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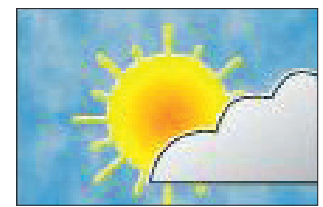
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## Long: Census request 'double taxing'

### Specialist calls \$5,000 donation an investment in the community

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

Go back to the federal government and ask for funding. That's the message Howard County Commissioner Jimmie Long delivered to representatives of the 2010 Census Monday morning during the court's meeting, following a request for a \$5,000 donation to help fund the nationwide head count.

"Taxpayers have already been taxed to provide funding for the Census once," said County Commissioner for Precinct 3 Jimmie Long. "That was done through our federal income tax. I feel like the government is trying to force our local residents to put pressure on the local entities to fund something that has already been funded. I agree that you need to have public-

ty, and they need to fund that. They need to consider that as a part of the cost."

Charlene Romero McBride, partnership specialist with the U.S. Department of Commerce Census Bureau, said the \$5,000 is an investment in the community.

"Nationally, the 2010 Census will go ahead with a marketing plan. Unfortunately, it starts dwindling down for our smaller counties," said McBride. "It doesn't go to the radio stations, it doesn't go to the newspapers. It provides us with some marketing items, but not a whole lot. I have 18 counties that I'm working with, and only the two largest counties in that area have their own funds, so I don't do any of this with them."

"This is an investment in the community. What happens is you're assisting the Complete Count Committee and help to get the word out. We go out and explain to people what the census does and how important it is. In the end, this helps your non-profit organizations, hospitals, police departments, fire departments... It all comes back to you by the numbers we get in the census."

McBride said she's not looking for a check from the commissioners now, just for the county to set aside the money in case it's needed.

"We're not saying that we want you to sign a check and give it to us. What we're asking you to do is go ahead and set aside funds so once we



HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins

Above, Charlene Romero McBride, partnership specialist with the U.S. Department of Commerce Census Bureau, explains to Howard County commissioners how a \$5,000 donation to the census effort can have a positive impact on the Crossroads area. Left, Precinct 3 Commissioner Jimmie Long calls the donation a double-taxation for county taxpayers.

start getting the promotional items we need, it just gets taken out of that (money)," said McBride. "So we might not use the whole amount. We've asked Coahoma to consider giving us \$1,000, and we did receive \$500 from Forsan last week. And we're also going to ask the city to match

whatever the county decides to do for the Complete Count Committee as well. Everyone is investing in this. Everyone is really going in and making sure we do provide the tools for the Complete Count Committee."

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JIMMIE LONG  
COMMISSIONER PREC. #3

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## Murder trial under way

### Defendant charged with stabbing man 30 times with knife

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

GARDEN CITY — Testimony in the Glasscock County trial of a West Texas man accused of stabbing another man to death continued here this morning, as the prosecution offered evidence into re-

cord. Rodney Laudell Mason Jr. stands accused in the March 2008 stabbing death of Timothy Wayne Sanchez, 18, Odessa.

118<sup>th</sup> District Attorney Hardy L. Wilkerson, who is prosecuting the case, said the first day of evidence concluded

Monday afternoon with the state presenting several witnesses.

"We called the emergency medical technicians that responded to the roadway where Sanchez's body was found," said Wilkerson. "We also called Glasscock County Sheriff Keith Burnett and

presented evidence concerning how Sanchez died. He suffered at least 30 blows with a knife, with three of the wounds sufficient to be fatal.

"This morning we're expecting to continue presenting our evidence, which

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## 5 die after pickup gets stuck in West Texas pond

ODESSA (AP) — Five people died after a pickup truck got stuck in a shallow pond and sat with the engine running for several minutes while the truck was submerged just above the tailpipe, West Texas authorities said Monday.

Ector County sheriff's spokesman Sgt. Gary Duesler said witnesses called 911

Sunday evening and had to smash a truck window before pulling unconscious victims from the truck.

"It wasn't a drowning," Duesler said. "The whole thing was probably less than 48 inches of water clear across the whole pond. If they'd have gotten out, they could have probably walked out. But

who knows why they didn't."

Duesler said exhaust would most likely enter the cab of the pickup through air vents once the tailpipe was under water, but he said authorities didn't want to speculate on the causes of death. At

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# Obituaries

## Virginia King Terrell

Virginia King Terrell, 70, of Big Spring died Sunday, June 21, 2009, at the Sterling County Nursing Home. Graveside memorial service will be held at a later date in Cushing. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She was born August 10, 1938, in Overton. She worked a number of years for Daniel Construction Company of Houston as a time keeper and welder, and during that time worked all over the United States. She had been a resident of Howard County for more than 30 years and had worked more than 20 years at the American Legion Post 506 in Big Spring, and worked there until her recent illness.

She is survived by one son, James Timothy Hayes and wife, Geri, of Crystal Beach; a granddaughter, Miranda Hayes of Crystal Beach; one sister, Betty Lloyd Mitchel of San Angelo; several nieces and nephews, including Roger and Rick Lloyd; and the special people that loved her like family, the members of American Legion Post 506.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Doll Knighton Cooper Moffitt and George Samuel Cooper; her husbands, James Hayes, Edward King and James Terrell; two brothers, James Robert Cooper and Billy Jack Cooper; and two sisters, Thelma Inez Nelson and Joanne Nelson.

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

*Paid obituary*

## Dorothy K. Smith

Dorothy K. Smith, 83, of Big Spring died Sunday, June 21, 2009, at her residence in Odessa. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 23, 2009, at the First Christian Church in Big Spring with the Rev. Ken McIntosh, Dr. Bill Smythe and the Rev. John Culp officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born Feb. 15, 1926, in Alice and married John Frank Smith Dec. 22, 1948, in Alice. He preceded her in death Aug. 15, 1996.

She received her bachelors degree from Texas A&I and her masters degree from Texas Tech. She and her late husband came to Big Spring in 1960 where she taught English in the Big Spring school district. She was later a teacher in the special education department retiring in 1986. She was a member of First Christian Church.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Stephen and Paula Smith of Odessa; one daughter and son-in-law, Cynthia Ann and Gary Lawson of Hobbs, N.M.; four grandchildren, Sarah Elizabeth Johnson and husband, Jason, of Austin, Megan Ann Black and Jacob Lawson, both of New Braunfels, and Justin Lawson of Hobbs, N.M.; one great grandchild, Bryton Black; two nieces, Sherian Gibson of Denver, Colo., and Bettinae Kaiser of Kingsville; four nephews, Jim Story of Houston, Charles Story of Loveland, Colo., and Gordon Story and Richard Story, both of Corpus Christi.

She was also preceded in death by three brothers and one sister.

The family suggests memorials be made to First Christian Church, 911 Goliad, Big Spring 79720, or to a favorite charity.

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

*Paid obituary*

## Andrew 'Andy' Frank Hoelscher

Andrew "Andy" Frank Hoelscher, 79, of Midkiff died Sunday, June 21, 2009, at Midland Memorial Hospital. The rosary will be held at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Midland at 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 23, 2009, with Father Francis Njoku, officiating. The funeral mass will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, June 25, 2009, at St. Lawrence Church with burial following at St. Lawrence Cemetery.

Andrew was born July 26, 1929, to Josephine and Ed Hoelscher in Olfen. He was a farmer all his life. He was a member of St. Thomas Mission Church in Midkiff. He was also a member of the Olfen Knights of Columbus.

He is survived by his step daughter, Mary Lou Schaefer and husband, Kenneth; three grandchildren, four great grandchildren; brothers, Joe Hoelscher, Vicki Hoelscher; sisters, Colette Schraeder, Lorene Braden and Genevieve Halfmann; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ed and Josephine Hoelscher; a wife, Dorothy Hoelscher; brothers, Reynold Hoelscher and Isodore Hoelscher; sisters, Sarah Halfmann, Norene Kujawski and Marita Buxkemper.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the American Heart Association.

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

## Houston Monroe Nichols

Houston Monroe Nichols, 92, of McKinney died Saturday, June 20, 2009, in a McKinney hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, June 25, 2009, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Eddy Pitchford, minister of Coahoma Church of Christ, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

He was born January 30, 1917, in Jones County and married Doris Othelle Roberson Sept. 2, 1936, in Big Spring. She preceded him in death Feb. 28, 2007.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Douglas M. and Shirley Nichols of Forsan, and Max D. and Jan Nichols of Big Spring; a daughter and son-in-law, Sandra K. and Jerry Allen, originally of Coahoma, now full-time travelers; six grandchildren; ten great grandchildren; and two sisters.

He was also preceded in death by a grandson, Stoney Castleman. The family suggests memorials to the Alzheimer's Research Foundation, 1236 Ginger Crescent, Virginia Beach, Va. 23453.

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

# Police blotter

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

- LINDA SMITH, 57, of 1210 S. Main St., was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.
- ZACK TURMAN, 31, of 507 E. 17th St., was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.
- DEBRA SMITH, 40, of 507 E. 17th St., was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.
- MICKEY KENNEDY, 49, of 2706 Williams Rd., was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.
- THEFT was reported: in the 800 block of Interstate Highway 20, in the 900 block of Willia, in the 400 block of Birdwell Lane, in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.
- DISORDERLY CONDUCT – LANGUAGE was reported in the 1400 block of Virginia.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 2600 block of Rebecca.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 300 block of 11th Place.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 800 block of Johnson.

# Sheriff

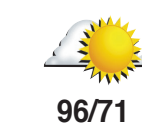


The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 74 inmates at the time of this report.

- JOHN WAYNE MURPHY, 44, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- DARYL RAY NEWBERN, 49, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication, disorderly conduct – language and a local warrant.
- JESSE NUNEZ, 32, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of assault Class C.
- ELEUTERIO PADRON, 60, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- STANLEY PAULDING, 58, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- OLGA PERCHES, 51, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of assault/family violence Class C.
- ROBERT RAMOS, 57, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of disorderly conduct.
- DENNIS RICHARDSON, 24, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid – enhanced.
- ROBERT RIOS, 37, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on charges of failure to appear, speeding and public intoxication.
- JOHN ROBERTS, 37, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- DWAINIE MARK ROGER, 19, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of burglary of a building.
- FRANKIE RUBIO, 19, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a local warrant.
- ROBERT SANCHEZ, 45, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- MARCUS DANIEL SMITH, 28, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a

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# Your Local Weather

Wed 6/24	Thu 6/25	Fri 6/26
 <b>96/71</b>	 <b>96/72</b>	 <b>94/72</b>
Except for a few afternoon clouds, mainly sunny. High 96F.	More sun than clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.	Sunshine. Highs in the mid 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](mailto:editor@bigspringherald.com)

**TODAY**  
• The Powwow Committee of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church annex, 809 Scurry, or the fellowship hall at 810 Scurry. Call Robert Downing at 263-3255 for information.

**WEDNESDAY**  
• Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.  
• Free blood pressure screenings from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., provided by InHome Care.  
• Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.  
• Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.  
• Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

**THURSDAY**  
• Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.  
• Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.  
• 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.

**FRIDAY**  
• Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.  
• AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.  
• Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.  
• Dance at the Senior Center, 1901 Simler, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

# Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 2300 block of Gregg Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 700 block of E. Eighth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 800 block of Creighton. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 800 block of W. Marcy. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 900 block of E. 15th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the 181

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# Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:

drawn: 29-3-7-26-22.  
Number matching five of five: 0.

Winning numbers drawn: 2-34-11-27. Bonus Ball: 10.  
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 1. Prize: \$225,000  
Winning ticket purchased in: Refugio.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-5-8-4. Sum It Up: 22.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-8-9. Sum It Up: 22.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers

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# News in Brief

## Capital's worst subway crash leads investigators to cast wide net in search of clues

WASHINGTON (AP) — The worst accident in 33-year history of Metrorail, Washington's subway system, is under investigation by authorities trying to determine why a train plowed into the rear of another, killing at least nine people and injuring scores of others. A District of Columbia Fire Department Web site said rescue workers located three bodies in the wreckage late Monday night. All three were declared dead at the scene. Earlier Monday, officials confirmed six deaths, including the operator of the trailing train, Jeanice McMillan of Springfield, Va. Metro spokesman Steve Taubenkibel said McMillan had

been a Metro employee since January 2007. Debbie Hersman, a member of the National Transportation Safety Board, said investigators would cast a wide net, including checking operator procedures and track signals, interviewing witnesses and inspecting the tracks themselves. She said officials also were searching the wreckage for devices on the trains that record operating speeds and commands.

## North Korean ship sailing off Chinese coast en route to Myanmar may have illicit arms on board

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — A North Korean ship suspected of carrying illicit weapons was plying the waters off Shanghai on Tuesday

en route to Myanmar, a news report said, as regional military officials and a U.S. destroyer kept a close eye on the vessel's movements. Washington's top military commander in South Korea, meanwhile, warned that the communist regime is bolstering its guerrilla warfare capacity. Gen. Walter Sharp, who commands the 28,500 U.S. troops positioned in South Korea, said the North could employ roadside bombs and other guerrilla tactics if war breaks out

again on the Korean peninsula. The two Koreas technically remain at war because their three-year conflict ended in a truce, not a peace treaty, in 1953. North Korea's 1.2 million-member army makes it one of the world's largest. Some 180,000 are special operation forces. North Korea is believed to have been boosting its urban, nighttime and special operation capabilities in the wake of the U.S.-led war in Iraq, South Korea's Defense Ministry said.

## CENSUS

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Long, who chided the federal census for asking for funding alongside Commissioner for Precinct 2 Jerry Kilgore, said he supports the effort, but feels like it needs to be funded solely by the federal government.

"I support the census," said Long firmly. "But I don't support the idea the taxpayers should be taxed again to pay for a census the federal government is already paid for. I'm just not for double-taxing. And I know you need funding for local advertising, and I think that's when you have to go back to the federal government and tell them you have to have this additional funding.

"There's a strain on us, and I realize it's not a lot of money. However, if we keep doing that, from step to step... before we know it we've spent \$100,000, and I just don't feel like the taxpayers need to pay double on that."

McBride reminded the court the census was already adding jobs to the Howard County workforce — albeit temporary jobs — and that incomplete information could spell disaster for area agencies looking to receive grants.

"A big part of what is really funded for census goes for the jobs it creates,"

said McBride. "And it creates a lot of jobs in your area. So it is creating jobs and money for your area, as well. And when it comes to the promotional part... the investment can be made by the community.

"The value of this is when you start counting everyone in your community, those are the numbers that your hospitals and non-profit organizations — anyone that is developing a grant — use for those things. It helps your community out a lot."

According to Long, those complaints from local grant-seekers have yet to come.

"None of those organizations that depend upon the census for their grant writing have gone to their local entities — not to this court since I've been on it — and said they are having trouble getting grant money because we don't have a good census," said Long.

The court declined to take any action on the matter. The Big Spring City Council, which McBride told county officials plans to follow their lead in the matter, is expected to discuss a possible donation to the 2010 Census this evening during its regular meeting.

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a news conference in Odessa, Ector County Sheriff Mark Donaldson said the bodies were sent to the Tarrant County medical examiner for autopsies.

Duesler said the incident happened when the victims were apparently "mudding," where people try to drive vehicles through shallow pools created by heavy rainfall.

The accident occurred

at a small horse racing track a few miles south of Odessa, and Duesler said authorities believe the truck sat in the water "anywhere from 15 to 30 minutes" before anyone realized the occupants might need help.

He said emergency personnel intercepted one vehicle trying to take a female victim to the hospital. That woman was pronounced dead at the scene, and the other four were pronounced dead within an hour of being taken to an Odessa hospital, Duesler said.

Three victims were members of one family from Kermit — 42-year-old Lenin Polanco, 40-year-old Martha Isela Caballero and their 19-year-old daughter, Gladisela Polanco. The other victims were Maurilio Hernandez, 40, and Adan V. Saucedo, 32, both family friends from Monahans.

"We were all just kind of shaking our heads, going 'Wow,'" Duesler said. "It's not something you would see every day and don't want to see every day."

## TRIAL

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includes a video taped statement made by the defendant to the Texas Rangers and DNA evidence. We hope to wrap up our part of the case sometime this afternoon and could see this go to the jury as early as late this afternoon or the early evening."

Wilkerson said Midland attorney Steve Stallings, who is representing Mason, has done little to tip his hand in the trial.

"There has been no testimony so far on the behalf of Mason," said Wilkerson. "However, in the defendant's opening statement, the defense admits he stabbed Sanchez, but says he did so in defense."

Sanchez, was found stabbed to death late on the evening of March 15, 2008, about 12 miles south of Stanton on

Highway 137, according to law enforcement officials. Deputies received a 911 call at 9:46 p.m. in reference to a person being hit by an automobile. When they arrived at the scene, they found Sanchez lying by the roadway, Burnett said.

Sanchez was declared dead at the scene and a subsequent autopsy determined cause of death to be from multiple stab wounds. The victim had last been seen driving a 1997 Dodge Neon, which was found the next day parked in the 1500 block of South Grant in Odessa. Mason was arrested a few weeks later.

If found guilty, Mason could face a sentence of five to 99 years to life in prison, accompanied by a fine not to exceed \$10,000.

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## EMS

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- MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of Rickabaugh Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1000 block of Rosemont. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 2000 block of Gregg Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of Caprock Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Martin Luther King Blvd. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported

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- charge of public intoxication.
- MARK TIMOTHY STANLEY, 47, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- PAULENAR TORRES, 42, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of assault Class C — family violence (intimidation).
- DEBORAH

TURMAN, 40, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- ZACK MONROE TURNER, 31, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- MARY VILLA, 29, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- KATHERYN DIANE WILLIAMS, 50, was transferred to the coun-

ty jail Friday by the BSPD on a probation revocation for driving while intoxicated.

- FEDENCIO DELEON, 39, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of aggravated assault with a weapon.
- JENNY JUAREZ, 24, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of theft.
- MICKEY KENNEDY, 49, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- JOSEPH ALTON

MURLEY, 30, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.

- ARLINDA SMITH, 57, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- DEBORAH TURMAN, 40, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on

a charge of public intoxication.

- ZACK MONROE TURMAN, 31, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

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## OUR VIEW

# Don't forget to go enjoy Stargazing event in state park

Residents of Big Spring and the surrounding area will get a chance to view many of Mother Nature's wonders Saturday when they turn their eyes toward the heavens during the annual Stargazing event at Big Spring State Park.

Slated for 8:30 p.m. until 11 p.m. near the park office at the top of Scenic Mountain, the program will offer something for everyone in the family.

"It's a great time for families to spend some quality time together," said Park Manager Ron Alton. "It doesn't matter how old you are, seeing the stars and the different heavenly bodies through a telescope is just amazing."

Members of the West Texas Amateur Astronomy Club in Midland will provide several high-powered telescopes for those attending to get a better look at the night sky.

Alton noted that members of the astronomy club really love taking part in Stargazing. And that means there will be plenty of knowledgeable people to answer questions during the presentation.

"The Moon should be at just a little less than first quarter," Alton said. "Constellation Sagittarius should be visible, looking through it toward the center of the Milky Way Galaxy with lots of nebulas and star clusters. Also, the Summer Triangle, including the stars Vega, Altair and Denab, with more nebulas and a spectacular double star, Albe-rio, will be visible."

Alton noted events like stargazing keep the park's finances strong, especially when state officials are scrutinizing budgets. "The state looks at attendance at events like this and decides how much money to allocate to each park, so it's important that people come out and participate," he said.

If the weather doesn't cooperate — there are too many clouds or it rains — Alton said the plan is to reschedule the Stargazing for July 25.

For more information about the stargazing event, call 263-4931.

We here at the *Herald* encourage our readers to take advantage of this once-a-year opportunity. You'll not only be enjoying something that's rarely available to most of us, but you'll also be supporting the Big Spring State Park and its staff. And that, we think, is a win-win situation.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

We can rise above the ordinary, Lord, with You.

Amen

# Guns can save our economy

Now that America's banking, real estate, stock market, insurance and automobile bubbles have all burst, what's a hard-working, God-fearing citizen supposed to do for a job? Can you believe that even the casino industry is laying off? Fortunately alcohol is still stable, but prostitution futures have tanked. Curses, if the sin market is sinking, we're in more trouble than we thought.

But one industry has heroically come to our rescue — yes, guns. Firearm sales are through the roof. Gun makers are adding shifts and gun stores are adding clerks. They're sparking the whole economy. Researchers have identified several reasons: Barack Obama, the recession, and self-defense.

It's not that they fear Obama will come after them physically. Rather they see him as a strident gun control zealot who will soon make gun sales illegal. Thus we had better buy now. The recession in turn provokes fears of unemployed armed mobs roving the streets looking for any wealth they can grab. If you happen to have some, you'd better be ready to mount a show of force

in response. And nowadays, it's also critical to be armed and ready when screwballs at Columbine, Virginia Tech, Binghamton and North Carolina show up and start shooting. Who let those nuts have guns anyway? But since they do, we'd better, too.

Thus you'll be pleased to learn that Connecticut has just taken a solid step to end this insanity. Thanks to its valiant legislature, it is now illegal to hand a machine gun to anyone under age 16. Seems last year an 8-year-old at a local range got hold of an Uzi, lost control of it and shot his head off. Brave pols thought that was wrong and responded fast.

In fact some folks in D.C. figured this would be a good cover to pass still sterner laws. After all, our nation's chief gun nut left office in January and many of his congressional soulmates were on the same outbound train. But surprise, the Democrats who replaced them still report to that same constituency. Consequently when an amendment to the popular credit card reform bill proposed to allow guns in national parks, it passed in a breeze. There's bears out there, and wolves and rattlers, and Packers fans.

Neither could Congress even rouse itself to reinstate the old ban on assault weapons. That one expired five years ago. OK, maybe you wouldn't have expected it to be brought back

during the recent Dark Ages, but why not now in the new glow of enlightenment? Are we trying to make it easier for the terrorists?

Well, some are. The Texas legislature considered a bill to allow the carrying of concealed weapons on college campuses. Virginia Tech, you know — you've just got to be ready for anything. Meanwhile lawmakers in Arkansas are contemplating allowing heat in churches. Hang on now: 42 states already do, although churches can establish their own prohibition if they like. Visit your local police department for usher training.

In fact why not go further? Let's have guns and their owners licensed and registered like cars and drivers. Every gun would be listed in a single giant database, tested and certified, with transfers recorded. Owners would be tested too, photographed and subject to periodic re-registration. You'll be shocked to hear that some despotic countries, like Switzerland, already do that very thing.

But for now, let's worry first about the economy. If each of us would simply pledge to buy just one gun we could get that old GDP rolling again. It seems almost a patriotic duty.

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

WE MAY HAVE A PAY CZAR, A CAR CZAR, ENERGY CZAR, TARP CZAR, TECH CZAR, DRUG CZAR, STIMULUS CZAR, INTELLIGENCE CZAR... BUT I DRAW THE LINE AT A SALAD AND EXERCISE CZAR!



# Easing the burden of closings

On May 13, 2009, Russell Aubrey Whatley received a letter that would change his life. In the perfunctory letter, Chrysler informed Whatley that he would have less than a month to close down the dealership his family has profitably operated for three generations. His business has contributed to the livelihood of Mineral Wells through commerce and community involvement for the last 90 years.

The Russell Whatley Motor Company — one of the oldest car dealerships in Texas — was not the only business to find itself dragged into the worsening predicament of the U.S. auto industry, most recently punctuated by the bankruptcies of Chrysler and General Motors. Across Texas, 50 Chrysler dealers have been slated for closure. Nationwide, 789 dealers are being forced to close their doors — through no wrongdoing of their own. They did not make the business decisions that have placed the domestic auto industry in this position.

In fact, when ailing Chrysler in February urged its dealers to purchase additional inventory in a final, futile attempt to stave off bankruptcy, most of the dealers complied. And many of those who were subsequently terminated were flush with inventory Chrysler executives pushed them to buy, potentially burdening them with significant losses.

Upon learning of Whatley and other Texas dealers' plight, I was shocked that Chrysler could dismiss these loyal dealers, with whom the company had partnered for so many years, with little concern for the well-being

of the employees, customers, and communities they serve. I disagree that these profitable dealers should close at all. On May 21, I introduced an amendment to deny Chrysler additional Treasury funding, which it has been receiving to help maintain solvency, unless it gave dealers slated for closing adequate time to do so. In a matter of hours, my colleagues signed on to the legislation until we had 39 senators from both sides of the aisle calling for equitable treatment of the terminated dealers. Our calls were heeded when the Chrysler CEO Jim Press personally assured me that Chrysler was taking steps to help automotive dealers across the country.

This was a welcome development, but as Ronald Reagan was known to say, "Trust. But verify."

As senior Republican on the Senate Commerce Committee, I worked with Chairman Jay Rockefeller to verify that Chrysler would, indeed, provide each impacted dealer ready access to necessary resources to close down its operations with as little pain as possible under the circumstances. On June 3, we held a committee hearing in which Mr. Press and GM CEO Fritz Henderson testified alongside the very dealers they were dismissing, including Whatley.

Whatley made it clear in his testimony that Chrysler's decision to discontinue its relationship with him was not just the failure of a business venture. For him and his family, it was the end of three generations of personal investment and enterprising spirit. He said, "My grandfather opened this dealership in 1919, and it kept open during the Depression, World War II and countless economic setbacks. In the 90 years that we have been [in Mineral Wells], 36 other new car dealerships have come and gone in our town. We

have stayed open because we are committed to customer service... To be arbitrarily closed with no compensation is wasteful and devastating."

During the hearing, I probed Chrysler's actions on two critical points. First, would Chrysler repurchase or help redistribute the cars left on closed dealers' lots and remaining parts inventory? And second, would closed dealers receive first consideration for buying into a new dealership if Chrysler reentered their markets? Mr. Press pledged at the hearing that dealers could count on Chrysler's help as they closed, and on June 12 I received formal assurances in a letter. He confirmed that 100 percent of closing dealers' inventory will be purchased at cost, minus a \$350 fee, and Chrysler will work with closing dealers to redistribute or buy back remaining parts inventory. Furthermore, if Chrysler elects to re-enter the Mineral Wells market, for example, Whatley will have first consideration for the new dealership.

Ultimately, what Chrysler has promised me is not nearly as important as the promises Chrysler must honor for its closing dealers, 50 of which are in Texas: a fair process that will limit the economic damage on businesses and the communities they have faithfully served. Amidst our nation's economic hardships, many are being called upon to make tough decisions. But there are right ways to do things and there are wrong ways. In October, General Motors will close 1,300 of its dealers. I hope that the challenges we have faced with Chrysler will guide the actions of GM's executives as well.

*Kay Bailey Hutchison is the senior U.S. Senator from Texas and the Senior Republican on the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.*



WILLIAM A. COLLINS



KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

Bird Poop:

# Swamp hen a rare sight in W. Texas

With our high school commencement program and those in neighboring towns considered yesterday's news, the motel emptied quickly. Filled with relatives and friends of the graduates, the rooms and grounds seemed eerily silent as they were readied for the next onslaught.



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Having finished changing endless linens and vacuuming, the woman pulled the cleaner toward a nearby storage closet. Blocking the door were two large plastic bags filled with paper, soda and beer cans, the usual refuse of guests. As she dragged them to the dumpster, she noticed among the trash carelessly tossed in its direction, remnants of deep purple.

Stooping to retrieve what she thought was some type of brightly-colored clothing, she was startled when it moved. As whatever it was struggled to escape the debris, she noticed it had feathers.

After running to get the manager, the woman told of how frightened she had been to find a bird. As they approached the area, more colors were evident.

Lying on its side, the bird wore the hues of royalty on its head, neck, and underparts. Upon its back was an

almost glossy, bronze green mantle. On its forehead was a light blue patch. Its yellow legs and feet, however, were useless in its effort to stand.

As the manager attempted to lift the bird, it pecked the top of his hand with its yellow-tipped red bill. It was a pinch he'd remember.

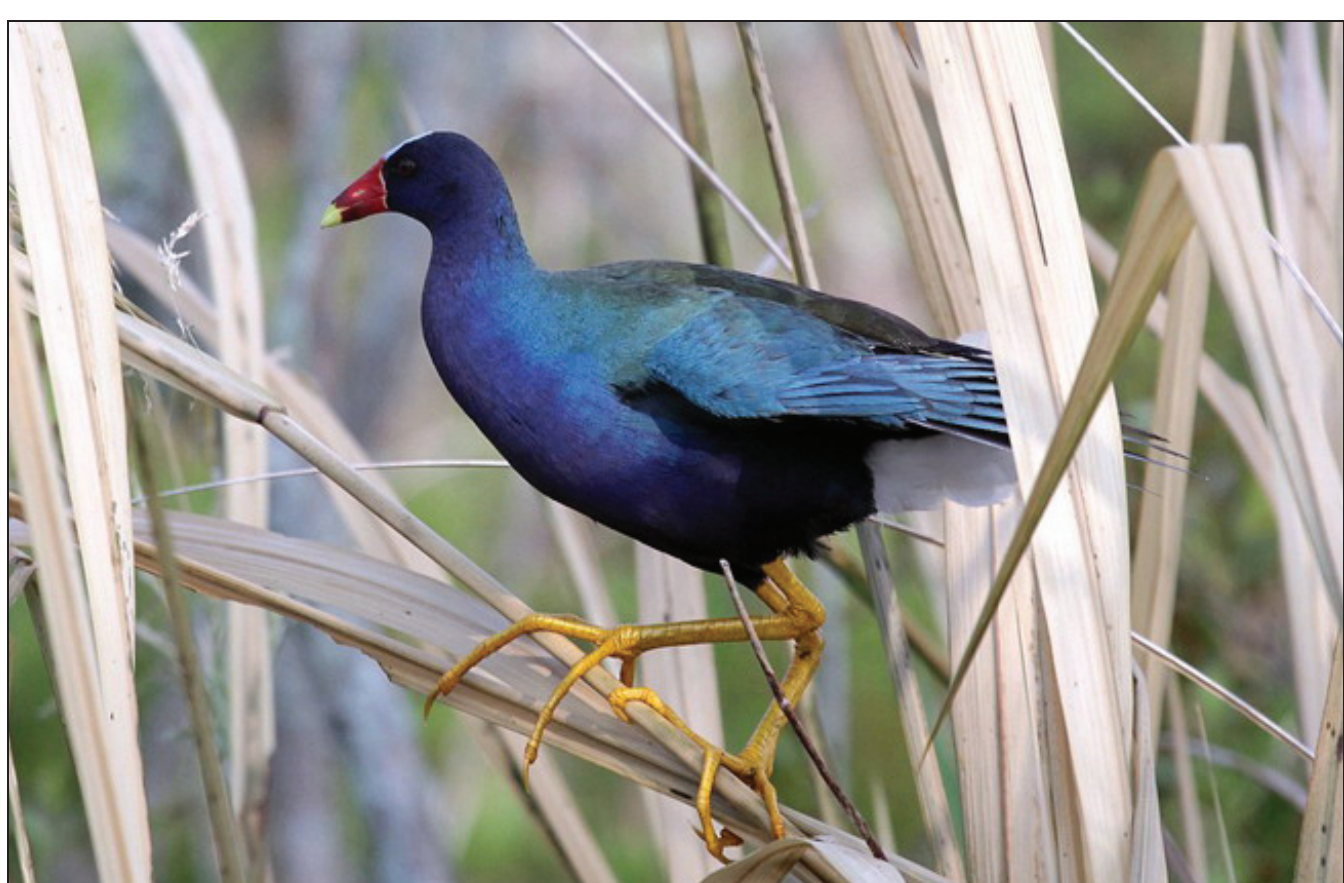
By the time the caller had given me a list of vibrant colors, I told him I'd be there in 20 minutes. With container and gloves, we drove to the motel.

In a box lined with old towels and pillow cases lay a purple gallinule. For a bird known to frequent fresh water marshes, swamps and ponds, it was a rarity in West Texas.

Comfortable among cattails, reeds, water lilies and hyacinths, the gallinule normally would be found in southeast Texas, along the Gulf Coast states to Florida. Discovering it in South Carolina would be easier than sighting it in our arid terrain.

Long toes that had enabled it to gracefully tip-toe over lily pads were useless in helping to raise its hen-like body. Dangling below its body when taking short flights, its long legs were now hanging down for another reason.

While it often waded in shallow waters and resembled a walking dove with its head-bobbing routine, the gallinule struggled in this awkward condition. Telling the manager and the woman that lack of usage in legs and feet might possibly be caused by head



Courtesy photo

A member of the rail family, the purple gallinule is often seen near herons, bitterns and ibises. Called a "swamp hen," the bird easily steps over grasses in ditches, swims in deep water, or climbs upward into plants in search of food.

trauma or poisoning, we placed the sojourner in our carrier for a trip to Eos Wildlife Sanctuary in Midland.

Knowing the bird's diet included rice seeds, grains, snails, insects, worms and frogs, Midge Erskine was confident in providing supplements. In a few days, she called to say the gallinule was gaining strength and had a chance for recovery.

Recently, while writing about another water

bird, I came across identifying comments on the purple gallinule in David Sibley's Guide to Birds. On a map insert to denote location for every bird, he had a small green dot to indicate a rare occurrence in our part of Texas. Since this incident happened in 1995, and Sibley's book was published October 2000, perhaps the iridescent wanderer had been "duly noted" by ornithologists. Living

evidence was positive proof.

Only capable of weak flight and often a year-round resident in the humid South, the purple gallinule gave us a unique experience. Ironically, in return,

the cleaning woman and manager exemplified the quality of care in the motel's name, Comfort Inn.

Bebe McCasland is federally and state licensed to rehabilitate wild birds.

# Offering a few idle summer thoughts

I received a letter the other day from an old friend. The point of his letter was idle thoughts of a wandering mind.

Just the title made me chuckle and I actually had to stop and think about some of the points he made.

Truly these are idle thoughts!

Once I planted some bird seed and a bird came up. Now I don't know what to feed it.

I had amnesia once — or twice.

I went to San Francisco and found someone's heart; now what?

I read that protons have mass? I didn't even know they were Catholic.

All I ask is a chance to prove that money can't make me happy.

If the world were a logical place, men

would be the ones who ride side saddle.

What is a "free" gift? Aren't all gifts free?

Someone once told me I was gullible and I believed them.

Teach a child to be polite and courteous,

See RYAN, Page 12



DARRELL  
RYAN

# 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.

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## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### A Remedy for Insomnia

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♠ J 6 4 3  
♥ A 8  
♦ Q J 10 8 5  
♣ A 6

**WEST**  
♠ Q 9 8 5 2  
♥ 10 7  
♦ K 7 2  
♣ 9 5 3

**EAST**  
♠ K 7  
♥ J 9 6 4 2  
♦ A 4  
♣ J 10 8 2

**SOUTH**  
♠ A 10  
♥ K Q 5 3  
♦ 9 6 3  
♣ K Q 7 4

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

Opening lead — five of spades.

Assume you're South and reach three notrump as shown. West leads a spade, and you win East's king with the ace. When you play a diamond to the ten, East takes it with the ace and returns a spade to West's queen. West continues with the nine of spades to dummy's jack, East discarding a heart, and you eventually go down one, losing three spades and two diamonds.

Late that night, while trying to fall asleep, you suddenly realize you should have made the contract! Furthermore, as happens so often, you blew your chance at trick one. You should have let East win the first trick with the king of spades! Had you done that, you would have gotten home safe and sound with nine tricks.

East would return a spade, no doubt, but you would then be in the driver's seat. You'd take your ace and lead a diamond, but the defenders would find themselves helpless.

If East won the trick with the ace, he wouldn't have a spade to return to establish partner's suit, while if West won the trick with the king, he could establish his spades but wouldn't have an entry to cash them later on.

It may appear strange that the winning method of play is to voluntarily hold yourself to one spade trick when you can easily make two by taking East's king with the ace at trick one. It seems counterproductive to reject a trick you can so easily win, but the plain unvarnished truth is that if you start thinking along these lines, you are barking up the wrong tree.

Your No. 1 aim from the start is to make three notrump. If you have to sacrifice a spade trick in order to achieve that goal, you must grit your teeth and spurn the trick. If you do things like that more often, you might sleep much better at night.

Tomorrow: Sylvia strikes again.  
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There are 5 things different between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?

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**B**



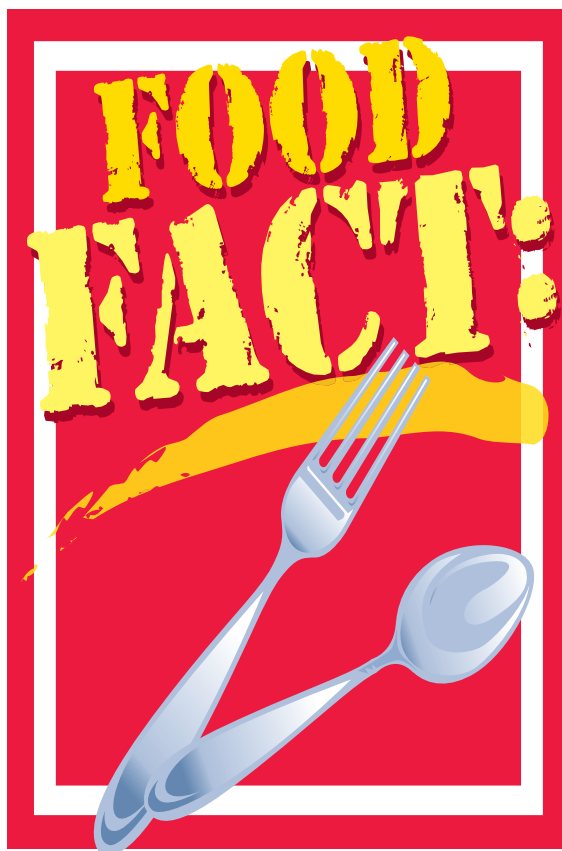
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# Longhorns on wrong side of dramatic finish

LSU's Mahtook delivers win over Texas with single in 11th, gives Tigers Game 1 of CWS final

**ERIC OLSON**

AP Sports Writer

OMAHA, Neb. — LSU coach Paul Mainieri needs to say only two words to remind his team about the pitfalls of celebrating a Game 1 victory in the College World Series finals: Fresno State.

The Tigers are within a win of clinching their sixth national title after defeating No. 1 seed Texas 7-6 in

11 innings on Monday night. Game 2 is Tuesday night.

"I think they understand that we haven't won anything yet," Mainieri said.

Since the CWS' structure changed to include a best-of-three finals after bracket play, three of the six have gone the distance.

Last year, Fresno State lost the opener to Georgia and was down five runs in the third inning of Game 2

before rallying for a 19-10 win. The Bulldogs won the deciding game 6-1.

Texas (49-15-1) came from behind to win its first three CWS games this year, including two walkoff victories. And the Longhorns have become explosive, hitting 11 home runs in Omaha after coming to town with just 39 in their first 61 games.

"We're drilling it in their heads that we didn't play for the national championship tonight," Mainieri said.

"Going into this game, everybody kept saying you're going to play for the national championship. No, we didn't. We needed to win a game before we were going to play for the national championship.

"Now we get to say we're playing for the national championship. Wow, those are pretty cool words, actually."

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# Newton named 7-2A MVP

By **JONATHAN HULL**

Sports Editor

COAHOMA — While they may not have made their customary trip to Austin for the state softball tournament, some things still haven't changed for the Coahoma Bulldogettes.

For one, they continue to dominate district awards.

Leading the way for the seven Bulldogettes honored by District 7-2A was their battery with ace pitcher Heather Newton being named the league's Most Valuable Player, while catcher Berkley Iden received notoriety as 7-2A's top defensive player.

Newton led a young Bulldogettes team at the plate and from the pitcher's circle. The junior led the Bulldogettes with a .484 batting average, 32 RBI, six home runs, 41 runs scored, six triples, 15 stolen bases and 59 hits. At times, she carried the team offensively, while dominating from the rubber.

Newton, a three-year starter on the varsity, went 26-6 this season with a save. In 208.2 innings pitched, she held an ERA of .64, striking out 408 batters while issuing just 27 walks.

Iden had a .996 fielding percentage and was credited with no passed balls behind the plate. She committed just one error.

At the plate, Iden batted .376 and was second on the team with 35 runs scored.

Three Bulldogettes qualified for the first-team All-District squad, including seniors Breanna Conner and Shelbi Paige.

Conner managed first base for the Bulldogettes, but it was the power she showed at the plate garnering

HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Coahoma's Heather Newton pitches in a softball playoff game in Colorado City May 19. Newton was named the Most Valuable Player of District 7-2A. Six other Bulldogettes were also honored by the league's coaches.

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# Glover endures Bethpage, delivers breakthrough win

**TIM REYNOLDS**

AP Sports Writer

FARMINGDALE, N.Y. — A voracious reader, Lucas Glover took a moment to scan the names etched on the walls of the U.S. Open trophy.

Talk about a great ending.

From Hagen to Sarazen, Jones to Hogan, Palmer to Trevino and Nicklaus to Woods, Glover couldn't put the glistening silver chalice down. The last name on the list, improbable as this seemed a week ago, is now his, enduring a grueling week at Bethpage Black better than anyone else.

Glover won the 109th U.S. Open on Monday afternoon, one perfectly timed birdie at the par-4 16th helping seal his two-stroke victory over Phil Mickelson, David Duval and Ricky Barnes.

Glover finished at 4-under 276 for the long, damp, oft-delayed week, getting just the second win of his career.

"Here I stand," Glover said.

There he stood, all right.

He was on the right side of the draw, weather-wise, for the first two rounds, opening with a 69 and then shooting a second-round 64 in rare scoring conditions for a U.S. Open. Glover didn't break par the rest of the way, shooting 70 in the third round and then closing with a 73 on Monday.

It was good enough, and then some.

So many storylines unfolded during the final round of the Open. There was Duval, who started the day ranked No. 882 in the world, looking for his first win in eight years. There was Barnes, who'll go down in history as the fourth

player to reach double-digits below par in the U.S. Open, wasting a huge lead with a bogey barrage that doomed his chances.

And then there was Mickelson, looking for something that would have been pure Hollywood.

He wasn't even a lock to play at Bethpage Black. Amy Mickelson, his wife, will begin breast cancer treatment next month. Phil Mickelson won't play any golf for a while, so his wife sent him to this tournament asking for a truly one-of-a-kind vase for her upcoming hospital stay: A big trophy with curved handles and a little statuette on top.

Lefty almost pulled it off, too. He tied Glover for the lead after an eagle at the par-5 13th, but two bogeys coming in left Mickelson tied for second at the U.S. Open for a record fifth time.



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Lucas Glover holds his trophy after winning the U.S. Open Golf Championship at Bethpage State Park's Black Course in Farmingdale, N.Y., Monday.





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Tomorrow's Horoscope

When the moon is in Cancer, she is at home. And just as humans tend to let down their guard in the comfort of their own abode, the moon seems to relax, flowing emotional waves freely through the atmosphere. You can still contain your feelings if you choose to, but at least recognize them as you do, agreeing to work through them at a later date.



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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You look fantastic — you have a healthy glow. The sun has done you a few favors, or maybe it's that flirty relationship that's given you a sassy confidence. You'll rake in the compliments.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). How in the world will you ever get back at the ones who have wronged you? Here's a radical idea, and hopefully it's not too cruel for you to con-

sider: forgive and move on. Oh, how they'll hate it!

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You are a truth-teller and a seeker of truth, too. When you get into important social situations, your purpose remains the same, though your methods may be appropriately softer.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Be with the person who makes you feel peaceful. Keeping up your guard takes energy. When you no longer feel defensive, you can put your vital attention into something that brings you pleasure.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). It's possible that you've gotten yourself into a situation that is way over your head. You really do hate to break the agreements you make, but there are those rare times when it's necessary. Renegotiate your commitment.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (JUNE 23).** You are constantly changing and adapting to new circumstances — the winner's way. As you shed rigid beliefs

and adopt a flexible attitude, your work becomes more relevant and popular. You'll make a big sale in August. November brings family closeness and the healing of old rifts. Romance warms up your winter. Scorpio and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 28, 1, 44, 53 and 11.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Sure, it's fun to think about the future. Although, it's not the healthiest way to use your time today. What you have going right now is precious. Avoid getting so caught up in planning and dreaming that you miss it.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You may be able to get a debt reduced now based on the good deeds or good faith you've shown. Whether what you owe is financial, emotional or karmic, it's about to get a whole lot easier on you.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll be overturning your own decisions. It's not that they were bad choices. It's more likely that they were based on a limited amount of information and now you know so

much more.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You do know how to set a mood. Of course, the first step is knowing the kind of feeling you want to generate. Givesomethought as to how you want others to react to you and then weave your magic.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're faced with a person who is hard to win over. The question is not how you can please this person, but whether it is even possible. The wisest move may be not to try at all. Please yourself.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). One of the reasons you will commit yourself to a new pursuit is because you realize deep down inside yourself that it will be uncomfortable to do so. This discomfort is a requirement of human growth.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). There will be cause for exclamation! Even favorable happenings can cause a bit of stress. You are safe in your assumption that, for better or worse, this turn of events contributes to your highest good.

the future, you will not be as likely to base your self-esteem on one guy's attention. You're the winner here; don't forget it.

**C E L E B R I T Y PROFILES:** He's ever so charming as Dr. Chris Turk on the comedy-drama "Scrubs," and in real life, he's even more loveable. Not only was Donald Faison born into a family of actors, but he was also born under a tenderhearted Cancer sun with the moon and Mars in Leo. He's driven to connect with and entertain the people around him in a never-ending quest to promote good vibes.

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Annie's Mailbox

**Dear Annie:** I am 16 years old, and my friend "Kelly" is 17. Last week, Kelly went to a party where there was alcohol. She got a little drunk and then drove her brother home, along with one of his friends who stayed over. She was asleep when her brother's friend came into her bedroom and forced himself on her. She couldn't fight him off because the alcohol made her feel disoriented. Afterward she realized she was raped. Kelly doesn't want to report it because there was underage drinking involved and this boy is her brother's best friend. She isn't pregnant, so I doubt she'll seek medical help. She insists she wants to put it behind

her. She feels too ashamed to tell her parents and her brother, and I'm livid that this boy is going to get away with it. How can I convince her to talk to someone? — *Nightmare in Maine*

**Dear Maine:** Kelly should report this, but please don't push her too hard. It will only add stress to what is obviously a difficult situation. Instead, urge her to contact the Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network hotline (rainn.org) at 1-800-656-HOPE (1-800-656-4673). The call is anonymous and confidential, and someone there will help her sort through her options, including counseling.

**Dear Annie:** My wonderful mother recently

died. Dad is not the type who can manage on his own. We never had a close relationship, and now he wants to be my best friend. I just can't do it. There are too many hard feelings. He never interacted with us. When my husband and kids came to see him, he would watch TV the entire time. Now he wants to give me a kiss hello and goodbye, and it feels awkward.

He also comes over all the time unannounced. I've gotten up in the morning and been startled to see Dad sitting at the kitchen table. He drops by when I'm not home and looks through our mail. The last straw was when he walked into our bedroom, bent over my bed and said, "Are

you sleeping?" He scared me to death. I finally told Dad he has to knock on the door and announce himself, and if we are not home, he has to leave. But he still keeps trying to hang around.

I am in counseling, but I don't feel like I am handling this well. I suggested counseling for Dad and even found a senior center where he could meet others, play a little cards, etc., but he won't go. I can't give him the relationship he wants. Please help. — *Lost Without Mom*

**Dear Lost:** First, put new locks on your doors and use them. Then try to cut Dad some slack. He's lonely. With the loss of his wife, he is now valuing the relationships he

has left. He is trying to form a closer bond, and we hope you will allow it to happen. Yes, it is awkward now, but hopefully you can adjust if you give it time, and we urge you to try a bit more. It could turn out to be very rewarding.

**Dear Annie:** I read the letter from "Hopeless in Parenting," whose daughter wants to attend an unsupervised overnight prom party. Many parents think that with eight couples present, the kids will be too modest for sex and will watch out for each other.

After 35 years of teaching high school, I can tell you, the more kids, the more prone they are to have sex. This includes the honors and AP kids,

the band kids, even the kids who seem to be in committed relationships. They model what they see on TV. This mother is right to worry. I cannot tell you the number of students whose college plans have been changed or destroyed because of an unplanned pregnancy or health issues involving STDs. Please do not use my name. I am -- Still Teaching

**Dear Still:** Thanks for one more warning to add to the list.

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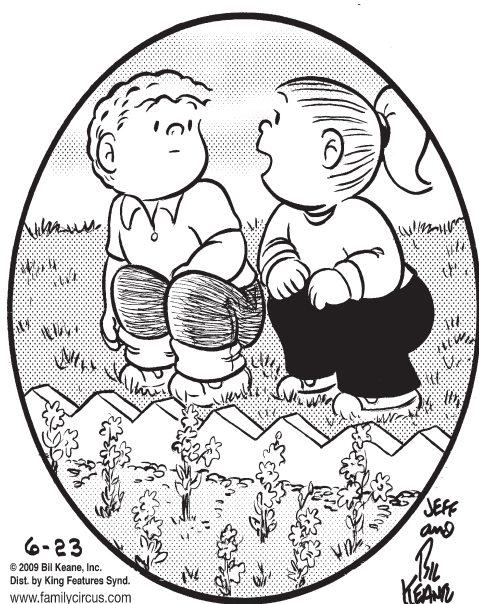
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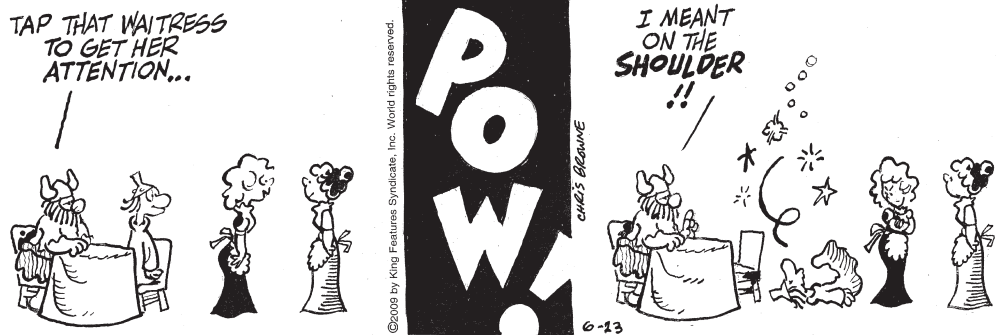
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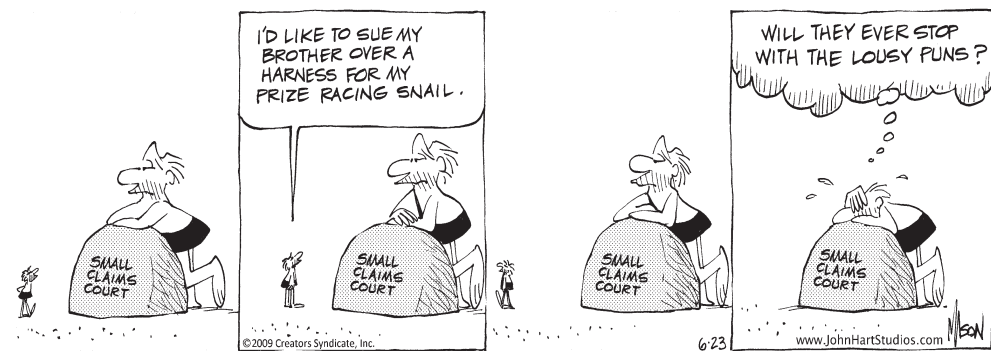
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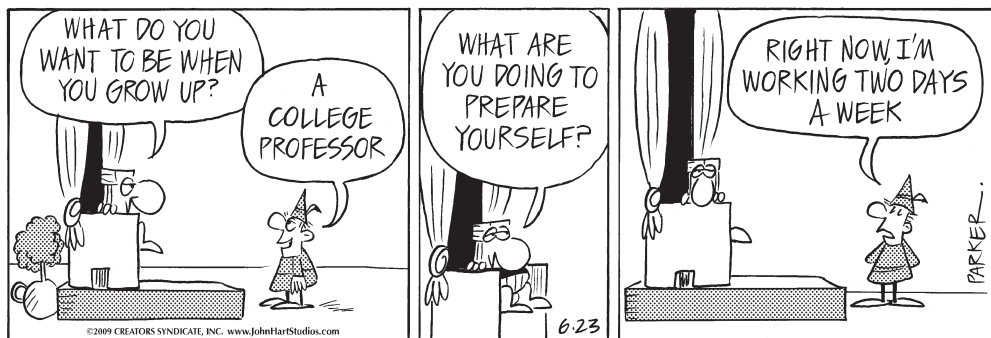
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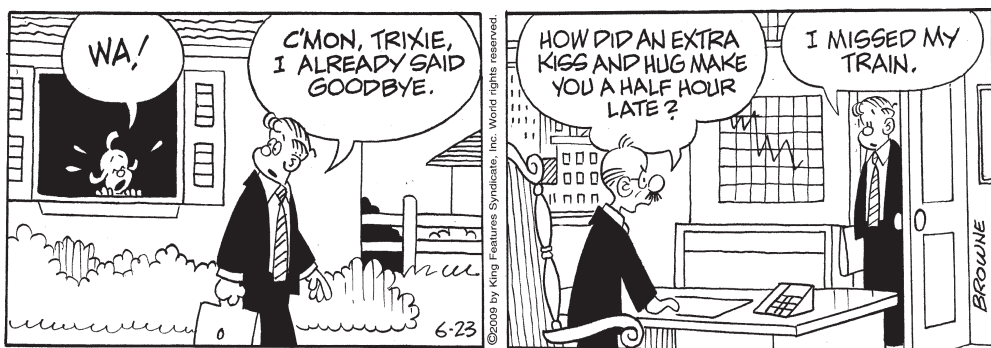
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, June 23, the 174th day of 2009. There are 191 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 23, 1969, Warren E. Burger was sworn in as chief justice of the United States by the man he was succeeding, Earl Warren.

On this date: In 1757, forces of the East India Company led by Robert Clive won the Battle of Plassey, which effectively marked the beginning of British colonial rule in India.

In 1868, Christopher Latham Sholes received a patent for his "Type-Writer."

In 1931, aviators Wiley Post and Harold Gatty took off from New York on a round-the-world flight that lasted eight days and 15 hours.

In 1938, the Civil Aeronautics Authority was established.

In 1947, the Senate joined the House in overriding President Harry S. Truman's veto of the

Taft-Hartley Act, designed to limit the power of organized labor.

In 1956, Gamal Abdel Nasser was elected president of Egypt.

In 1967, President Lyndon B. Johnson and Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin held the first of two meetings at Glassboro State College in New Jersey.

In 1972, President Richard M. Nixon and White House chief of staff H.R. Haldeman discussed a plan to use the CIA to obstruct the FBI's Watergate investigation. (Revelation of the tape recording of this conversation sparked Nixon's resignation in 1974.)

In 1985, all 329 people aboard an Air India Boeing 747 were killed when the plane crashed into the Atlantic Ocean near Ireland, after a bomb widely believed to have been planted by Sikh separatists exploded.

In 1989, the Supreme Court refused to shut down the "dial-a-porn" industry, ruling Congress had gone too far in passing a law banning all sexually oriented phone message services.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Diana Trask is 69. Musical conductor James Levine is 66. R&B singer Rosetta Hightower (The

Orlons) is 65. Actor Ted Shackelford is 63. Actor Bryan Brown is 62. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas is 61. "American Idol" judge Randy Jackson is 53. Actress Frances McDormand is 52. Rock musician Steve Shelley (Sonic Youth) is 47. Actor Paul La Greca is 47. R&B singer Chico DeBarge is 39. Actress Selma Blair is 37. Rock singer KT Tunstall is 34. R&B singer Virgo Williams (Ghostowns DJs) is 34. Singer-songwriter Jason Mraz is 32. New England Patriots offensive tackle Matt Light is 31. San Diego Chargers running back LaDainian Tomlinson is 30. Rock singer Duffy is 25. Country singer Katie Armiger is 18.

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The Tigers won on Mikie Mahtook's RBI single in the top of the 11th, which came after DJ LeMahieu had tied the game 6-all in the ninth with a two-run double.

LeMahieu walked leading off the 11th against Brandon Workman (3-4), stole second with two outs and took third when catcher Cameron Rupp's throw went into center field.

Mahtook delivered his winning hit after struggling his first four at-bats. He required intravenous fluids to treat cramps in the sixth inning, and he struck out three times and hit into a double play. He punched a single into right field in the 10th before fac-

ing Workman in the 11th. "My first three at-bats, it wasn't like I just struck out. It was three terrible at-bats. I was chasing balls in the dirt," Mahtook said. "I stayed back on a change-up and bounced into a double play. When I got into the dugout, guys were telling me to make sure I keep my head straight. Jared Mitchell told me I was going to come back up again with a big at-bat, and you're going to come through for us. That helped me out a lot."

Matty Ott (4-2) struck out Brandon Loy and Tim Maitland and got Connor Rowe to ground out to finish off Texas, which had walkoff wins in two of its first three CWS games.

"It has to happen some time. We can't have all the glorious game-ending victories," said Russell Moldenhauer, who hit two of Texas' homers. "We've got to throw that

aside and come back with the same feeling we had at the beginning of this game."

The Tigers, who won their 14th straight, came back from deficits of 3-1 and 6-4. LeMahieu hit the tying, two-out double in the top of the ninth off Austin Dicharry. LeMahieu and Ryan Schimpf also homered for the Tigers.

Texas, trying to become the first No. 1 national seed since Miami in 1999 to win the championship, continued its show of power.

All three of Moldenhauer's homers this season have come in the CWS. He was one of three Longhorns to go deep in the fourth inning, and he broke a 3-3 tie in the sixth with his opposite-field shot to left.

Travis Tucker and Kevin Keyes also homered in the fourth, and Rowe did it in the seventh.

"How do I explain it? We're not playing at Disch-Falk. That field just swallows the ball," Moldenhauer said of Texas' home stadium. "We're at a little bit smaller ballpark, and that has helped out the offense."

Over a span of 6 1-3 innings, from their previous game against Arizona State to Monday's matchup with LSU, seven of the Longhorns' 11 hits were home runs.

Texas is the first team since LSU in 1998 to homer three times in an inning at the CWS. All five Texas homers were solo shots off LSU starter Louis Coleman.

"It was great to see the rest of the team pick up Coleman," Mainieri said. "He felt he let his team down. The balls were flying out of the ballpark. I'm not saying they were cheap. But if you got the ball up in the air today, it had a chance to go out."

COAHOMA

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her the attention of the 7-2A coaches.

She was second on the team with a .389 batting average four home runs and 31 RBI.

Paige has played shortstop for the Bulldogettes over the past three seasons. She was third on the team with 29 RBI and batted .336.

Sophomore Joanna Gonzales was also voted onto the first team. Gonzales batter .338 with 26 RBI.

Two more Bulldogettes were nominated to the second team — junior Kalea Neff and freshman Jennifer Castilaw.

Neff batted .258 with 14 RBI. She scored the tying run in a regional semifinal playoff game against Kermit.

Castilaw batted just .195, but had her fair share of big hits throughout the year.

None meant more than the single she picked up in extra innings in second game of a best-of-three regional semifinal series against Kermit that won the game.

Castilaw also filled a big hole for the Bulldogettes, providing solid play at third base. She finished the year with 26 RBI.

The Bulldogettes were eliminated in the Class 2A, Region I finals by Early. It was the first time in five years Coahoma didn't advance to the state tournament.

Still, Coahoma finished with a 30-13 record and were co-district champions with Wall's Lady Hawks, who the Bulldogettes defeated in a seeding game before the postseason started.

District 7-2A awards

MVP: **Heather Newton, Jr., Coahoma.**  
Pitcher of the Year: Shannon Carrico, Fr., Wall  
Offensive Player of the Year: Allyson Seider, Sr., Wall  
Defensive Player of the Year: **Berkley Iden, Sr., Coahoma**  
Newcomer of the Year: Miranda Rainer, Fr., Colorado City  
Utility Player of the Year: Jamie Wilson, Sr., Grape Creek  
Coach of the Year: Ken Peel, Wall

First-team All-District

**Breanna Conner, Sr., Coahoma; Joanna Gonzales, Soph., Coahoma; Shelbi Paige, Sr., Coahoma;** Talena Tippett, Sr., Jim Ned; Kyle Sartin, Soph., Jim Ned; J. Frierson, Jr., Ballinger; A. Multer, Sr., Ballinger; A. Tounget, Jr., Ballinger; K. Sefcik, Sr., Wall; A. Gesch, Sr., Wall; E. Stephens, Sr., Wall; L. Partusch, Fr., Wall.

Second-team All-District

**Kalea Neff, Jr., Coahoma; Jennifer Castilaw, Fr., Coahoma;** Karle Sharp, Sr., Jim Ned; Jordan Roberts, Soph., Jim Ned; S. Sanders, Fr., Ballinger; L. Micalewiz, Jr., Ballinger; J. Horton, Soph., Ballinger; K. Johnson, Soph., Wall; M. Allen, Sr., Grape Creek; K. Untermyer, Soph., Grape Creek; A. Arispe, Soph., Colorado City.



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RYAN

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and when he grows up, he'll never be able to merge his car onto the freeway.

Experience is the thing you have left when everything else is gone.

One nice thing about egotists: they don't talk

about other people.

My weight is perfect for my height; it varies.

I used to be indecisive but now I'm not sure.

I've noticed the high cost of living hasn't affected its popularity.

And I ask you, how can there be self-help "groups?"

If swimming is so good for your figure, how do you explain whales?

Show me a man with both feet firmly on the ground, and I'll show you a man who can't get his pants off.

Is it just me, or do buf-

falo wings really taste like chicken?

The world is round and the place which may seem like the end may also be the beginning.

Problems are only opportunities with thorns on them.

A bend in the road is not the end of the road, unless you fail to make the turn.

Instead of giving myself reasons why I can't, I give myself reasons why I can.

A government which robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on

the support of Paul.

Now, to close, I would like to use a quote from Dr. Seuss, "I have heard there are troubles of more than one kind. Some come from ahead and some come from behind. But I've bought a big bat. I'm all ready, you see. Now my troubles are going to have troubles with me!"

I hope you are enjoying the summer. I know my kids are.

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