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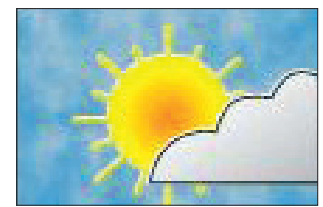



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**Cash Berry solicits bids as a painting is auctioned during the annual Legends and Legacies fund raiser for Heritage Museum Tuesday evening.**

## Bucking for some action?

*76th rodeo and reunion set to open Thursday*

**By STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer  
 Let's rodeo. The 76<sup>th</sup> annual Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo, one of longest-running such events in the United States, begins Thursday and runs through Saturday at the Howard County Rodeo Bowl, located just off West FM 700 in the west part of town. Advanced ticket prices are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children and can be purchased at the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce, Ward's Boot and Saddle, First Bank of West Texas, First Big Spring Banking Center, Well Fargo, See **RODEO**, Page 3A

## Wind-riders to soar over Crossroads

*Preparations underway for U.S. Hang Gliding Championship here in August*

**By THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer  
 Some of the best hang glider pilots from all over the nation — and the world — will once again converge on Big Spring Aug. 9-15 for the U.S. Hang Gliding Championship, pitting the brightest wind-riders against the West Texas sky. Terry Wofford, chairman of the local hang gliding committee that works with the competition's organizers, said the group is still working to hammer out all of the details for this year's championships. "We've reserved the Dora Roberts Community Center for the welcoming dinner Aug. 8," said Wofford. "However, we still have a lot of work to do to get things ready for these guys."

Having hosted the hang gliding organization's 2007 world championship meet and several national championships, Wofford said efforts in this year's competition is a work in progress. "We've been at this long enough, we know what needs to be done," said Wofford with a laugh. Wofford confirmed this year's competition is being organized by David Glover, who has been working with the city of Big Spring and the committee for several years, including in 2007 when the world hang gliding championships was held in the Crossroads city. And according to Glover, there are few places in the world that can offer the kind of flying Big Spring boasts. "The consistency of the con-



**The Crossroads area will be home to the Big Spring U.S. Hang Gliding Championship, set for Aug. 9-15 at the airpark.**

ditions here means we can fly everyday," said Glover. "We're not winded or weathered out. The sun hits the ground and the ground heats up, so thermal layers of air go up. The base of the clouds are really high, which means we can fly up really high into the air and the thermals are strong, so you don't have to fly around too much before you hit a thermal that pushes you up."

"Our desire is to see how long we can stay up and then fly around a course as quickly as we can. It just has the right combination of meteorology and geography to allow us to fly for a long time and fly fast. The men and women who come here just love the flying. It's excellent." While the flying conditions are what initially drew the hang gliding group to the Crossroads area, Glover said it's been the hospitality in Big Spring that keeps them coming back, year after year. "We keep coming back because of the great people in Big Spring and the wonderful airport facility," said Glover. "However, we have to admit it's especially the hang gliding weather conditions we See **GLIDERS**, Page 3A

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## Construction picks up at CISD

**By STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer  
 COAHOMA — School district officials here are hopeful that a \$13 million renovation is entering the home stretch. The tempo of work on the various projects has increased since school let out for summer vacation, said Randy Brown, superintendent of Coahoma Independent School District. "They've increased the number of folks working on site out here," Brown said. "They've got 60 people working 10-hour days, so the pace is definitely picking up." Construction of a new high school building wing — which will include classrooms, a library and offices — is the centerpiece of the work



this summer, while the junior high school will be in the dark — literally — while the building receives an electrical system upgrade. At the elementary campus, meanwhile, work has wound down to the point that only "punch-ticket" items remain to be completed. Also nearing completion is work on the new athletic field house, where flooring work is basically all

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# 'Horns rally to defeat Arizona State in CWS

By ERIC OLSON

AP Sports Writer

OMAHA, Neb. — Texas' comeback ability was again on full display on Tuesday night.

Cameron Rupp hit two homers and had four RBIs as the top-seeded Longhorns overcame an early six-run deficit for a 10-6 win over Arizona State in the College World Series.

Rupp started Texas' comeback with a three-run homer off Arizona State's

Mike Leake in the fourth inning, and he hit Mitchell Lambson's first pitch of the seventh inning over the right-field wall to give the Longhorns a 7-6 lead.

Texas (48-14-1) is in the Bracket 2 final after winning its first two games here. The Longhorns need one more win to reach next week's best-of-three championship round.

Arizona State (50-13) and North Carolina meet Thursday, with the winner playing Texas on Friday.

In the regionals, the Longhorns came back from four runs down in the ninth inning to beat Army, then they won the longest game in NCAA history by beating Boston College in 25 innings.

Down 6-0 after the third inning Tuesday, Garrido gathered his players and told them they weren't out of it — even though they were going against the best pitcher in the country who isn't No. 1 draft pick Stephen Strasburg of San Diego State.

An anticipated pitchers' duel between the nation's top two staffs never materialized. Arizona State came in with a 2.76 ERA, and Texas at 2.86.

Texas finished with 15 hits in a game that lasted 4 hours, 4 minutes. The Longhorns might not have been in position to win if it weren't for freshman Taylor Jungmann, whose 5-2-3 innings of two-hit, shutout relief offset a rough start by All-Big 12 starter Chance Ruffin.

# The best of both worlds

## Pudge sets mark in Astros' loss to Rangers

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON — Ian Kinsler snapped out of his slump by going 3 for 4 with two homers and Kevin Millwood (7-4) allowed one run over seven innings to win his third straight start for AL West-leading Texas.

While the Rangers won 6-1, the night belonged to one of the franchise's most beloved players.

And he wasn't wearing Rangers' red, either.

Ivan Rodriguez rounded the bases to a standing ovation from the Texas Rangers fans, who got to salute one of their former stars and still celebrate a victory.

Rodriguez homered leading off the fifth for the only Houston run in a 6-1 loss to the Rangers on Tuesday night, when the 13-time All-Star catcher matched the major league record for games caught while playing against his original team.

"I'm very pleased. It's an unbelievable record to tie Carlton Fisk. I respect him a lot," said Rodriguez, who got warm receptions each time he was introduced. "It was nice to

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AP photo/Tom Pennington

**Houston Astros catcher Ivan "Pudge" Rodriguez celebrates after hitting a home run in the top of the fifth inning of an interleague baseball game against the Texas Rangers in Arlington Tuesday. Rodriguez caught in his 2,226th career game to tie Carlton Fisk's major league record for games played as a catcher.**

# Romo-to-Roy still in works

STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

CARROLLTON — Roy Williams figures his countless watch film from his 10 games with the Dallas Cowboys last season. There is nothing the receiver really wants to see.

"Maybe if I watch T.O. or something," Williams said. "But I'm not going to watch myself block all day long. ... I didn't get many opportunities to catch a ball, which was tough on me because I know what Terrell Owens I am."

But with Terrell Owens gone, Williams now gets his chance to be Dallas' top receiver.

Considering what the Cowboys gave up to acquire Williams in the middle of last season, including first- and third-round draft picks and a \$45 million contract extension through 2013, that is what they expect.

"The pressure's on me," Williams said. "The expectations are big. But that's fine. That's how I want them to be."

The offseason work began in February, a month before Owens was released, when Williams started running routes and catching passes from Tony Romo. The final organized team workouts are at this week's minicamp until training camp opens in late July.

"Oh, we're close. There's still little things, still routes," Romo said. "It's not just about running a route on air. It's about different coverages you're going to see and how you're going to come out of your break. ... It's our first full season. Once we see it from all of them, it's easier the next go-around."

Williams arrived from the winless Detroit Lions in mid-October, right after Romo sustained a broken pinkie on his throwing hand that forced him to miss three games. Williams was then bothered by a foot problem later in the season.

He never missed any games in Dallas, but it was easy to forget at times that Williams was even there. He had 19 catches for 198 yards, with only 21 yards the past three games.

There has been widespread scrutiny, including Troy Aikman saying the deal could be "one of the biggest busts in the history of the league" if Williams doesn't turn out to be a topflight receiver in Dallas.

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# Houston's Berkman not shocked at Sosa testing positive

ANDREW SELIGMAN

AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO — Lance Berkman played against Sammy Sosa, watching him bang balls all over the park. When the Houston star heard the latest news about Slammin' Sammy, it barely made a dent.

Sosa tested positive for a performance-enhancing drug in 2003, The New York Times reported Tuesday on its Web site.

"That's not that surprising at all," Berkman said before the Astros played at Texas. "There are just cer-

tain guys that you pretty much know without coming out and making an out and out accusation, but it does not surprise me, not even a little bit."

At Wrigley Field, where Sosa hit many of his 609 home runs, Cubs slugger Derrek Lee said he never saw his former teammate take any banned substances.

Lee couldn't avoid hearing the rumors that surrounded Sosa. Still, Lee was disappointed.

"I like to believe people are innocent until proven guilty, but now it sounds

like he's proven," he said before the game against the Chicago White Sox was rained out.

Sosa played his final year with the Cubs in 2004. Lee came to Chicago in a trade from Florida before that season, and used to dismiss the speculation because "there was nothing ever that'd stick, so I mean what are you going to do?"

The Times, citing lawyers familiar with the case, reported Sosa is one of 104 players who tested positive in a 2003 Major League Baseball survey.

Sosa's agent, Adam Katz,

told The Associated Press he had no comment on the report.

As names on that list continue to trickle out, calls to release it are growing louder even though the tests were supposed to be confidential.

"I think it's unfair when a list that was supposed to be confidential, now names start coming out one at a time, two at a time, for Sammy," said Don Baylor, who is the Rockies' hitting coach and Sosa's former manager with the Cubs. "He is completely out of the game."

# Sports in brief

## Waggoner hits her first hole-in-one at BSCC practicing for Cloverleaf

Sandra Waggoner of Big Spring hit her first hole-in-one at the Big Spring Country Club Saturday, while playing a practice round for the upcoming Women's Golf Association Cloverleaf Tournament, which is set for 9 a.m. Thursday at the BSCC. Waggoner aced Hole 16.

## Summer Tennis Camp at Figure 7 courts starting Monday

Figure 7 tennis courts is playing host to a Summer Tennis Camp, starting Monday and lasting through Friday, June 26.

Camp starts at 7:45 a.m. each day and ends at noon.

The camp is for all age groups and abilities with instructors available for each group.

## 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.

## 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.

## 12 and Under softball all-stars raising money at Pizza Inn

The Big Spring Girls Softball Association 12U All-Stars team is raising money to attend its all-star tournament.

One of its fund raisers will be waiting tables at Pizza Inn from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. July 9.

A portion of the profits will benefit the team. Donations will also be accepted.

## Obituaries

### Patricia Gutierrez

Patricia Gutierrez, 45, of Big Spring died Monday, June 15, 2009, in a local hospital. Rosary will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 17, 2009, at the Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral mass will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, June 18, 2009, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Father Ariel Lagunilla officiating.

Patricia was born Jan. 3, 1964, in Lamesa.

Survivors include two daughters, Caroline Moskoe and Abby Mojica; two sons, Jacob Gonzales and Ines Jesus Gonzales and wife, Kristina, all of Big Spring; 12 grandchildren; one brother, Jose Ramirez and wife, Lupe, of Big Spring; two sisters, Rosa Elva Ramirez and Lupe Olivarez, both of Big Spring; numerous nieces and nephews; and a host of friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Erminio and Adelina (Chapa) Ramirez.

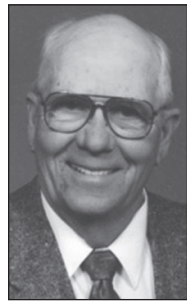
Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

### Mary Louisa Duque Carnero

Mary Louisa Duque Carnero, 58, of Midland, formerly of Stanton, died Wednesday, June 17, 2009, in a hospice inpatient unit in Midland. Her services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

### Bob Cox

Bob Cox, 79, of Stanton died Tuesday, June 16, 2009, at his residence. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 18, 2009, at the First Baptist Church of Stanton with the Rev. David Harp, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery.



The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Bob was born June 11, 1930, in Glasscock County to Sam W. and Thelma Berry Cox. He moved with his family to Martin County in 1938 and graduated from Courtney High School in 1947. He joined the United States Army in 1951 and served in the 1st Calvary in the Korean conflict.

He married Jo Jon Hall, July 4, 1953, in Stanton. She preceded him in death Dec. 14, 1990. He farmed and ranched in Martin County until his death.

Survivors include two sons, Morgan Cox of Tarzan and Robert Cox and wife, Dixie, of Humble; one daughter, Jonama Myrick and husband, John, of Stanton; and four grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Gordon Cox.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Martin County Museum, P.O. Box 929, Stanton 79782.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences can be made at: [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

### Your Local Weather

Thu 6/18	Fri 6/19	Sat 6/20
<b>94/72</b>	<b>94/73</b>	<b>93/71</b>
Intervals of clouds and sunshine. High 94F. Winds SSE at 10 to 20 mph.	A few thunderstorms possible. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.	Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 70s.

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## Bulletin Board

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

#### TODAY

- Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third St.

#### THURSDAY

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association meets at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Spring City Council Chambers, 307 E. Fourth.
- League of United Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. The public is invited.
- American Legion Post 506 meets at 6 p.m. Call 263-2084 for more information.

## Police blotter

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

- ROBERT GREEN, 33, of 1603 Robin, was arrested on a non-local warrant.

- ESPERANZA GARZA, 39, of 1002 N. Main St., was arrested Tuesday on a non-local warrant.

- JESUS BUSTAMANTE, 29, of 605 S. Nolan, was arrested Tuesday on a local warrant.

- RONNIE BUSSEY, 65, of El Paso, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of consuming alcohol - license for off-premise consumption.

- ANGEL VILLA, 35, of 503 San Jacinto, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of assault Class C - family violence.

- AMANDA MORROW, 30, of 4101 Dixon, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

- GENETTIA HUGHES, 39, of 609 McEwen, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of theft.

- DARYL NEWBERN, 49, transient, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.

- THEFT was reported: in the 2000 block of Gregg Street.

- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported: in the 1300 block of Fourth Street.

- CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported: in the 900 block of Willia.

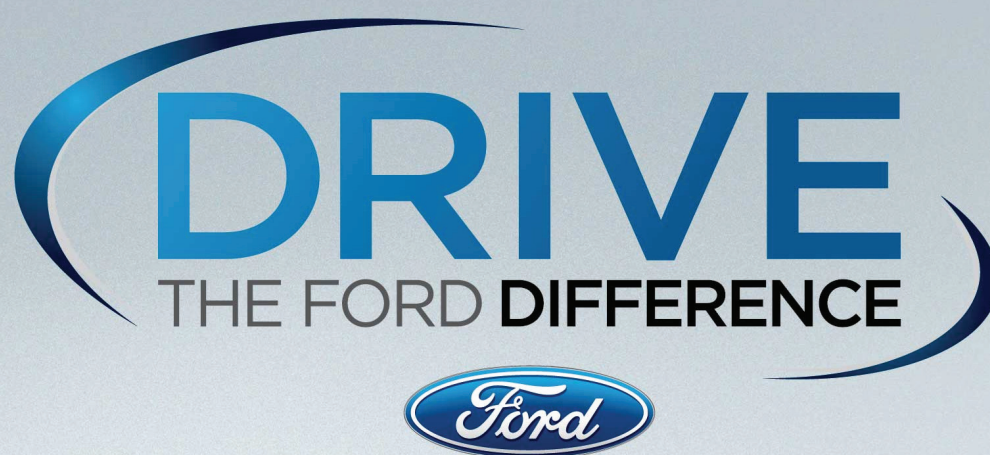
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported: in the 2300 block of Goliad.

- ASSAULT CLASS C/ FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported: in the 500 block of San Jacinto.

- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported: in the 400 block of Young.

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# RODEO

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Citizens Federal Credit Union, State National Bank and H-E-B.  
Tickets purchased at the gate will be \$10 for adults and \$8 for children.  
Performances each night begin at 8 p.m.  
Dances will follow each night's performances. Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys will perform Thursday night

(admission is free with a rodeo ticket), followed by Mark Powell and Lariat Friday (\$10 admission) and Mark McKinney Saturday (\$20 admission).  
Rodeo week officially begins with the annual parade at 5 p.m. Thursday.  
Because of construction work along the traditional parade route of Main and Scurry streets, it will take a different path this year.  
Rodeo Association Board Member Quail Dobbs said

the parade will begin at the intersection of Third and Owens Streets and proceed west on Third Street to Scurry, turn south for one block and then proceed east on Fourth Street and end at the intersection of Fourth and Owens.  
Dobbs said the new parade route comes on the heels of several rumors the annual event would be cancelled, and while the rodeo's organizers considered nixing the kick-off parade, that's simply not

the case.  
"We thought about not having a parade and there are lots of rumors going around that we won't be having one," Dobbs said. "But we decided we didn't want to do that, so we're definitely going to have a parade, but the route will be a lot different."  
The parade will feature a number of award categories, including floats, tractors, riding clubs, motorcycles, custom and classic cars and bicycles.

In addition, the rodeo association will again be providing cash prizes to the first- through third-place entries regardless of division. First place will net the recipient \$100, while the second-place finisher will get a \$50 award and the third-place award will be \$25.  
  
Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

# Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 89 inmates at the time of this report.

- RONNIE GENE BUSSEY, 65, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of consumption of premises – prohibited.
- JESUS MORENO BUSTAMANTE, 29, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a local warrant.
- ESPERANZA GARZA, 39, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.
- JASON MICHAEL GONZALES, 33, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- DAVID REY GONZALEZ, 21, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of failure to yield the right-of-way, failure to appear (two counts), no driver's license, reckless driving and a local warrant.
- ROBERT EARL GREEN, 34, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of theft by check.
- MARTY WAYNE HUCKABEE, 29, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of failure to appear.
- GENETTIA ANN HUGHES, 39, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.
- AMANDA LYNN MORROW, 30, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- DARYL RAY NEWBURN, 49, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- CAROL TAYLOR, 52, was arrested Tuesday by DPS on a local warrant.
- ANGEL VILLA, 35, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of assault Class C – family violence.

# GLIDERS

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love here."  
Though pilots who choose to ride the wind for hours at a time might seem like big-time thrill-seekers to most, Glover said nothing could be farther from the truth.  
"The common perception is

that someone that hang glides has to be a daredevil," said Glover. "In actuality, no one wants to get hurt. There are a few guys that fly in such a way they probably will get hurt sooner or later, but everyone wants to go up, fly safely and land safely so they can have some water or beer and see their family when it's done."  
"There are very few adrenaline junkies in this sport. There are housewives, engineers, brick

layers, insurance agents and real estate guys. It's really the whole gamut."  
The competition will once again be held at the McMahan-Wrinkle Airpark and Big Spring Airport, according to organizers.

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# CISD

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that remains to be done.  
The goal of the increased work tempo is to have as many projects as possible completed by the time the new school year begins in late August, Brown said.  
"The goal is to be finished with everything in August," he said. "Everything that involves classroom instruction will be our first priority. The biggest thing right now is the new high school wing ... and it will be close to being complete

in time for school."  
Even if the new wing isn't open when school starts, Brown said the overall situation will be better than it was last year year, when work on a new classroom wing was incomplete and the older classroom space was no longer available.  
"Worst-case scenario, if the new classrooms are not available, we'll still have the existing classrooms," he said. "We'll be in much better shape than we were last year."  
Brown said students, teachers and parents will all enjoy the new wing when it is completed.  
"It's exciting to see the

new wing coming up," he said. "It's going to be a nice area. We'll have the library, computer labs ... it's going to be something special."  
The junior high will be temporarily without power for a stretch of this summer as workers upgrade the electrical system. Once that work is completed, new carpeting will be installed and the building will be finished.  
"It will probably be late July before we get back into the junior high," Brown said.  
He said that students and staff have been very patient dealing with distractions and

disruptions caused by the renovations and asked for just a little bit more of the same.  
"There's a long list of details ... and a lot of work that is yet to be done," he added. "But we are not going to suffer through the inconveniences we did last year."  
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# Fire/EMS

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

- TRAUMA was reported in the 100 block of Tubb Loop Road. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2100 block of Warren. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the area of S. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1500 block of Gregg Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Scurry. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of Highland. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 4200 block of Calvin. One person was transported to SMMC.
- DUMPSTER FIRE was reported in the 1900 block of Scurry.

# Lottery

The winning numbers from Tuesday's Mega Millions drawing were: 9, 15, 21, 26 and 45. The Mega Ball number was 25.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 1-2-14-19-22.  
Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 7-9-2-5. Sum It Up: 25.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-2-0. Sum It Up: 8.

# Senate poised to approve \$106 billion war-funding bill

WASHINGTON(AP)— Congress is on its way to giving President Barack Obama what could be its final emergency war-spending bill, an annual budgetary sleight-of-hand that since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, has cost the nation nearly \$1 trillion.  
The Senate is to move to the \$106 billion measure Wednesday, a day after the House narrowly passed the bill over the objections of nearly all Republicans and several dozen anti-war Democrats.  
The bill provides about

\$80 billion to maintain defense and intelligence activities in Iraq and Afghanistan through the rest of this fiscal year, which ends Sept. 30. It includes some \$10 billion in economic and security aid for those two countries as well as Pakistan and \$7.7 billion to combat the flu pandemic.  
Obama pushed hard for passage, saying it was crucial to his plans to wind down operations in Iraq in an orderly way while boosting force strength in Afghanistan and providing Pakistan

with the military and economic aid it needs to deal with the Taliban insurgency.  
The president, who campaigned on a platform of bringing the Iraq war to an end, also sought to placate the anti-war wing of his party by directing that his administration end the practice of emergency spending bills.

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## OUR VIEW

## Get ready to rodeo, Big Spring!

Tradition. Perhaps no better term applies to the sport of rodeo, and that's especially true in this community where we await Thursday night's opening performance of the 76th annual Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo.

The Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo is the oldest continually running rodeo in the nation and doesn't take a back seat to any when it comes to the talent that arrives each year to compete.

Many of the top competitors from the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) and Women's Professional Rodeo Association (WPRA) will display their talents during the event's three-day run through Saturday, each performance beginning at 8 p.m. in the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl.

In fact, every event that will be staged during the rodeo — bull riding, saddle bronc riding, bareback riding, steer wrestling, calf roping and barrel racing — will feature competitors who have appeared at the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, several of them having won world championships in the past.

The rodeo will again feature the Mutton Bustin' competition featuring local youngsters displaying their rodeo skills.

Advance tickets for the rodeo are priced at \$8 for adults and \$6 for children under 12. They can be purchased at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Ward's Boot and Saddle, First Bank of West Texas (Big Spring and Coahoma locations), First Big Spring Banking Center, Wells Fargo, Citizens Federal Credit Union, State National Bank and H-E-B. Tickets at the gate will be \$10 for adults and \$8 for children.

The rodeo officially begins at 5 p.m. Thursday when the annual rodeo parade lines up at Third and Owens Streets and makes its way through downtown Big Spring.

There is something special each night of the rodeo — dances are set for all three nights. Thursday's dance will feature Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys and you get in free with your rodeo ticket. Friday's dance will feature Mark Powell and Lariat with tickets priced at \$10. Saturday Guy Will Zant will open for Mark McKinney and admission is \$20 per person.

Simply put, the 76th Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo will once again provide something for virtually everyone.

So shine up those boots, dust off that hat, pull on your favorite jeans and join us at the Rodeo Bowl. We bet you'll be glad you did.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

With You, Lord, all our good deeds are heavenly good deeds.

Amen

## Texas-sized medical lesson

McAllen spends more per person on health care than any other metropolitan area in America, except for Miami. Why would this poor border town spend \$15,000 a year per Medicare enrollee? Rochester, Minn., home to the famed Mayo Clinic, only spends about half as much. Find the answer, and we have the formula for national health-care reform — that is, controlling costs without cutting quality.

Atul Gawande, a Boston surgeon writing in *The New Yorker*, has landed on an explanation. It's the different medical cultures, and with them, the incentives for prescribing care. "The most expensive piece of medical equipment, as the saying goes, is a doctor's pen," Gawande notes.

Over-treatment is not necessarily harmless. More Americans die of complications of surgery than in car accidents.

My conservative friends resist this response. They believe that the market provides the best incentive system and that the government should keep its nose out of health care.

Let's first consider other possible reasons for these numbers:

Malpractice suits. The Rio Grande Valley is supposed to be one of those "judicial hellholes," in which doctors order extra tests to protect themselves.

Actually, it's home to few medical malpractice suits, thanks to a Texas law that caps pain-and-suffering awards.

Unhealthy people. McAllen has high poverty and obesity rates. True, but so does El Paso County, where Medicare spending is half that of McAllen. Their populations are similar in size and numbers of non-English speakers, illegal immigrants and the unemployed.

Superior care. McAllen's facilities do offer superb technology. But on the Medicare rankings for quality of care, El Paso's hospitals outperformed McAllen's on 23 of the 25 criteria.

Dartmouth College's Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice compared treatments ordered in McAllen and El Paso.

Patients in McAllen received 60 percent more stress tests with echocardiography, 200 percent more tests to diagnose carpal-tunnel syndrome and 550 percent more studies to diagnose prostate problems. They provided two to three times as many pacemakers, implantable defibrillators, cardiac-bypass operations and so on.

The Dartmouth researchers found that patients in high-cost areas were less likely to receive inexpensive preventive care, such as flu shots. They had longer waits in emergency rooms and were less likely to have a primary-care physician.

"They got more of the stuff that costs more," Gawande writes, "but not more of what they needed."

The lower-cost centers had adopted measures to discourage

doctors from piling on unnecessary treatment. Doctors at Mayo work on fixed salaries. Well-performing centers where physicians are paid by the procedure had taken other steps. For example, their doctors couldn't cherry-pick patients with good coverage and send them to specialty hospitals that they own.

McAllen is an extreme case of what routinely goes on in American health care. In 2006, U.S. doctors performed one surgical procedure for every five people! Furthermore, it's not true that Americans are especially unhealthy. They may be fatter than others, but they smoke and drink less.

The Obama administration believes that shrinking the expenditure gap between the Mayos and the McAllens will free up resources to insure everyone and curb growing federal deficits. Its critics argue that this is the road to rationing health care.

OK. Suppose you report heartburn symptoms to your doctor. Would you rather be started off with an antacid or have an endoscope shoved down your throat, with the risk of puncturing your upper GI tract? More than 70 percent of doctors in high-cost cities said they would immediately send you to a gastroenterologist and/or order an endoscopy.

The Tums-first route would seem more rational than rationing. The simpler treatment is also less expensive, but let's not hold that against it.

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## Finding a way to say goodbye

When we first brought her home over 11 years ago, she sat shivering in fear in the darkest corner of our apartment while my wife, Celine, and I sat close, but not too close, trying to make her feel better. I had never had a pet, let alone a cat before, and while I had visions of endless lap sessions, cuddling and purring, I had little idea what to actually do.

That night we sat with Calamity until her shivers turned to silence and ultimately towards walking up to us, sniffing for a while then taking a seat on my lap. She slept at the foot of our bed that night, more on my feet than on the bed, waking us up at 4 a.m. mostly because she wanted a little attention.

A rumpled Calico with a perpetual weight problem, Calamity Allison (after Calamity Jane and my friend Allison) was our child before we had a child. She got spoiled, eating table scraps at least until one unfortunate incident with a possibly bad shrimp cost her a night in the hospital and us \$700.

Aside from that one medical incident, Calamity gave us

little trouble except for the two times she found her way outside our house. The first time she escaped, we spent the afternoon and evening desperately searching the neighborhood for her. We were crying and generally terrified that she would get lost, hit by a car or that we would never know what had happened to her.

She returned, just after dark, walking into the garage a little dirty, but with what would count as a content look on her face if a cat could have such an expression. The second time she got out, I found her fairly quickly huddling under our neighbors porch, wedged between some rocks and quite obviously scared. That adventure ended her quest to escape and she would be content lying in the sun or just looking out the window thereafter.

A friendly cat, she had a patented move where she would walk a few steps onto the carpet and then cast herself to the ground in a shameless attempt to have her belly rubbed. This almost always worked as did crying in front of her food bowl as a way of getting sneaked a few extra pieces.

She was a shelter cat when we adopted her in 1998 and we had no idea as to her exact age. The shelter worker guessed four and that would have made her approximately 15 this year -- fairly

old for a cat. She had slowed some recently, sparring less with her "sister," Noodles, and becoming a lap cat who spent long stretches purring on top of one of us.

In the last few months she started rapidly losing weight and lost her normal zeal for food. She became even clingier, never leaving one of our sides and perhaps she knew in some way that we did not have much time to spend together.

Our vet told us her liver was failing and that force-feeding her in an attempt to get her appetite back might buy her a little time. We tried gamely to give her droppers full of a horrible smelling concoction, which she resisted, eating only a tiny bit. It was as if, she knew her time was gone and she didn't want to participate in a charade that she would recover.

She spent one of her last nights, sleeping between us, waking me more than once with her purring. Whenever I woke I rubbed her a bit and unashamedly gave her a kiss. Now that she's gone, I tear up at the little things. Like seeing only one bowl food out or when I expect her to be there when I get home.

She was a good friend and she will be missed but not forgotten.

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The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the San Andres Formation. The proposed injectors are the Crawford-Strain Unit numbers 725; 1104 and 1105. The proposed injectors are located 10 miles Northwest of Colorado City, Texas in the Sharon Ridge 1700 Field in Mitchell County, Texas. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth intervals from 1624 feet to 1745 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Request for Public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, PO Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792).

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT IN A PRODUCTIVE FORMATION

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The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the Deep Fusselman formation Waldron, S. Lease, Well Number 7. The proposed injection well is located 7.5 miles SW of Big Spring in the Moore, (Deep FLSM) Field, in Howard County. Fluid waste will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 10100 to 10170 feet.

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The Aries moon and Gemini sun provide a jovial backdrop for some big events. With Neptune coming into a favorable position to the sun and then Jupiter following suit, the notable moments have to do with ideas taking form, unconscious desires becoming conscious and passive notions transforming into direct orders. It's an action-packed day.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). The Dalai Lama says that, "Happiness is not something ready made. It comes from your own actions." You'll be giving in a special way that only you can today, and it's a joyful, rewarding feeling indeed.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You want to believe that your hard work and energy will bring you dividends. You're right. Try to forget about that part now — it will only make you impatient. The reward is coming and you'll be happy when you get it.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Your idiosyncrasies are delightfully apparent. You are one of a kind and need to be around those intelligent kind of people who enjoy you because of your uniqueness, not despite it.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Your special interest needs attention. You can't ignore this part of you for much loner before you slip into an agitated

mood. Delegate one of your responsibilities so that you can get back to an enjoyable pursuit.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). It's a day of extremes. One minute, you're passionately focused and the next, you are laughing and strolling along as though you hadn't a care in the world. This curious mix of feelings will be highly creative.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A compromise will make things easier. You'll probably feel like you're making all of the concessions while the other person remains rigid, but if that's what it takes to make things work, you won't regret it.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If you believe in something, then you don't need scientific proof that it exists. Furthermore, you don't care who else believes or disbelieves in the idea. If it's working for you, there's no reason to doubt it.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your more mystical inclinations emerge. Loved ones may not understand your inner world, but you do not require them to. You revel in your vision and develop it to a greater degree.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll disagree with the commonly accepted version of reality. These explanations may very well be inaccurate. Your understanding of the world comes from inside you, not from what people tell you is true.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Work doesn't have to be a hard, harsh

experience, and you certainly don't need to tire yourself out just to prove that you belong where you are. Do what needs doing and then relax.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You will be exploring a new path. Each of the characters you meet along the way will have something to teach you. Be inquisitive. Don't move on from conversations until you've received a gem of knowledge.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Sure, the people in your life appreciate you. But have they told you lately? You're in need of some direct acknowledgment and the first person to deliver will hold a special place in your heart.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "I'm a Capricorn pediatrician and I think I'm in love with a nurse in my practice. We have worked together for nearly a year. We are both single and have been nothing but extremely professional on the job. I'm worried about taking a chance and exploring this relationship and ruining a perfectly wonderful professional rapport in the process. The woman I'm talking about is a Cancer. What should I do?"

Capricorns are more comfortable when they follow protocol and etiquette to the letter. And the more comfortable you are, the more confident and attractive you will be. If the rules at work prohibit romance between colleagues, honor that. If

there is no restriction in your work policy, proceed indirectly to find out if this attraction is mutual. Casually hint around with one of this Cancer woman's friends that you might be interested. Ask if she is involved with anyone. There is great potential between Capricorn and Cancer if you approach the relationship with the utmost reservation and tact. Also note that Cancer is highly intuitive and she probably already senses your interest. Read the subtle signs she gives off to detect whether or not you should proceed.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Talk-show host Art Bell has shared his intrigue with the paranormal and opened a forum where callers can share their stories without being openly ridiculed. His radio shows are now considered classics. Bell's natal sun and Mercury are in Gemini, the sign of communication. Natal moon and Jupiter in Virgo reveal strong analytical ability and a down-to-earth, practical side.

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**News in brief**

**Guard warns online media as opposition plans new rally, heightening tension**

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran's opposition announced a third day of street demonstrations Wednesday as the country's most powerful military force warned of a crackdown against online media in its first pronouncement on the deepening election crisis.

Facebook and Web sites such as Twitter have been vital conduits for Iranians to inform the world about protests over Friday's disputed election. Pro-reform candidate Mir Hossein Mousavi and his supporters accuse the government of rigging the election to declare hard-line President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad the winner.

The Web became more essential after the government barred foreign media Tuesday from leaving their offices to report on demonstrations on the streets of Tehran.

The Revolutionary Guard, an elite military force answering to Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, said through the state news service that Iranian Web sites and bloggers must remove any materials that "create tension" or face legal action.

The Guards are a separate military with enormous domestic influence and control of Iran's most important defense programs. They are one of the key sources of power for a cleric-led establishment that has been pushed by the crisis into an extraordinary public defense of the Islamic ruling system.

**Hydrogen gas leak forces delay of space shuttle launch to space station until July**

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — For the second time in less than a week, a potentially dangerous hydrogen gas leak early Wednesday forced NASA to delay shuttle Endeavour's launch to the international space station, this time until July at the earliest.

Launch officials waited almost an hour after the leak appeared during fueling, trying to fix it through remote commands, before calling off the predawn launch.

The leak occurred in the same place as one that cropped up Saturday, in the hydrogen gas vent line that hooks up to the external fuel tank. A similar problem stalled a shuttle flight three months ago.

"We're going to step back and figure out what the problem is and go fix it," said deputy space shuttle program manager LeRoy Cain. "And then we'll fly as soon as we're ready to safely go do that."

Mission managers had ordered repairs following Saturday's delay. The hookup itself and two seals were replaced. The same repair worked back in March, but engineers never found the cause of the problem.

**Democrats' health care bill to face first test as committee voting session set to begin**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Eye-popping new cost estimates for President Barack Obama's plan to overhaul the U.S. health care system are forcing majority Democrats to scale back their plans to subsidize coverage for the uninsured.

The \$1 trillion-plus estimates come as the Senate Health Committee prepares to meet Wednesday to begin crafting a bill around Obama's top legislative priority.

Big holes remain to be filled on the most controversial issues in the health care bill authored by the committee's chairman, Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass.: a new public insurance plan to compete with the private market, and whether employers must provide health care for their workers.

Kennedy is suffering from brain cancer and was not expected to be present. But his deputy on health care, Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., said the committee would move forward anyway with a session to finalize and vote on a bill he said would provide "successful, affordable, quality health care."

**Obama to sign order extending benefits to same-sex partners of federal employees**

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama, whose gay and lesbian supporters have grown frustrated with his slow movement on their priorities, is extending benefits to same-sex partners of federal employees, a White House official said.

Obama plans to announce his decision Wednesday in the Oval Office, the official said Tuesday. The official spoke on the condition of anonymity because the president hadn't yet signed the presidential memorandum.

The official said Obama would release more details Wednesday.

The decision is a political nod to a reliably Democratic voting bloc that has become impatient with the White House in recent weeks.

Several powerful gay fundraisers withdrew their support from a June 25 Democratic National Committee event where Vice President Joe Biden is expected to speak. Their exit came in response to a June 12 Justice Department brief that defended the Defense of Marriage Act, a prime tar-

get for gay and lesbian criticism.

**Obama to send Congress more work — a sweeping fix of the nation's financial regulations**

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama wants to strengthen the government's authority over financial institutions in a sweeping attempt to modernize a regulatory latticework that failed to detect early signs of a worldwide crisis.

The president was to detail the administration's overhaul plan on Wednesday, recommending new powers for the Federal Reserve; a new consumer protection agency to govern lending and credit; and new rules that would reach into currently unregulated regions of the financial markets.

An 85-page draft of the administration's plan details an effort to change a regulatory regime that Obama's economic team maintained had become too porous for the innovations and

intricacies of the today's financial markets.

With Congress already embroiled in health care legislation, Obama has set an ambitious schedule, pushing lawmakers to adopt a new regulatory regime by year's end.

**North Korea vows military retaliation against U.S., allies**

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea warned Wednesday of a "thousand-fold" military retaliation against the U.S. and its allies if provoked, the latest threat in a drumbeat of rhetoric in defense of its rogue nuclear program.

Japanese and South Korean news reports said North Korea is preparing an additional site for test-firing a long-range missile that experts say could be capable of striking the United States.

Russia's deputy defense minister reportedly said it would shoot down any missile headed its way.

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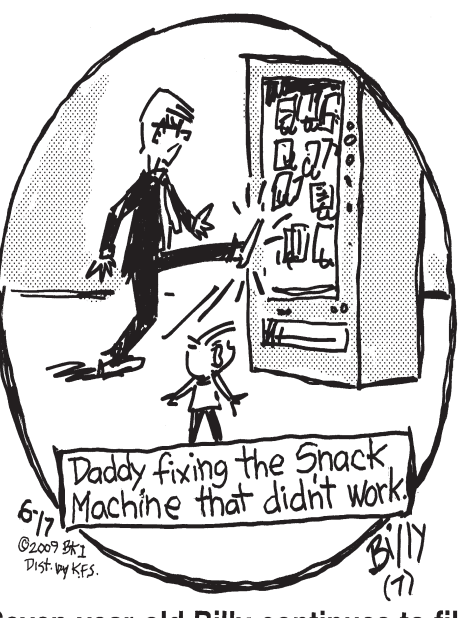
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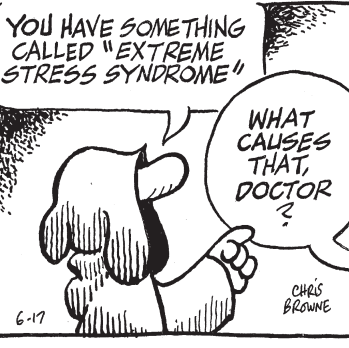
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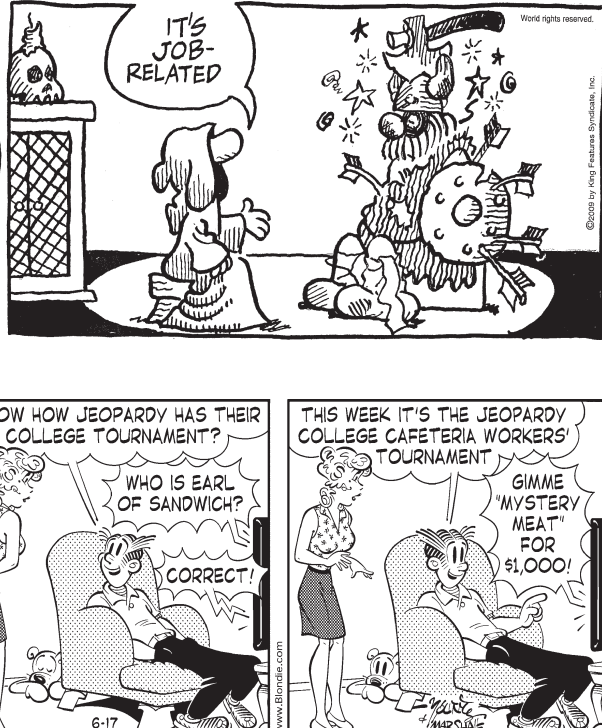


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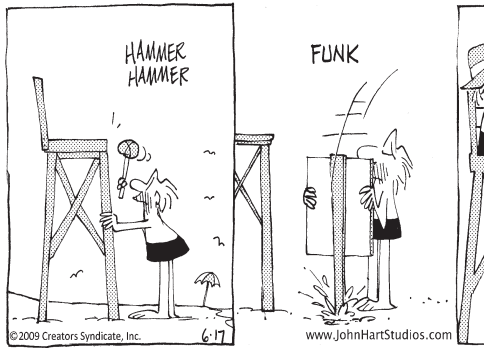
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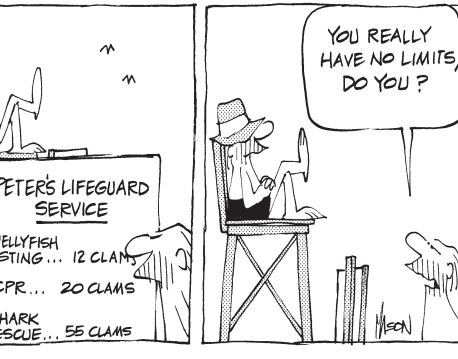
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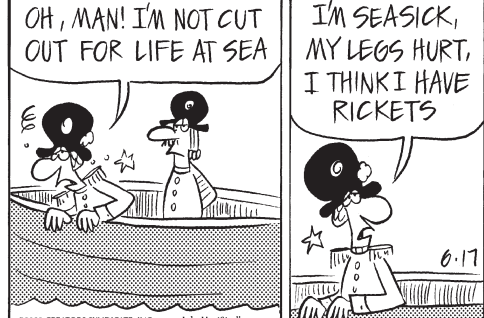
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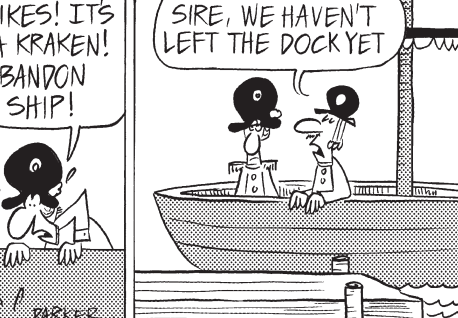
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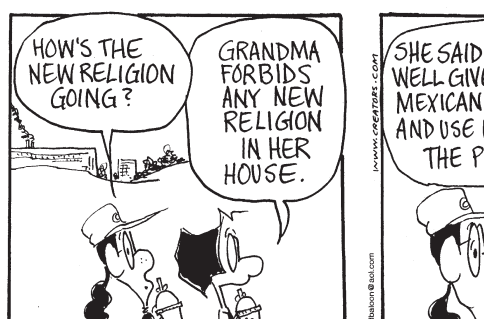
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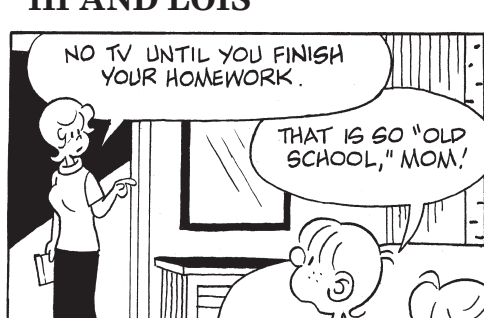
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On this date:

In 1885, the Statue of Liberty arrived in New York Harbor aboard the French ship Isere.

In 1928, Amelia Earhart embarked on a trans-Atlantic flight from Newfoundland to Wales with pilots Wilmer Stultz and Louis Gordon, becoming the first woman to make the trip as a passenger.

In 1944, the republic of Iceland was established.

In 1957, mob underboss Frank Scalice was shot to death at a produce market in the Bronx, N.Y.

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15 Baby's father  
16 Stereo control  
18 Ready for business  
19 Off the base, perhaps  
20 Avon alternative  
22 Famous loch  
24 Poetic pugilist  
25 Like peanuts, often  
29 Blissful  
34 Red hair or freckles  
35 Brashness  
36 Ipanema's city  
37 Boring routines  
38 Greens-keeper's need  
39 Tough spot  
40 Grandpa Simpson  
41 Tall stories  
42 Door joint  
43 Seder holiday  
45 10 to the 100th power  
46 Thanksgiving day: Abbr.  
47 Leave in stitches  
49 Purchase incentives  
53 Draws in  
58 Reunion attendee  
59 Open audition  
61 Dress-label info  
62 Speak on the stump

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2 PC desktop feature  
3 Dudley Do-Right's love  
4 Partner of tried  
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# Annie's Mailbox® Advice for those in need

**Dear Annie:** My teenage daughters are good kids, get good grades and don't drink or smoke pot. The problem is they text constantly. The older one has been staying up into the wee hours texting two guy friends. She gets less than five hours' sleep. The other day she came home from school so tired she said she was going to take a nap, but she ended up texting under her covers. I told her this had to stop at bedtime because she needs her sleep and I'm worried about her health. She said she would, but she lied. According to the phone records, she's sending and receiving over 20,000 texts a month.

I told the girls when they got their phones that I would take them away if they texted at school. They tell me all the kids do it. So I blocked their texting from the hours of 10 p.m. until 5:30 a.m. on school nights, and for the hours they are in class, leaving time at the beginning and end of the school day.

You'd think I am the worst mother in the world. Now the 16-year-old informs me that since she gets good grades, she should be paid for them because her friends are. She can earn money doing extra chores at home, but never seems to find the time for that. Was I unreasonable to block the texts? — Evil Mom

**Dear Mom:** Absolutely not. We're glad your daughter gets good grades. She should. A cell phone is a luxury whether she agrees or not, and if she is running up the phone bill and staying up all hours texting, we'd take it away from her altogether. We bet if you offer her that choice, she'll accept the current restrictions. You also should tell her you will pay her for extra chores around the house so she can contribute to her phone bill. It must be expensive.

**Dear Annie:** My husband and I are in our early 50s and enjoy a wide circle of friends. For the past six months, a couple I considered close seems to have forgotten about us. I see them out with others, so I know they're still socializing. Sometimes I hear from a mutual friend about an event we haven't been invited to.

I don't think they're purposely excluding us. I

think more interesting people have come along and they simply don't remember we're here. My feelings are hurt and I miss them a lot, but I don't want them to invite us out of guilt. Should I keep my mouth shut and hope they remember the fun we used to have? Or do I move on? — Jacksonville, Fla.

**Dear Jacksonville:** If you want to see this couple, you'll have to pick up the phone and invite them somewhere so they are reminded of the fun you used to have. If that doesn't help, it doesn't mean the friendship is over. It means it's time to socialize with others and leave this couple for the now-and-then occasion.

**Dear Annie:** "Not Family Yet" said she is concerned because her fiance's grandpa molested his mom and sister and the family has kept the secret. I caught my older brother on top of my little sister when she was in the sixth grade. It went on until she was an adult. She is in therapy, but refuses to go to the police. Her therapist told her our brother is probably still doing it to someone.

When I told my mother, she said to never mention it to his grown kids since it would ruin his image. That was the last time I heard from her. It's been three years and I think about it every day. -- Outcast in Jacksonville, Fla.

**Dear Outcast:** We're so sorry your mother has chosen to protect the molester instead of his victims. It wouldn't hurt for you to speak to a professional, as well.

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## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### Playing the Odds

South dealer.  
Neither side vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ A J 5  
♥ 5 4 2  
♦ J 10 3  
♣ 9 8 3 2

**EAST**  
♠ K Q 6 4  
♥ K 10 8  
♦ 8 7 4 2  
♣ J 6

**SOUTH**  
♠ 8  
♥ Q J 9 7 6 3  
♦ A K Q  
♣ A K 4

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1♥ Pass 1NT Pass  
4♥

Opening lead — ten of spades.

In many deals, the outcome hinges on declarer's handling of a particular card combination. In such situations, declarer should try to work out the approach that offers the greatest chance of success.

**Take this case** where South was in four hearts. He won the opening spade lead with the ace and led a heart from dummy. When East followed with the eight, declarer played the queen, losing to the ace.

**South ruffed the spade return**, but since he could not get to dummy to lead another heart, he had to lead

one from his hand. This gave East two trump tricks, and the loss of a club at the end put the contract down one.

**As can be seen**, South would have made his game if he had played the nine on the first heart lead from dummy, which would have held his trump losers to two. The question, therefore, is whether the nine was the correct play, or whether declarer was merely unlucky.

**To resolve such a problem**, the first step is to omit from consideration all possible divisions of the missing cards where declarer's play makes no difference. Thus, South should immediately dismiss all 2-2 divisions, since only two trump tricks can be lost regardless of how he plays.

**Similarly**, if West holds the A-K-10, it won't matter what declarer does, as he is certain to lose three trump tricks. South likewise has no chance if the trumps are divided 4-0.

**The only pertinent case** — that is, where declarer's play does make a difference — is when the hearts are divided 3-1 and West has the singleton. Once East has followed with the eight, that singleton can only be the ten, king or ace.

**Since there is twice as good a chance** that West's singleton will be the ace or king rather than the ten, South should go with the odds and finesse the nine at trick two.

Tomorrow: It's all in your state of mind.

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## sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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

### Why do batterers threaten, abuse, or kill animals?

- To demonstrate and confirm power and control over the family.
- To isolate the victim and children.
- To eliminate competition for attention.
- To force the family to keep violence a secret.
- To teach submission.
- To retaliate for acts of independence and self-determination.
- To perpetuate the context of terror.
- To prevent the victim from leaving or coerce her/him to return.
- To punish the victim for leaving
- To degrade the victim through involvement in the abuse.

### Is animal abuse a form of domestic violence? YES.

- Animal abuse exposes the deliberateness of battering rather than loss of control.
- Animal abuse and child abuse are closely related.
- Animal abuse is often a tool used by batterers to emotionally control or coerce victims.
- Threatening, injuring, or killing animals can indicate the potential for increased violence or lethality.
- Victims may postpone leaving out of fear for their pets' safety.
- Identifying animal abusers can help identify other victims of violence within the family.



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# LONE STAR

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hear that.”  
Rodriguez, who began his career at age 19 in 1991 and played 12 seasons in Texas, caught his 2,226th career game to tie Fisk, the Hall of Famer catcher who played for Boston (1969-80) and the Chicago White Sox (1981-93). The two share the record, at least for a day, and also a nickname — “Pudge.”  
Millwood is 5-1 with a 2.08 ERA in eight starts this season at hitter-friendly Rangers Ballpark. His last two victories snapped Texas losing streaks.  
“He’s definitely spoiling us. That’s classic Millwood right there,” Michael Young said. “I think Milly senses when we need to get some momentum back on our side.”  
Kinsler, 4 for 33 with no RBIs the

previous eight games, put the Rangers ahead to stay with his fourth leadoff homer this season. He added another solo shot in the second off struggling left-hander Wandy Rodriguez (5-6).  
Manager Ron Washington never considered taking Kinsler out of the leadoff spot.  
“I have confidence in the fact that he’s been there before and he’ll get out of it,” Washington said. “I just hope tonight is the night that got him back going.”  
Kinsler, an All-Star last year, is leading AL second baseman in the latest voting.  
David Murphy also homered for the Rangers, who have won all four games this season against Houston. Texas clinched the season series to keep the Silver Boot Trophy for the third straight year.  
The Rangers led 6-0 when Ivan Rodriguez barely cleared the right-field wall with his homer. The fans stood and started screaming as soon as it did.

“They love Pudge,” Young said. “Every year since he’s left, he’s been here. It never gets old. They love him here.”  
Pudge, a 14-time All-Star who has won 13 Gold Gloves, left Texas in 2002 and won a World Series with Florida the following season. He then spent five years in Detroit and half a season with the Yankees before signing a \$1.5 million, one-year deal with the Astros during spring training.  
Astros manager Cecil Cooper said Rodriguez will catch Wednesday, which would break the tie with Fisk. Rodriguez was tied with Bob Boone at 2,225 games before Tuesday.  
Millwood has allowed only three earned runs over 27 2-3 innings his past four starts.  
Houston got a leadoff double from Michael Bourn to start the game before Miguel Tejada walked. Arlington native Hunter Pence then struck out, which became a double play when Bourn was thrown out stealing third.

Except for Rodriguez’s homer, only one other runner got past first base after that against Millwood, who struck out six while allowing four hits and three walks.  
Millwood ended the third when he knocked down Tejada’s comebacker with his bare hand, then scrambled to pick up the ball and throw to first. The pitcher deflected Rodriguez’s ball in the seventh, slowing it down and preventing a double play.  
Wandy Rodriguez lost his fourth consecutive decision over five starts, after a four-game winning streak. His ERA, which was the best among NL left-handers, jumped from 2.82 to 3.33 after giving up six runs over four innings when he walked five.  
“Wandy wasn’t real sharp,” Cooper said. “Neither was Millwood in the first few innings, but he managed to get it turned around.”  
Kinsler walked in the fourth and scored on Young’s two-run double. Young had a single and scored on Marlon Byrd’s hit in the first.

# COWBOYS

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“When things happen the way they’re supposed to happen, I’m just going to have a smile on my face,”

Williams said. “The only people that know I can do it is my family. They can’t wait either.”  
Williams had a Pro Bowl season in 2006, when he caught 82 passes for 1,310 yards and seven touchdowns. The former University of Texas star had 262 catches for 3,884 yards and 29 TDs in 60 games for the Lions. He played with five different quarterbacks last season.  
Now the focus is on building a relationship with Romo, and Williams knows the best way to gain the quarterback’s confidence.  
“Just catch the ball when he throws it to me,” Williams said. “And butter him up, bring him some food, just let him borrow some money if he needs some. Just be his best friend. ... Put my arm around his neck and hug him and tell him that his girlfriend looks pretty good and go from there.”  
Romo said the two already have a good relationship.  
“He’s quarterback friendly with a lot of the stuff he does,” Romo said. “He runs good routes.”  
That doesn’t mean they are always in synch yet.  
During one practice this week, Williams was wide open across the middle of the field and waving his hands to get Romo’s attention. The

pass went elsewhere, and Williams returned to the huddle with his hands on his hips.  
“I let him know, but that’s what we’re supposed to do,” Williams said.  
The next pass went to Williams, a high throw that deflected off his hands. But he later had a deep over-the-shoulder catch between two defenders, grabbing the slightly underthrown ball while falling to his knee.  
“Whether we had Terrell or not, we were confident that Roy Williams was going to be a player and play well,” coach Wade Phillips said. “That will come along with them practicing together.”  
Owner Jerry Jones admits it was “optimistic” for him to think that Williams and Romo would be able to develop a connection during the middle of last season. Jones still has no regrets about making the deal, though he will be “tremendously disappointed,” if it doesn’t work.  
“The verdict is really still out, but I would absolutely do that trade again,” Jones said earlier this offseason. “The only fair way to look at that trade is give it the benefit of how and what it does as we go ahead over the next year or two.”

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# Parent's Corner: Lesson learned from a 5-year-old

Father's Day is usually a time when fathers can sit back and be treated to special attention but occasionally we dads should use this special day to reflect on the way we live and treat others.

Here is a story that will make all of us dads stop and think a bit.

A man came home from work late. He was tired and irritated but he found his 5-year-old son waiting for him at the door.

"Daddy, may I ask you a question?" the boy inquired.

"Yeah, sure," the dad replied.

"How much money do you make an hour?" the little boy

asked.

"Well, that's none of your business, son! Why do you want to know?" the man said angrily.

"Please Daddy, I really need to know!"

"Well, I make \$50 an hour," quibbled the dad.

"Oh," the boy replied sadly with a bowed head. "Daddy, may I borrow \$25?"

The father was furious. "If the only reason you asked that is so you can borrow some money to buy a silly toy or some other nonsense, then you march yourself straight to your room and go to bed. Think about why you are being so selfish. I don't work hard everyday for such childish frivolities!"

The little boy quietly went to his room and shut his door. The man sat down and started to get even angrier about the little boy's questions. How dare he ask such

questions only to get some money he mused.

After about an hour the man calmed down and started to think:

Maybe there was something his son really needed with that \$25 and he really didn't ask for money very often.

The man went to the boy's room, opened the door and asked, "Are you asleep son?"

"No daddy, I'm awake," replied the boy.

"I've been thinking," said the dad, "maybe I was too hard on you earlier. It's been a long day and I took out my aggravation on you. If you

will tell my why you wanted the \$25, maybe I will let you have it!"

The little boy sat straight up, smiling.

"Oh thank you Daddy!" he yelled.

Then, reaching under his pillow he pulled out some crumpled up bills. The dad was beginning to get angry again when he saw that the boy already had some money, but before he could say anything the little boy looked up and said, "Oh Daddy, I have only been able to save \$25 and now, if you will let me borrow another \$25 I will have \$50 and that's

what you make an hour. Daddy, can I buy an hour of your time? Will you please come home early tomorrow? I would like to have an hour with you. I love you Daddy."

The father was crushed. He put his arms around his little boy and begged his forgiveness. He suddenly realized that he was working too hard and letting life slip through his hands without spending time with those that really mattered.

Let us not forget to share our lives with those we love, because if we were to die tomorrow, the company for which we work would replace us and move on, but the family and friends we leave behind will feel the loss for the rest of their lives.

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I am sorry for the gap in writing about new books. Sometimes they come in all in a huge rush and it takes time to get them cataloged and processed.

Some of the new books that we have received are in the ever-favorite genre – Westerns. If you read westerns, then you will recognize the authors: Will Henry, Tom Curry, Bradford Scott and Lewis B. Patten.

Patten has written "The Trial at Apache Junction" (W PAT L). Johnny McGrath has two strikes against him — accused of killing the man who was ordered to evict him from his homestead and seducing the judge's wife. However, Sheriff Owen

Buck is determined to see McGrath receive a fair trial and won't be swayed by the demands of the cattlemen or the judge.

Lauraine Paine is another well-known writer of Westerns. In "Salt-Lick Range" (W PAI L), Deputy U.S. Marshal Dan Miller is called to Jefferson in the Idaho Territory. He knows it will not be an easy task to settle the battle for the salt-lick desired by two feuding factions.

William A. Johnstone along with J.A. Johnstone pen the series "The Mountain Men." In "Deadly Trail" (W JOH W) (a Matt Jensen: the Last Mountain Man book), Matt foils a train robbery in Colorado and received a commendation from the governor to boot. However, the frustrated outlaw and his posse seek revenge and have kidnapped the governor's niece. It is up to Matt to rescue the girl and put down a bad man.

There are several more westerns to check out — all you need to do is look at the New Book Binder for the newest titles out on the shelf.

John Vernon has written a fictional account of the life of Billy the Kid, "Lucky Billy" (LP F VER J). Legend has it that Billy killed 21 men, stole from the rich to give to the poor and wooed many a senorita in the Southwest.

From the Denver Post: "Using careful research as his base, Vernon steps beyond the legend to reveal a Billy the Kid who is at once transparent and puzzling ... An intriguing new look at an American legend that took shape in a time of challenging and often dangerous change." Billy's ultimate downfall is the Lincoln County War, a conflict between a ring of Irishmen and a newcomer from England, John Tunstall, who wanted to break the gang's grip on the town. When Tunstall is murdered, Billy the Kid becomes a legend.

It looks like this column will be devoted to Large Print books! A new author (to me) is Kate Collins who evidently has a series called Flower Shop Mysteries. In "Evil in Carnations" (LP M COL K), Abby is determined to get Nikki out of her dating slump and encourages her to "speed date." When Nikki chooses Jonas Treat aka Treat the Cheat, Abby thinks that one date won't hurt. When Jonas turns up dead and Nikki is the suspect, Abby whips into overdrive to clear her friend.

Other mysteries in Large Print are: "Whisker of Evil" (LP M BRO R) by Rita Mae Brown; "Origin in Death" (LP M ROB J) by J.D. Robb; "Dirty Blonde" (LP M SCO L) by Lisa Scottline; and "The Cheater" (LP M ROS N) by Nancy Taylor Rosenberg.

Large Print Fiction titles are: "Seducing an Angel" (LP F BAL M) by Mary Balogh; and "Cassandra and Jane" (LP F PIT J) by Jill Pitkeathley. The last book is about the relationship between Jane Austen and her sister Cassandra. Forced to live their lives dependent upon relatives, Jane and Cassandra were best friends. When Jane died, Cassandra destroyed her personal letters, thereby closing the door on this extraordinary novelist. Pitkeathley re-imagines the sister's relationship and provides insight into their lives.

If you wish to revisit some of the classic literature of all time, the library has "Oliver Twist" (LP F DIC C) by Charles Dickens and "Moby Dick or, The Whale" (LP F MEL H) by Herman Melville available in Large Print.

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