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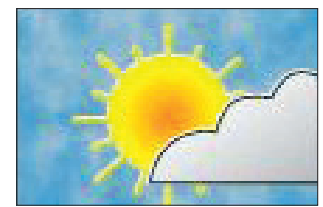


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## Survivors

### Old Soreheads Trade Days rebounds from wild storm

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer  
STANTON — The Old Soreheads Trade Days survived a blow from Mother Nature to conclude another successful run Sunday.  
Saturday's first day of the triennial event was cut short because of extremely high winds and rain which caused some damage, but the elements were much more benign Sunday and large crowds helped bring things to a successful close, organizers said.  
Stanton Police Chief Mike Adams said the threat of severe weather forced officials to start shutting down Satur-

day's run a few hours early.  
"We came under a severe weather warning at around 5 p.m. and we had everybody shut things down," Adams said. "Thank goodness we did, because we would have had some injuries if we hadn't."  
Winds at speeds up to 70 mph blew through the area at about 7 p.m., knocking over tents and stands and scattering some merchants' merchandise to points unknown.  
"It was a disaster area," Adams said.  
With Saturday temperatures reaching 107 degrees in the downtown area Saturday,

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Ginni Metcalf of Coahoma, right, and other customers inspect jewelry for sale during the Old Soreheads Trade Days event in Stanton Sunday afternoon.



Gloria Lopez of El Paso, owner of Toys 'n' Things, helps out customers during the Old Soreheads Trade Days event Sunday afternoon in Stanton.



A pair of youngsters try their hand at rock climbing during the Old Soreheads Trade Days Sunday afternoon in downtown Stanton.

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## Big Spring woman killed in shooting Husband surrenders to authorities early this morning

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer  
A Big Spring woman was pronounced dead at Scenic Mountain Medical Center early this morning following a shooting in the 1200 block of Sycamore, according to police officials.  
Patricia Ramirez Gutierrez, 45, was pronounced dead at the SMMC emergency room by Howard County Justice of the Peace Quail Dobbs shortly after 1 a.m.  
"Officers responded to 1207 Sycamore in reference to a shooting at approxi-

mately 1:40 a.m.," said Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the Big Spring police Department. "Upon arrival, an officer discovered the female victim had been shot in the back. She was transported to the emergency room, where she died."  
"The victim was shot once in the back with what is believed to have been a 12-gauge shotgun. The investigation into the shooting revealed the victim had allegedly been shot by her husband, who fled the scene prior to officers arrival."  
Everett said the suspect, 48-year-old

Tommy Gutierrez Jr., later turned himself in at the Troy M. Hogue Law Enforcement Center.  
"While detectives were looking for Gutierrez, he came to the police department and turned himself in just after 7 a.m. and was taken into custody and charged with murder," said Everett. "We expect to interview him this morning and book him into the Howard County Jail."  
Everett declined to comment further, citing the investigation into the homicide is ongoing.



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## Obituaries

### Bill Gilbert

Bill Gilbert, 73, of Big Spring died Friday, June 12, 2009, in Stanton. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

He was born Nov. 16, 1935, in Chicora, Penn., to Catherine and Lloyd Gilbert. He moved to Big Spring in 1937, and was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. He worked at "Toby's", 7-11 Stores, and later the Big Spring State Hospital. He was a member of the Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

He is survived by one sister, Raellen Thompson of Big Spring; one brother, Mike Gilbert and his wife, Jackie, of Royse City; two sisters-in-law, Alene Gilbert of Big Spring and Billie Gilbert of Arlington; 13 nieces and nephews; a number of great-nieces and -nephews; and one great-great-nephew.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, John R. "Jack" Gilbert and Robert L. "Bob" Gilbert.

Pallbearers will be John Gilbert, Brock Thompson, Billy Thompson, Tony Gilbert, Kyle Hemmer, Michael Ensminger and Cliff Ensminger.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersand-smith.com](http://www.myersand-smith.com)

*Paid obituary*

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 9 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today:

- MARIA TREVINO, 28, of Athens, was arrested Saturday on a Henderson County warrant.
- RICHARD ACUFF, 22, of 1204 E. 17<sup>th</sup> St., was arrested Saturday on a charge of failure to identify.
- LESLIE CARTER, 21, of 4501 Parkway, was arrested Saturday on a charge of criminal mischief - more than \$500, less than \$1,500.
- DARYL NEWBERN, 49, transient, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- COMMODORE BELL, 37, of West Virginia, was arrested Saturday on charges of public intoxication and possession of marijuana.
- CHRISTOPHER LEE RODRIGUEZ, 22, of 1908 Settles, was arrested Sunday on a charge of criminal mischief - more than \$50, less than \$500.
- ROBERT WHITE, 40, of 813 W. Eighth St., was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- THEFT was reported in the 500 block of Lamesa.
- UNATTENDED DEATH was reported in the 4100 block of Parkway.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:
  - in the 1000 block of Bluebonnet.
  - in the 1900 block of Runnels.
  - in the 1600 block of Avion.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1300 block of 18<sup>th</sup> Street.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 1000 block of Sixth Street.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 3000 block of Cherokee.
- ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY - FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 1900 block of 11<sup>th</sup> Street.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported:
  - in the 1500 block of Sycamore.
  - in the 1400 block of Virginia.
  - in the 1500 block of Lincoln.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 1900 block of Highway 87 (four reports).
- AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON was reported in the area of Ridgeroad.

## Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of Johnson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1300 block of Wood. Service refused.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1900 block of 11<sup>th</sup> Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2200 block of Monticello. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of N. Main Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 4100 block of Parkway. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of Oak Glenn. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2600 block of E. 24<sup>th</sup> Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2500 block of Langley. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 200 block of W. FM 700. Service refused.

### Juan Dominic Salazar

Juan Dominic Salazar, the infant son of Gerald and Lupe Salazar of Garden City, died Saturday, June 13, 2009, at Odessa Regional Medical Center. Funeral mass will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday, June 16, 2009, at St. Lawrence Catholic Church with the Rev. Francis Njoku officiating. Burial will be at Garden City Cemetery.

He was born June 3, 2009, in Midland.

He is survived by his parents, Gerald and Lupe Salazar of Garden City; one sister, Brianne Garcia of Garden City; paternal grandparents, Juan and Maria Salazar of Garden City; maternal grandparents, Lazaro and Guadalupe Garcia of Midkiff; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersand-smith.com](http://www.myersand-smith.com)

### Nathan Mikial Burch

Nathan Mikial Burch, 10, of Big Spring died Sunday, June 14, 2009, at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.




## Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 83 inmates at the time of this report.

- RICHARD ACUFF, 22, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of failure to identify.
- ANDREW AGUILAR, 40, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- PEDRO AGUILAR, 48, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- JULIO DIAZ BALCAZAR, 26, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of issuance of a bad check.
- COMMODORE ROGER BELL, 37, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication and possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- LESLIE DAWN CARTER, 21, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief.
- MARTIN CASTENADA, 46, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated - second offense.
- ERICK WADE CURTIS, 18, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of expired driver's license and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.
- ALFRED DIAZ, 44, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a local warrant.
- GUADALUPE RUBEN GARCIA, 37, was arrested Friday on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated - third or more offense.
- RONALD JOE HOPE, 37, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- ISIAH MATTHEW JAMES, 20, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of theft.
- LOZANO ANDRES, 59, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- MELISSA ANN MARTINEZ, 38, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of assault causing bodily injury.
- KRISTINA MILLER, 26, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- PABLO MORENO, 31, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- DARYL NEWBURN, 49, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- LORENZO TORRES RAMIREZ, 24, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- ROEJELIO RAMIREZ, 29, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- CHRISTOPHER LEE RODRIGUEZ, 22, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief.
- WILLIAM STEWART, 44, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of issuance of a bad check.
- VERA RENEE TREADWAY, 29, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a local warrant and a charge of public intoxication.
- MARIA TREVINO, 28, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a local warrant.
- ADRIAN TRUJILLO, 29, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- ROBERT WHITE, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- ANTHONY LEE WILSON, 21, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.
- TIFFANY YANEZ, 23, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

## Your Local Weather

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### TODAY

- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad, in the dining hall on the east side of the building. Weigh-in starts at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 6 p.m. There is a different program each week. For more information, call 213-1342 or 263-6819.
- Evening Lions Club meets at 6:45 p.m. at Dragon China Buffet.
- DAV and Auxiliary Chapter 47 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 610 Abrams St.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

### TUESDAY

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

## Lottery

The winning numbers drawn in the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:

5-19-29-30-34-49

Estimated jackpot: \$14 million

Next Lotto Texas game: Wednesday night.

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Saturday by the Texas Lottery:

5-11-12-15-33

Next Cash Five game: Tonight.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Saturday night, in order:

2-4-5-9. Sum It Up: 20.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night, in order:

0-1-7. Sum It Up: 8.

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# Texas News Briefs:

## Texas soldier killed in NC auto accident

LOCKHART (AP) — Army officials say a soldier from Texas was killed after suffering injuries from an automobile accident in Fayetteville, N.C.

Matthew B. Thomas was a 23-year-old wheeled vehicle mechanic from Lockhart. He was involved in an accident Friday morning that is under investigation.

Thomas was part of the 82nd Airborne Division and has been awarded the Army Commendation Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and a National Defense Service Ribbon.

Thomas is survived by his daughter, Natalie, and his parents, Ronald and Catherine Thomas, of Lockhart.

## Deadly rollover of Ford Roadster occurs in Conroe

CONROE (AP) — The rollover of a 1929 open-top Ford Roadster left one person dead and three others hurt in Conroe.

Police identified the driver who died as

45-year-old Daredeth Perry Ward of Willis. Autopsy results were pending Monday.

Conroe police say the accident happened Saturday night after Ward, two of her relatives and a friend were leaving a car show. Police believe the antique car accelerated, exceeding the 40 mph speed limit, before flipping and ejecting all four occupants.

## Help4Galveston coordinates Ike volunteers

GALVESTON (AP) — A few days at the beach in Galveston will take on different meaning this first summer after Hurricane Ike.

The organization Help4Galveston is seeking projects and coordinating volunteers for Ike repairs nine months after the hurricane swamped much of the island city.

The group's Web site says: "Please help Galveston County repair, restore and rebuild!"

The Galveston County Daily News reported Monday that as many as 2,000 volunteers per week, including families and youth groups, are expected in the area

through August.

Help4Galveston leader Erin Toberman says all Galveston County residents or business owners who could use Ike recovery help should contact the group. Cities and other public agencies are also eligible.

## WWII-era ship exhibit reopens after Ike damage

GALVESTON (AP) — The USS Stewart military exhibit at Seawolf Park in Galveston has reopened nine months after Hurricane Ike.

The World War II destroyer escort was damaged during the Sept. 13 storm.

Seawolf Park's memorial exhibits also include the USS Cavalla submarine.

The Galveston County Daily News reported Monday that the Cavalla Historical Foundation coordinated the repairs.

## Power restored across most of North Texas

DALLAS (AP) — A weekend without power ended for much of North Texas with electricity restored following storms since Wednesday.

Electric provider Oncor (ON'kor) reported early Monday that all

homes and businesses that can receive power have been restored.

The utility earlier reported outages to as many as 500,000 homes and businesses after thunderstorms pounded the Dallas-Fort Worth area last week.

## Police arrest father in missing baby case

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas police have arrested the father of a 9-month-old girl who was reported abducted from her home.

Alandus Weaver, 20, was arrested on suspicion of tampering or fabricating evidence to hinder an investigation, police said Sunday. Police declined to provide further details.

Police began searching for Daijsa Weaver on Tuesday after her mother reported a man broke into her apartment, tried to sexually assault her then took the baby. Weaver was not home at the time. Janse said the baby's mother recanted her account of the kidnapping.

Authorities searched Lake Lewisville on Sunday after receiving a tip the girl's body may be there. The child still has not been found.

Weaver was being held Sunday with bond

set at \$100,000. No information was available on an attorney who could comment on Weaver's behalf, according to the jail.

Weaver's father said his son told him he didn't know where the child is.

## A&M president resigns before regents meeting

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Texas A&M President Elsa Murano announced her resignation Sunday, one day before the A&M System's Board of Regents was scheduled to discuss the university's leadership in what had every appearance of a decision on Murano's future.

Earlier this month, the university system released a scathing performance review of Murano's first full year on the job, giving her low marks for leadership and management, including the lowest scores possible for decisiveness and for not being a team player.

Murano, the first female and first Hispanic president in the school's 132-year history, issued a statement through her lawyer Sunday saying that she was doing what she believed was best for the university and hoped to return to the

faculty.

In her statement, Murano said recent weeks had been "taxing" for the university and thanked those who offered support.

## Jakes says he barely avoided explosion

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas megachurch pastor T.D. Jakes says a last-minute change of plans saved him from being killed in a natural gas explosion at his home.

Jakes told thousands at a Sunday service at The Potter House that he would have been getting dressed near the blast last week had he not suddenly had the feeling he should call off an early morning meeting. The blast that ripped through an area of his 15,000-square-foot home did not result in any injuries.

Jakes' voice shook Sunday during his emotional account of how he and a church member who drove him to the church would have been in the middle of the blast.

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EXP. 12/31/09

# Texas teen hopes to raise \$1 million for hospital

By JAMIE STENGLE

Associated Press Writer

DALLAS — During a visit to Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, then-10-year-old Ben Sater noticed that his mom didn't stop to pay.

When she explained that the hospital for orthopedic conditions doesn't charge patients, Sater, who was being treated for a condition called trigger finger, began thinking of ways he could give back. He and his parents settled on holding a golf tournament for kids ages 7 to 18.

"I was very taken aback that he'd thought to do something," Kim Sater said.

As he hosts his seventh KidSwing tournament on Monday at a Dallas country club, the 17-year-old is moving closer to his goal of raising \$1 million by the time he goes to college. So far, the tournaments have raised about \$660,000 for the Dallas hospital, not including their tally for this summer.

"When we first started, I would've never thought we could raise \$1 million," said the soon-to-be high school senior from the Dallas

suburb of Plano.

He still remembers the excitement of the first tournament with 78 kids participating. They'd hoped to raise \$10,000, but ended up with about \$20,000.

"We had no idea what we could do. It just was very special," Kim Sater said.

About 375 kids are expected to participate Monday. The tournament has grown so much that they've about reached capacity at the Dallas course, so for the second year they'll hold another tournament in July in McKinney. About 120 kids are expected at that tournament in the city about 30 miles north of Dallas.

Sater, who has played golf since he was 4, said that the tournament's success has amazed him. He set the goal of raising \$1 million after they'd reached \$500,000. To play, each kid is asked to raise \$100 by asking family and friends to sponsor them, but many raise much more, Sater said.

Last year, 8-year-old Charlise Doan raised almost \$14,000. A week before this year's tournament she'd raised almost \$10,000.

"I write a letter and

mommy copies it," said Charlise, who has been a patient at Scottish Rite since she was a newborn.

Born without a right hand, the hospital has helped her achieve such goals as playing the violin by designing a prosthetic hand with a bow attached.

Charlise's family has been involved with the tournament from the start. Her father learned about the tournament from Ben Sater's father, who was telling him about their connection to Scottish Rite. Cameron Doan then told him about Charlise's connection to the hospital.

"When he told me about it, I said, 'We're in,'" said Cameron Doan, a golf pro at a club.

Kim Sater said that so far, they've been able to get enough corporate sponsorship so that all the money the kids raise goes to the hospital.

She said that Scottish Rite's focus on the kids always impressed her when she brought her son there. Ben Sater had his first surgery at the age of three on a pinky and thumb and then had surgery again at the age of 10 on three more fingers affected with trig-

ger finger, a condition in which fingers lock or catch in a bent position.

Stephanie Brigger, vice president of development at Scottish Rite, said other patients have raised money with book drives and lemonade stands, but none have done anything so big at such a young age.

The tournament has a kids committee and an adult committee. The kids' duties include choosing the T-shirt design and fundraising prizes and helping set the day's program — Monday's tournament ends with a pool party.

"Each year, it's very much run by the kids," said Brigger, who added the event helps make people aware of the work they do at the hospital.

"This is our next generation of philanthropists," Brigger said. "They're learning about what it is to give back and give to others. It's a beautiful thing that they've done."

Fourteen-year-old Stephen Hoefer, who has been participating in the KidSwing tournament since he was 7, will start volunteering at the hospital this summer by helping in-

troduce Scottish Rite patients to the game of golf.

Over the years Hoefer has gotten his friends involved in the tournament and has made friends there. "I like the cause and I thought it was fun playing golf," he said.

Ten-year-old Blake Margolis, who along with Stephen, Ben Sater, and Charlise Doan, is on the kids committee, enjoys seeing what happens behind the scenes. "You get to get involved and you get to help," Margolis said.

Kim Sater said that when the kids befriend other kids who have been patients at Scottish Rite, it brings home exactly who is being helped.

"They understand then why they're doing what they're doing," she

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some merchants were more than ready to call it a day early, said Shawna Burch, director of the Trade Days.

"We told the people that we were under a severe thunderstorm warning and that they were free to go," Burch said. "Most of them took us up on our offer — they were hot and tired and they were ready to go — and they're probably glad they did, because the winds were pretty bad. By the time the winds hit, there weren't

any shoppers around and very few vendors."

Burch and other committee members rounded up all the volunteers they could find Saturday night and spent several hours retrieving material blown away during the storm. Although Burch estimates that between 5 percent

and 10 percent of the merchants did not return Sunday, calmer conditions and slightly cooler temperatures encouraged a large crowd of customers Sunday.

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## OTHER VIEWS

# Border initiative welcome, so is more attention

It has one of the ponderous titles favored by the feds -- President Obama's 2009 National South-west Border Counternarcotics Strategy.

However, there's a simple goal buried in that bureaucratese -- attacking drug smuggling and use.

Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano announced the initiative Friday in Albuquerque. With her were Attorney General Eric Holder and White House drug czar Gil Kerlikowske.

Efforts will focus on smuggling, as would be expected. But in remarks in Tucson on Thursday, Napolitano said, "This is not just about slowing or impeding the flow of drugs from Mexico and Central America into the United States, it's also about reducing the demand for those drugs."

One goal of the strategy is coming up with new and more effective methods of detecting underground tunnels that smugglers use to get their product across the border.

That goal has become even more important because of recent reports detailing plans by al-Qaida to use tunnels to bring bioweapons into the United States from Mexico.

Another goal is to increase safety for law officers who protect the border. There have been numerous incidents of violence directed at those officers and, especially with the violence in Mexico, it's important to safeguard the officers.

Also, the feds want to develop better technology to detect smuggling activities at border crossings. That's necessary, because drugs and smugglers caught at the border obviously don't have the opportunity to operate deeper into the United States.

It's good to see that border security is getting more and much-needed attention from the federal government. The violence we're seeing along the border is, of course, inextricably tied to the drug problem.

Three federal agencies with interests in the border are currently without permanent directors. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives are working with interim directors.

Napolitano said that won't affect the new strategy. However, of course, it would be better to have permanent leadership in those strategic positions as this new initiative goes forward.

The initiative is welcome.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

You, Lord, energize our steps.

Amen

# The long haul of life

You may or may not know it, but American Airlines is the world's largest airline. She serves 250 cities in over 40 countries with more than 3,900 flights every single day.

The biggest plane they fly is the 777 and the longest non-stop flight they have is a 16-1/2 hour flight between Chicago and New Delhi, India. It's nearly 7,500 miles of looking at the world from seven miles up and that's the flight I am on this week.



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If you happen to be on this particular plane with me, say hi. I'll be the guy freaking out and yelling, "There is something on the wing of this plane!"

Or if I am in a better mood, I'll simply be profusely sweating and praying in the Spirit.

As much as I love to travel the Brewer hates to fly. Actually I have no problem with flying, it's being 40,000 feet in the air I have

a problem with.

For a world traveler like me to be scared of flying is like John Wayne being scared of a horse. It's stupid, I know, but it is what it is. Convinced God thinks it's funny; I fly very long flights all throughout the world and kiss the ground when I arrive.

I have been to India several times before and had some amazing experiences there. The same man that runs the orphanage there also has his hand in a leprosy colony. So besides the conferences, preaching and food outreaches, I get to just love on hurting people.

Really I think that's what all of us want to do. We want to make a difference.

When I get on that big 777, I will be totally committed to reaching my destination and in total trust over the things I can't control.

You plan out what you are going to do, prepare yourself, buckle in and purpose to enjoy every minute. It's really no different from every day is it?

This week's confession from a highly-caffeinated Christian

comes brewing with reflections on the long haul of life.

The victory Jesus Christ offers us is Biblically known as Overcoming Victory. This victory is certainly not just about the destination of heaven but more about the journey through life.

The rewards we receive in Heaven are not given because we made it there. He's the one who gets the credit for that.

The rewards in this life and in the one to come are all about how we take the journey.

The Kingdom of God is progressive and so are you and I, at least we should be.

So let's be committed to getting there, trust God for what we cannot control and do our best to enjoy every minute of the ride.

For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. —

1 John 5:4

*The Rev. Troy Brewer welcomes your comments. Contact him through his website at [www.FreshFromTheBrewer.com](http://www.FreshFromTheBrewer.com)*



# Obama's centers for excellence

Last week, White House chief economist Christina Romer told reporters that there are "billion-dollar bills lying on the sidewalk" in America's health care system — apparently there for the taking if only Washington would show the will to pick them up.

As a presidential candidate and now as president, Barack Obama has promised both universal access to health care and big savings to taxpaying households.

That doesn't make a lot of sense because usually when you buy more of something, the price tag increases, but Washington seems not to have noticed.

There's a circular logic to the illogical proposition.

Obama's Council of Economic Advisers (headed by Romer) issued a report on June 2, "The Economic Case for Health Care Reform," that concluded: "The central finding of this report is that genuine health care reform has substantial benefits."

You have to marvel at the ability of political staffers to congratulate themselves on great successes even before their plan has been adopted.

The report does a fine job of outlining the arguments in favor

of containing health care costs. Every year, the rise in these costs eats more out of workers' paychecks. For some readers, premium inflation means that their take-home pay cannot keep pace with inflation and thus they are effectively suffering a pay cut.

To make matters worse, many employees also are paying higher co-payments for health care. Obviously, if Obama can put the brakes on this runaway health cost train, workers, employers and taxpayers will benefit.

But can he make health care universal — that is, expand health care coverage to more Americans — and still save taxpayers money without cutting back on the level of care that most Americans now enjoy?

The president's economists cited a Dartmouth Medical School study that suggests "nearly 30 percent of Medicare costs could be saved without adverse health consequences." I cannot help but suspect that if economists working for President George W.

Bush talked up such economies, headlines would scream: "Bush To Slash Medicare."

And there would be stories quoting fed-up lifelong Republicans turning on the GOP. There also would be a few sneers about Obamaspeak — including the report's suggested strategy of "creating financial incentives for patients needing complex surgeries to use high quality, lower total cost 'centers of excel-

lence."

Sure, the new crew means well. Team Obama wants to save families money and make sure everyone has health care. But it's hard to be impressed at the promise for the government to provide universal health care — because it's a moral imperative, not so morally vital that most Americans should have to pay for it.

Leading Democrats in Congress now are talking about how to pay for the \$1.2 trillion cost of universal care over 10 years. It looks as if Obama will have to let go of his 2008 opposition to taxing employer-paid health premiums. Bottom line: Expanded health care won't be free.

Meanwhile, it's the economists — as opposed to politicians — who tout rosy scenarios as they suggest that the Obama plan, and the health industry's so-called pledge to curb cost increases by 1.5 percent annually, could save a typical family of four \$2,600 in 2020.

Only a Washington economist can argue with a straight face that providing quality health care to 46 million Americans who are now uninsured and assert it will save "between \$75 billion and \$125 billion per year."

Folks, that's how government and deficits keep getting bigger.

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The winners of each category will be revealed to the public in our upcoming special section

**"The Reader's Choice" to be published on Sunday, June 28, 2009.**

Thank you for your participation, but please hurry! The deadline is coming soon! Only ballots clipped from the newspaper will be accepted.

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**THANKS FOR VOTING!**



# Annie's Mailbox ®

Dear Annie: I am blessed with three grown children, all with wonderful children of their own. This sounds ideal, but I can't talk to them. I'm either boring them with stuff they don't care about or voicing feelings they don't want to hear.

A few months ago, I expressed disappointment when I was ignored on what should have been a special day for me.

My daughter, the one I get along with best, told me she was only nice to me because of the children and had no interest in hearing that I was hurt.

She used to call me twice a week and now it's twice in four months. The other two are cordial, but I never venture to talk about anything other than how great they are or how big the children are getting.

I never criticized my children and always encouraged whatever they wanted to accomplish. Now they never have time for me.

Was I a bad parent all those years without knowing it? If I bring up the issue, I will be accused of being negative and whiny, but it's difficult to sound happy around them. I have a very supportive husband, a few close friends and many acquaintances who swear I'm the happiest, most generous person they know. I do a lot of volunteer

work to get my mind off this because it makes me cry. What's a mother to do? -- Help Needed in Florida

Dear Florida: Your children are only focused on themselves. This is, unfortunately, not uncommon. Parents also can become self-focused and not realize how negative they sound to others. So unburden yourself to a professional.

Talk to your clergyman. Cry and complain all you like to someone who will listen without judging, and you'll feel better.

Then, when you speak to your children, you can be all sweetness and light and perhaps rebuild your relationship. It will be a bit more superficial than you want, but it is the best you're going to get right now.

Dear Annie: I have been engaged to a wonderful man for 18 months. We have a 6-month-old daughter, and I have a son from a previous marriage. My fiancé loves both of the children. He is kind and an excellent provider, but he refuses to set a wedding date.

We are in counsel-



KATHY MITCHELL  
MARCY SUGAR

ing, and although we are making progress, we still haven't discussed marriage.

I think if he has no intention of marrying me, we should end the engagement. He

thinks I should continue to be patient until things are "closer to perfect." Should I move out until he is ready? -- Fiancee Forever

Dear Fiancee: Things are never going to be perfect. Would you be happy if he continued to live with you without making a further commitment? If so, be patient. If not, bring this up specifically at your next counseling appointment and find out whether he's just temporarily gun-shy or has long-term issues with marrying you.

Dear Annie: Two thumbs up for your advice to "Lonely in Michigan," the 65-year-old widow without family. Communities of 55 and older residents have a great deal to offer. All are different, but mine offers choices of living arrangements from houses to assisted living

to nursing home care, all on one campus.

I own my own home and can use the complex restaurant and gym, join groups, go on trips, see movies and concerts, and participate in a huge range of activities.

Apartment residents pay a larger monthly fee, and it includes one meal a day and maid service.

All residents have morning check-in service (notifying security that we are OK) and emergency pull cords in bedrooms and baths. Everyone here understands the adjustment newcomers make. -- Widow With No Nearby Kin

Dear Widow: A lot of readers let us know how busy and happy they are living in such communities. Many of these places let you rent for a week or so before making a commitment. Anyone interested should do some research and check it out.

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](mailto:anniesmailbox@comcast.net), or write to: Annie's Mailbox, P.O. Box 118190, Chicago, Ill. 60611.

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## Obama urges doctors to back his health plan

CHARLES BABINGTON  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama, continuing to promote his health care proposals, will urge doctors gathered in Chicago to support wider insurance coverage and targeted federal spending cuts.

Obama planned to tell the American Medical Association's annual meeting in his hometown on Monday that overhaul cannot wait and that bringing down costs is the most important thing he can do to ensure the country's long-term fiscal health, a senior administration official said.

The official spoke on the condition of anonymity.

America's doctors, like many other groups, are divided over the president's proposals to reshape the health care delivery system. The White House anticipates heavy spending to cover the almost 50 million Americans who lack health insurance and has taken steps in recent days to outline where that money could be found.

For instance, Obama wants to cut federal payments to hospitals by about \$200 billion and cut \$313 billion from federal health insurance programs for the poor and elderly. He also is proposing a \$635 billion "down payment" in tax increases and spending

cuts in the health care system.

To an audience of doctors Obama plans to say the United States spends too much on health care and gets too little in return. He says the health industry is crushing businesses and families and is leading to millions of Americans losing coverage, the administration official said.

Obama's turn before the 250,000-physician group is his latest effort to persuade skeptics that his goal to provide health care to all Americans is worth the \$1 trillion price tag it is expected to run during its first decade.

The president plans to acknowledge the costs. But he also will tell the doctors it is not acceptable for the nation to leave so many without insurance.

Unified Republicans and some fiscally conservative Democrats in Congress have said they are nervous about how the administration plans.

Obama has been quietly making a case for reducing malpractice lawsuits to help control costs, long a goal of the AMA and Republicans. Obama has not endorsed capping jury awards.

Former Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle said Monday that controlling the cost of malpractice insurance would have to be a part of the Obama administration's overhaul.

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### Road Construction Blues



At the Big Spring Herald we are suffering through the same road construction problems as everyone else. Over the last 2 weeks the front of our building has had no parking and it has been very hard for our customers to get to us. It is now available for parking and our newspaper racks that are out front are again available. We also realize that it is not easy to get to places on Gregg St. to get your copy of the paper. We would like to make everyone aware of all the different locations the Big Spring Herald is sold at for your convenience.

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Let's make this the biggest and best rodeo parade ever! Award categories include floats, tractors, riding clubs, motorcycle, custom and classic cars and bicycles. First- through third-place entries will receive cash awards of \$100, \$50 and \$25, respectively; while the top entries from the six categories will receive a plaque.

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Return entries to the Big Spring Herald, 710 Scurry, no later than noon on Monday, June 15, then get your boots, hat and western wear ready to join us in the celebration!

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# BSLL All-Star teams announced

Big Spring Little League has released its All-Star teams for three different divisions — 12-year-olds, 11-year-olds and 9-10-year-olds.

These three teams will participate in a district tournament with teams from other cities in the area, beginning July 1 in Midland and Odessa.

The 9-10-year-old team will play at North Central Field in Midland. The 11-year-olds compete at Sherwood Little League in Odessa. The 12-year-olds play at North Ector Field in Odessa.

The players and coaches named to each team and practice squads for each are as follows:

### 12-year-olds

Charlie Boling, Tyler Bryan, Jacob Davis, Adam

Franco, David Gonzales, Hunter Hill, Garrett Kligora, Ryan Pearson, Tyran Sealy, Tobyn Tannehill, Matthew Yanez.

Alternates: Matthew Beal, Brycen Kiker, Nicholas Sotelo.

Manager: Bryan Kligora.

Practice: 7:30 p.m. tonight at National League Field.

### 11-year-olds

Alex Byrd, Jesse Cervantes, Alex Franco, Joshua Gutierrez, To'a Maumau, Dylan Ross, Jacob Scott, Dalton Taylor, Mani Villa, Gary Watkins, Matthew Wood.

Alternates: Preston Alexander, Elijah Torres.

Manager: Bill Davis.

Practice: 7 p.m. tonight at American League Field.

### 9-10-year-olds

Holder Biemeret, Dylan Cantu, Marcus Chavarria, Bryce Gartman, Austin Hilario, Dylan Lance, Cameron Mikels, Cody Phernetton, Matthew Rios, Jimmy Rodriguez, Roque Rodriguez, Austin Sosa, Blaze Yeater.

Alternates: Aaron Martinez, Rudy Ortega.

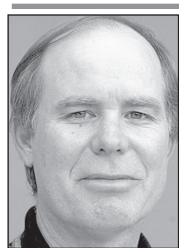
Manager: Adam Rodriguez.

Practice: 5:30 p.m. tonight at National League Field.

## Not letting the big one get away

This being a Twitter world, Kobe Bryant got his congratulations in 140 characters or less.

No need for anything more personal, not on this night of nights for Bryant. Besides, he had new teammates to celebrate with, new memories to savor.



TIM DAHLBERG

Shaquille O'Neal seemed another lifetime away. Bryant was the one with the NBA finals MVP trophy in hand, an old score finally settled.

"Well I don't have to hear that criticism, that idiotic criticism, anymore," he said. "That's the biggest thing."

Idiotic, maybe. Unfair, possibly.

But until Sunday night in Orlando it was never just all about Bryant. Like it or not, until he won a ring of his own his legacy was always going to be intertwined with the center he won with and feuded with until all of Los Angeles wasn't even big enough to contain their collective egos.

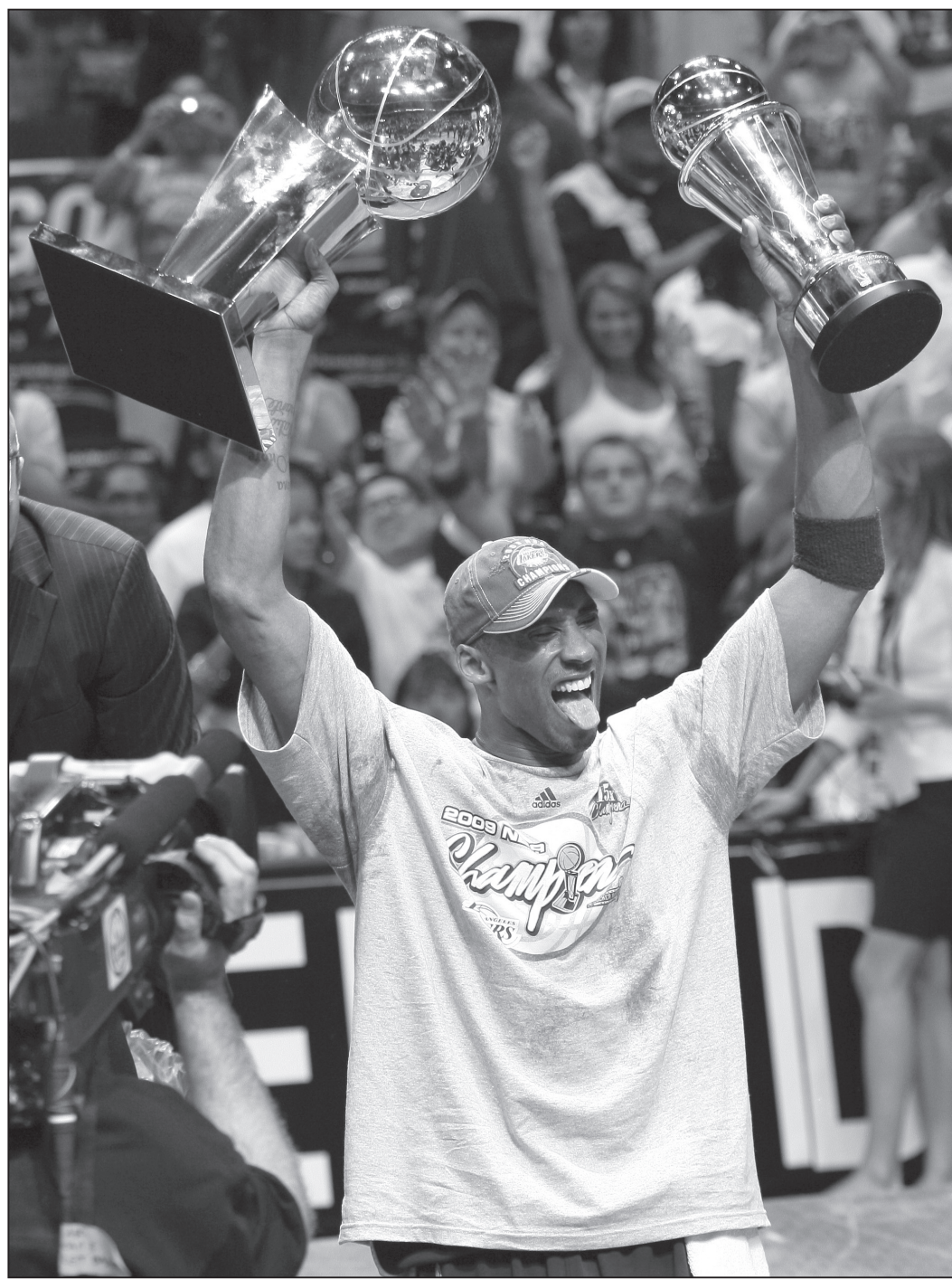
Bryant didn't like it, but he heard it. Heard it so often that it got to the point he couldn't stomach the thought of talking about it.

He doesn't have to anymore. These were Kobe's Lakers, and this is Kobe's championship.

He was determined to do whatever was humanly possible to make sure they didn't fail. And he delivered in a way that would have been unimaginable back in the days when his supreme talent was often obscured by his petulant ways.

The 30 points, six rebounds and five assists in the box score didn't begin to measure Bryant's claim to

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AP photo/David J. Phillip

Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant holds the championship trophy and NBA Finals MVP trophy after the Lakers beat the Orlando Magic 99-86 in Game 5 of the Finals Sunday in Orlando.

## Redeemed Kobe leads Lakers to 15th NBA title in franchise history

TOM WITHERS

AP Sports Writer

ORLANDO, Fla. — Kobe Bryant jumped and punched the air. He did it again, seven years of pent up frustration freed in a fit of joy.

This was the one he wanted more than all the others.

The one to top them all.

One year after failing miserably in the finals against Boston, Bryant and the Los Angeles Lakers found redemption. They finished a season they felt was theirs with a 99-86 win over the Orlando Magic on Sunday night in Game 5 to win the 15th NBA title in franchise history.

For Bryant, this was the missing piece from his resume, his fourth championship and first without former teammate Shaquille O'Neal.

"I don't have to hear that criticism, that idiotic criticism anymore," said Bryant, the finals MVP. "It was annoying."

For Lakers coach Phil Jackson, this was title No. 10, moving him past legendary Celtics coach Red Auerbach for the most by a coach in league history.

"I'll smoke a cigar in honor of Red," Jackson said. "He was a great guy."

For Pau Gasol. For Derek Fisher. For Lamar Odom. For Trevor Ariza and for Andrew Bynum and the rest of the Lakers, this was a title to savor.

"It's a dream come true," Gasol said. "The completion of a goal."

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## Bases-loaded walk gives Texas 7-6 win over So. Miss

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Texas coach Augie Garrido often says baseball is a cruel game.

Don't the Southern Mississippi Golden Eagles know it.

Oh, how they know it.

Jonathan Johnston walked Brandon Loy on four pitches with the bases loaded in the bottom of the ninth inning to give Texas a 7-6 win in the College World Series on Sunday night.

"It's just the way baseball treats people sometimes. It's a brutal game," he said. "Being in this environment for the first time created some nerves that turned into fear and eventually was the demise of an otherwise courageous team."

The Longhorns' final three runs scored on bases-loaded walks. Of Texas' last 11 batters, six walked and one was hit by a

pitch.

"That's a tough way to lose," Southern Miss coach Corky Palmer said. "I'd rather have someone hit a grand slam."

The Golden Eagles' dismal pitching performance in their Omaha debut spoiled an otherwise gutsy performance against the No. 1-seeded Longhorns. Of the 171 pitches thrown by five USM pitchers, just 94 were strikes. They walked nine.

Texas (47-14-1), in the CWS for a record 33rd time, moves on to a 7 p.m. Tuesday game against Arizona State.

Southern Miss (40-25) will try to stay alive against North Carolina in a Bracket 2 elimination game the same day at 2 p.m.

The Longhorns got all they could handle against USM. They could never settle in against the Eagles, who came into

the NCAA tournament as a No. 3 regional seed.

Southern Miss tied it at 6 in the top of the ninth on James Ewing's single off Taylor Jungmann (9-3), who had taken over for a struggling Austin Wood. They couldn't finish, though.

Palmer, who talked about his lack of pitching depth in the days before the CWS, realized his worst fears in the bottom of the ninth.

Johnston relieved Fields (2-1) with one out and runners on first and second. The side-arming Johnston struck out Tant Shepherd, but then he imploded. He threw only one strike on his final eight pitches.

When Johnston missed inside on the last pitch, the Longhorns rushed out of their dugout to greet Loy, his arms raised, after he touched first base.

## Sports in brief

### Steers baseball team raising funds at Pizza Inn today

The Big Spring Steers baseball team will be waiting tables Monday at Pizza Inn in hopes of raising funds to help pay for umpires during their summer league season.

The Steers will be at Pizza Inn from 5 p.m. to close with a portion of the night's profits going to the team. Donations are also accepted.

### Big Spring baseball and softball boosters hosting ragball tourney

The Big Spring High School baseball and softball boosters are teaming to host a ragball tournament Friday and Saturday at Lady Steer Park.

Registration is at 5:30 p.m. June 19 with games

starting at 7 p.m. that same day. Cost is \$10 per player with each team needing to contain five boys and five girls.

For more information, call John Sparks at 270-2711.

### Big Spring ISD announces sports skills camps

The Big Spring High School Athletic Department will host a variety of sports skills camps during the summer.

Call Kay Cook at the Athletic Training Center with any questions at 264-3662.

### Volleyball Skills Camp

A Volleyball Skills Camp has been scheduled for Wednesday through Friday at the Big Spring

Junior High gymnasium.

The camp is for incoming junior high and high school female athletes. Incoming seventh and eighth graders work out from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., while the high school aged girls take the floor from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Cost is \$25 with an optional \$10 fee for a T-shirt.

### Lady Steers Basketball Skills Camp

Lady Steers Head Coach Mike Warren will lend his skills in teaching a basketball camp for girls entering second through eighth grade June 22-25.

The camp will be split into two age groups. Second through fifth graders participate from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. each day at the Junior High School gym, while sixth through eighth graders take the court every day from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$25 with an optional \$10 T-shirt fee.



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Bid documents for "Marcy Elementary Roof Repairs" are available from Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc. beginning June 9th, 2009. Contact information follows: 4222 85th Street, Lubbock, Texas, 79423; Phone (806)473-2200. #6162 June 8 & 15, 2009

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

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Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov) and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 29924

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Jupiter goes retrograde, a transit that will last through Oct. 12, 2009. The backward motion of the largest planet in our solar system



HOLIDAY MATHIS

inspires an accounting for, and in some cases a reversal, of fortune. Justice will be served. If you have undeservingly lost money, you'll see the good that came of it, and the recovery process will begin.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You'll be

even more of a nonconformist than usual, perhaps triggered by the fact that a loved one is taking the opposite approach.

You've always lived by your own code of values and you're not about to stop now!

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You are likely to pay people more than is fair, perhaps because you feel guilty for being in a better financial position than them. You would benefit from pulling your purse strings slightly tighter.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). An "every-man-for-himself" attitude isn't callous; it's necessary. If each person takes

responsibility for himself (or herself), the day goes smoothly. Work and play with the responsible people.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You are a high-spirited mischief-maker, in the mood to raise eyebrows. Unleash your playful madness on a horribly boring task. Housework, paperwork, bookwork — it's all a vehicle for your creative genius.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Are you frustrated with your work? Well, it's a wonderful sign that you are choosing the right project at the right time. Simplify your process and do not take things too personally. Relax and then try again.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The horizons are broadening. Distant lands continue as a theme in connection to your work. You might receive an online job application. Tonight,

you'll see positive growth in a loved one.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You have lots of options, but that doesn't mean you should investigate them all. Narrow the field down to three choices, maximum. When you have the intention of being intuitive, divine guidance will lead the way.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). To recognize that a situation is futile may be smart. However, it also might be lazy. Stay in the game even when you know the odds are stacked against you, and you'll be amazed by what you can accomplish.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Today affords you energy to tackle tasks that on a normal day might wear on you. You are well able to meet the challenges at hand. In fact, you face no challenge at all. To you, this is just a

nice but busy day. **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Even though you've made a few mistakes lately, you don't regret them. You're still figuring out the way. Imagine yourself getting to the goal. See yourself delivering a flawless performance again and again.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your interests may reside outside the influence of the mainstream, but you'll get plenty of attention for them now. You might even bring something novel into popularity for the very first time.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). This is an exciting day. Stay on your toes. There will be a surprise reversal. You might be appointed to a position or asked to do something you never thought you would be allowed to do.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "I'm a Gemini and I've been trying to make a name for myself, but the problem is that I don't know what I'm supposed to be doing. Every job I've tried has been marginally successful for about a year and then things peter out and I move on and try something else. I've been a fashion designer, a sandwich-shop owner, a dress-shop owner and a make-up artist. Are any of these jobs right for me? If so, why haven't I made it big?"

Honestly, it doesn't matter at this point which you choose, just that you commit yourself wholeheartedly to achieving a worthy and concrete goal in respect to your choice. Gemini is so versatile and intelligent that often, new endeavors come easily to the twins. This ease with learning sometimes leads to boredom.

Just as soon as someone praises you, or you make a measure of money, you relax. The key is that you need to challenge yourself to new levels of greatness always. You say that you want to "make it big," so you need to set concrete goals for your endeavors and commit to being persistent until you reach your goal.

**C E L E B R I T Y PROFILES:** Did you know that Courteney Cox grew up a Southern belle and had to work to lose her accent? Throughout her life, she has shown her Gemini versatility taking on work as a model, actress, film producer, designer, wife and mother. With natal Mars and Jupiter in Taurus, Cox is not adverse to hard work — in fact, she thrives on it. Look for her in the upcoming series "Cougar Town."

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# Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker  
**Famous Hand**

South dealer.  
Neither side vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ A 7 4 2  
♥ Q 10 7 5 4 2  
♦ 5 4  
♣ K

**WEST**  
♠ J  
♥ K 6  
♦ 10 8 7 3  
♣ A Q 9 8 4 2

**EAST**  
♠ K 10 8 6 3  
♥ J 9 3  
♦ Q J 6  
♣ J 5

**SOUTH**  
♠ Q 9 5  
♥ A 8  
♦ A K 9 2  
♣ 10 7 6 3

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1♦ 2♣ 2♥ Pass  
2NT Pass 3NT

Opening lead — eight of clubs.

he reasons everything out very carefully. If his logic leads him to a play that might appear sensational, that is not why he makes the play — he does so simply because he believes it's the winning play under the circumstances.

**Today's hand** features perfect defense of the kind that many would term spectacular. It was played many years ago in a tournament in Asheville, N.C. South got to three notrump, and West (Margaret Wagar, one of the top women players of all time) led her fourth-best club.

**Dummy's king won**, and on it East (Hal McDonald) played the jack! Declarer then led a low heart to the ace, and on it Mrs. Wagar played the king!

**These extraordinary plays** fixed South's wagon beyond repair. He could do no better than continue with hearts, but when East took his jack and returned the five of clubs, South went down two.

**Note that if McDonald** had failed to play the club jack at trick one, the suit would have become hopelessly blocked. Note also that if Mrs. Wagar had neglected to drop her king of hearts on the ace, East would have been unable to gain the lead for the killing club return.

**Both plays** were absolutely necessary to defeat the contract, but we would prefer to think of them simply as indicated rather than sensational.

**Tomorrow:** Two chances are better than one.  
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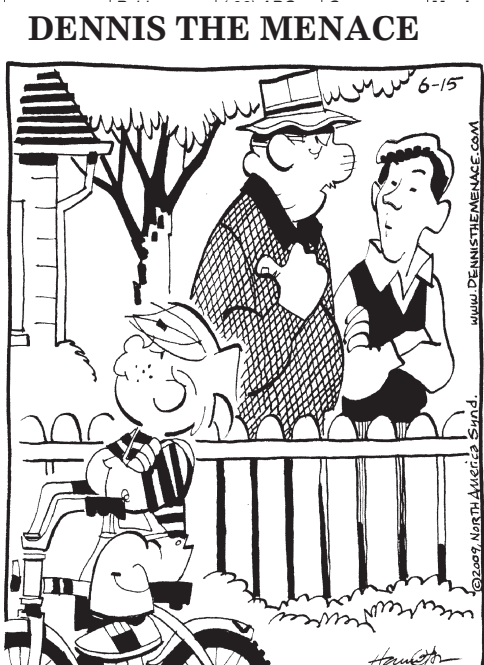
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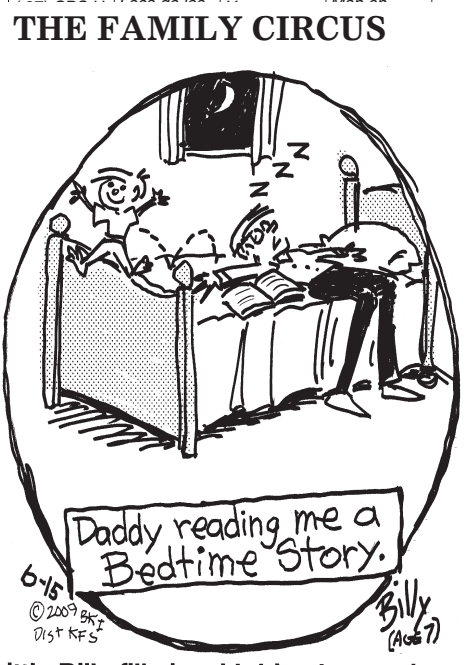
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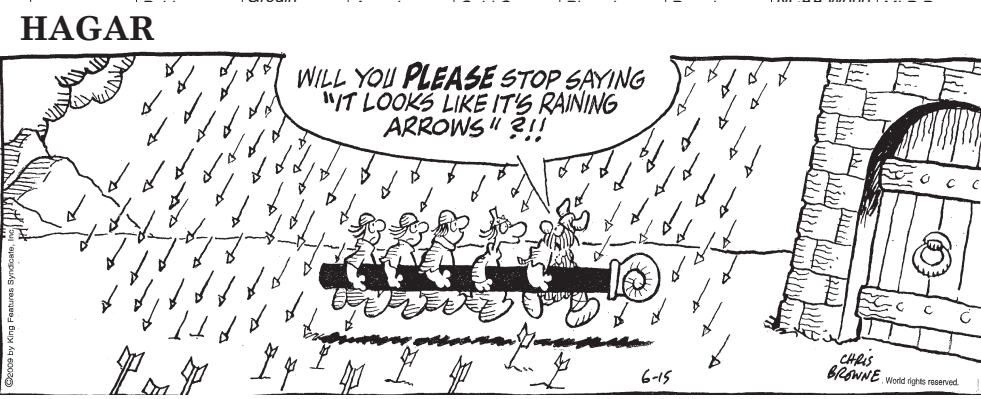
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**DENNIS THE MENACE**  
"DENNIS IS AN ONLY CHILD... AND HE'S THE REASON WHY!"



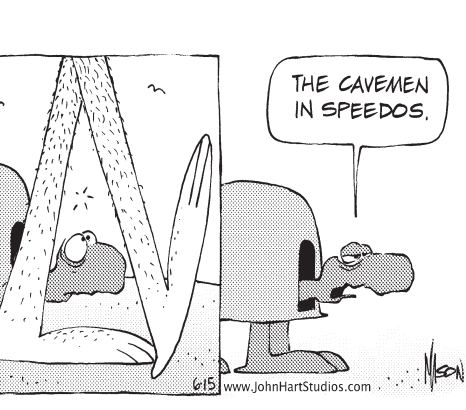
**THE FAMILY CIRCUS**  
Daddy reading me a Bedtime Story.  
Little Billy fills in with his observations while Daddy takes the week off.



**HAGAR**  
WILL YOU PLEASE STOP SAYING "IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S RAINING ARROWS" ?!



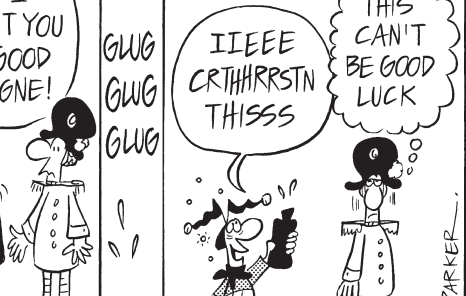
**BC**  
AAH, THERE'S NOTHING QUITE LIKE A DAY AT THE BEACH.  
THE WARM SUN... THE CRISP BREEZE...  
THE CAVEMEN IN SPEEDOS.



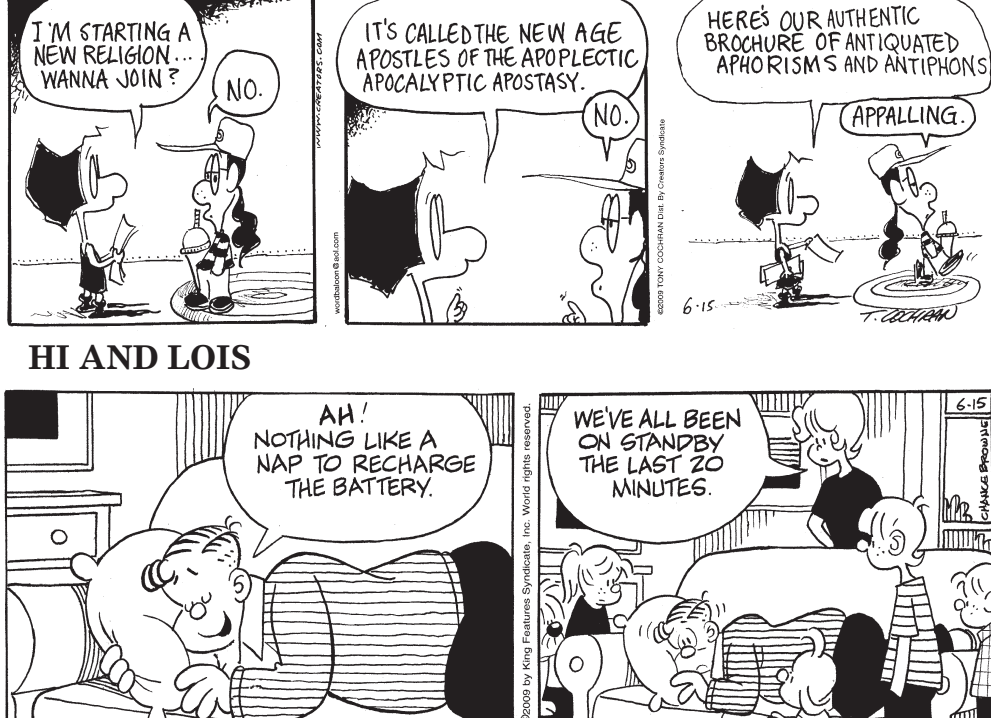
**WIZARD OF ID**  
I CHRISTEN THIS SHIP...  
WHOA! I CAN'T LET YOU WASTE GOOD CHAMPAGNE!  
GUG GUG GUG  
IIIEE CRTHRRSTIN THISSS  
THIS CAN'T BE GOOD LUCK



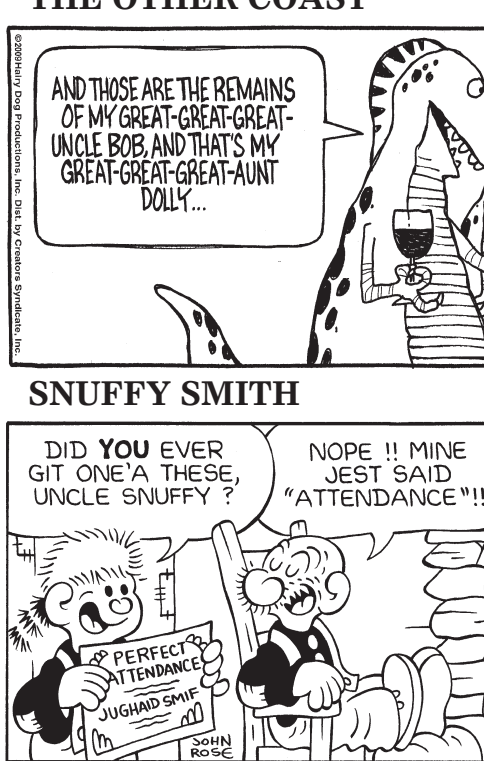
**AGNES**  
I'M STARTING A NEW RELIGION... WANNA JOIN?  
NO.  
IT'S CALLED THE NEW AGE APOSTLES OF THE APOPLECTIC APOCALYPTIC APOSTASY.  
NO.  
HERE'S OUR AUTHENTIC BROCHURE OF ANTIQUATED APHORISMS AND ANTI-PHONS  
APPALLING.



**HI AND LOIS**  
AH! NOTHING LIKE A NAP TO RECHARGE THE BATTERY.  
WE'VE ALL BEEN ON STANDBY THE LAST 20 MINUTES.



**THE OTHER COAST**  
AND THOSE ARE THE REMAINS OF MY GREAT-GREAT-GREAT-UNCLE BOB, AND THAT'S MY GREAT-GREAT-GREAT-AUNT DOLLY...  
OIL OIL OIL



**SNUFFY SMITH**  
DID YOU EVER GIT ONE'A THESE, UNCLE SNUFFY?  
NOPE !! MINE JEST SAID "ATTENDANCE"!!!  
I WUZ THAR EV'RY DAY, BUT I WUZ FAR FROM PERFECT !!



**BEEBLE BAILEY**  
OKAY, BEETLE, I SEE YOU HAVE YOUR HEAD GEAR, GAS MASK AND BODY ARMOR ON... LET'S GO!  
I SAID LET'S GO, BEETLE!  
DID YOU CALL ME, SARGE?



**BLONDIE**  
OKAY, BEETLE, I SEE YOU HAVE YOUR HEAD GEAR, GAS MASK AND BODY ARMOR ON... LET'S GO!  
I SAID LET'S GO, BEETLE!  
DID YOU CALL ME, SARGE?

**This Date In History**

Today is Monday, June 15, the 166th day of 2009. There are 199 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 15, 1215, England's King John put his seal to Magna Carta ("the Great Charter") at Runnymede.

On this date:

In 1775, the Second Continental Congress voted unanimously to appoint George Washington head of the Continental Army.

In 1836, Arkansas became the 25th state.

In 1844, Charles Goodyear received a patent for his process to vulcanize rubber.

In 1849, James Polk, the 11th president of the United States, died in Nashville, Tenn.

In 1864, Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton signed an order establishing a military burial ground, which became Arlington National Cemetery.

In 1904, more than 1,000 people died when fire erupted

aboard the steamboat General Slocum in New York's East River.

In 1944, American forces began their successful invasion of Saipan during World War II. B-29 Superfortresses made their first raids on Japan.

In 1969, the variety show "Hee Haw," a fast-paced mixture of country music and comedy skits, premiered on CBS-TV.

In 1978, King Hussein of Jordan married 26-year-old American Lisa Halaby, who became Queen Noor.

In 1994, Israel and the Vatican established full diplomatic relations.

Today's Birthdays: Former New York Gov. Mario Cuomo is 77. Actor Aron Kincaid is 69. Rock musician Lee Dorman (Iron Butterfly) is 67. Rock singer-actor Johnny Hallyday is 66. Singer Russell Hitchcock (Air Supply) is 60. Rock singer Steve Walsh (Kansas) is 58. Comedian-actor Jim Belushi is 55. Country singer Terri Gibbs is 55. Actress Julie Hagerty is 54. Rock musician Brad Gillis (Night Ranger) is 52. Baseball Hall of Famer Wade Boggs is 51. Actress Eileen Davidson is 50. Bluegrass musician Terry

Smith is 49. Actress Helen Hunt is 46. Rock musician Scott Rockenfield (Queensryche) is 46. Actress Courteney Cox is 45. Country musician Tony Ardo is 45. Country musician Michael Britt (Lonestar) is 43. Contemporary Christian musician Rob Mitchell is 43. Rock musician Jimmy McD is 41. Actor-rapper Ice Cube is 40. Actress Leah Remini is 39. Actor Jake Busey is 38. Bluegrass singer-musician Jamie Johnson is 37. Rock musician T-Bone Willy (Save Ferris) is 37. Actor Neil Patrick Harris is 36. Actor Greg Vaughan is 36. Actress Elizabeth Reaser is 34. Rock singer Dryden Mitchell (Alien Ant Farm) is 33.

Answer to previous puzzle

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**Newsday Crossword**

**STORMY WEATHER** by Billie Truitt  
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Do in, as a dragon
  - 5 "Wait just \_\_\_!"
  - 9 Poets
  - 14 Mexican snack
  - 15 Volcano output
  - 16 WWII submarine
  - 17 Q-V link
  - 18 Identical sibling
  - 19 Large quantity of, informally
  - 20 Tempe sch.
  - 21 Crying "Taxi!"
  - 23 Movie-theater snack
  - 25 Gardener, at times
  - 26 Co-\_\_\_ (condo relatives)
  - 27 "For \_\_\_ a jolly good . . ."
  - 28 Beaver projects
  - 32 \_\_\_-Saxon
  - 35 Touched down
  - 37 By way of
  - 38 Unexpected revenues
  - 42 Pie \_\_\_ mode
  - 43 Fly around like a moth
  - 44 Letters after a shoe size
  - 45 Evergreen trees
  - 47 "No \_\_\_, ands, or butts!"
  - 48 Mover's truck
  - 49 Roof overhang
  - 51 Jury's decision
  - 55 Corvette alternative
  - 59 Twosome
  - 60 Reach a cost of
- DOWN**
- 8 "Do you need assistance?"
  - 9 Protrude
  - 10 On the ship
  - 11 Campus military org.
  - 12 Facts and figures
  - 13 Wild guess
  - 21 Exit, as a cable car
  - 22 GI's negative
  - 24 Wintry
  - 27 Stops marching
  - 29 Enthusiastic
  - 30 Catcher's glove
  - 31 Wide belt
  - 32 On vacation
  - 33 Egyptian river
  - 34 Nibble like a mouse
  - 36 In the direction of
  - 39 \_\_\_ and kicking
  - 40 Ship's inflatable boat
  - 41 Locate
  - 46 Submitted by mail
  - 48 Song segments
  - 50 Really like
  - 51 DVD rental
  - 52 Just right
  - 53 Hex
  - 54 Memento
  - 55 Mouse catcher
  - 56 "Pipe down!"
  - 57 Golden Rule word
  - 58 Swindle
  - 62 Wooden pin

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## FINALS

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Odom scored 17 points, Ariza had 15, Gasol 14 and 15 rebounds, and Fisher, whose two big 3s in Game 4 saved L.A., had 13 points.

It took longer than Bryant expected, but he has stepped from O'Neal's enormous shadow — at last.

Bryant averaged 32.4 points, 7.4 assists, 5.6 rebounds and more than a dozen cold-blooded glares per game. He wasn't out to make friends in these finals, he was out for redemption.

Throughout the playoffs, he didn't smile. He just snarled and bared his teeth.

"I was just completely locked in," he said. "I was grumpy for a while and now I'm just ecstatic, like a kid in

a candy store."

O'Neal, who won three titles with Bryant before the pair had a major falling out, was glad to see his former teammate win another.

"Congratulations Kobe, you deserve it," O'Neal said on his Twitter page. "You played great. Enjoy it my man enjoy it."

Bryant and Jackson, whose relationship strained and briefly snapped under the weight of success, are again at the top of their games.

Together.  
Following the game, the pair shared a long embrace.

Jackson, who once called Bryant "a selfish player" now sees the 30-year-old in a far different light.

"He's learned how to become a leader in a way in which people want to follow him," Jackson said. "That's really important for him to have learned that because he knew that he had to give to get back in return, and

so he's become a giver rather than just a guy that's a demanding leader."

After the final horn, Bryant and his teammates bounced around the floor of Amway Arena. Moments later, Bryant swept his two daughters, both wearing gold Lakers dresses, into his arms.

Bryant had come up short twice in the finals before, in 2004 with O'Neal against Detroit, and again last season against the Celtics in the renewal of the league's best rivalry. The Lakers were beaten in six games, losing the finale in Boston by 39 points, a humiliating beatdown that Bryant and his teammates had trouble shaking.

They went to training camp with one goal in mind. This was going to be their season, and except for a few minor missteps, it was.

In the locker room afterward, Bryant made sure Jackson got a champagne shower.

"He took his glasses off, threw his head back and soaked it all in because this is a special time," Bryant said. "For us to be the team that got him that historic 10th championship is special for us."

Orlando will be haunted by moments in a series that swung on a few plays and had two overtime games.

After losing Game 1 by 25 points, the Magic had their chance in Game 2 but rookie Courtney Lee missed an alley-oop layup in the final second of regulation. In Game 4, Dwight Howard clanged two free throws with 11.1 seconds, and the Magic allowed Derek Fisher to nail a game-tying 3-pointer to force OT.

Howard, the Magic's superhero center, was hardly a factor in Game 5. He scored 11 points and took just nine shots. Rashard Lewis scored 18 points, but was only 3 of 12 on 3s for Orlando, which after living on the 3, finally died by it.

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this game, just as his equally impressive stats in the four other games didn't

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begin to tally up to what he meant to his team. This was Bryant being Michael Jordan, willing his teammates on to great things because he expected nothing less than greatness from them.

They hopped on for the ride because they believed, just like Scottie Pippen, Steve Kerr, and, yes, even Dennis Rodman, believed in Chicago. They knew if they did their jobs the Lakers would be on top when it was all over and, even if they didn't, there was a good chance that Bryant would find a way to rescue the team anyway.

The champagne flowed in the locker room because the Lakers had just won the 15th title in the team's history, and even the Zen Master himself got soaked. But Bryant had even more reason to celebrate because there wasn't anyone who wanted this championship as desperately as he did.

LeBron James may have been this year's MVP. But Bryant was the MVP when it mattered most.

"It felt like a big 'ol monkey off my back," he said.

This wasn't a classic championship series, though few that end 4-1 are. The Orlando Magic had a nice run, but there was never the feeling that the Lakers would relax like they had done against other teams earlier in the playoffs.

Not with Bryant trying to make a claim to being one of the greatest players ever. Not with Phil Jackson sitting serenely on the bench while cementing his claim to being the greatest coach ever.

Jackson, of course, is famous for his philosophy of living in the moment, something Bryant embraced along the way, too. Neither allowed himself to think past the next game, and Bryant was so focused that he was still scowling after the Lakers won in overtime in Game 2 to go up a commanding 2-0 in the series.

Afterward, he was asked if he was happy with the win.

"What's there to be happy about?" Bryant asked. "The job's not finished."

Everyone was happy on this night because the job was finally finished. Bryant's long road to redemption from last year's embarrassing loss to the Boston Celtics was finally over, and Jackson's record 10th coaching title — in just 19 years — was finally secured.

Jackson donned a yellow cap made by his children with the Roman numeral X on it and the years of his 10 titles, a rare display for a coach who even to the end gave all the credit to his players. He and Bryant had a long embrace and, later in the locker room, Bryant orchestrated a surprise champagne shower for his coach.

Jackson would later remember back to a different time and a different Bryant. It was early into his first stint as coach of the Lakers and Bryant had gotten caught up in a shooting display in a game in Toronto one night, neglecting his teammates and turning it into a one-man game.

He brought Bryant in for a chat and told him he needed to be a leader. Bryant declared he was ready to become captain right then.

"Yes, but nobody is ready to follow you," Jackson told his star.

They are now, and they're NBA champions because of it. And while Jackson may just decide to call it quits after this one and go off in search of inner peace, you get the feeling that winning this one may make Bryant even more hungry for the next.

For now, though, all he has in mind is a vacation in Cabo, where he can relax and savor the one he wanted most.

"It's tough to say it's a little sweeter," Bryant said. "But it kind of is."

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