base and bounced around the minors for a decade before reaching the major leagues for the first time in 2001 with the Brewers. He played 39 big league games that season and five for the Cardinals in 2002. He hit two home runs in 82 major league at-bats.

Coolbaugh's older brother, Scott, also played 167 major league games over parts of four seasons with Texas, San Diego and St. Louis in the early 1990s.

"Mike came from a baseball family, and he was a part of the baseball family," commissioner Bud Selig said. "On behalf of all of Major League Baseball, I extend my deepest sympathy to his wife Mandy, their children and all of their family and friends."

The Drillers said Monday they had established a memorial fund for Coolbaugh's family. Coolbaugh also played for the team briefly in 1996. The family said a friend also had set up a memorial fund in San Antonio.

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Red Sox 6,
Indians 2

Jon Lester made his emotional return to the mound for the Boston Red Sox a victorious one.

The left-hander, whose rookie season was cut short when he was diagnosed with a treatable form of lymphoma, pitched six innings to lead the Red Sox to a 6-2 win over the Cleveland Indians on Monday night.

"I figured the day would come," Lester said. "I just didn't know when. It's just nice to be back."

Working to major leaguers for the first time in 11 months while his parents sat on the edges of their seats near Boston's dugout, Lester allowed two runs and five hits to easily handle the Indians, the team with the AL's best home record.

Lester's journey back couldn't have had a better checkpoint.

"It was supposed to be his night," Red Sox manager Terry Francona said.

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Change of Heart

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

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♠	8	
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♣	Q 9 6 5	
EAST		
♠	10 9 6 3	
♥	—	
♦	Q 10 4	
♣	A J 8 7 4 2	
SOUTH		
♠	K J	
♥	K J 10 8 5	
♦	K 7 6 3 2	
♣	K	

The bidding:			
South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	4♥	

Opening lead — eight of spades.
Part of the great appeal of bridge is that it offers an endless supply of new situations in both the bidding and the play. These situations may necessitate doing something you may never have done — or even thought of doing — before.

This should not, of course, prevent you from finding the winning action. All you need to do is to keep an open mind.

Take this case where South failed to make his contract because he could not bring himself to do something that went completely against standard procedure. He reached four hearts as shown, and West led a spade. South eyed the lead of dummy's first bid suit suspiciously, and correctly decided that it was a singleton.

This did not really bother him much, since it looked as if at least 11 tricks — five trumps and six spades — were there for the taking. But things took a potential turn for the worse after South took the spade with the king and cashed the king of hearts, on which East showed out.

This caused South to alter his initial plan. Since he was not about to let West ruff one of his good spades, he felt that his only real hope was that West had started with a doubleton spade.

So he drew three more rounds of trumps and then led the jack of spades, planning to overtake it with dummy's queen. When West failed to follow, there was no way South could come to 10 tricks. He overtook the jack with the queen, discarded the king of clubs on the ace and led a diamond toward his king. West won with the ace, and South finished down two.

There was a simple solution to South's problem, but he failed to see it because it required doing something unusual. All he had to do was draw two more rounds of trump, leaving a high trump in dummy, and lead the jack of spades.

What could West do? If he ruffed, the defenders could collect their two aces, but dummy's spades and remaining trump would take the rest of the tricks. And if he didn't ruff, the jack would win and declarer would then draw the last trump to finish with 11 tricks.

The winning play was not really that difficult to find. All declarer had to do was to keep an open mind.

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BRIEFS

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New officers will be elected for the 2007 season.

For more information, contact Jamie Scott at 264-0001 or Robert Smith at 263-3333.

Lady Steers v-ball team meeting

Big Spring's Lady Steers volleyball team will hold a parent/athlete meeting at 6 p.m. Aug. 2 at Alan and Della Partee's house at 1600 Kiowa.

The meeting will discuss rules and expectations for the upcoming season since two-a-days begin Aug. 6.

A swim party will be held following the meeting. Parents are asked to bring snacks and drinks.

Call Della Partee at 367-4038 or Coach Amanda Whitaker at (325) 864-1467 with any questions.

Steers season ticket sales have begun

Big Spring High School have made 2007 Steer football season tickets available for previous season ticket holders at the Athletic Training Center.

Previous holders can purchase their tickets Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. until Tuesday.

Season tickets will be made available to the general public Aug. 8 through Aug. 22 from 7:30

a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thurs-day.

Call Kay Cook at 264-3662 with any questions.

Magers-Powell camp scheduled

Rose Magers-Powell, the Big Spring High School Hall of Fame volleyball star and 1984 Olympian, will again be conducting a volleyball camp at BSHS this summer.

The camp is scheduled for July 30-Aug. 1 with sessions for middle school players from 9 a.m. to noon.

The high school players' session from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

The fee will be \$125 per player.

Players can register online and get additional information on the camp by going to Magers-Powell's website, www.gotrosevolleyballcamps.com.

Country club hosting over 80 golf tourney

The Big Spring Country Club is hosting an over 80 scramble tournament starting at 1 p.m. Aug. 18. The tournament will conclude Aug. 19.

Entry fee is \$60 per player plus a optional golf cart fee. Private carts are welcome. Entry includes a barbecue lunch on the course both days.

The field will be flighted by first round score.

Call the pro shop at 267-5354 for more information or to enter a team.

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It's like you're watching an inkblot spread across a surface, fascinated by its slow crawl, so enthralled with the insidious pattern it creates that you momentarily forget it's staining your favorite pants. Neptune is like that inkblot, spilling onto Mars in Taurus today, and we're so captivated that we may miss the subtle damage caused.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). In the spirit of friendship, honor and trust that you'll refrain from saying approximately half of the things that run across your mental screen. Your maturity keeps the peace.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Feasting is one of the many ways you celebrate all that's going well in your life — and sometimes the way you comfort yourself for things that aren't going so well. Which is it now? Make "mind over meal" your motto.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). If you refuse to compromise, you get your way. Everything is aligned to push a relationship forward. The other person is as ready as you are to see some interesting changes unfold.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There are only two ways to get through the day without a lot of thought: Believe everything, or doubt everything. You delight in intellectual challenge and will therefore probably take neither route.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Putting money or things before people is never a good move. You may realize that you did this recently — unconsciously, of course. Now that you recognize the problem, you can fix it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're mixing with people who really know what they are doing. As it should be! And don't be worried that your inexperience will show. The questions you ask prove that you're wise.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're finding out what's really important to you. Oddly, life gets grander as you simplify. What are the things you would still have in your life if you earned only half of what you presently earn?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your accomplishment will speak for itself — eventually. But right now you might have to subtly point it out. Tonight brings deep healing slumber and endless dreams.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). If you were to get very quiet and tune in to all that's going on around you, you may realize that you're the thought that turns someone's lips into a bemused smile.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). People who amble, workers who dawdle and clocks that aren't set to the accurate time are pet peeves. You're all business! Goods will be produced and services delivered. "I'll get to it later" simply won't do.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're a dream worker — selfless and committed to seeing a project through to its glory. Others will try but never touch your alacrity. Perhaps it's time you asked for a raise?

ASTROLOGICAL TOPICS: The Astrology of Fun: When the zodiacal season of Leo rolls around, we're in the thick of summertime heat — better to recuperate your strength with fun activities personalized by your sun sign. In the world according to Leo, your inner light shines brighter as you increase your fun quota. **GEMINI:** What fun is life without someone to share it with? Whether getting your nails done or talking to someone about your day, you thrive with civilized, conversant companions. You're generous with your friends and show them you care by inviting them on excursions or spoiling them with sweet treats. You have a patient

and tolerant heart. Leo activities: shopping, eating dessert first, reading romance novels. **CANCER:** Your strength is your subtle magnetism for mysterious, profound and life-changing exchanges. You're moved to head toward the deep end of the ocean and just keep going, which is very attractive to members of the opposite sex, inciting their lunar lust! You thrive when you're courageously exploring the depths of your psyche and heart. Leo activities: hot tubbing, developing your psychic abilities, tarot and divination. Come back for Leo and Virgo.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: As a style statement, Jennifer Lopez exudes luxe, a sumptuous elegance. Whereas J Lo's Lioness nature could sway her bling overboard, everything must also pass the muster of Venus in Virgo's impeccable standards. Venus in Virgo alters this beauty's wardrobe, changing her personal style from "Jenny From the Block" to one classy diva.

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Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: My husband and I have been married for 10 years. Things are pretty good. We have two beautiful children, good jobs and a supportive family. We rarely fight except about one thing — sex.



KATHY MITCHELL
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Before we married, we were all over each other. But ever since we said "I

do," it's like a switch has been turned off. I just don't have any interest. He has to persuade me to have sex, although once I get into it, it's really great. We are intimate two or three times a week. I hardly ever turn him down.

Last night, we had a really big fight about it, with both of us ending up in tears. My husband is wonderful, and I love him very much. I couldn't ask for more. Why can't I be sexually attracted to him? He's a fairly good-looking guy, although he could lose a few pounds, which he is working on. I just don't care to initiate sex because I can live with it or without it.

My new doctor put me on an anti-depressant that doesn't suppress sexual desire. It worked great at first, but slowly things started getting back to the way they were before. I thought if my husband helped around the house and with the children, I would be less tired, but it hasn't improved my desire. I am a healthy 40-year-old woman, so I don't think it's a physical problem. I'm afraid if things don't change, my marriage will be over. How do I increase my libido? — Frigid Mom

Dear Mom: It's not uncommon for women, especially after having children, to lose interest in sex. The reason can be psychological, but

doctors now believe it may be a hormonal imbalance. We recommend you talk to your gynecologist and also contact the American Association of Sexuality Educators, Counselors and Therapists (aasect.org), P.O. Box 1960, Ashland, VA 23005-1960. In the meantime, if you enjoy sex once you get started, try to fake some enthusiasm. There's no reason to keep telling your husband you aren't interested or don't find him sexually appealing. Guys can be a little sensitive about such remarks, and he's doing the best he can. This is no one's fault.

Dear Annie: Two days ago, I saw my husband's e-mail. He had sent two responses to two women. Women I don't know. My husband told me these women were from an investment site. He wrote in one, "You are sweet as always," and in the other, he said, "Anything for you, my dear." I was devastated.

My husband says it means nothing. I feel betrayed and hurt and can't stop thinking about it. Should married men be talking to other women that way? — Canada

Dear Canada: Actually, this sounds only like minor sexism. Many men use such phrases in business situations. They mean to be charming. Unless you have additional evidence that something more is going on, we wouldn't be concerned, but since such things bother you, your husband should be considerate enough to stop.

Dear Annie: I am writing in response to "Don in Redondo Beach, Calif.," who said a young girl he saw in a restaurant had a cultural tattoo. I'd like to suggest the possibility that the tattoo was actually painted on with henna.

Henna is a dye and is not permanent. Henna tattooing is quite common in India and is used as a form of ceremonial art for wedding ceremonies. I would never go through the pain of an actual tattoo, but I got a henna tattoo while vacationing in Acapulco. It wore off after a few weeks and was a lot of fun! — Even a Gal from North Dakota Knows the Difference

Dear Gal from N.D.: Fake tattoos, either henna or decals, are harmless and not uncommon, on both adults and children. Thanks for pointing out that not all that glitters is gold.

Dear Annie: You recently used the term "beck and call." I've heard this expression all my life and I think everyone is getting it wrong in written form. Here's my crackpot theory (I have a lot of those): The correct expression should be "beckon call." You call me to you, by beckoning, and I will rush to your service. That makes sense. But "beck and call"? Seriously, I don't think "beck" is even a word.

This may not rank with the great toilet paper debate, but it's one of those niggling little language things that drive me nuts. — Daniel

Dear Daniel: You're not too far off. "Beck" is actually a shortened form of "beckon." But the term is indeed "beck and call," and the word "beck" means a silent gesture such as a nod or wave. The phrase dates to the late 19th century. We hope you are feeling calmer now.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net

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Nation/world news in brief

YouTube questions shake up the Democratic debate

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — Lesbians asking about gay marriage. Two unrelated parents with sons in Iraq asking about the war. And a snowman asking about global warming? Video questions submitted to the hip Web site YouTube shook up the usual campaign debate.

The questions, most of them coming from young people, were blunt and earnest, yet sometimes bizarre.

"He needs help," Delaware Sen. Joe Biden said Monday night after watching a video of a man holding an automatic weapon and asking how the candidates would protect his "baby." "I don't know if he's mentally qualified to own that gun."

The revelations that the questions elicited ranged from the ridiculous to the grave. John Edwards didn't like Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton's bright coral jacket. More seriously, Illinois Sen. Barack Obama would be willing to meet individually with the leaders of Iran, Syria, Venezuela, Cuba and North Korea during the first year of his presidency, while Clinton would not.

Power restored in western England after worst flooding in 60 years

TEWKESBURY, England (AP) — Emergency workers restored power to thousands of homes in western England Tuesday but 350,000 people were still without fresh water after the worst flooding in 60 years.

Water levels peaked on the River Thames in Oxford, but communities downstream were scrambling to prepare for surges in a few days' time.

"River levels have peaked and the level is now falling, but due to the current high volumes of water this is happening quite slow-

ly," Gloucestershire Police spokesman Katy Roberts said.

Torrential rains have hit Britain over the past month — nearly 5 inches fell in some areas on Friday alone — and more downpours are forecast over coming days.

Bulgarian medics arrive home after more than 8 years in prison in Libya

SOFIA, Bulgaria (AP) — Five Bulgarian nurses and a Palestinian doctor were pardoned by President Georgi Parvanov upon their arrival in Sofia on Tuesday after spending 8 1/2 years in prison in Libya.

The medics, who were sentenced to life in prison for allegedly contaminating children with the AIDS virus, arrived on a plane with French first lady Cecilia Sarkozy and the EU's commissioner for foreign affairs, Benita Ferrero-Waldner.

The six came down the steps from the airplane and were welcomed on the tarmac by family members who hugged them, one lifting the Palestinian doctor off the ground.

They were given bouquets of flowers, and Bulgaria's president and prime minister were on hand, greeting the nurses and Sarkozy, who had been part of the delegation that negotiated the group's return.

"I waited so long for this moment," nurse Snezhana Dimitrova said before falling in the arms of her loved ones.

AG Alberto Gonzales to return for more questions from senators

WASHINGTON (AP) — The return of Attorney General Alberto Gonzales to the Senate Judiciary Committee is in some ways the story of Democratic failure to drum up enough pressure to force President Bush's hand.

Not so long ago, Republicans as well as

Democrats thought they'd seen Gonzales sit before them for the last time as attorney general. There was no way Gonzales could survive the controversy over the prosecutor firings, nor the exposure of other missteps, they said. Certainly he could not resist the widespread calls for his resignation — one, from a Republican — to his face as the proceedings were broadcast live.

They were wrong. Gonzales was called to testify again Tuesday. A Senate vote of no confidence in Gonzales has failed, and Bush has noted that the U.S. attorneys probe did not uncover any clear wrongdoing. And, armed with the president's support, Gonzales has made clear that he does not intend to leave office before Bush does.

Democrats say the wrongdoing is Gonzales' broader failure of leadership that extends to the FBI's abuse of so-called National Security letters and a withered tradition of independence from the political interests of the White House.

Agents arrest man accused of methamphetamine trafficking

MEXICO CITY (AP) — U.S. federal agents have arrested a Mexico City businessman wanted in connection with one of the Western Hemisphere's largest trafficking rings for the main chemical ingredient in methamphetamine.

Zhenli Ye Gon was arrested in a Maryland restaurant Monday evening, four months after police discovered \$207 million at his Mexico City mansion in what U.S. officials have called the world's biggest seizure of drug cash.

Mexican Attorney General Eduardo Medina Mora called the arrest "magnificent news" and said Mexican officials had 60 days to file their legal arguments for Ye Gon's extradition.

COLLEGE

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Howard College."

Bids were also submitted by Vice President Terry Hansen and approved by the board for San Angelo's Hartman Roofing to undertake a \$64,000 repair project for the Diagnostic Center roof on the SWCID campus. Funding was also approved for the San Angelo campus to receive Apple laptop computers and accessories at a total of \$21,587, as well as Hewlett Packard computers and accessories coming in at a total of \$78,465.

The next meeting of the board will be the annual summer workshop set for Aug. 2 when trustees will discuss the budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

"We are making a lot of progress with the budget; there is a lot of movement and we are still waiting for final information from the tax office," said Sparks. "We are getting prepared for next year."

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CITY

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falling short of the estimated \$65,276 in increases from CRMWD

Fuqua said recent rains have also caused a serious decrease in city water sales, estimated at a \$372,352 loss over the current fiscal year.

Fuqua said another sore spot for the proposed budget is utility costs.

"We try to meet our costs, and everything goes up just like the people see the costs of their utilities and fuel go up," said Fuqua. "That same cost is multiplied by the number of vehicles in our fleet. We've been doing very well at trying to control costs and it looks like the general fund is balanced at this point. Taxes are looking at an increase to cover the bonds that were voted on in November, but other than that I think we're going to be

able to hold the current rates."

The proposed budget also includes the purchase of equipment to help the city begin its own seal coat program to help improve roadways.

"It's going to be good for us," said Fuqua. "We can certainly handle it. We were supplying all the equipment and crews — except the two main pieces of equipment, the asphalt distributor and the rock chip spreaders and those two operators

— to the county, so it's not going to be a big burden on the city.

"It's going to cost us a lot initially to buy the equipment, but we're looking at buying used equipment, so we won't have to pay for the new stuff. But it will give us the opportunity to do a little more each year than we've been able to do in our past agreement with the county."

In the past, the city contracted with Howard County for use of its

equipment for seal coat operations, Fuqua said.

The work session is expected to continue

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\$200,000, according to county officials.

"I just don't see where we can justify this," said Commissioner Jerry Kilgore. "If Griffith could save us 2 or 3 percent in the long run, I'd say it's OK. But I just can't see where having him consult on the design of this jail is going to save us this kind of money. It just doesn't make sense."

Sheriff Dale Walker echoed Kilgore's concerns, saying he's not sure the contract would be justified.

"He has some good advice, but I don't necessarily agree with this contract," said Walker. "I've talked to both the architect and the jail commission, and there seems to be some concern that Carl might be stepping on some toes. He's not an architect and it would seem he's outside of his expertise."

Walker said the report commissioners have already contracted with Griffith for — outlining the statistics and jail needs of the county — has yet to be turned in.

"We haven't received the report on the work they are already doing," said Walker, with Barr nodding and adding that the results of the study were promised to be in the court's hands by now. "And I would really like to see those results."

"I get the feeling we're trying to put Carl into something that might get Carl into trouble, where he's trying to act as an architect when he's not."

Griffith's presentation to the court in April cen-

tered around the work the firm had recently done with Jefferson County in building a new jail, and implementing particular systems to manage and run the facility.

"One of the biggest advancements we've seen is the direct supervisions corrections," Griffith explained during that April meeting. "With this type of system, you have an open dorm area for 48 inmates, and the corrections officer is in direct contact with them at all times."

"I've looked at the past designs (for a Howard County Jail), and it doesn't need to be that expensive to deliver to the taxpayers what they need," he added. "There's just no need for all of that brick, mortar and steel. If you want a linear jail, you can spend a whole boat load of money."

The commissioner's court has been struggling

with the design and construction of a new county jail for almost three years.

Also during Monday's meeting, commissioners voted unanimously to table discussions concerning the sale of county property — namely the old Howard County Airport.

According to Barr, a current contract with the county's Industrial Foundation will have to be examined before the court can consider putting the property up for sale.

"We need to review the contract with the Industrial Foundation before we can move forward on this," Barr told the court. "We need to find out if there's anything we can do out there."

According to Barr, commissioners are considering putting the 600-plus acres up for sale in hopes

of breathing some life into county coffers, which have been stretched to the limit by the recent closure — and subsequent reopening — of the existing county jail.

"The budget is very, very tight this year, so we're looking at anything that will help," said Barr. "We want to talk about it with the commissioners and see how they feel about it, and then go from there. As it stands, we haven't had any offers or interest in the property at this time."

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YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to thank everyone who made our Fourth of July Pops in the Park possible. I truly appreciate the people who work so hard to organize and participate in that wonderful program.

I would also like to thank all the sponsors who make it possible. We are truly blessed to have such a fantastic program in a city of our size. I look forward to it every year. I particularly enjoyed the opening act, Los Greengos.

I would also like to take this opportunity to belatedly thank the Big Spring Convention and Visitors Bureau for the free concert they sponsored at the amphitheater this past spring. The free concert brought here to town by the CVB was greatly appreciated. The band called Vocal Trash was excellent.

I thank all of the people who made these events possible.

CAROL SMITH
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

What has happened to Big Spring? At midnight on Friday my kids went to Wal-Mart to pick up the newest Harry Potter book. Inside the store and out in the parking lot were groups of punks intent on causing trouble, harassing kids who bought a book for Pete's sake.

Our family moved here 10 years ago. We welcomed the small town friendliness and slower pace, but as the years have passed, the town has changed. The most disturbing trend being the appearance of the young thugs all over

town.

We as a community need to do something about this. If they are outsiders, our law enforcement agencies need to be diligent about protecting our community. If they are visitors, we need to show them that we expect them to respect our community. And, if they are our children, we need to step up to the plate and start being better role models, instill better values and make our homes a better place to be than out in Wal-Mart's parking lot in the middle of the night intimidating or threatening kids who read books.

LINDA CHANDLER
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TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the local radio stations that reported the Advanced Placement Exam results. My son, Matthew Callison, was one of the students who received a "5" on the calculus exam. Though I did not hear the reports, several of my fellow associates at Wal-Mart did. I am very proud of what Matthew and all the other students have done. He has excelled in a subject that many struggle with.

I would also like to thank Dr. Mo Seghier at the high school for encouraging Matthew to follow his own path and not one others may choose for him.

Bravo, Dr. Seghier, for encouraging such brilliant minds. And thank you local radio, for letting everyone know how bright some of our local students are.

MELISSA ROGERS
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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Your love, Lord is a treasure that we alone possess.
Amen

Unions no match for corporate greed

Union organizers in America should feel lucky. Nowadays they rarely get beaten to a pulp or murdered. Those remain common hazards of the trade in Latin America and Asia.

Not to say that unions here are having an easy time. Money and law are heavily stacked against them. Our president has populated the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) with members who believe that the AFL-CIO is run by Nikolai Lenin, who in turn takes orders from Osama bin Laden. And while the new Congress may indeed slightly favor making it easier for workers to organize, such reform is unlikely to make it past the filibuster or the veto, let alone Washington's phalanx of sleek corporate lobbyists.

OK, it is true that in the realm of Indian casinos, a new court ruling specifically empowers workers to organize, which they will surely try to do. This win, however, is merely a distraction. Native Americans will just as surely fight like any other defensive employer, but as with state and local governments, they're not the worst guys.

The worst guys are businesses. Take Circuit City. It's firing senior employees because they make too much, and hiring new ones at rock bottom wages. Wal-

Mart, for its part, strives to minimize full-time employees altogether so as to keep down benefit costs.

These, of course, are companies that can't outsource. Nearly everyone else who can shift production abroad does so, and those who can farm out work to faceless contractors at low wages do that too. For some who can use illegal aliens, such as meat packers, so much the better.

The auto industry offers a different self-destructive wrinkle. Heavily unionized, its workers have long dutifully supported the bosses with Buy American campaigns. This has irked environmentalists because those good old American cars are famously wasteful and polluting. So what has happened? American consumers, unmoved by product loyalty, started buying more-efficient Japanese cars. The Japanese in turn started making these cars over here, but in fiercely anti-union shops. So while Detroit lays off, Yokohama hires, leading to a speedy reduction in total union employment.

And just to make matters worse, the federal government leads the way in demeaning all workers. The legislation setting up Homeland Security specifically prohibits unions, and anti-labor officials currently run the Labor Department. It's like a trip down the Rabbit Hole.

Prudently, not leaving anything to chance, the corporate community and the national Republican

Party also support think tanks for the purpose of further undermining unions. You see their Swift Boat-style treatises in newspapers and hear them on TV. It is worth big bucks to business to keep workers unorganized.

Many citizens recently had an opportunity to grasp this scenario when Tribune Media's sale of two papers, the "Greenwich Time" and Stamford "Advocate" to Gannett fell through. It seems that 38 editorial employees there are unionized, and Gannett did not want to chance introducing such a dangerous infection into its otherwise pristine Camelot of non-union workers. Many million bucks were at stake in this failed deal, simply to keep out a union.

Hereabouts, the Food and Commercial Workers have now settled with Stop and Shop Supermarkets, which action has stoked embers of hope in many a worker's breast.

Still, one good agreement is not enough to foment change. Worker pay and benefits remain stagnant overall, while owner and management rewards continue to skyrocket.

We live in a classic period where money means almost everything, and those without it had better provision up the storm cellar for worse times ahead.

Columnist William A. Collins is a former state representative and a former mayor of Norwalk, Conn.
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WILLIAM A. COLLINS



Justice denied: The new Court

This year's Supreme Court session has only just ended, but the Court's sharp turn to the right is already having devastating consequences. President George W. Bush's two nominees to the bench — John Roberts and Samuel Alito — are voting to overturn, undermine, or eliminate hard-won rights and protections that millions of Americans rely on for justice.

Just ask Lilly Ledbetter. A supervisor at a Goodyear Tire and Rubber plant in Gadsden, Ala., Ledbetter received an anonymous tip late in her 19-year career that, for years, she had been paid significantly less than her male coworkers. She sued under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which protects workers against discrimination on the basis of sex. Ledbetter proved her case. A federal jury awarded her back pay and punitive damages. The company appealed and the case went all the way to the Supreme Court. On May 29, in a 5 to 4 ruling authored by Justice Alito, she lost. The Court did not dispute the discrimination, but ruled that she should have filed her discrimination claim within 180 days of the time her supervisors first set her pay on a discriminatory basis.

It's a jaw-dropping injustice for Lilly Ledbetter, but it has far-reaching consequences for all of us.

Before this case, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission — the federal agency charged with enforcing Title VII — said that a worker had 180 days to file a complaint after receiving

any paycheck that was lower due to discrimination, regardless of when the discriminatory pay decision was made. But under the Court's new restrictive ruling, a worker would have to file a complaint within 180 days of that discriminatory decision.

That's ludicrous. Employees are not mind readers, and corporations do not make a habit of disclosing the salaries they pay. Workers usually do not know how much their peers are paid, and discrimination may only become apparent over time. It often takes time even to suspect such a problem, and more time to find actual evidence. Meanwhile, few people can afford to put their jobs in jeopardy by making waves.

Now, thanks to the Supreme Court ruling, workers like Lilly Ledbetter who find out "too late" that they have been discriminated against for years will have no legal recourse. And employers will reap the financial benefits of their illegal conduct. That's not justice. And it's clearly not what Congress intended when it passed Title VII of the Civil Rights Act. Besides prohibiting sex discrimination in employment, Title VII also protects all Americans from workplace discrimination and harassment based on religion, race, color, and national origin. The Supreme Court's decision to interpret narrowly the 180-day deadline in the Ledbetter case will undermine these other essential protections as well.

This case is just the latest evidence of the Court's dramatic rightward shift. Chief Justice Roberts and Justice Alito have joined with Justices Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas to create a four-vote, ultraconservative bloc. Justice Anthony Kennedy now often serves as the

Court's tie-breaker — a role once played by the more moderate Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. More often than not, in critical divided rulings, Kennedy joins with the right-wing justices.

There's more to come. As court-watchers and civil rights advocates predicted when Chief Justice Roberts and Justice Alito were confirmed, the new Supreme Court has shown itself willing to favor powerful government and business interests over the rights of individual Americans. Look for this disturbing trend to continue as the Court addresses voting rights, workplace and product safety, privacy rights, environmental protection, and so on. Legislation has already been introduced in Congress that would correct the unjust ruling in Lilly Ledbetter's case. Congress must act to pass this legislation immediately so that no one else who faces pay discrimination at work will be shortchanged.

We cannot stand by as the Court destroys vital protections and undermines our cherished rights and liberties. We must remain vigilant and push for judges throughout our legal system who value equality and fairness. We must fight for new legislation that stands up for individual Americans against powerful interests.

The gains we have made as a nation over the last 70 years are at stake.

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Bird Poop:

Young Swainson's hawk proves a tough save

Perched on the utility line across the street from the Presbyterian church, the bird watched people coming and going into the oil company's office. Throughout the hot afternoon, the cries of this lonely creature caused passers-by to wonder why a large raptor would be at that intersection. Not knowing the meaning of its plaintive scream, but sensing something was wrong, a secretary for the firm was prompted to act in behalf of the bird.



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"It's been here all afternoon. Looks like a hawk. Can you come see what you think?" expressed the worried lady. After the description of the constant cries, I told her that there was a possibility the raptor might be "somebody's bird" that had found freedom and did not know how to hunt for its food. Unless that somebody was licensed as a falconer or rehabber, it was illegal to possess a bird of prey.

When I arrived, she pointed to the trees in front of the church. As she barely finished saying, "It's in that one," the hawk flew back across the street to the power line. Once again, it began its incessant calling. Able to walk beneath and around it, I told the woman it was this year's young. Out of place in a city, the Swainson's hawk was a bird of open country, prairies, the plains and desert. Dependent upon small mammals and insects, the bird had some definite signs of

having been held captive. Frayed feather tips on its tail and primaries indicated cage life. The lack of fear, with people so near, was another clue. The longer I stayed, and with raw beef in my hand, the more the hawk reacted to my presence. Sidling along the line, it crouched toward me so much it was in danger of falling forward from its perch. Somehow, it resisted the impulse to fly down for an easy meal.

Even though most workers had left for the day, the lady and I remained. With our hopes waning, I told her I would call the electric company and see if they would be willing to meet us there the next morning. Using a bucket truck, I might have an opportunity to seize the hawk if it were hungry enough to trust me.

The Swainson's hawk was on the line when the service men arrived. Not letting me ride up with them, the employees with their hard hats and too rapid an approach were not a welcome sight to the hawk. After several attempts, they soon learned the bird was having no part of their efforts. It flew eastward.

Having watched our efforts, a young man, who had been standing on the church lawn, said he would drive in that direction and see if he could spot the hawk. We exchanged telephone numbers just in case.

About an hour later, he called. A few blocks from the church, the hawk had found a roof to its liking. With an excellent view of anyone's approach, the hawk took flight to the northeast when we were barely out of our cars. It passed over us with ease.

We decided to continue the chase. Knowing of a drainage easement with tall trees to the west of



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Although its wings are narrower and pointed, the Swainson's hawk is nearly as large as a red-tailed hawk. With its appetite for insects and rodents, the raptor is considered a beneficial bird by farmers and ranchers.

the "new" junior high school, we felt the raptor might land in the elms since they attract cicadas. The bird would at least have a source of food.

Parking in the ample shade, the young man and I were rewarded by watching the young hawk cavort in the tree tops. Normally, the fledglings learn to pursue grasshoppers and other insects from their parents. This bird had much to learn. Disheartening was its continued cry for food. About 5 p.m., the man said he had to leave and I thanked him for his efforts in trying to help. Telling him I would notify the paper and radio station for people to be alerted to a downed hawk, I added, "The only way we'll catch this bird is for it to become so weak it can't fly. Once

down, we'll have a chance." It was the only reassurance I could share with him.

Arriving home, I waited for Art. We drove back to the trees, and he helped me reach the crook of a large elm. From there, nature had provided large limbs to use as stairs. When I had climbed as high as I could safely go, Art yelled, "It's time to come down." Although the Swainson's had come within six feet of my outstretched arm and food, I had failed. Our dilemma was last seen perched on a utility pole not far from the railroad tracks.

Five days later came a welcome call from Animal Control. Having been alerted by the media about the wayward hawk, they had received a call from a business located on First

Street. With the hawk looking in the window, the owner sensed something was wrong. Too weak to fly, the bird offered little resistance when the officer approached. For a youngster that has an enormous appetite, the bird had barely caught enough insects to survive. If it could "wild up," a lengthy stay at a wildlife center would insure the proper weight, muscle development and flight ability before release.

Within a year, a molt would change the bedraggled escapee into an easily recognizable Swainson's hawk. His juvenile, disheveled plumage of warm, dark brown upper parts with mottled feathers and spotted cinnamon-buff breast would be replaced with a rich sepia on top,

and a chest sporting the tell-tale brown breast band, or "bib," that separates its white throat and pale belly. The hawk's banded tail would still be noticeable.

Because of its adeptness in capturing insects, it would earn the colloquial title of "grasshopper hawk." Circling high in an August sky of the future, the Swainson's hawk would use many a thermal to glide ahead and begin its journey south. The young hawk, instead, could have starved to death. Holding the captured bird of prey, and looking into its eyes some 25 years ago, taught me unknowingly that perseverance and tenacity were the key to survival and recovery.

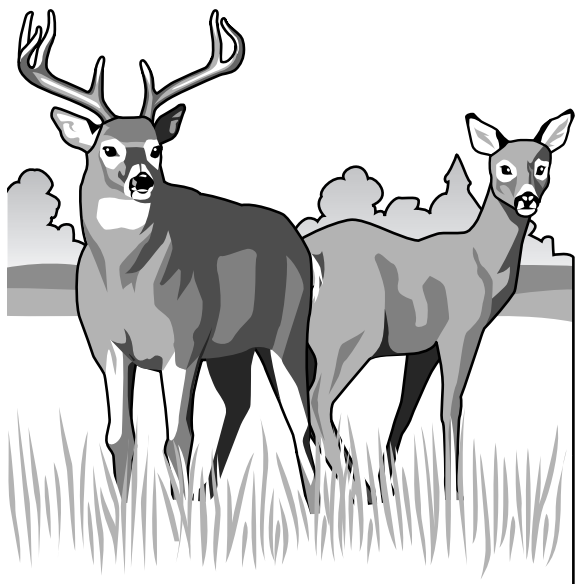
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THE DEER AND THE DOVE

Debra, the white-tailed Deer, saw them coming. She knew what they were after. She also knew that she must run and hide. Debra can run very fast and jump even the highest fences. That is a good thing because she had to do this many times to stay safe. She knew that is was hunting season once again and the hunters would be looking for her.

When Debra was very young, her mother had taught her how to stay safe from the hunters. She taught Debra how to sniff the air and smell the hunters. She taught Debra how to listen very carefully for a strange noise that the other woods animals could not make, like the sound of a hunter, walking, looking for a deer.



Debra had to learn very quickly. Debra wanted to stay safe from the hunters. Most of the year was a safe time for all deer, but this one time of

the year they call hunting season, came all too often. This time of the year, it is okay for the hunters to look for Debra and her friends. Debra wished this hunting season was over already! Someday, she would have a little fawn of her own and she

hoped her baby would not have to do these things just to stay safe.

There is another time of the year when one of our most beautiful and charming birds have to worry. It is called "Dove Season". Sabrina Dove loved to visit big, open fields where all types of grains grew. She loved corn and millet most of all. She couldn't wait each year for the golden brown kernels of corn and the wonderful brown seeds of the millet to mature, being a meal for most birds, not just Sabrina. She soon learned that there was plenty for them all and she would share. She was a very nice dove.

This story begins with how Debra and Sabrina became friends. They were an unlikely pair to be friends. Who ever heard of a dove and a deer

being friends? Summer had come and gone. Fall was now here. Fall is a beautiful time of year. The leaves are falling off the trees, letting the old trees rest for awhile. They had worked hard since Springtime, trying to look their best for all of us to enjoy. Now, it is time for them to sleep in their own way. Fall is also the time when lots of the grains would be ready for picking, eating and the little birds getting fat from their seeds.

Sabrina Dove had been in one of those open fields, eating to her heart's content when it happened! She didn't see the hunters coming. Debra did! The hunters saw Sabrina at the same time! Debra did not know who Sabrina was at that time but she did know that the little bird was going to need help, now! Debra watched, hoping the hunters did not see Sabrina, but they did because they were slowly, quietly, walking toward

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her. Debra knew what she had to do! She ran just as fast as any fleetfooted deer had ever run, straight toward Sabrina. This frightened Sabrina so much that she took off, flying very fast, finding a safe place to hide. After she did find the safe place, she watched to see why that deer decided to scare her so. Then she saw the hunters and knew why! That deer had saved her life! She wondered what she could ever do to repay the deer. She would learn how very quickly!

Because of that scary day, Sabrina learned how to search for the wonderful grains, and also how to watch for hunters at the same time. Dove season was now over, but soon it was deer hunting season! Sabrina could do some-

thing that Debra could not do, she could fly! And that is how she helped save Debra from harm many times. She watched from way up high as Debra explored the grain fields, eating away at those grains. She could fly high enough to see anything that moved, even far, far away. She could see the hunters coming. She would fly down very fast, toward Debra, and zoom right by her ears. This would frighten Debra so much that she would run and hide.

Pretty soon, they both knew that they had been friends all along and just hadn't known it. They looked after each other, always. Isn't this what good friends are for?

Debra just ran past me and Sabrina flew over me. Both of them looked at me as if to say, "Good Night!"

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On this date:

In 1783, Latin American revolutionary Simon Bolivar was born in Caracas, Venezuela.

In 1847, Mormon leader Brigham Young and his followers arrived in the Great Salt Lake Valley in present-day Utah.

In 1862, the eighth president of the United States, Martin Van Buren, died in Kinderhook, N.Y.

In 1866, Tennessee became the first state to be readmitted to the Union after the Civil War.

In 1929, President Hoover proclaimed the Kellogg-Briand Pact, which renounced war as an instrument of foreign policy.

In 1937, the state of Alabama dropped charges against four of the nine young black men accused of raping two white women in the "Scottsboro Case."

In 1967, French President Charles de Gaulle stirred controversy during a visit to Montreal, Canada, when he declared, "Vive le Quebec libre!" (Long live free Quebec!)

In 1969, the Apollo 11 astronauts — two of whom had been the first men to set foot on the moon — splashed down safely in the Pacific.

In 1974, the Supreme Court unanimously ruled that President Nixon had to turn over subpoenaed White House tape recordings to the Watergate special prosecutor.

In 1987, Hulda Crooks, a 91-year-old mountaineer from California, became the oldest woman to conquer Mount Fuji, Japan's highest

peak.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director Peter Yates is 78. Actress Jacqueline Brouckes is 77. Political cartoonist Pat Oliphant is 72. Comedian Ruth Buzzi is 71. Actor Mark Goddard is 71. Actor Dan Hedaya is 67. Actor Chris Sarandon is 65. Comedian Gallagher is 61. Actor Robert Hays is 60. Former Republican national chairman Marc Racicot is 59. Actor Michael Richards is 58. Actress Lynda Carter is 56. Movie director Gus Van Sant is 55. Country singer Pam Tillis is 50. Actor Kadeem Hardison is 42. Actress-singer Jennifer Lopez is 39.

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AGNES

WOW... SEVENTY INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED LITTLE BECKY SNACK CAKES! WE'RE EATING LIKE KINGS! YOU MEAN QUEENS.

A KING EATS AS MUCH AS HE WANTS AND THEN SITS AROUND BURPING TO HIS ROYAL HEARTS CONTENT.

A QUEEN WOULD WORRY ABOUT HER TIARA POPPING OFF FROM TOO MUCH FOREHEAD FAT.

THEN KINGS IT IS!

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HI AND LOIS

WHY DOES DAWG BARK AT THE VACUUM CLEANER?

WOOF! WOOF! WOOF!

RRRRRR

HE THINKS IT'S A CONTEST TO SEE WHO CAN MAKE THE MOST NOISE!

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| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1 Incites | 1 ___ monster (southwestern lizard) |
| 6 Female singing range | 2 Some Keats poems |
| 10 British fellow | 3 "That's too bad!" letters |
| 14 Just hangs around | 4 Teeth-related |
| 15 Kingly address | 5 Retired fast plane: Abbr. |
| 16 Walesa of Poland | 6 Approve |
| 17 Tilt right, at sea | 7 Lo-cal |
| 20 Helper: Abbr. | 8 Hypnotic state |
| 21 Ball-___ hammer | |
| 22 Tahiti and Sicily | |
| 23 Business-envelope letters | |
| 25 Secret writing | |
| 27 Spicy beef/beans dish | |
| 30 Those folks | |
| 32 Took a photo of | |
| 36 Atmosphere | |
| 37 Tiny amount | |
| 39 Each | |
| 41 Took a big risk | |
| 44 Term of office | |
| 45 Old furnace fuel | |
| 46 Source of natural light | |
| 47 Ireland, informally | |
| 48 Throat-clearing sound | |
| 50 Contest mail-in | |
| 52 Singer Guthrie | |
| 54 Helper | |
| 56 Regretful feeling | |
| 59 Sinking-ship deserters | |
| 61 Apex | |
| 65 Gets one's hair cut, perhaps | |
| 68 Iridescent mineral | 9 "___ the fields we go..." |
| 69 Insignificant | 10 Approaches one's objective |
| 70 Journalistic angle | 11 Become well |
| 71 Exited | 12 Land measure |
| 72 Money players | 13 Profs.' degrees |
| 73 Church songs | 18 Make a choice |
| | 19 Auction action |
| | 24 Track-meet official |
| | 26 Nebraska city |
| | 27 Social stratum |
| | 28 Walker in the woods |
| | 29 Armenian neighbor |
| | 31 Therefore |
| | 33 Robbery, slangily |
| | 34 Come to pass |
| | 35 Very small |
| | 38 Flawless |
| | 40 Made a stack |
| | 42 Fish + cheese sandwich |
| | 43 Ketchup ingredients |
| | 49 Pie eater of rhyme |
| | 51 In a tidy way |
| | 53 Second notes of the scale |
| | 55 Neighbor of Leb. |
| | 56 Garbage boat |
| | 57 Be optimistic |
| | 58 To ___ (unanimously) |
| | 60 Spherical hairdo |
| | 62 Study hard |
| | 63 St. Paul's state |
| | 64 CPR experts |
| | 66 Mischievous kid |
| | 67 Barbecue residue |

THE OTHER COAST

THIS IS HELL? HEY, WHAT'S SO BAD ABOUT THIS? I'VE EVEN GOT TV!

PARIS HILTON IS ON EVERY CHANNEL.

SO, I'M LIKE, WHATEVER...

SO, I'M LIKE, WHATEVER.

SNUFFY SMITH

NUTHIN'S ENNYBODY'S FAULT ENNYMORE !! THAR'S NO ACCOUNTABILITY !!

NOPE !!

WE'RE A DYIN' BREED, LUKEY !!

BETLE BAILEY

WHY DO YOU ONLY USE ONE FINGER WHEN YOU TYPE, ZERO?

BECAUSE...

MY MIND CAN'T KEEP UP WITH ALL OF THESE!

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