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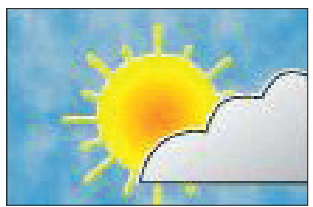
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# Teen jailed for murder

*Mother of slain boy: 'The family really needs closure'*

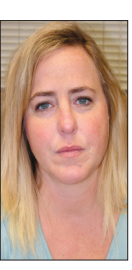


Courtesy photo  
**Christopher Olivarez, 18, has been charged with murder.**

**By THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer  
 An arrest has been made in connection with the May 30 shooting death of a 16-year-old Big Spring youth, officials with the Big Spring Police Department announced Friday afternoon.  
 Christopher Olivarez, 18, of 2602 Carleton, was arrested Friday in Lamesa on a charge of murder for his role in the shooting that claimed the life

of Justin Hernandez, according to BSPD officials.  
 Hernandez's mother, Nicole Harbour — who had been openly critical of the police investigation — said she hopes the arrest will ultimately lead to justice for her son.  
 "We're happy to hear someone has been arrested, and we're hoping this will allow the whole story to come out," Harbour said Friday afternoon. "We hope this will allow us to get some issues resolved.

The family really needs closure, and this is one step closer to getting justice for Justin."  
 Olivarez offered no resistance when taken into custody, according to police.  
 "Investigators with the BSPD and the Howard County Sheriff's Office executed an arrest warrant at the Vil-



Harbour



Hernandez

la Apartments in Lamesa, with the help of the Lamesa Police Department and the Dawson County Sheriff's Office," said Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the BSPD. "Olivarez was charged with murder stemming from the shooting death of Justin Hernandez."  
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# Tax break may help disabled Texas veterans

**By THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer  
 Disabled veterans in the Lone Star State may not have to wait until December for a pleasant gift, as a law signed into effect by Gov. Rick Perry will allow many to avoid paying taxes this year on their homesteads.  
 Brett McKibben, tax appraiser for the Howard County District, said veterans who meet the requirements could be looking at a goose-egg when they get their tax bills this season.  
 "This new exemption extends only to their homestead," said McKibben. "So, if they have a home and four rent houses, the exemption



McKibben

will only cover where they live, not the rental property or any other business properties of farmland they lease or rent out.  
 "To qualify for the exemption, they have to have a service-related disability and they either have to be at 100 percent disabled or have some level of unemployability. For example, if they are listed as 60 percent unemployable, they will automatically qualify. However, if they are only 80 percent disabled with no unemployability, they won't be able to use the exemption."  
 McKibben said his office is planning to send out letters to area veterans to explain the new exemption.  
 "The letters should help the

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan  
**Emergency medical personnel load a victim of a pedestrian-automobile accident into an ambulance at the intersection of 15th and Birdwell streets Friday afternoon. No information on the victim's medical condition was available at press time Saturday.**

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# Obama implores Senate to pass climate bill

**CHARLES BABINGTON**  
 Associated Press Writer  
 WASHINGTON — Hours after the House passed landmark legislation meant to curb greenhouse gas emissions and create an energy-efficient economy, President Barack Obama on Saturday urged senators to show courage and follow suit.  
 The sharply debated bill's fate is unclear in the Senate, and Obama used his weekly radio and Internet address to ratchet up pressure on the 100-seat

chamber.  
 "My call to every senator, as well as to every American, is this," he said. "We cannot be afraid of the future. And we must not be prisoners of the past. Don't believe the misinformation out there that suggests there is somehow a contradiction between investing in clean energy and economic growth."  
 The legislation would place the first national limits on emissions of greenhouse gases from major sources — such as power

plants, factories and oil refineries — to reduce the gases linked to global climate change. It would also start moving the U.S. away from fossil fuels and toward cleaner power sources, like geothermal, wind, solar and more nuclear generators.  
 The complex bill, which totaled about 1,200 pages, would require the U.S. to reduce carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions by 17 percent from

## Neugebauer says

"This bill is not about science or sound policy, it's about driving up the cost of energy, sending millions of jobs overseas to countries like India and China, and placing an especially heavy burden on rural America." During this economic recession, a national energy tax will do more harm than good. I believe this bill is bad for the 19th Congressional District, bad for the U.S. economy, and doesn't even begin to solve the serious energy challenges...  
 —U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer



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# Rangers slugging again, pound Padres, 12-2

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON — Kevin Millwood pitched like he has all season for the Texas Rangers. Now the hitters are suddenly starting to resemble their old selves again.

David Murphy and Hank Blalock homered while Millwood won his fifth straight decision at home in a 12-2 victory over the San Diego Padres on Friday night.

"It's fun to watch when they're

swinging the bats well," Millwood said.

And it makes it easier for Millwood on a 100-degree night when he was scuffling a bit, at least by the standard the right-hander has set this season.

Millwood (8-5) gave up a leadoff homer to Tony Gwynn Jr. and threw 68 pitches through the first three innings. But he made it through six innings, allowing two runs over 113 pitches.

"Early in the game, my mechanics

were a little off. I just wasn't throwing the ball where I wanted to enough, and it just added up," Millwood said. "My stuff tonight was probably the worst I've had all year. ... It feels good to battle through it."

In his five June starts, Millwood was 4-1 with a 1.30 ERA.

Millwood's only loss at home was April 18, a 2-0 complete game against Kansas City and Zack Greinke. The right-hander is 6-1 with a 2.17 ERA in nine home starts, allowing more than three runs only once.

"He's just a leader, and to go out there and lead the pitching staff like that, it takes the pressure off the offense," Murphy said.

Murphy's three-run homer, a towering shot into the second deck in right field, put Texas up 6-1 against Walter Silva (0-1), who gave up nine runs in 2 1-3 innings.

Before winning 9-8 in 12 innings at Arizona on Thursday night, when Murphy's solo homer was the

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## Mavs thrilled to land raw PG

By **JAIME ARON**

AP Sports Writer

DALLAS (AP) — When the Dallas Mavericks' head honchos studied Rodrigue Beaubois, they could hardly believe what they were seeing.

A 6-foot-2 guard with a 6-foot-10 wingspan. A backcourt player whose vertical leap came within an inch of Blake Griffin, the big guy taken No. 1 overall, on the drill where they try touching the top of the backboard.

And then there was his foot speed, just a fraction of a second behind Devin Harris, one of the fastest guards in the NBA.

A native of the Caribbean island of Guadeloupe and seasoned with three years of pro ball in France, Beaubois is still a raw talent. But those physical tools — size, youth, energy — made him too good of a package to pass up. So the Mavs targeted him for the draft and got their guy Thursday, even after essentially trading down twice.

"The NBA is very kind to athletes and he's a big-time athlete," team president Donnie Nelson said. "He's a little bit of a sleeper. He's also a great, great kid. We're pretty fired up."

The Mavs figured they valued Beaubois more than others and were confident they could get him within a range of picks. Shrewdly, they did, also picking up several second-rounders.

The draft started Wednesday when the No. 22 pick went to Portland for No. 24 and second-rounders this year and next. Then Dallas used No. 24 on Ohio State center B.J. Mullens, the guy Oklahoma City wanted. So the Thunder took Beaubois with the next pick and the teams swapped, with the Thunder throwing in a future second-rounder.

Dallas also ended up with forward Ahmad Nivins of St. Joseph's, the Atlantic 10 player of the year, and the rights to Florida guard Nick Calathes.

Calathes went 45th to Minnesota, then was acquired for a future second-rounder. Nelson called Calathes a first-round talent who slipped because he's already signed to play next season in Greece.

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Courtesy photo/Bob Fishback

**Forsan Buffaloes pitcher Dylan Lowery winds up to the bring the ball to the plate in baseball action Aug 8 in Forsan. Lowery was one of 2-1A Buffs honored by District 2-1A with league awards.**

## Buffs have 9 selected All-District

### Burton named OMVP for third straight year

By **JONATHAN HULL**

Sports Editor

FORSAN — There's probably a surreal feeling surrounding the Forsan Buffaloes baseball team right now.

The Buffs witnessed a team — the Miles Bulldogs — which they defeated twice during the regular season, win the Class A state title.

That feeling might be increased when one looks at the 2-1A All-District team, featuring nine Buffs either being named an MVP or to the first squad.

Headlining the list is junior Evan Burton, who for a third consecutive year was named the league's Offensive Most Valuable Player.

Burton batted .500 with three home runs and 18 RBI during district play.

The Buffs had two pitchers named to the first team — senior Rey Martinez and sophomore Dylan Lowery.



Burton

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## American teen ousts Wimbledon's No. 6 seed

By **STEVEN WINE**

AP Sports Writer

WIMBLEDON, England — When 17-year-old American Melanie Oudin concluded the biggest match of her life Saturday at Wimbledon, she had trouble finding the exit on Court 3.

Still learning her way around the All England Club, Oudin made her way into the fourth round. The qualifier from Marietta, Ga., pulled the biggest upset of the first week Saturday by beating former No. 1 Jelena Jankovic, 6-7 (8), 7-5, 6-2.

The sixth-seeded Jankovic struggled with the heat on a sunny, 82-degree

afternoon, and took a 12-minute break after the first set. She also needed treatment for her left foot later, and was plagued by erratic groundstrokes while Oudin played with poise down the stretch and swept the final three games.

Oudin gives downtrodden U.S. tennis a boost by joining the Williams sisters in the round of 16.

"Super good news," said Venus Williams, who played at the same time as Oudin and beat Carla Suarez Navarro 6-0, 6-4.

Oudin (pronounced Oo-dan') arrived in London with an 0-2 record in Grand Slam matches, and she had to win

three qualifying matches to make Wimbledon's main draw for the first time. She's ranked 124th and will crack the top 100 for the first time after the tournament.

Facing a top-10 opponent for the first time, Oudin wore down Jankovic in an arduous first set. The teenager failed to convert four set points, committing an unforced error each time. But when the 66-minute set ended, it was Jankovic who appeared on the ropes.

A trainer and doctor came on court to check Jankovic's pulse and blood

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## Sports in brief

### Ragball tournament to benefit sandlot team

There will be a benefit rag ball tournament benefitting the Boys 16-Under Sandlot Team set for July 3-5 at the Roy Anderson Complex and Cotton Mize Field.

Entry fees are \$10 per person, and registration is set for Friday, July 3, at the Roy Anderson Complex. Friday night's games will be played at the Roy Anderson Complex.

Trophies will be awarded to the first- through third-place teams and T-shirts will be awarded to the first- and second-place teams.

Proceeds from the tournament will be used to send the team to the New Mexico State Tournament in Clovis, N.M., and to the USSSA Youth Slow Pitch

World Tournament set for July 30-Aug. 2 in Lubbock.

For more information, call Ben Flores at 432-816-1262 or Manuel Sosa at 432-213-5511.

### Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association's weekly report

In the Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association Playday Monday, the team of Betty Murphy, Sue Russell and Linda DeWaters won first place, shooting even par.

In second was the group of Ramona Harris, Jo Ann Hillger and Dee Jenkins with a 1-over.

In Thursday's charity play, Ray and Sue Russell teamed with Charlie and Gaye Adams for first

place, courtesy of a scorecard playoff.

The playoff gave the group an edge over the team of Annie Ward, Jerry Roach and Sherrill and Betty Lou Farmer. Both teams shot a 5-under.

Sherrill Farmer won the closest to the pin prize.

### 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.



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From left: Cherry Salsa With Star Crisps, A Star of a Salad, Mixed Green Salad With Northwest Cherries, Almonds & Goat Cheese

# A STAR-SPANGLLED Celebration!

FAMILY FEATURES

**Celebrate the Fourth!**  
Dine outdoors and serve a fabulous make-ahead menu.

### Star-Studded Starter

Start with a sassy salsa of in-season sweet, plump Northwest cherries paired with peppers, onion and cilantro! Serve cracker-like crisps — cut from pita breads using star-shaped cookie cutters — for dipping.

### Salads Make the Meal

Toss orzo, chicken and sweet cherries with red wine vinaigrette and pack into a star-shaped pan. Chill and then turn out onto a platter for serving. Add a simple mixed green salad topped with glazed almonds, creamy goat cheese and fresh, antioxidant-rich cherries.

### Dazzling Dessert Trio

Swirls of red, white and blue candy bark, a giant cupcake adorned with stars and stripes, and luscious frozen cherry cream atop a brownie shell create a perfect patriotic finish to enjoy with the fireworks finale.

Visit [www.nwcherries.com](http://www.nwcherries.com) for cherry recipes and information about storage, purchasing, nutrition and health.

Check [www.wilton.com](http://www.wilton.com) for more celebration ideas and recipes, plus bakeware, books and decorating supplies.

### Red, White and Blue Bark

Each piece serves 1

- 1 package (14 ounces) White Candy Melts
- 1 package (14 ounces) Red Candy Melts
- 1 package (14 ounces) Blue Candy Melts
- Cinnamon drop sprinkles or crushed peppermint pinwheel candies

Line cookie pan with parchment paper.

Melt each package of Candy Melts following package instructions. Spoon candy into prepared pan distributing colors randomly. Tap pan on counter to remove air bubbles; with spoon or butter knife, marble candy in pan. Sprinkle with cinnamon drops or crushed peppermint candies. Chill until firm, about 10 minutes.

Remove parchment from pan; break candy into smaller serving pieces.

### America's Star Cupcake

Makes 12 servings

- 6 cups of your favorite pound cake batter
- 3 cups buttercream icing
- Red-Red and Royal Blue icing color
- Patriotic nonpareils
- 2 packages Patriotic Stars icing decorations

Preheat oven to 325°F. Spray Giant Cupcake Pan cavities with vegetable pan spray with flour.

Pour 3 1/2 cups batter into base/bottom half of pan and 2 1/2 cups batter into top part of pan. Bake 50 to 60 minutes or until cake tests done. Cool in pan 20 minutes; remove from pan and cool completely.

Stack cake layers on serving plate with icing between layers. Decorate sides of cupcake with lines of red and blue Decorating Tip #18 stars. Cover cupcake top with white icing using Decorating Tip #1M stars. Sprinkle with nonpareils; attach icing decorations.

### Black Forest Brownie With Frozen Cherry Cream

Makes about 6 servings

- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 cup cold water
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1/2 teaspoon almond extract
- 1 pound (about 4 cups) individually quick-frozen cherries
- 1 1/2 quarts vanilla ice cream, softened
- 2 packages (about 15 ounces each) brownie mix (8 x 8-inch size)
- Eggs, water and oil to prepare mix
- Vanilla Whipped Icing or whipped topping
- Whole Bing cherries, for garnish

In medium bowl, combine sugar, water, lemon juice and extract; stir until sugar is dissolved. Place in freezer until slushy, about 1 1/2 hours.

In food processor fitted with grater attachment, grate frozen cherries. Immediately whisk into slushy sugar syrup. Cover with plastic wrap or place in airtight container. Freeze 2 to 3 hours or until mixture is a soft serve consistency. Fold in ice cream; freeze 8 hours or overnight.

Meanwhile, preheat oven to 325°F. Spray Dessert Shell Pan with vegetable pan spray. In large bowl, prepare brownie mix following package instructions; spoon 1/2 the batter into cavities of prepared pan.

Bake 35 to 38 minutes or until brownies test done. Cool in pan 5 minutes; remove from pan and cool completely. Repeat with remaining batter.

Place cooled brownie dessert shell on plate; add scoop of cherry ice cream mixture; add whipped icing and cherry to garnish.

### A Star of a Salad

Makes about 12 servings

- 1 box (16 ounces) orzo
- 3 cups diced cooked chicken breast or turkey breast
- 1 1/2 cups diced green bell pepper
- 1/4 cup finely chopped shallots
- 1/2 cup red wine vinegar
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 3 tablespoons honey
- 1 tablespoon Dijon-style mustard
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1 1/2 teaspoons crushed dried thyme
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 3 cups pitted Northwest Red or Rainier cherries, quartered

Line Star Pan with plastic wrap. Prepare orzo following package instructions. Drain and rinse with cold water.

In large bowl, combine orzo, chicken, bell pepper and shallots. In small bowl, whisk together vinegar, oil, honey, mustard, salt, thyme and black pepper. Pour over orzo mixture; mix well. Gently stir in cherries. Pack into prepared pan. Chill at least 1 hour. To serve, place serving platter over star pan. Carefully turn over to release salad; remove plastic wrap.

### Cherry Salsa With Star Crisps

Makes about 4 cups salsa

- 1 teaspoon crushed red pepper
- 2 tablespoons boiling water
- 2 tablespoons freshly squeezed lime juice
- 1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
- 1 tablespoon granulated sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 3 cups pitted Northwest cherries, quartered
- 1/3 cup finely diced sweet red bell pepper
- 1/3 cup finely diced purple onion
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh cilantro

In medium bowl, place crushed red pepper. Stir in boiling water; let stand at least 10 minutes. Stir in lime juice, vinegar, sugar, salt and cinnamon. Add cherries, bell pepper and onion; gently stir. Let stand 30 minutes. Stir in cilantro and serve. Serve with Star Crisps.

### Star Crisps

Makes 10 to 15 crisps

- 2 packages pocket pita breads (6 inch or larger)
- Olive or vegetable oil
- Coarsely ground salt and pepper (optional)

Preheat oven to 375°F.

Using 2.4-inch or 3.23-inch star cutter, press and cut shapes from pita; pull apart into two pieces. Arrange on ungreased cookie sheet. Brush with oil. If desired, sprinkle with salt and pepper. Bake 5 to 10 minutes or until lightly browned and crisp.

### Mixed Green Salad With Northwest Cherries, Almonds & Goat Cheese

Makes 6 to 8 servings

- 1/4 cup pitted Bing cherries
- 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 6 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/2 pound (about 8 cups) mixed salad greens, washed, dried, and chilled
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 cup Bing or other dark Northwest cherries, split in half and pitted
- 1 log (4 ounces) fresh white goat cheese, crumbled
- 1 cup glazed sliced almonds\*

In blender or food processor fitted with steel blade, purée 1/4 cup cherries, vinegar and oil until smooth; set dressing aside.

In large bowl, gently toss greens with dressing. Add salt and pepper. Sprinkle with 1 cup cherries, goat cheese and almonds; toss gently. Serve immediately.

\*Found pre-packaged in the produce section of most supermarkets.



From left: Red, White and Blue Bark, America's Star Cupcake, Black Forest Brownie With Frozen Cherry Cream

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# Obituaries

## Billy Berry



Billy Berry, 50, of Big Spring, died Friday, June 26, 2009, at his residence. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, June 29, 2009, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Lloyd Wells, youth minister at East Fourth Street Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

He was born Dec. 9, 1958, in Alamogordo, N.M., and came to Big Spring in 1969 with his family. He grew up here and attended Big Spring schools, graduating from Big Spring High School in 1976. Billy had worked in the oilfield most of his life and also had worked in the carpet cleaning business. He was a Christian.

Survivors include a daughter, Devin Berry of Big Spring; one brother, Melvin Berry of Big Spring; two sisters, Donna Berry and Dawn Pappajohn, both of Big Spring; and a number of nieces and nephews.

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

# Take Note

• Angel Food ordering days for the July 4 holiday weekend will be Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Orders will be taken only at North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church, 2702 N. Birdwell Lane, on those days. Regular order days for July will be Friday, July 11, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, July 12, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the church. Orders will also be taken from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 12 at the Big Spring Mall. For more information, call 267-2203.

• The West Texas Pachyderm (Republican) Club is having its monthly meeting Thursday, June 25 at noon at the Big Spring Country Club located off of Driver Road. Lunch will be served for a nominal fee. Plans for an upcoming Tea Party will be discussed and anyone interested please attend. For more information, call Melanie Gambrell at 267-7387.

• The Permian Basin Foundation has awarded West Texas Opportunities funds through the Texas Resources for Iraq Afghanistan Deployment fund. West Texas Opportunities will assist current and former military personnel serving in Iraq or Afghanistan and their families. Funding will serve Howard, Martin, Andrews, Borden, Dawson, Ector, Fisher, Gaines, Glasscock, Midland, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry and Upton counties. For more information, contact Diana Martinez or Debbie Wilson at 110 Johnson in Big Spring or call (432) 267-9536.

• An account to defray funeral costs for the family of Justin Hernandez has been set up at Western Bank — formerly known as First Bank of West Texas — located on FM 700. Hernandez was killed in a shooting May 29. For more information, contact the bank at 267-1113.

• Area residents are invited to participate in Vacation Bible School events being offered by the Southern Baptist Churches of Big Spring. Listed are the churches, dates, times and ages included:

- Berea Baptist, June 22-26, 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Forsan Baptist, June 22-26, 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., ages 4 through sixth grade.
- E. Fourth St. Baptist, June 29-July 1, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., ages first grade through sixth grade.
- Coahoma First Baptist, July 6-10, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., ages pre-kindergarten through sixth grade.
- Gateway Baptist, July 6-10, 9 a.m. to noon, ages 4 through sixth grade.
- Central Baptist Elbow, July 12-16, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., ages kindergarten through adult.
- Baptist Temple, July 20-24, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., ages 4 through sixth grade.
- Hillcrest Baptist, July 26-30, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., ages kindergarten through sixth grade.

• Iglesia Bautista Central, 2105 Lancaster, will hold Operation Space Vacation Bible School from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for ages 2-12, July 6-10.

• Road to Recovery, a free service for those in the Big Spring area taking cancer treatments at Allison Cancer in Midland, is still in operation. The coordinator and phone number to call have changed. To get a ride to cancer treatment in Midland, please call Amy Carnes at (432) 334-6121, which is the American Cancer Society office in Odessa. If Amy is out of the office, you may leave your information with Melissa. An alternate number to call is 1-800-ACS-2345, which is the regional patient services offices; they will relay your information to Amy for the local drivers.

# Police

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity Friday:

- JAMES ERNEST GACIA, 20, 2703 Hernandez, was arrested on a local warrant.
- CHRISTOPHER OLIVAREZ, 18, 2602 Carleton, was arrested on a charge of murder.
- MARCUS LANCE HATTENBACH, 37, 1806 E. 15<sup>th</sup>, was arrested on a charge of violating a protective order.
- MARK TIMOTHY STANLEY, 47, 1800 S. Lancaster, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- ANTWONE DWAYNE WHITE, 18, 100 Circle, was arrested on a local warrant.
- TAVIANCE CLEMONS, 23, 1505 Cherokee, was arrested on six local warrants.
- LONDA NICOLE COPELAND, 36, 1400 E. 14<sup>th</sup>, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- CHARLIE JAKE TURNER, 29, 501 E. 17<sup>th</sup>, was arrested on charges of public intoxication and resisting arrest.
- AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH DEADLY WEAPON was reported in the 1500 block of 11<sup>th</sup>.
- ARSON was reported in the 500 block of W. Third.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 1400 block of E. Sixth.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 1100 block of Sycamore and the 1300 block of Stanford.
- ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY was reported in the 1400 block of Tucson.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION WITH ASSAULT was reported in the 1400 block of E. Sixth.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 2500 block of Cheyenne.
- CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING was reported in the 500 block of Westover.
- RESISTING ARREST, SEARCH OR TRANSPORT was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King.

# Support Groups

## SUNDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.

## MONDAY

• Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

## TUESDAY

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

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

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

## WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

## THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting, 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

## FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

## SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

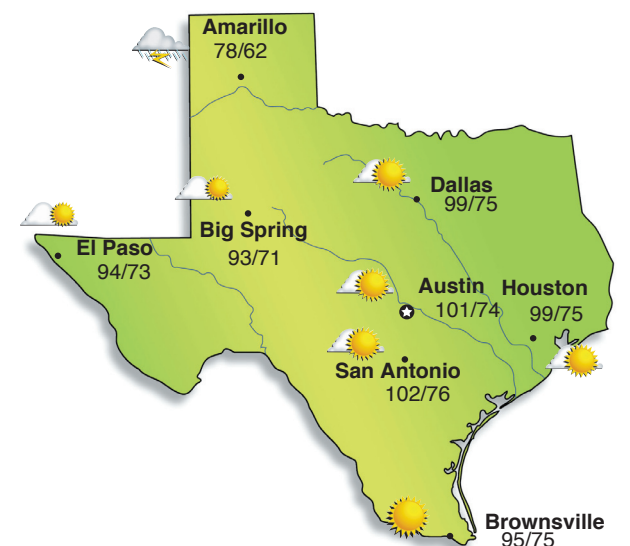
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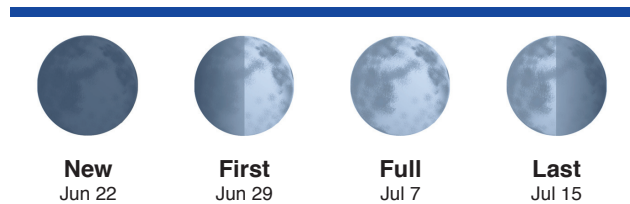
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Austin	101	74	mst sunny	Longview	97	73	mst sunny
Beaumont	97	76	pt sunny	Lubbock	88	65	t-storm
Brownsville	95	75	sunny	Lufkin	98	75	mst sunny
Brownwood	98	72	mst sunny	Midland	97	73	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	97	76	mst sunny	Raymondville	99	75	sunny
Corsicana	97	73	mst sunny	Rosenberg	99	75	mst sunny
Dallas	99	75	mst sunny	San Antonio	102	76	mst sunny
Del Rio	100	77	mst sunny	San Marcos	102	75	mst sunny
El Paso	94	73	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	96	72	mst sunny
Fort Stockton	95	71	mst sunny	Sweetwater	94	71	pt sunny
Gainesville	95	71	t-storm	Tyler	97	71	mst sunny
Greenville	96	70	mst sunny	Weatherford	97	72	mst sunny
Houston	99	75	mst sunny	Wichita Falls	91	67	t-storm

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City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	96	72	pt sunny	Minneapolis	80	62	windy
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Chicago	81	63	pt sunny	Phoenix	101	81	pt sunny
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Denver	78	56	t-storm	Seattle	71	49	mst sunny
Houston	99	75	mst sunny	St. Louis	87	66	mst sunny
Los Angeles	82	65	sunny	Washington, DC	85	67	pt sunny
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## Moon Phases



## UV Index

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# Lottery

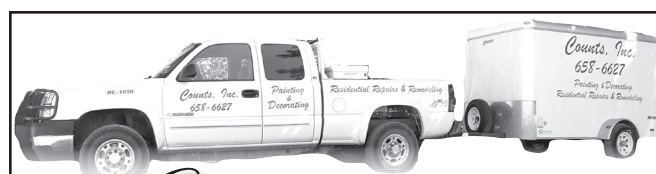
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## RANGERS

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difference, the AL West-leading Rangers had scored two runs or less in four consecutive games. They had gone 21 straight games without scoring more than six runs, their longest such streak since 1990.

Blalock homered leading off the fourth for a 10-1 lead.

Rangers rookie shortstop Elvis Andrus had four hits, including a bunt single and an RBI triple.

Silva walked four and gave up seven hits. The 32-year-old right-hander made his fourth major league start for a depleted Padres staff that has six right-handed pitchers on the disabled list, including starters Chris Young and Jake Peavy.

"We'll keep going out there with the five best (starters) in the organization at any given time," manager Bud Black said. "Since April, there's been a little changeover."

The Padres are 10-26 on the road. They are 3-10 in interleague games this season after losing their last eight games against AL teams last year.

Gwynn's homer was the first in his



AP photo/Tony Gutierrez

**Baseball fans look on at a fireworks show following a baseball game between the San Diego Padres and Texas Rangers at the Texas Rangers Ballpark in Arlington Friday. The Rangers won 12-2.**

161 career games, 31 with the Padres.

But his error in the bottom of the first helped Texas go ahead to stay.

After Ian Kinsler had a leadoff double, Murphy's liner to right ricocheted

off Gwynn's glove for a two-base error that sent Kinsler home. Murphy scored on Blalock's sacrifice fly for a 2-1 lead.

"We were up 1-0 and it felt good. But

then the ball took a funny tail on me in the bottom of the inning and it was no longer good anymore," Gwynn said. "It was just a homer that didn't mean anything. As the game went on, it became less and less meaningful, and by the end it didn't mean anything."

Gwynn made a spectacular play against Murphy in the seventh with a sliding catch in foul territory. After scrambling to his feet, Gwynn doubled off Andrus at second base.

Notes: Adrian Gonzalez, traded from Texas to San Diego with Young three years ago, walked twice, increasing his majors-high total to 61. He has 30 walks in June. ... Gwynn's homer came 12 years to the day after his father, Tony Gwynn, hit an inside-the-park grand slam for the Padres. ... Black said Young (strained right shoulder) is on schedule to return to the rotation after the All-Star break and Peavy (strained right ankle tendon) will be medically evaluated Tuesday. ... RF Will Venable was a late scratch for San Diego because of a sore left wrist sustained in batting practice. ... Rangers CF Josh Hamilton, recovering from abdominal surgery, ran the bases before the game.

## BUFFS

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Lowery was 2-1 during district with a 2.78 ERA. Martinez went undefeated with a 3-0 record and a 2.51 ERA.

Senior Zach Herrin wrapped up his final season as a Buff by being named

the district's top catcher. Herrin finished the year with a .280 batting average. He also called most of the pitches during the season — a luxury not given to most high school catchers.

Youth and experience shined in the infield for the Buffs in the 2009 season. This is evidenced by the nominations of freshman shortstop Foster Burchett and senior third baseman

Ryan Flores to the first team.

Burchett batted .395 during district play with three homers and a team-high 20 RBI. Flores hit for .316 with 10 RBI.

Freshman Patrick Robles manned first base for the Buffs and was elected as the league's top utility player for his outstanding defense.

Robles had a .985 fielding percentage, committing just one error in 68

chances. He also batted .290.

Jake Rhoton was named the league's top designated hitter, batting .387 and finishing third on the team with 17 RBI in district play.

Finally, freshman Ty Johnson gave the Buffs a first-team outfielder. Johnson hit for a team-high batting average during league play, going .400 at the plate. He also led the Buffs with 10 steals.

## TENNIS

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pressure. She rested on a towel while being treated, and after several minutes sat up while ice was applied to her neck and midsection.

Jankovic played on, but the Serb has struggled all year to regain the form that made her the U.S. Open runner-up in 2008.

The match turned when Oudin overcame a 5-4 deficit in the second

set. She repeatedly won points with drop shots, punctuating winners with shouts of "Come on!" The teenager smacked a forehand winner on the final point, then raised her arms with glee.

Five-time champion Williams took charge early against the 34th-ranked Suarez Navarro, winning the first eight games.

Williams, playing with a strap on her left leg for the second match in a row, avenged a loss to Suarez Navarro in the second round at the Australian Open in January.

"Completely different circumstanc-

es," Williams said. "In Australia I had a lot of opportunities but didn't take advantage of them. Today I realized that it wasn't the same match, and I was determined to really run away with it."

Bidding for her third consecutive Wimbledon title, the No. 3-seeded Williams next will play 2008 French Open champion Ana Ivanovic, who beat 2009 Roland Garros semifinalist Samantha Stosur 7-5, 6-2. Williams is 5-1 against Ivanovic.

"She's a very dangerous opponent," Ivanovic said, "but I think I have a great chance, and I feel very comfort-

able going into that match. I'm so excited to have the opportunity for that challenge."

No. 9-seeded Caroline Wozniacki reached the fourth round for the first time by beating No. 20 Anabel Medina Garrigues 6-2, 6-2.

In men's play, No. 29 Igor Andreev and Tommy Haas won matches suspended overnight because of darkness. Andreev beat Andreas Seppi 6-1, 7-6 (5), 4-6, 7-6 (5). Haas defeated Marin Cilic 7-5, 7-5, 1-6, 6-7 (3), 10-8.

No. 20 Tomas Berdych eliminated No. 12 Nikolay Davydenko 6-2, 6-3, 6-2.

## MAVS

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That's just fine by Dallas, which didn't want two rookie guards anyway.

"He'll have a chance to go overseas and expand his game," Nelson said.

Beaubois was discovered by Orlando's Mickael Pietrus at a camp in their native island. He's played for Cholet in France since 2006-07, when he was 18, and has been on France's junior national team. He entered the NBA draft in '07 and '08, then pulled

out.

Now he's ready, as evidenced by this description of his game: "I can run. I like to run the floor. I can finish at the basket or make a couple of assists. I'm a good passer for my teammates. I can shoot the ball. I can do a lot of things. I have long arms, so I can defend, I can do things on defensive boards. I will try to bring everything, you know."

Asked for someone his style could be compared to, he said, "Everybody says Rajon Rondo, but I think I am a better shooter than him."

Nelson said that if Beaubois can't earn time in the Mavericks' rotation,

he'll get seasoning in the D-League.

Dallas coach Rick Carlisle is hoping Beaubois can quickly become a weapon in the battle against all the star point guards in the Western Conference.

"This is a younger player that is going now to be coming into a situation where he's going to learn an awful lot in a short period of time," Carlisle said. "Because of his physical abilities, he has a chance to make quantum leaps as time goes on. That's key."

The 21-year-old Beaubois said he's ready to take on Chris Paul, Deron Williams and such.

"I know it's a big challenge," Beaubois said from New York, where he attended the draft. "But I will play as hard as I can. I think I can do a couple of things on offense, too. I will try to play my game."

While comparisons with Tony Parker will be inevitable, the Mavs will be happy for Beaubois to break in as an understudy to Jason Kidd. The veteran star is a free agent, but Dallas is hopeful of re-signing him.

Beaubois hopes so, too.

"I think it will be very good for me," he said. "I can learn from this guy. I will be very happy to play with him."

## Spurs happy to have All-American forward Blair fall

By PAUL J. WEBER

Associated Press Writer

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — All-America forward DeJuan Blair watched the NBA draft doing sit-ups and cardio in a Pittsburgh hotel gym. By the time the 37th pick came around, he didn't need to convince the San Antonio Spurs he was healthy.

They simply couldn't believe the Pitt star was still available.

"It's no secret there are medical issues. Obviously that was a deal that didn't work in DeJuan's favor," Spurs general manager R.C. Buford said.

"But we're the fortunate recipients of that."

Durability concerns after two reconstructive knee surgeries dropped Blair into the second round Thursday night and into the stunned arms of the Spurs, who liked the 6-foot-7 forward but thought he'd be long gone by the time they picked.

Instead, the reigning Big East co-player of the year was nervously working out and waiting for his name to be called. When it finally was, it appeared a perfect fit: Blair, the fierce college rebounder, going to a team that just emptied its frontcourt depth

in a trade for Bucks star Richard Jefferson.

"All the teams that didn't pick me, I'm with the Spurs now," Blair said. "I'm going to make them regret it."

The Spurs also drafted Miami guard Jack McClinton with the 51st pick and guard Nando De Colo from France with the 53rd pick. Like Blair, the sharp-shooting McClinton is another rookie who has the chance to contribute as soon as this season.

"I don't know how we could have gotten better fits for what we needed," Buford said.

San Antonio was hardly counting

on the second round to snare a player who could make the roster right away. But the Spurs may have caught a break with Blair: their frontcourt needs replenishing after dealing Kurt Thomas and Fabricio Oberto in the Jefferson trade.

Jefferson came over Tuesday as the Bucks unloaded \$29.2 million owed to the scoring swingman over the next two years. In return, San Antonio only gave up Thomas, Oberto and Bruce Bowen, three aging bench players.

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## Rockets hope Taylor, Budinger worth the money

CHRIS DUNCAN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — The Houston Rockets introduced draft-night acquisitions Jermaine Taylor and Chase Budinger on Friday. Making the roster is now up to them.

The Rockets purchased the rights to Taylor and Budinger early in the second round. Taylor is a shooting guard from Central Florida and Budinger is a forward from Arizona. Houston also acquired Spanish guard Sergio Llull, who is still under contract with Real Madrid and not expected to join the Rockets this season.

General manager Daryl Morey said Taylor and Budinger have the skills to play at the NBA level, but both

must stand out over the summer to prove they can contribute to the Rockets.

"Chase and Jermaine are guys we think have great talent," Morey said, "but the investment doesn't affect how we look at those decisions going forward. We think they were good decisions at the time, but we always have to constantly evaluate whether those are good decisions."

The Rockets have other big decisions to make, and Morey said they will actively scan the free-agent market and look for trades.

Another offseason priority is resigning forward Ron Artest, who will become a free agent after earning \$7.4 million in his first season with Houston. The 6-foot-7 Artest averaged

17 points and 5.2 rebounds and was also a tough-minded, physical defender who helped Shane Battier shut down opponents' top scorers.

Reserve guard Von Wafer is also a free agent after averaging a career-high 9.7 points last season. Taylor would seem to bring the same scoring ability, though Morey said the two have different skill sets.

"Von's explosiveness is very high, near elite in the league," Morey said. "I don't think Jermaine is quite there. But Jermaine might have more of an overall game. We just try to bring in talent, give it to Coach (Rick Adelman), and whoever plays the best gets on the floor."

Morey said Taylor may get more of an opportunity because of the uncer-

tain status of Tracy McGrady, who underwent microfracture knee surgery in February and could be sidelined for a full year.

The Rockets are also helping Yao Ming find a new course of treatment for a hairline fracture in his left foot after revealing this week that the injury hasn't healed as expected.

The team said Yao is out indefinitely, and Morey said the injuries to Yao and McGrady could eventually impact how the Rockets approach potential deals.

"Right now, it hasn't affected anything," Morey said. "Obviously, we've got two big players who've got some injuries. We learn more over time

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# ► Anniversary

## Roosevelt and Patsy Shaw

50th anniversary

Roosevelt and Patsy Shaw of Big Spring will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary at the home of their granddaughter in Cedar Park.

The couple's children and grandchildren will be hosting the celebration, which also includes the birth of their great-granddaughter, Claire Carnette, born June 11, 2009.

Roosevelt and Patsy met at a football game in Ackerly in 1956 and got married June 28, 1959, at First Baptist Church in Ackerly.

Their family includes one son, Jay Shaw and wife Dorothy of Greenwood and their children, Tiffany and husband Josh Carnett of Cedar Park and Jonathan of Greenwood.

The Shaws were also blessed with a daughter, Sharie and husband Jeff Morris of San Angelo, and their children Sydney, Lindsey and Cassidy.

The couple lived in Big Spring during their first year of marriage and then moved to Sand Springs. He worked for Gandy's Creamery and in 1961 went to work for Cosden Pipeline, retiring in 1992. He also farmed at Knott.



Patsy was a homemaker and worked at Marshalene Reid Insurance Agency in Coahoma. She retired from the U.S. Postal Service in 2005 after 30 years as a clerk.

They have been members of Midway Baptist Church since 1961.

The couple enjoys playing "42" with friends. Patsy enjoys scrapbooking and time with friends. Roosevelt goes for coffee every morning with friends.

"During our 50 years of marriage, we have been blessed with a wonderful family, great friends and a great church family at Midway Baptist," the couple said.

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# Questions and answers about the U.S. climate bill

The Associated Press

Cap-and-trade? Offsets? Pollution credits? The climate bill under consideration in the U.S. House of Representatives tackles global warming with new limits on pollution and a market-based approach to encourage more environmentally friendly business practices. But what exactly do the proposed rules mean, and how would they work?

Some questions and answers about the bill, a top legislative priority for President Barack Obama:

**Q: What's the purpose of this legislation?**

A: To reduce the gases linked to global warming and to force sources for power to shift away from fossil fuels, which when burned, release heat-trapping gases, and toward cleaner sources of energy such as wind, solar and geothermal.

**Q: How does the bill accomplish this?**

A: By placing the first national limits on emissions of heat-trapping gases from major sources like power plants, refineries and factories. This limit effectively puts a price on the pollution, raising the cost for companies to continue to use fuels and electricity sources that contribute to global warming. This gives them an incentive to seek cleaner alternatives.

**Q: Is this the "cap-and-trade" idea that has been in the news?**

A: Yes. The first step in a cap-and-trade program sets a limit on the amount of gases that can be released into the atmosphere. That is the cap. Companies with facilities that are covered by the cap will then receive permits for their share of the pollution, an annual pollution allowance. This bill initially would give the bulk of the permits away for free to help ease costs, but they still would have value because there would be a limited supply. Companies that do not get a big enough allowance to cover their pollution would either have to find ways to reduce it, which can be expensive, or buy additional permits from companies that have reduced pollution enough to have allowances left over. That is the trade. Companies typically would pick the cheaper option: reducing pollution or buying permits. They also have a third choice: They can invest in pollution reductions made elsewhere, such as at farms that capture methane or plant trees. These are known as offsets.

**Q: So the idea is to try to reduce the overall level of pollution, regardless of whether, say, a particular factory reduces emissions?**

A: That is true in the beginning. But as the cap gets lower and low-

er, reaching an 83 percent reduction by 2050, eventually all polluters will have to reduce. It is merely a question of when. For instance, it will be very tough for coal plants to reduce emissions at the outset of the program because the technology to capture and store carbon dioxide is not yet commercially available. It probably is 10 to 20 years away. So they will be buying offsets and buying allowances from other entities that will have an easier time.

**Q: Do most environmentalists support this approach?**

A: Most do, at least broadly. Cap-and-trade has had success. Since 1990, the United States has had a cap-and-trade program for sulfur dioxide, the main culprit in acid rain. Democrats have had to make a lot of concessions to win votes for the current bill from lawmakers from coal, oil and farm states. Some liberal environmentalists think these concessions weaken the bill. For instance, the bill's sponsors have had to lower the cap — it originally called for a 20 percent cut by 2020 — to 17 percent. Research suggests that much deeper cuts will be needed globally to avert the most serious consequences of global warming.

**Q: Who opposes this approach, and why?**

A: Republicans, some farm groups, some environmentalists, the oil industry, which feels it has

received too few free permits, and some moderate Democrats. They all worry about the cost and the loss of jobs if industries move to countries that do not have controls on greenhouse gases. The bill has provisions to prevent this, but there are questions whether they will work. Republicans call the bill a national energy tax on every American family. This is because, as industries spend money to reduce pollution or buy credits, they will pass on that cost to consumers, the people who turn on the lights or pump gas in their cars. Recent analyses by the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office show that the new rules eventually will cost the average household an extra \$175 a year.

**Q: Under the bill, what will happen to companies that do not follow the rules?**

A: If they exceed their limit, they will have to pay a fine equal to twice the cap-and-trade price for each ton of pollution over the limit.

**Q: Other than costs potentially being passed along to consumers, will this affect most Americans' day-to-day lives?**

A: It fundamentally will change how we use, produce and consume energy, ending the country's love affair with big gas-guzzling cars and its insatiable appetite for cheap electricity. This bill will put smaller, more efficient cars on the

road, swap smokestacks for windmills and solar panels, and transform the appliances you can buy for your home.

**Q: How quickly will we notice these changes?**

A: Some will occur more quickly than others. For instance, measures to boost energy efficiency in buildings and appliances are the low-hanging fruit that does not require major infrastructure changes or new technologies. Other changes are decades off and probably will come when the cap gets more stringent and permits get more expensive. For instance, the country can build more wind and more solar panels, but currently it lacks the transmission lines to move the energy they generate to population centers. As for cars: While more efficient models are a near-term reality, it will take a while to change out the fleet. Some people will continue driving 10-year-old gas guzzlers.

**Q: What are the chances this bill will become law?**

A: Both the Obama administration and Democrats want this bill passed by the end of the year, when negotiations for a new international agreement to reduce greenhouse gases get under way in Copenhagen, Denmark. Even as Democrats hold the majority in Congress, it will not be easy to get this enacted.

## MURDER

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Hernandez.

"Olivarez was taken into custody without incident. He was later brought before Judge (Denise) Dyess and

his bond set at \$750,000. He was then transported back to Big Spring by investigators and booked into the Howard County Jail."

Everett declined to discuss the details of the case, citing an open investigation.

Hernandez was pronounced dead shortly after 10 a.m. May

30 at a Lubbock area hospital, according to police records. According to law enforcement officials, Hernandez and a second victim — later identified as 17-year-old Richard Pineda of Big Spring — were shot at a residence in the 1600 block of Cardinal shortly after midnight.

Preliminary investigation into the shooting revealed that a fight involving the two teenagers and several others had occurred earlier in the evening, according to police officials. Family members of Hernandez have maintained the Big Spring High School student was not directly in-

involved in any of the fights.

Pineda was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center, where he was treated for his injuries and released.

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## TAXES

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vets understand the exemption," said McKibben, "which is in addition to the existing disabled veterans exemption. It's not an either-or situation. The vets will get this new exemption on top of the old one.

"The real kicker on this one, and what's caused some confusion concerning it, is the unemployability requirement. This isn't something we've had to look at in the

past, so there are plenty of people still learning how to factor that in. Unemployability won't be a matter of percentages like disability is, it's simply a matter of yes or no. If you have any percentage of unemployability, you will qualify."

And while the new exemption certainly helps provide some tax relief to Texas disabled veterans, McKibben said it's still unclear what kind of effect it will have on tax revenues in Howard County.

"We have quite a few veterans in Big Spring. However, a

lot of them don't have service-related disabilities, so it's really hard to say what kind of impact it will have on tax revenues for the taxing entities," said McKibben.

According to a statement released by Texas Comptroller Susan Combs, the exemption is a step in the right direction.

"Texas has done the right thing by providing property tax relief for our military men and women who have served their country and paid a heavy price," said Combs.

McKibben said the exemption won't be automatically

applied to tax bills, so taking advantage of the new law will require some effort on the part of the taxpayers.

"There's a new form they have to fill out to apply for the new exemption," said McKibben. "It won't be automatically applied, so they have to come in and fill out the papers and show their most recent papers from the Veterans Administration that proves their level of disability."

In the meantime, McKibben said he and his office will work toward having certified values ready for the taxing entities by the end of July.

For more information on the exemption, call 263-8301.

An application form for veterans and appraisal districts to use can be found on the Comptroller's Web site at <http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxforms/vetexempt.pdf>. Veterans may also need to contact their mortgage lenders to adjust their escrow payments.

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## OBAMA

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2005 levels by 2020 and by 83 percent by mid-century.

Sponsors had originally wanted a 20 percent reduction by 2020 but had to settle with less to win the support from some lawmakers from coal, oil and farm states. Deeper cuts will be needed globally to avert the most serious consequences of global warming, research suggests.

Opponents complain about the costs and say some industries will simply move their operations and jobs out of the U.S. to countries that do not control greenhouse-gas emissions.

Supporters and opponents agreed the legislation would lead to higher energy costs. But they

disagreed on the impact on consumers.

Democrats pointed to two reports — one from the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office and the other from the Environmental Protection Agency — that suggested average increases would be limited after tax credits and rebates were taken into account. The CBO estimated the bill would cost an average household \$175 a year, the EPA \$80 to \$110 a year. But Republicans and industry groups say the real figure would be much higher.

The legislation would fundamentally change the way Americans produce and consume energy. Gas-guzzling cars would give way to smaller, more efficient models and smokestacks would be replaced by windmills and solar panels.

House Democratic

leaders said the bill helped accomplish one of Obama's campaign promises and would make the U.S. a leader in international efforts to address climate change when negotiations take place in Copenhagen later this year.

"We passed transformational legislation, which will take us into the future," said House Speaker Nancy Pelosi after the 219-212 vote.

Success will be tougher in the Senate. Majority Leader Harry Reid says he wants to take up the legislation by the fall. Sixty votes will be needed to overcome any Republican effort to delay or block a final vote through a legislative maneuver known as a filibuster.

The "razor-thin vote in the House spells doom in the Senate," said Oklahoma Sen. James Inhofe, the top Republi-

can on the Senate's environment panel.

The White House and congressional Democrats argued the bill would create millions of green jobs as the U.S. shifts to greater reliance on renewable energy sources such as wind and solar and development of more fuel-efficient vehicles — and away from use of fossil fuels such as oil, gas and coal.

It will "make our nation the world leader on clean energy jobs and technology," said Democratic Rep. Henry Waxman of California, who negotiated deals with dozens of lawmakers in recent weeks to broaden the bill's support.

Republicans saw it differently.

This "amounts to the largest tax increase in American history under the guise of climate change," declared Rep.

Mike Pence of Indiana.

In the Republicans' weekly radio and Internet address, House Republican leader John Boehner of Ohio said, "By imposing a tax on every American who drives a car or flips on a light switch, this plan will drive up the prices for food, gasoline and electricity."

But Obama said the measure would cost the average American about the price of a postage stamp per day.

In California alone, Obama said, 3,000 people will be employed to build a new solar plant that will create 1,000 permanent jobs.

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# T.O. bids Dallas farewell on his terms

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

DUNCANVILLE — Terrell Owens was too busy to stop and give the little kid a high-five. Instead, the boy with his hand up was told to get with the other kids his age.

It was time to work.

“Don’t ask me any personal questions — not how old I am, not what do I drive,” Owens barked to about 150 kids taking part in his fourth annual two-day summer camp. “Right now, we’re here to talk football.”

Rude or focused? Serious or show-boating?

Love him or hate?

As T.O. made his personal Farewell To Dallas tour this week — holding the kids’ camp and a “Thanks For The Love” party for adults — the flamboyant receiver goes out pretty much the way he came in: providing

plenty of fodder for folks on either side of the love-hate debate.

Those who love him will point to his willingness to return months after being dumped by the Cowboys, and to anchor this trip around working with kids. They note the scholarships given out to cover the \$195 camp fee and the promotion that brought a boy and his family from Buffalo, N.Y., so folks in his new place of employment don’t feel left out. The party at a 48th floor downtown ballroom is a nice touch.

T.O. haters will point out the camp wasn’t filled up, even with all the giveaway spots. And, if Owens really wanted to do something nice, he could’ve made it free, especially considering all the corporate sponsorship and the six varieties of outdated “Getcha Popcorn Ready” T-shirts being sold. Critics also could make an issue of Owens arriving midway

through the first day; he couldn’t get a flight the night before? And that party? Tickets cost \$20 to \$60.

Owens was a divisive figure from the day Jerry Jones hired him.

The Cowboys needed a game-breaking receiver and Owens is among the NFL’s best. Yet he keeps changing teams because he causes as many headaches for teammates as for opponents.

His three seasons in Dallas provided it all: Great plays, big numbers and a huge assist in turning Tony Romo from unknown backup to Pro Bowl starter, plus dramas like his accidental overdose and locker-room conspiracy theories that were disruptive no matter whether they were real. Perhaps the bottom line: an 0-2 playoff record and no postseason trip last year, when the Cowboys were midseason Super Bowl favorites.

Jones was Owens’ most loyal sup-

porter — until March, when the owner told the receiver to take a hike and he wound up with the Bills.

Plenty of people around Dallas are sorry to see him go, including Sandra Fulcher, a single mother from Plano whose 7-year-old son, Christian, earned a camp scholarship with an essay about what makes a champion.

“He said he thought a champion was someone who helped someone get better, like T.O. helping people at their position,” Fulcher said. (Sam Hurd, Owens’ main protege on the Cowboys, was among the guest instructors.)

Hurd and Owens started Wednesday’s afternoon session teaching route-running drills to teenagers. Then Owens joined the youngest kids, like Christian Fulcher, who were working on running plays.

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# Trend is no repeat winners at NHMS

MIKE HARRIS

AP Auto Racing Writer

LOUDON, N.H. — Blame the tough racetrack, the Car of Tomorrow or simply circumstance. Whatever the reason, there have been no repeat winners in the last four years of NASCAR Sprint Cup racing at New Hampshire Motor Speedway.

If that trend holds, Greg Biffle, who won here in September, won’t be in Victory Lane on Sunday.

Nor will Kurt Busch, Clint Bowyer, Denny Hamlin, Kevin Harvick, Kyle Busch, Ryan Newman or Tony Stewart.

That impressive group of drivers includes the last eight Cup winners on the 1.058-mile New Hampshire oval.

No repeats.

The trend is even more extensive in the Nationwide Series, which had 22

different winners in 22 races heading into Saturday’s Camping World 200.

“Certainly, this racetrack is one of the harder flat tracks that we go to,” Biffle said. “It’s really, really flat, and I think that it changes a lot, and the guy that hits it just right that weekend is why you see different winners all the time with no repeat winners.”

“Hopefully, we’ll break that trend this weekend. We’ll just have to wait and see.”

Stewart started the Cup string when he won the summer race in July 2005. Jeff Gordon, Jeff Burton, Jimmie Johnson and Busch all won multiple races here before that, including season sweeps by Johnson in 2003 and Busch in 2004.

Since then, though, no repeaters.

Busch said at least part of the explanation is the Car of Tomorrow, which began competing on NASCAR’s short-

er tracks in 2007.

“You can say that the new car has added a different twist because we continually come back to the racetracks that we’ve seen before with completely different setups and that will create different winners and a trend such as that,” Busch said.

“This racetrack has a lot to do with pit strategy. Once you get towards the end, you want to pit and stay out as long as you can and, sometimes, guys who haven’t been running well all day will stay out and try to stretch their fuel and they end up having track position,” added Busch, who won a rain-shortened race here last June. “Timely yellows come out, and so it creates a road course-type atmosphere where you pit as soon as you can make it to the end and then stay out and hang on.”

Stewart, who also won here in July

2000, said he has no idea why there has been a string of different winners in New Hampshire.

“I think every year this track changes a little bit and every year everybody gets a little bit better on what it takes to be good here,” said Stewart, the series points leader who will start from the pole in Sunday’s Lenox Industrial Tools 301. “This is a unique place and I think that’s the reason guys every year kind of hit it or miss it.”

Assuming the trend holds, keep an eye on Mark Martin, who won on the one-mile oval at Phoenix earlier this year and brings the same car to New Hampshire.

“This is a tough race track,” said Martin, who has never won at NHMS. “It’s kind of tough to pass on and it’s

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# ROCKETS

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and as that unfolds, we’ll have to react.”

Houston went 53-29 last season and reached the second round of the playoffs for the first time since 1997.

The Rockets pushed the eventual champion Los Angeles Lakers to seven games, playing the last four games with Yao.

The Rockets have 11 players under guaranteed contracts, leaving the remaining spots on the roster virtually up for grabs.

“Nothing is guaranteed for pretty much anybody except the rotation players in the playoffs last season,” Morey said. “Other than that, it’s something where we’ve got to evaluate.”

Taylor and Budinger were only dreaming about playing for the Rockets on Friday, smiling as they posed for pictures while holding red Houston jerseys.

“I’ve always been the main guy on every team

I’ve played for,” said Taylor, Conference USA’s fourth-leading scorer. “To now have guys like Yao Ming and Tracy McGrady playing alongside me, who draw so much attention, I’ll now be able to get open shots and be able to create for others.”

The 6-7 Budinger thinks he’s a good fit for the

Rockets’ free-flowing offense. He averaged 17 points, 6.2 rebounds and 3.4 assists in his final season with Arizona.

“The players they have here are a great group of guys,” Budinger said. “I’m just pleased to be one of them.”

# SPURS

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Blair averaged 15.7 points and 12.3 rebounds for Pitt. He was the only Pitt player in the last 50 years to make first-team All-America. But while the Spurs were thrilled to get him, Blair said he was little upset being passed up in the first round.

The disappointment, apparently, didn’t last long. “It upset me, but at the same time, I knew I was going to get drafted,” Blair said.

When he declared for the draft in April after just two seasons at Pitt, the 20-year-old was confident that it would be NBA commissioner David Stern calling his name, saying at the time that “nobody’s got me going in the second round.”

Blair said he knew his knee troubles plummeted his stock. But he was grateful the Spurs took a chance.

“Since they believed in me, I’m just going to give them 1,000 percent,” Blair said. “I’m going to do whatever they want me to do.”

Blair himself didn’t want to risk another knee injury one after two years at Pitt. He also struggled with his weight, ballooning to more than 300 pounds before settling to around 260 in college.

But Blair also led the nation in offensive rebounds and was fourth in the rebounds overall. Tim Duncan has been asking the Spurs to get him help on the boards.

Buford said Spurs coach Gregg Popovich was equally glad to get Blair so late, especially after San Antonio couldn’t swing a deal to move up in the first round.

“He likes having a guy who led the country in rebounding,” Buford said.

McClinton averaged 19.3 points as a senior for the Hurricanes and set an ACC record with a career 3-point percentage of .440. DeColo, 22, spent the past three seasons playing for Cholet Basket and averaged 12.3 points a game last season.

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## Martinez and Ryder

Ashley Nichole Martinez of Big Spring and Aaron Myles Ryder of Noble, Okla., have announced their intent to exchange wedding vows.

Ashley Nichole is the daughter of Lawrence Martinez of Midland and Susan Sutton of Big Spring and the granddaughter of Helen Martinez and Patricia Sutton of Big Spring.

The bride-to-be is a 2005 graduate of Big Spring High School. She will soon attain her AAS in health-care management and will pursue a bachelor's degree in criminal justice with a minor in psychology. She is currently stationed at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Aaron Myles is the son of Wayne Ryder of Tatum, Okla., and Jennifer Hawkins of Stillwater, Okla.

He is a 2005 graduate of Noble High School. He will attain his AAS in electrical systems technology and will pursue a bachelor's degree in occupation education with a minor in history.

The future groom is stationed at Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls.

The couple plan to wed October 2009 in Midland.



Aaron Myles Ryder and Ashley Nichole Martinez

# Births



Josiah Abraham Perez

Josiah Abraham Perez, a boy, was born at 7:10 p.m. June 19, 2009, weighing 8 pounds, 1 ounce and was 19 inches long.

He is the son of Minnelli Perez and Justin Yanez of Big Spring.

Grandparents are Abraham and Rose Perez Jr. and Lori Yanez and Angel Hernandez Jr. Great-grandparents are Aldolfo and Rosa Moreno and Mike Vega and Lupe Yanez and the late Clarence Yanez.

## Wedding insurance gets another look in tough times

NEW YORK (AP) — Fantasies of the perfect wedding never included banquet halls going bust or lovebirds losing their jobs.

But a calamity can sneak up on you while you're consumed with creating your dream day, especially during a recession.

For couples who plan ahead, there is a safeguard. Wedding insurance can cover costs when the unimaginable happens — the power goes out or the groom falls ill — and the party is over before it even began.

In the second year of this recession, more weddings are being protected by insurance, several insurers said.

"The economy is driving the sales because of the potential for job loss and the potential for vendors going out of business," said Rob Nuccio, program administrator for Fireman's Fund Insurance Company, who said policy sales are up about 20 percent this year. "With wedding insurance, you

can get that money back and keep going."

And as the financial markets have fallen like so many rose petals, there are about twice as many wedding insurance claims as there were two years ago, he said.

"They're way up over last year because of the economy," said Nuccio. "Two years ago we didn't see it. Now we're seeing it."

One claim came from mother-of-the-bride Carol Carrier, who bought a policy from Travelers last year as she helped plan her daughter's nuptials in Hartford, Conn. Six months before the Columbus Day weekend event, she learned that their venue, a restaurant with a banquet hall, had abruptly closed. The owner disappeared, along with Carrier's \$2,000 deposit.

She and her husband scrambled to find another location. They signed a contract with the new owner of their original venue, but the original deposit was not honored.

"That's not a small amount of money to just throw away," said Carrier, of North Granby, Conn. "Considering the stock market's behavior of late, \$2,000 is a significant loss."

Carrier, who paid for the \$25,000 wedding, had spent nearly \$300 on the policy, which paid her back the deposit.

"The premium was pretty small compared to the cost of the wedding," Carrier said. "We felt it was probably a good safety net."

Nuccio, who has sold the insurance through RV Nuccio & Associates for Fireman's Fund since the early 1990s, says many claims these days are because of job loss (if the policy owner qualifies for unemployment insurance), loss of deposits (if a vendor or location goes out of business), photography coverage (if pictures are lost or damaged), and brides and grooms changing their minds about tying the knot.

The Fireman's policy offers "change of heart" coverage in cases where

the bride or groom calls off the wedding more than six months beforehand and someone else, like a parent, is paying for it.

Another company, WedSafe, backed by Aon, says policy sales are up 50 percent this year, in part because of the economy.

WedSafe and Travelers, both of which began selling wedding insurance in 2007, said most claims come from problems with caterers, photographers, halls and other wedding businesses.

"This indicates some wedding venues and vendors are facing the same financial challenges as other businesses," said Alan Tuvin, vice president of product management for Travel-

ers.

A wedding policy can reimburse you for money you can't get back if the big day is canceled because a storm shuts down airports or a burst pipe floods a hotel kitchen. There's coverage for lost or stolen wedding jewelry, and damaged or missing gowns.

Policies can be bought for as little as \$95, depending on how much is being spent on the wedding. Nuccio says \$250 would buy good coverage for a \$30,000 wedding; about \$2,400 for a \$250,000 event.

## Who's Who

**Dennis Dodds** of Greenville will be leaving for Iraq Tuesday as Raytheon is under military contract to retrofit 30 unmanned airplanes. Dennis is the son of Art Dodds and the grandson of Mamie Lee Dodds, both of Big Spring.

**Sean Bailey**, son of Jo and Danny Bailey of Big Spring, underwent successful surgery to remove the lower portion of his left leg at University Medical Center in Lubbock Thursday. Bailey, who is the great nephew of Mamie Lee Dodds of Big Spring, was critically injured in an oil field accident south of Coahoma in February 2008. He spent 45 days in the hospital. He has been steadily recovering, but his left leg suffered massive damage and has been deteriorating, family members said.

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## OUR VIEW

# Pops organizers still needing our help to hit goal

It's last call, so to speak. "Pops in the Park," the annual concert and fireworks display at Comanche Trail Park is now just six days away, and the event's organizers, Big Spring Fourth of July Foundation, still needs donations if they are to meet of their fund-raising goal.

As of the committee's last meeting Thursday, the committee was about \$8,000 short of having the \$40,000 needed to stage the show.

Clearly, that means the organizing committee is still not where it needs to be financially.

We've noted before, that all of us need to do our part and make sure "Pops in the Park" remains the centerpiece in our community's July 4 holiday celebration.

And now it's crunch time. With less than a week left, the committee needs money and that's not a position it is used to being in.

"We knew it was going to be a little tougher this year, but usually at this point we've received enough to cover the cost of the show," said Jan Hansen, who chairs the organizing committee. "We've always been confident that the community would come through for us, but it is a little scarier than we'd like."

Remember, donations making the concert and fireworks show possible come from local businesses and individuals, as well as corporate sponsorships. They also make it possible to open the gates to the public free of charge.

This year's July 3 show that will again feature the Big Spring Symphony and Chorus and a choreographed fireworks show, but will also include performances by two warm-up acts — young country singer-songwriter Maren Morris and her band and the bluegrass music provided by Jim Kay and the Kay Grassband.

But the committee still needs to raise a little more than \$12,000 to make sure "Pops in the Park" continues to thrive.

So, one last time this year, we'll ask the community to come through on the committee's behalf. Regardless of whether you've been contacted or not concerning a donation, we hope you'll pitch in and help make sure this year's concert and show is a success.

Again, donations of \$500 or \$1,000 from businesses are still definitely needed and nice to have, but aren't the only help the committee needs. Anything anyone can do to help would be appreciated, even just a few dollars.

Those wishing to make a donation can contact Debbye ValVerde at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce office or mail them to the chamber office at P.O. Box 1391, Big Spring 79721.

Let's make sure our community's best and most patriotic Fourth of July holiday celebration ever is this year.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

You, Lord, love us in spite of ourselves. Thank You.

Amen

# We must stand strong for liberty

In the past week, millions of Iranian citizens have taken to the streets protesting the election of Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, saying it was a sham. Iranian leaders blame foreign influence for this unrest. But what is really happening is that Iranians are looking to beacons of freedom around the world for solidarity and support as they appeal for the basic liberties that, today, we take for granted in America. The people of Iran know their call for freedom is resonating around the globe. In photos sent from blackberries and cell phones we see Iranians of every generation holding signs, many of them in English, demanding, "Where is my vote?"

Some of the most disturbing images to come out of Iran show the last moments of the life of a young woman who was shot in the streets of Tehran. The world has come to know her as "Neda," Farsi for "the voice" or "the call." The picture that will endure and define this chapter in history is of Neda lying on the ground, desperately clinging to life while her teacher tries to staunch the flow of blood drawn from a cowardly sniper's bullet.

The Iranian regime has resorted to violence, media blackouts, and murder to retain power and to extinguish the people's desire for freedom. Today, the world

stands at a critical juncture. What happens in the streets of Tehran has major implications for the future of democracy in the Middle East, as well as the ability of the Free World to prevail against all the forces of tyranny in the 21st Century.

The Ayatollah Khomeini's regime, founded in 1979, could be described as the first modern terrorist state. It has been the key financial and weapons supplier of Hezbollah, which, in 1983, bombed U.S. military barracks in Beirut, killing over 200 U.S. Marines. For 30 years, the regime has sponsored countless attacks on American troops, allies, and assets in the Middle East, causing death and destruction.

But the greatest victim of this nefarious regime has been the Iranian people. Because of the leading Islamic clerics' extreme interpretation of "sharia law," Iran is one of the world's worst violators of human rights — especially the rights of women and religious minorities.

While President Ahmadinejad and his cronies, empowered by the Ayatollah, repress the Iranian people, they are also accelerating Iran's nuclear weapons program.

We must not allow Iran's theocracy to bear nuclear arms. It would pose a greater threat than ever to American interests and allies, including Israel, which Ahmadinejad has publically said should be "wiped off the face of the Earth."

That is precisely why America must support the brave men and women in the streets of Iran

who are confronting the Iranian regime head-on with a battle cry of freedom. The success of the Iranian people is indispensable to U.S. leadership of the global war on terror.

Since 9/11, the U.S. has worked to advance democracy in the Muslim World so that its people might enjoy free elections, equal rights for women, religious tolerance, and other basic civil liberties. Our efforts have been costly and paid with the lives of Americans. But we are beginning to see progress. Last year, radical Islamists were dealt a grave blow in the Pakistani election. Earlier this year, secular forces in Iraq won a huge election victory. Even more recently, Hezbollah was routed in Lebanon's election.

In his inaugural speech, President Obama proclaimed, "To those who cling to power through corruption and deceit and the silencing of dissent, know that you are on the wrong side of history; but that we will extend a hand if you are willing to unclench your fist."

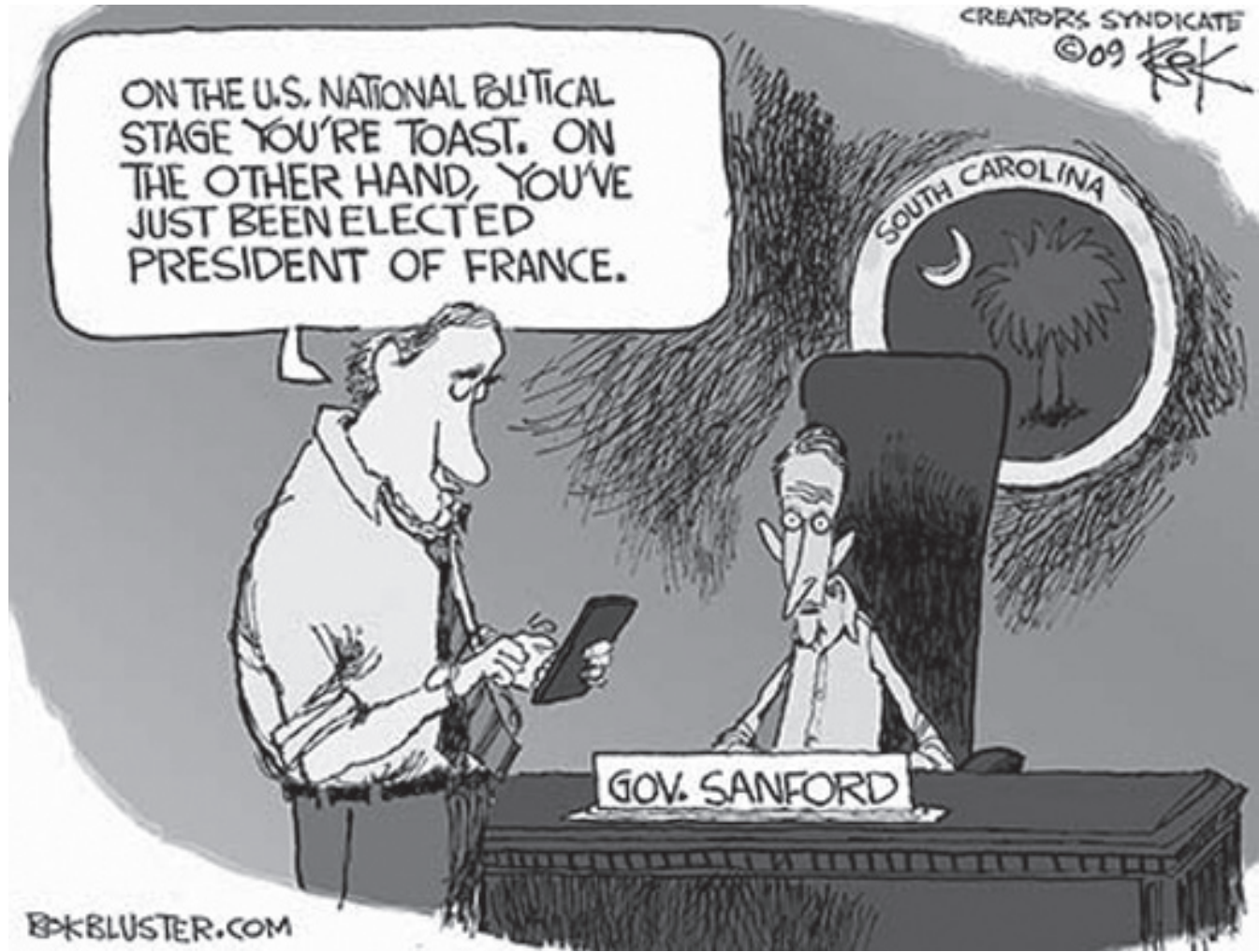
The Iranian mullahs are clenching their fists against the people and the President must say so forcefully; proclaiming to the world that the United States stands firmly with the Iranian people and on the right side of history.

America has the perspective — and the responsibility — to espouse democracy for all who desire it both in words and deeds.

*Kay Bailey Hutchison is the senior U.S. Senator from Texas.*



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## YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

My son was called and asked if he wanted to be an alternate player for the 11-year-old all-star team. We were informed that he would not play unless someone quit, got injured or went out of town.

That was fine, but we just found out that he would not get a uniform and that he had to go to the games, but sit in the stands. If someone happens to get injured, then he would be pulled from the stands to play, but not look like the rest of the team.

My son has been faithfully attending all the practices. In addition, they had the kids asking for donations for the team.

We had family and friends donate money, thinking my son was playing. He raised \$191 on his own.

What are friends and family going to think when my son is not playing? That we were making up a story just to get money? No, we are not like that and the all-star team is not going to make fools of us.

What happened to baseball being a fun sport? Now it's about politics, who you know or how far a coach can move up in the league.

When Big Spring combined the leagues, it seems like everything fell apart. Where is all the money going? As a taxpayer, I'm paying just as much as anybody for the

new sports complex. Is the league going to be run the same at our new facility? That doesn't say much for Big Spring.

I just wish that everyone was in it for the kids. That's the way it was and that's the way it should be now.

ALMA GUSMAN  
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

For several years the waterfowl that exist at the Comanche Lake in our city park have been exposed to terrible living conditions. They have had various objects thrown at them — rocks, bottles, ice, fishing lures, sticks, etc. These events have caused injuries to some of the birds.

But the worst events to occur have been the entanglement of the birds with monofilament fishing line left behind by fishermen. This item is very slow to disintegrate and continues to accumulate in the water. Some of the ducks and geese have had some of this material become wrapped around their legs and even their necks. When this happens, if it is not noted by someone, and/or the bird cannot be captured, the result is terrible. The leg or foot loses circulation, dies, then falls off. Birds do have sensory nerves and can feel pain.

At several different times people from out of town, while visit-

ing the lake, have reported incidences of line entanglement and have asked why this is allowed to happen. This does not leave them with a good impression of our community.

Occurrences such as this have been reported to city authorities many times during the past years, but the birds are still being abused. The local Animal Control division of the police department has been helpful in attempting to capture affected birds and get them medical care, but it is a difficult task and not always successful. Individual citizens have also attempted to help.

The lake certainly should be available for all citizens to enjoy, but not at the expense of wildlife. The birds seem to be encouraged to be there for the enjoyment of the public so as to further usage of the park.

There seems to be only two possible solutions to the problem. Either prevent fishing at the lake, or remove and relocate the existing waterfowl to other waters, and do not allow others to be introduced. Preventing fishing is obviously not an alternative, because some citizens would object strongly and the council would not want to oppose them.

So where does the council go from here? Tourism seems to be the direction the council is

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# NFL asks Supreme Court to weigh in on antitrust case

**FREDERIC J. FROMMER**

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — In the legal equivalent of running up the score, the National Football League is going to the Supreme Court in search of a bigger victory in an antitrust tussle over team merchandise than it already won from a lower court.

The Supreme Court could decide as early as Monday whether it will hear the case, which involves American Needle Inc.'s challenge to the league's exclusive contract for selling headwear such as caps and hats with team logos on them.

American Needle of Buffalo Grove, Ill., is also urging high court review.

Football team owners hope the high court will issue a broader decision that would insulate the NFL against

what they contend are costly, frivolous antitrust lawsuits.

At the heart of the matter is whether the NFL's teams constitute 32 distinct businesses or a single entity that can act collectively without violating antitrust law.

The case is important to other professional sports besides football.

The National Basketball Association and the National Hockey League both filed friend-of-the-court briefs siding with the NFL.

Notably absent is Major League Baseball, which has an antitrust exemption thanks to a 1922 Supreme Court ruling.

"Member clubs of the NFL have no independent value, no purpose, indeed no meaningful reason for existence but for their participation in the league itself," the NFL argues. It cited a ruling in an

antitrust challenge involving the NBA, in which an appeals court wrote, "A league with one team would be like one hand clapping."

The NFL argued that professional sports leagues should be deemed single entities for purposes of antitrust law, at least concerning core venture functions.

American Needle had been one of many companies that manufactured NFL headwear.

In 2001, the league granted an exclusive contract to Reebok. American Needle sued the league and Reebok in 2004, claiming the deal violated antitrust law.

A federal district court disagreed, saying that the teams acted as a single entity in licensing their intellectual property. Last year, the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago affirmed that rul-

ing.

"Asserting that a single football team could produce a football game is less of a legal argument," the court said, than "a Zen riddle: Who wins when a football team plays itself?"

The appeals court said that the league isn't always a single entity, but that nothing in antitrust law prohibits the teams from cooperating so the league can compete against other forms of entertainment.

If the Supreme Court declines to take the case, the appeals court ruling would be left in place.

American Needle argued in its legal filing that the appeals court decision contradicted a 1957 Supreme Court ruling that refused to extend baseball's antitrust exemption to professional football.

The solicitor general's

office, after being asked by the Supreme Court to weigh in on the current case, urged the court not to take it. The government said the lower court ruling does not conflict with any decisions by the Supreme Court or other appeals courts — contrary to arguments made by American Needle and the NFL.

Gary Roberts, dean of the Indiana University School of Law-Indianapolis and an expert on sports law, said that the NFL senses it has a pretty favorable Supreme Court makeup.

"They would like to have the Supreme Court resolve this single entity issue now," said Roberts, a former lawyer for the NFL. "Even though they risk losing this case, the potential gain for all sports leagues from having the Supreme Court affirm the decision would be huge."

## NASCAR

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tight quarters and it's like an expand-

ed version of Martinsville in some ways. So it can be fun if your car is really good. But, if your car is not really good, it can sure be a challenge racing around the middle of the pack."

Hamlin's car was really good when

he won at New Hampshire in July 2007 and he's among several drivers hoping to end the streak of different winners on Sunday.

"I know we've had a lot of success here each time we've been here, but we've been here with a different setup

every single time," Hamlin said. "It's just a real hard track to kind of perfect and get right.

"I think the drivers can make up for a little bit, but ... I don't think we've got it figured out on the car side yet. I don't think anyone has."

## T.O.

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The hulking pro lined up over the center and growled, "You scared of me?" He then let the kid drive him backward.

Owens did it over and over, sometimes rubbing his shoulder and moaning, "You're beating me up!" It never

got old for the smiling Owens or the children beaming about strength they didn't know they had.

"I know in the past he's said and done some things," Sandra Fulcher said. "But I like the fact he's giving back to the community. It says a lot that he came down here even though he's not on the team. It adds closure for the little kids. ... I'm happy and impressed."

Reporters were barred from his motivational speech and discussion

with the children (which was when the kids got to ask his age, what he drives and anything else). But, ultimately, T.O. talked.

"I miss Dallas, but I have a new team," Owens said. "It's already behind me."

Asked what went wrong between him and Romo, he repeatedly said, "I don't know."

"Obviously, somebody is lying," Owens said. "All I know is that I'm not here."

Jones has said Owens was cut to help establish Romo as the team's unquestioned leader. Owens said Romo could've established himself before but "that didn't happen."

"So I will be the scapegoat," T.O. said. "I'm not here any more and I wish him well."

Rude or focused? Serious or show-boating?

Love him or hate? Once again, Owens left himself open to any and all interpretations.

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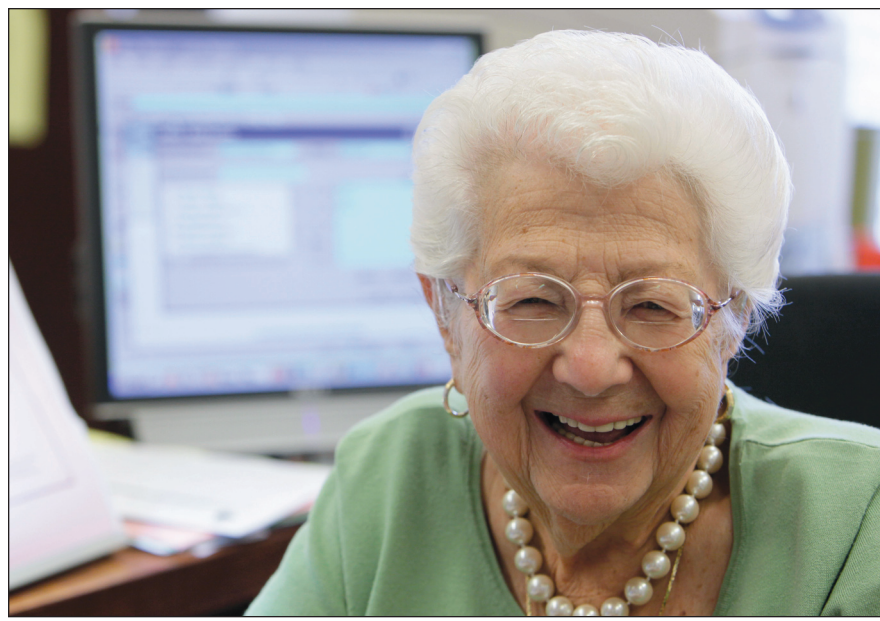
AP Personal Finance Writer

CHICAGO — Adelaide Yanow, 89, jokes that she only wants to leave her job as a judicial assistant on a gurney. Herb Minds still works three days a week at 87, then goes home and logs into Facebook.

Harry Bahrick, an 84-year-old memory psychologist, points out that Michelangelo was still doing fine work as an octogenarian. So what's the big deal about working regularly at that age, more than four centuries later?

Americans who fear the prospect of having to work longer because of their finances can draw comfort and inspiration from some of the half-million octogenarians in the work force. Among those fortunate to have

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AP Photo/M. Spencer Green  
Adelaide Yanow, 89, a judge's assistant at the federal courthouse, is shown at her office in Chicago. Yanow's long-time wish of working until she keels over apparently isn't going to happen since she finishes work on July 31. But that's only because she outlived her boss of the last 28 years, Judge James Moran.

# Energy Watch



Bhupen Agrawal is branch manager and a managing director — investments for the Wachovia Securities Midland office.

Bill Franks, AAMS, is a senior registered client associate and the senior associate to the branch manager.



The tug of war between the bulls and bears continued last week. The vast majority, including us, have expected some kind of correction, which we believe is the main reason last week's three-day consolidation was so mild.

Stocks were under pressure throughout the session in a broad based sell-off. Several factors combined to weigh on the market. A rising dollar and a drop in crude oil to briefly below \$70 a barrel were the main factors behind the selling. Commodity oriented stocks, the sector of the market that has provided an underpinning for stocks in recent weeks, were the biggest weight.

The reality is that the commodity sector was already extended and overdue for a pullback. The dollar's advance (which further pressured commodities) was largely tied to the Russian Finance Minister's statement that the U.S. currency is in "good shape," further affirming there's no substitute for the dollar as the world's reserve currency.

Have we seen the signs of a normal 10 to 15 percent correction or do we still have upside momentum left? No one knows for sure, but we will stick with the positive in-place momentum until we see solid evidence of a change in the market's personality. In fact, we are moving to the minority side from here and believe the pause to refresh is about over as the economic news continues to improve.

Of course, when it comes to the stock market it is the economy that is one the underlying force behind moves both up and down. Recently, we have heard financial gurus declaring that the worst recession since World War II will soon end. This is old news. Yes, the stock market was deeply oversold when it bottomed March 9, but it was anticipation of the recession ending by late summer that created the run in stocks that we have already experienced. When something is front-page news, it is already discounted by the stock market.

We believe the stock market is now trying to figure out what the economic recovery will be like and how much growth we will see in 2010. Some believe that the dramatic, 44 percent S&P 500 rally from the March 9 lows signal that we will see a strong economic recovery, typical of prior periods after sharp recessions. At this time, we believe that is unlikely.

The labor market remains very soft, and is likely to stay that way for one to two years after the economy turns up. Also, the consumer has been hurt so badly the past two years and, we believe, will be much more conservative with future spending. Also, banks and the credit markets are just starting to function again, and the recovery process will take time.

Therefore, we feel the odds favor a slow economic recovery. On the positive side, this should help keep inflation down. From here, we would advise investing in patience. It's the wise investor, not the stupid one, who knows it is the economy and patience that eventually pay off.

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## Crude follows stock markets down

NEW YORK (AP) — Crude oil prices followed stock markets lower on Friday as a wave of speculative buyers looked for direction after the Federal Reserve said the struggling economy would hold back inflation this year.

During the past few months, investors had snapped up crude barrels to protect themselves from a weaker dollar, helping oil prices rise to eight-month highs despite a huge surplus in the U.S. Benchmark crude for August delivery fell \$1.07 cents to settle at \$69.16 a barrel on the

New York Mercantile Exchange. In London, Brent prices fell 86 cents to settle at \$68.92 a barrel on the ICE Futures exchange.

Political turmoil in Iran and Nigeria also continued to put pressure on oil prices. Both countries are major oil producers, and a conflagration in Iran could affect millions of barrels of exports in the Persian Gulf.

"Iran is a real wild card," said Tom Kloza, publisher and chief oil analyst at Oil Price Information Service.

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# Cornell names top employees for 2009



Courtesy photo

Cornell recognized the following Administrators: Jr. Trevino, Department Head of the Year; JoAnne Mendez, Employee of the Year.



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The Flightline Unit honored the following employees: From left to right, Juan Molina, Captain of the Year; Jimmy Dolloff, Department Head of the Year; Wylene Landrum, Employee of the Year; Adam Lloyd, Rookie of the Year; and Ward Booth, Officer of the Year.



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The Airpark Unit honored the following employees: From left to right, John Reagan, Captain of the Year; J.D. Franco, Department Head of the Year; Allen Avant, Rookie of the Year; Rosi Rios, Employee of the Year; and Josh Hanson, Officer of the Year.



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The Interstate Unit honored the following employees: From left to right, Raymond Castillo, Employee of the Year; Patsy Brown, Department Head of the Year; Jeffery DeLosSantos, Rookie of the Year. Not pictured are Theresa Calk, Officer of the Year; and Lupe Ortiz, Captain of the Year.



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The Cedar Hill Unit honored the following employees: Left to right, Robert Brewer, Officer of the Year; Tommy Cruz, Rookie of the Year; Joe Benford, Captain of the Year; Devoun Blount, Employee of the Year. Not pictured is Gary Young, Department Head of the Year.



# Comanche Trail Park is coming back to life

The Spring is taking on a new look as we had a cleanup and planting event Saturday in the rain. Several members of Keep Big Spring Beautiful planted trumpet creepers at the large bridge and pink yucca cactus in the two cement planters.

There were three young men from Cornerstone Church and youth director Ron Alton who tackled and removed the trash from our Spring. Then on Tuesday, Walter Ward and I returned and painted the cement planters dandelion green.

I feel like Comanche Trail Park is coming to life again. We started Wednesday morning with two members of KBSB rolling up their sleeves to attack some barrels. Ward, president of

KBSB, and member Paschal Odom awaited the delivery of trash barrels from the parks department, then went into action after scraping and wiping the barrels down, using a new airless spray gun that did a magnificent job.



PAT SIMMONS

This is the first phase of barrel painting as 35 barrels were turned over to the parks department for distribution — phase two will take care of the rest of the barrels soon. The barrels are a beautiful dandelion green (the paint was donated by Wal-Mart) and will grace our park with a more colorful

appearance. I hope visitors will be respectful of our park and use the barrels instead of littering.

We hope to purchase domes for each barrel but they are costly; the best price I have so far is \$72 each, so we will need to do some fund raising.

The pavilions that have been adopted should see some welcome refurbishing in the next few weeks. There are some really neat plans for each pavilion. Some of the renovations may be delayed some because the pavilions may be reserved on the weekend and that is when most volunteers can work.

Two of the pavilions recently received new names — the pavilion across from Belaski is now named

Buffalo, and the one on Golf Course Road is named Cactus.

There is another unique attraction in our park. I bet a lot of people don't have the faintest idea what those little metal chain baskets are that you see throughout the park. Well, it is another type of golf — disc golf.

I first became aware of these little baskets in Birdwell Park several years back and wondered what they were.

Greg Brooks, who has been the driving force behind this unique activity in Big Spring, educated me about disc golf, I still didn't understand until I saw some golfers in action.

Greg has always been a willing person to help with clean-up projects when I call.

So, it was Birdwell Park that he and his members cleaned until they moved to a bigger scene.

The Big Spring Disc Golf Association was formed in 1991. After several years at Birdwell Park, the group moved its operations to Comanche Trail Park in 2003.

Members started with 18 baskets, increased to 27 and plan to expand to 36.

They use the under-utilized part of the park. They have a few of the trails outlined in rock in certain areas and plan more improvements. The group currently has about 30 members.

The disc they use are like the Frisbees our children played with as kids, although somewhat larger, weighing about 170 grams.

## LETTERS

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headed.

A portion of the city motto states the community has a "Big Heart." Does this apply to humans only? The city government should follow this "Big Heart" philosophy, or remove it from its claim.

ARDIS McCASLAND JR  
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

This letter is directed to all the people that have turned a blind eye to the abandoned dogs out in the county. I have rescued and found homes for lots of dogs and have done my best not to harm any.

My neighbor on Aspermont Road has decided to turn his five large dogs loose. They now roam at large. They were raised inside a fence or containment, so have no knowledge or fear of cars on the Snyder highway. They had water yesterday, as I put it out for them. I looked today and the cooler is closed so they cannot access water.

I contacted local law enforcement, and I was told to shoot them if they were causing problems. I contacted the SPCA for help, they cannot do anything in Howard County without permission. I suppose from the same folks that told me to shoot them.

The pound is overflowing, the so called Humane Society refuses to take anything.

Doesn't it make you proud to live in a community that cares so little for their canine friends?

These dogs have started attacking at my fence, so I guess the only option that I have now is to shoot them. Neighbor, I hope you are punished for what you have done to cause this.

STANLI PEARSON  
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

As a former resident of your scenic town

and as a former full-time reporter for *The Big Spring Herald*, I would like to invite all of your readers to each celebrate the first-ever "Texas Friendship Day" this year.

That new tradition for our entire state was officially endorsed by the Texas House of Representatives in Austin on June 1, the final day of the regular session this year.

Through a voice vote that day, the House unanimously approved a resolution (HR 3132) designating Sunday, Aug. 2, 2009, as "Texas Friendship Day." That people-friendly resolution was authored by State Rep. Dawnna Dukes of Austin, whose wise leadership should serve as a great inspiration throughout our entire state.

The celebration of "Texas Friendship Day" in early August is designed to "encourage all Texans to reflect on the meaning of friendships in their own lives," the

approved legislative resolution states.

It's very fitting that our entire state devote one day of each year to celebrating mutual-consent personal friendships. Our state name derives from the Caddo Indian word for friends. And our state motto, "friendship," was officially designated by the Texas Legislature in February 1930.

Several Texan cities, including Eagle Pass, Dallas and Burkburnett, each have respective traditions of hosting annual friendship festivals. As the approved House resolution also points out, the "phenomenal friendliness" and extrovertedness of Texans are among the leading cultural strengths of our state.

JOHN KEVIN McMILLAN  
AUSTIN

TO THE EDITOR:

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation strongly supports the Motor Ve-

hicle Owners' Right to Repair Act (HR 2057) and urges Congress to swiftly pass the legislation in order to safeguard individual vehicle ownership rights today and in the future.

We believe that consumers are entitled to the right to choose how their motorcycle, car or other type of vehicle is maintained or upgraded. The point of Right to Repair is to protect the freedom of American consumers to choose how they take care of their vehicles, be it in

their driveway or at a trusted repair facility, and to ensure that they have access to all the information required to complete service and repairs.

Vehicles, including motorcycles, are becoming increasingly complex with the addition of more and more computer technology, and that is only going to increase in the future. Ready access to accurate service and repair information from the manufacturers is essential to the safety and well being of the en-

tire American motoring public.

We encourage all motorists to visit [www.righttorepair.org](http://www.righttorepair.org) to send a letter to each of their congressional representatives, urging them to support the Right to Repair Act by adding their names to the growing list of co-sponsors.

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**Public Records**

**Howard County Justice of the Peace Outstanding IBC Warrants:**  
Demetrio Alva, 11520 Arrow Rock, El Paso  
Terica Alvarado, 1100 E. 61<sup>st</sup> St., Odessa  
Daniel Antrim, 120 N. 22<sup>nd</sup> Pl., Lamesa  
Fernando Arriaga Jr., 606 N.W. Eighth St., Big Spring  
Nancy Ramirez Banuelos, 1002 N. Main St. Apt. 1, Big Spring  
Amy Barber, 2602 Ent, Big Spring  
Christopher Barrera, 1704 Goliad, Big Spring  
Teresa Baumann, 1509 E. Sixth, Big Spring  
Amy Benavides, 3001 N. Midland Dr., Big Spring  
Crystal Biles, 15885 S. Quartz, Odessa  
Alexis A. Bowie, 2811 Lawton, Amarillo  
Nohelia Hernandez Brito, 1505 Vines, Big Spring  
Wanda Heron Brown, 538 Westover Rd. Apt. 113, Big Spring  
Cristal Cabello, 1314 65<sup>th</sup> Drive Apt. C, Lubbock  
Melissa Camargo, 2100 Ave. N, Tahoka  
Wendell Campbell, 600 N.W. Eight St., Big Spring  
David Canales Jr., 2403 S. Runnels, Big Spring  
Donna J. Abbott Cantwell, 538 Westover Rd. Apt. 101, Big Spring  
Amy Castillo, 1806 Morrison, Big Spring  
Antonia Castillo, 206 Fuller St., Hereford  
Patsy Cate, 3227 Cornell Ave., Big Spring  
Weldon Montague Cheatham, 4502 Denison, Snyder  
Larry Dean, 10209 E. CR 24, Big Spring  
Johnny Delacruz Jr., of 502 S. Bell, Big Spring  
Anna Raquela Deleon, 2501 March Circle, Big Spring  
Constance A. Elledge, 1709 Scotland Ave., Azle  
Tommy Esparza, 300 N. Lamesa Highway, Stanton  
Dwayne Don Eukel, 1106 Lamar Ave., Big Spring  
Alejandro Franco Jr., 1900 Martin Luthe King Blvd. Apt. 215, Big Spring  
Ruby Gaitan, P.O. Box 783, Lamesa  
Melissa Gonzalez, 2317 CR 220, Garden City  
Pamela Kay Hadorn, 101 Shifflett Drive, Big Spring  
Sharon Marquis Hanson, 1201 E. Co. Rd. 34, Big Spring  
Patrick Kyle Heckler, 12501 N. Co. Rd. 35, Big Spring  
Chris Henry, 3520 28<sup>th</sup> St., Lubbock  
Cherie Brandy Hernandez, 2006 Ave. L, Snyder  
Shauna Danielle Jenkins, 3301 40<sup>th</sup> Place, Snyder  
Sarah A. Barrow Johnson, 3402 D. State St., Big Spring  
Johnny Ray Jones, 501 E. 17<sup>th</sup> St., Big Spring  
Paige Morgan Kenas, 1003-2 Lake County Rd. 175, Colorado City  
Kimberly K. King, 1711 Young, Big Spring

Christopher Max Martinez, 2870 S. Highway, Snyder  
Sandy Martinez, 1610 Eubanks, Big Spring  
Chad K. Merrill, 3300 Manor Rd. Apt. 174, Austin  
Joe Luis Miramontes, 1809 Nolan, Big Spring  
Monica Miramontes, 1809 Nolan, Big Spring  
Ricky L. Nava, 707 Willia, Big Spring  
Nancy Ortega, 601 Abrams, Big Spring  
Christopher Eric Painter, 1503 S. Johnson, Big Spring  
Ruth Heinen Privett, 5822 Oak, Big Spring  
Rickie Dan Pruiett, 979 FM 977, Leona  
Bruce Allen Rawson, 4730 Orange Street, Bacliff  
Michael Dewayne Renteria, 2516 Dow, Big Spring  
Anna D. Rich, PO Box 1321, Denver City  
Jerrall Ray Richardson, 1481 Highway 81, Bowie  
Jennifer Roberts, 2500 Cheyenne, Big Spring  
Natalie Nicole Good Robles, 607 W. 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Big Spring  
Veronica Luera Rodriguez, 5709 Cedar Rd. No. 3, Big Spring  
Esmerelda Mandi Cevallo Rodriguez, 406 N. Scurry, Big Spring  
Thomas Ross, 1206 Lela St., Jasper  
Kenneth Wayne Ross, 12101 Dessau Rd., Big Spring  
Thomas Castillo Ruiz, 1306 W. Tennessee, Midland  
Mona Saldana, 400 Circle, Big Spring  
Nancy Carolina Sauseda, 1707 N. 11<sup>th</sup> St., Lamesa  
Carol Ann Sawyer, 700 S. Lancaster, Big Spring  
Jonathan Michael Shorten, 1619 1-35 La Quinta, San Marcos  
Brian Paul Siverson, 589c Stoddard, Odessa  
Cade Smith, 410 McKee Lane, San Angelo  
Lisa D. Smith, 2010 Sierra Dr., League City  
Anthony Solis, 1303 Elm St., Big Spring  
Rosa Soto, 407 E. Vealmoor, Coahoma  
Mickey Jermain Starnes, 402 Holly Oak Dr., Tyler  
Matthew Henry Steadman, 801 W. Marcy, Big Spring  
Misty D. Sternadel, 457 Seventh St., Scotland TX  
William Dale Stewart, 3505 Gail Highway, Big Spring  
Liandro Ventura, 1905 Wasson No. 23, Big Spring  
Grace Walker, 1401 N. Highway 87 Apt. 904, Big Spring  
Candida Lynn Whitehead, 1405 runnels, Big Spring  
Tina Diane Whitlow, 1407.5 Settles, Big Spring

**County Court Decisions:**  
Probated Judgment: Timothy Neil Acuff, possession of marijuana - two ounces

or less, \$750 fine, \$374 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).  
Probated Judgment: Misty D. Clayton, theft of service by check - more than \$20 less than \$500, \$200 fine, \$326 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).  
Probated Judgment: Derrick J. Colegrove, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$1,500 fine, \$328 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).  
Judgment and Sentence: Athea Ryanne Darrow, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$500 fine, \$328 court costs, 15 days in jail.  
Probated Judgment: Mark Hernandez, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$1,500 fine, \$328 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).  
Probated Judgment: Ronnie Eugene Leal, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$750 fine, \$328 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).  
Probated Judgment: Ronnie Eugene Leal, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$750 fine, \$378 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).  
Probated Judgment: Rocky Robles Yanez, driving while intoxicated - second offense open container, \$2,500 fine, \$443 court costs, 365 days in jail (jail time suspended, 24 months probation).  
Judgment and Sentence: Ignacio Gonzales, Jr., possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$500 fine, \$328 court costs, 30 days in jail.  
Judgment and Sentence: Ycidro Villareal, assault causing bodily injury - family violence, \$2,500 fine, \$328 court costs, 180 days in jail.  
Probated Judgment: Jonathan Joel Gutierrez, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$1,500 fine, \$328 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).  
Probated Judgment: Brandi Lynn Mayo, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$2,000 fine, \$328 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 24 months probation).  
Judgment and Sentence: Lance Wayne Riddle, theft - more than \$50 less than \$500, \$750 fine, \$328 court costs, 45 days in jail.  
Probated Judgment: Andrew Lee Juarez, driving while license invalid with previous conviction/suspension, \$1,000 fine, \$278 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).  
Probated Judgment: Casey Brackett, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less in a drug free zone, \$1,500 fine, \$328 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time

suspended, 12 months probation).  
Judgment and Sentence: Randall Kirk Kirkham, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$750 fine, \$328 court costs, 45 days in jail.  
Probated Judgment: Kurt Anton Miranda, driving while license invalid with previous conviction/suspension, \$1,000 fine, \$278 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).  
Probated Judgment: Pedro Bernal Contreras, driving while license invalid with previous conviction/suspension, \$1,500 fine, \$276 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).  
Probated Judgment: Derrius Blackmon, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$1,500 fine, \$328 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).  
Judgment and Sentence: Juan Jose Acuna, Jr., terroristic threat, \$750 fine, \$328 court costs, 90 days in jail.  
Judgment and Sentence: Curtis Woodruff, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$500 fine, \$328 court costs, 90 days in jail.  
Probated Judgment: Ruben Juarez, Jr., possession of a controlled substance - more than 3 grams less than 28 grams, \$3,000 fine, \$328 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

**District Court Filings:**  
In Re Garrett Ferguson, family.  
Rosendo Robles vs. Natalie Robles, divorce.  
In Re Briseis Gabrielle Tovar, family.  
Edwin Hector Vela vs. Jan Yvette Vela, divorce.  
In Re Jeremy Ashley, expunction.  
Jana Lynn Wegner Velasquez vs. Jose Alfredo Velasquez, divorce.

**Marriage Licenses:**  
Jose Alfredo Mejia, 26, and Rosa Linda Lara, 30, both of Big Spring.  
Christopher Neal Silva, 25, and Michelle Gutierrez Maestas, 24, both of Big Spring.  
John Delbert Ramsey, 25, and Kristal Ann Berry, 24, both of Big Spring.  
Lon Odale Rhoudes, 35, and Brandi Lynn Pettijohn, 36, both of Big Spring.  
Edmond M. Huntley, 59, and Velma D. Davis, 51, both of Big Spring.  
Barry Leon Speaker, 62, and Wwanda Evelyn Speaker, 72, both of Big Spring.

**Warranty Deeds:**  
Grantor: Velma Lee Campbell  
Grantee: Charles Wesley Campbell, Jr.  
Property: Lot 12, Block 17, McDowell Heights Addition  
Date: June 19, 2009

Grantor: Edward Myers III  
Grantee: Jenna Lynn Ware  
Property: Lot 4, Block 33, Original Town of Big Spring  
Date: June 19, 2009

Grantor: Edward Spivey and Lora Spivey  
Grantee: June Young and Lyndon Young  
Property: A .61-acre tract out of NE/4 of Section 45, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR. Co. Survey  
Date: June 19, 2009

Grantor: Joe Owens and Kelley Owens  
Grantee: Bruce Babb Chemicals, Inc.  
Property: A 3.819-acre tract out of SE/4 of Section 29, Block 33, T-1-N, T&P RR. Co. Survey  
Date: June 23, 2009

Grantor: Joe C. Carille  
Grantee: Cleo L. Carille  
Property: Lot 7, Block 61, Original Town of Big Spring  
Date: June 24, 2009

Grantor: Tolbert Grisham and Billye Myrhl Grisham  
Grantee: Jerry E. McGuire and Teresa McGuire  
Property: Lots 2, 3, 4 and 5, Block 1, Choate Addition  
Date: June 10, 2009

Grantor: Kathy Geraldson  
Grantee: Marie Montemayor  
Property: Lot 11, Block 16, Boydston Addition and Lot 4, Block 4, Monticello Addition  
Date: June 24, 2009

**Warranty Deeds with Vendor's Lien:**  
Grantor: Patrick K. Collier and Leeann E. Collier  
Grantee: Jeff E. Powell and Rita A. Powell  
Property: Lot 16, Block 2, Replat of Lots 15, 16, 17 and 18, Block 2, Colonial Hills  
Date: June 18, 2009

Grantor: Zane Neal Bobbitt  
Grantee: Mark S. Strobel and Debra Strobel  
Property: Lot 2 and E/12 of Lot 1, Block 12, North Park Hill  
Date: June 15, 2009

Grantor: Swartz & Brough, Inc  
Grantee: Juan A. Lara and Ana M. Lara  
Property: Lot 1, Block 3, Avion Village  
Date: June 12, 2009

Grantor: Ronald L. Howell and Patricia M. Howell  
Grantee: Carlos Medrano  
Property: Lot 2, Block 2, Rice Addition  
Date: June 22, 2009

Grantor: David Foster  
Grantee: Noel Hoff  
Property: A 20.31-acre tract out of NW/4 of Section 42, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR. Co. Survey  
Date: June 24, 2009

**WORKERS**

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their health and a willing employer, plenty still have a zest for labor, and life.  
“It’s a nice way to end your life,” said Zetta Bauer, who works three days a week as a cashier at a Niagara Falls gift shop at 91. “I’m so happy to be working.”  
Within a surprisingly short time, it has become almost commonplace to work not only into one’s 70s but often well beyond.  
About 5.1 percent of Americans 80 or older, or 511,000, were in the work force last year, up from 3.7 percent five years earlier and 3.1 percent in 2000, according to the U.S. Department of Labor. The numbers are certain to rise as Americans live and remain active longer and often find themselves unable to make ends meet on Social Security and their savings.  
“It used to be that retirement was something that everyone universally looked forward to,” said Dr. Gary Kennedy, director of geriatric psychiatry at Montefiore Medical Center in New York. “Now I think most people are starting to think twice about whether they want to retire at 55, 65, 75” — or later.  
Anyone with a 401(k) or any other retirement plan knows the financial pluses of working longer. Putting in extra years on the job is the fastest way to restore savings depleted by the

plunge in stocks and reduce the number of years over which dollars must be stretched.  
The need to increase financial security is the primary reason why 72 percent of Americans responding to a telephone survey by the Employee Benefit Research Institute this year expect to work after they officially retire, up from 63 percent in 2008.  
But more people are discovering the other payoffs to working deep into traditional retirement age. Continuing to work, Kennedy said, supports three pillars of healthy aging: being socially engaged, intellectually stimulated and physically active.  
Not only that, he noted, but data from studies suggests that people who are able to work longer live longer.  
Yanow, still working virtually full-time at the U.S. District Court in Chicago, never gave retirement a second thought. But her long-time wish of working until she keels over apparently isn’t going to happen since she finishes work on July 31. That’s only because she outlived her boss of the last 28 years, Judge James Moran.  
“Had my judge not died (in April), I would not even consider it,” she said. “They were going to roll me out, because I never was going to retire. I figured I’d have to drop dead first.”  
A sign on the desk in her 18th-floor office in the court building reads “Things Get Better With Age ... I’m Approaching Magnificent.” She put it there 20 years ago.  
Today, Yanow still edits legal opinions and argues with law clerks about

proper wording. Her typing speed has slowed, but not her enthusiasm for the job after more than a half-century in the courthouse. The big-time cases, the exciting atmosphere, the appearances of drug lords, white-collar criminals and occasional celebrities — she loves it all as if she were still a young woman.  
In some ways, she still is.  
“If you think young, you’re young,” she said. “You have to maintain a sense of humor, and you have to think young. Some people are 50 and they’re old.”  
According to Minds, of Northbrook, Ill., working late in life “keeps you in the mix of things.”  
Retiring from a career in financial services at 70, he went back as a consultant for a few years and now works half the year at a golf course and the other half writing and publishing newsletters for numerous organizations.  
The money, while not much, covers the cost of some basic household services for him and wife Jo Ann. He does it to keep busy — and to keep from “staring at the stupid computer all day long,” including Facebook.  
“I think most people would prefer to work unless they are just so lousy rich they can afford to go from one cruise to another,” Minds said. “But even that would get boring after awhile.”  
These elders in the workplace dread

the notion of being idle as much as younger workers might the idea of laboring into their 80s.  
David Wolf, an 81-year-old intellectual property lawyer in Boston who still handles a full workload, revels in the challenge of new cases and loves working with young people. He shudders at some popular alternatives to working, such as sitting on the sand in Florida.  
“I remember going down there to see one of my relatives, and the big event of the day was to drive down to the beach to see the sunset,” he said. “That’s not exactly my idea of being engaged and doing things.”  
Bahrick, a psychology professor and now memory researcher at Ohio Wesleyan University since 1949, says older workers like him can avoid the isolation that aging typically brings by staying on the job. He still puts in 30 hours a week in his office doing reading and research, and works more at home.  
“I love it, as long as I’m not under pressure and can take vacations,” he said. “I want to continue the enjoyment of being productive and the privilege of not being threatened by having to meet deadlines and having to achieve things in a certain time-frame.”  
But you have to like what you’re doing to begin with in order to keep it up, as many academics do, he said.

**MARKETS**

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“I think we’ve peaked with gasoline prices at least, but that assumes that nothing major is going to happen over there,” he said.  
Nigerian militants said they attacked a Royal Dutch Shell well-head in the southern Delta state in response to a government operation against them, hours after the nation’s president offered them amnesty in exchange for laying down their arms.  
The militant Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta has been

battling for a larger share of the country’s oil revenues.  
Christoffer Moltke-Leth, head of sales trading for Saxo Capital Markets in Singapore, said the oil price will likely rise to \$75 a barrel before drifting to near \$60 by the end of the year as investors become disillusioned by a sluggish economic recovery.  
In other Nymex trading, gasoline for July delivery fell 2.42 cents to settle at \$1.8742 a gallon and heating oil lost 4.6 cents to settle at \$1.7303 a gallon. Natural gas for July delivery rose 11.6 cents to settle at \$4.105 per 1,000 cubic feet.

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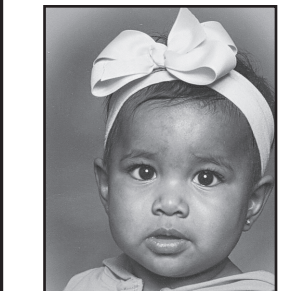
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Baby's Name:  
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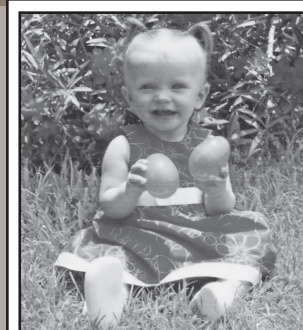
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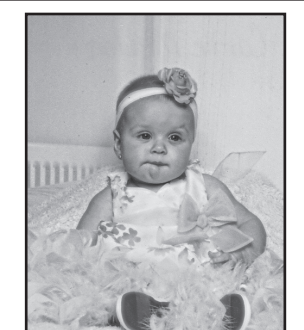
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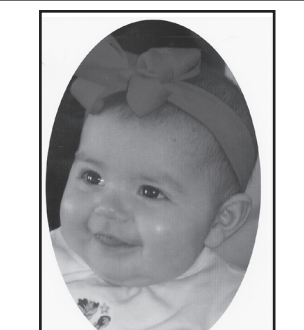
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Date of Birth:  
July 16, 2008  
Parents' Name:  
Bobby & Tiffany Goad



Baby's Name:  
**Charlie Melton**  
Date of Birth:  
Oct. 15, 2008  
Parents' Name:  
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Parents' Name:  
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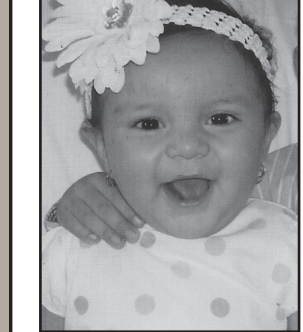
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Nicholas & Madonna Horvatic



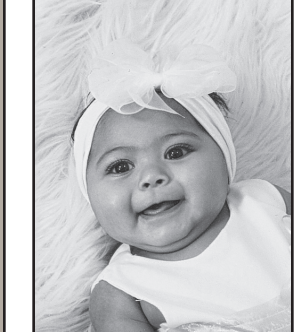
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Date of Birth:  
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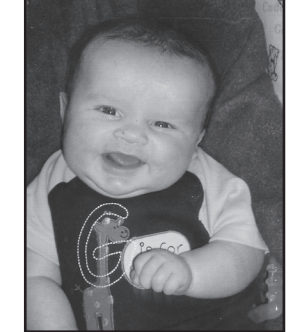
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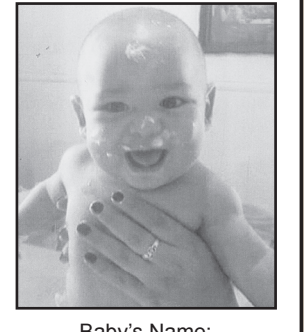
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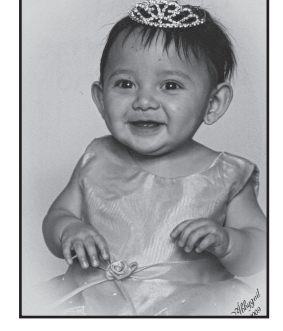
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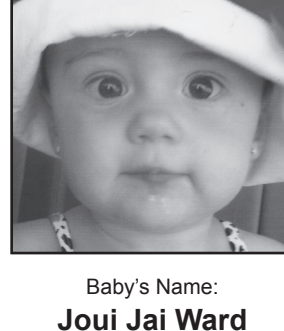
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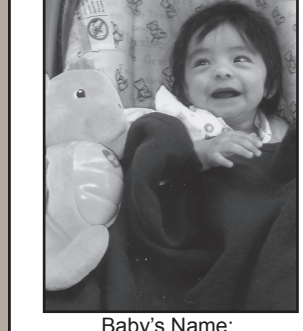
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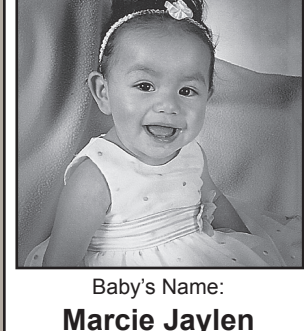
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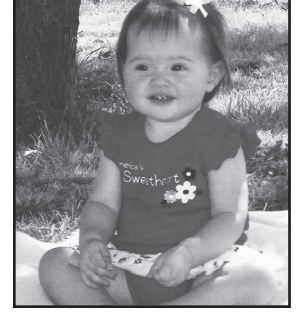
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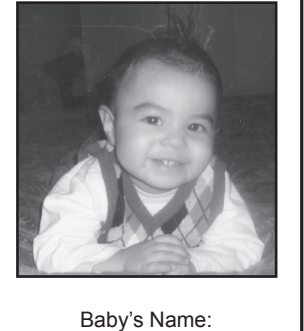
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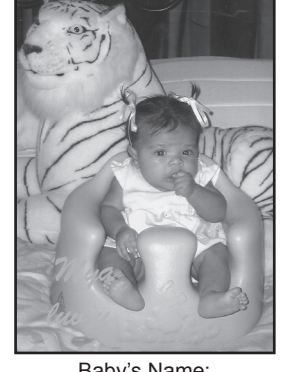
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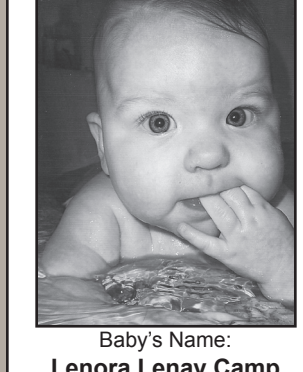
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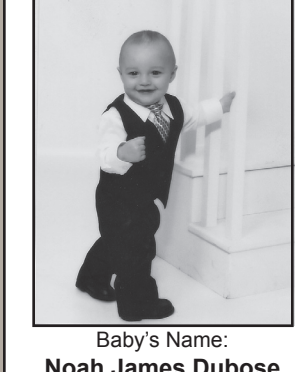
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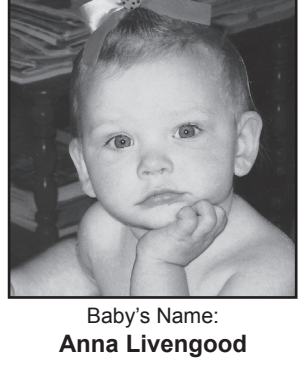
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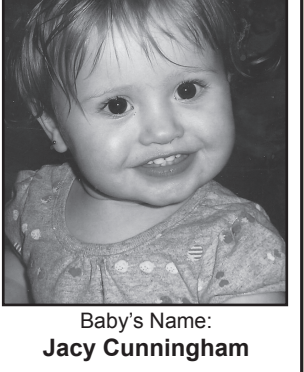
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# GOP on stimulus plan: Where's the jobs?

WASHINGTON (AP)—Republicans concerned about the Obama administration's big spending on economic stimulus, energy and health care are asking, "Where are the jobs?"

"The president and Democrats in Congress claim this spending binge is necessary to put Americans back to work," House Republican leader John Boehner said Saturday in the Republican radio and Internet address. "They promised unemployment would not rise above 8 percent if their trillion-dollar stimulus was passed.

The administration was wrong, Boehner said. "Unemployment has soared above 9 percent. And now the president admits that unemployment will soon reach double digits.

"After all of this spending, after all of this borrowing from China, the Middle East, our children and our grandchildren, where are the jobs?" he said.

Since President Barack Obama's stimulus plan to trigger job creation was passed, the economy has shed 1.6 million jobs. The administration has focused instead on its estimate that the stimulus has created or saved 150,000 jobs.

That estimate comes from a formula that uses government spending and tax cuts to predict job growth. The formula has been used by Republicans and Democrats alike, but was built to predict, not count jobs. To count jobs, economists traditionally rely on Labor Department data on unemployment, manufactur-

ing and construction activity, and county-by-county, state-by-state job reports.

White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said early this week that the president expects the nation will reach 10 percent unemployment within the next few months. In January, Obama's economic team predicted unemployment would rise no higher than 8 percent with the help of a \$787 billion stimulus program. The unemployment rate in May reached a 25-year high of 9.4 percent. Obama aides have said that the economy took a turn for the worse since their initial forecast.

Boehner has seized on the administration's revised forecast.

He predicted Democratic proposals on health care, stimulus and energy would

all be bad for the economy.

He said Republicans have proposed improvements to health care and economic stimulus that are less intrusive and expensive than Obama's plans. And he criticized Democratic efforts to pass an energy bill that he described as "a national energy tax," which passed the House Friday. He singled out proposed health care changes as a job killer.

"It's about to get worse for middle-class families and small businesses," he said. "Democrats are pushing a government takeover of our health care system that will cost at least a trillion dollars."

"The president has repeatedly claimed that Americans will be able to keep their doctors under the Democrats'

plan," Boehner said, adding he's seen government reports that indicate millions will lose their current health coverage and millions more will lose their jobs if the Democratic plan is adopted.

Obama argues that health care changes will help the economy and scoffs at predictions that his plans to offer a public plan as an alternative will harm the private insurance industry. He says it's not logical that private industry provides the best quality health care but can't compete with a public plan.

Boehner said Democrats should abandon their determination to pass measures without GOP cooperation. "We hope our Democrat colleagues will abandon their failed go-it-alone approach and work with us."

# Iran's president slams Obama

By JIM HEINTZ  
Associated Press Writer

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** *Iranian authorities have barred journalists for international news organizations from reporting on the streets and ordered them to stay in their offices. This report is based on the accounts of witnesses reached in Iran and official statements carried on Iranian media.*

Iran's hardline president lashed out anew at the United States and President Barack Obama on Saturday, accusing him of interference and suggesting that Washington's stance on Iran's post-election turmoil could imperil Obama's aim of improving relations.

"We are surprised at Mr. Obama," Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said in remarks to judiciary officials broadcast on state television.

"Didn't he say that he was after change? Why did he interfere?"

Obama was strongly criticized at home and by many abroad, for his initial measured response to opposition allegations that Ahmadinejad was re-elected by fraud in the June 12 balloting and to the harsh crackdown on protesters.

The Obama administration wants to improve contacts with Tehran, especially because of concern that Iran is developing nuclear weapons.

Since the election, opposition protesters repeatedly have clashed with security forces who beat them with batons, fired tear gas and water cannons and arrested hundreds of people. At least 17 people have been killed, in addition to eight members of the pro-government Basij militia, officials have said.

The crackdown has pushed protesters off the streets, ending days of unprecedented demonstrations that saw hundreds of thousands of people demanding the election be canceled and held again.

Many supporters of opposition leader Mir Hossein Mousavi have been shouting "God is great!" from the roofs of their homes — a practice dating to the 1979 Islamic Revolution — to register discontent with the regime.

Members of the Basij have been raiding homes and beating residents in an attempt to stop the chanting.

Human Rights Watch said Saturday. The group also said that authorities were seizing satellite dishes to prevent citizens from seeing news broadcast from overseas. Iranian officials have blamed the BBC, Voice of America and other news channels for fomenting unrest on behalf of Western governments.

"While most of the world's attention is focused on the beatings in the streets of Iran during the day, the Basijis are carrying out brutal raids on people's apartments during the night," said Sarah Leah Whitson, the group's Middle East director. "Witnesses are telling us that the Basijis are trashing entire streets and even neighborhoods as well as individual homes trying to stop the nightly rooftop protest chants."

On Friday, Obama hailed the demonstrators in Iran and condemned the violence against them.

"Their bravery in the face of brutality is a testament to their

enduring pursuit of justice," Obama said. "The violence perpetrated against them is outrageous. In spite of the government's efforts to keep the world from bearing witness to that violence, we see it and we condemn it."

In a separate show of defiance of international opinion, Foreign Ministry spokesman Hasan Qashqavi was quoted by the official news agency IRNA as accusing the Group of Eight countries — including the United States — of "intervening and hasty remarks." G-8 foreign ministers on Friday called for an end to the violence in Iran and urged the authorities to find a peaceful solution.

The Foreign Ministry also summoned Sweden's ambassador to protest a break-in by demonstrators at Iran's embassy on Friday, IRNA reported.

Meanwhile, opposition supporters, faced with a senior cleric's demand that protest leaders be severely punished or even executed, enter the third week of their campaign against the election results in increasingly tight straits.

Mousavi, who claims he actually won the vote, says he will seek official permission for any future rallies, effectively ending his role in street protests.

The opposition may have little opportunity to keep momentum going within the limits of the law, and the international attention that appeared to bolster their morale could be waning. Also, Mousavi's Web site, his primary means for communicating with supporters, remained down on Saturday; an aide told the Associated Press Friday that the site had been hacked.

"The problem is we have no one to lead us," a 30-year-old resident of Isfahan said.

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

- Animal abuse exposes the deliberateness of the batterer rather than loss of control.
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♦	J 10 9 5	
♣	A Q	
WEST		
♠	J 10 9 7 4	
♥	3	
♦	8 7	
♣	J 8 7 6 5	
EAST		
♠	K 6 3 2	
♥	9 4	
♦	4 3 2	
♣	K 10 9 4	
SOUTH		
♠	A	
♥	A K Q J 7 2	
♦	A K Q 6	
♣	3 2	

The bidding:			
South	2♣*	North 2♦	East Pass
2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♦	Pass	5♣	Pass
7♥			

\* strong, artificial  
Opening lead — jack of spades.

Readers who enjoy solving double-dummy problems (where declarer is permitted to look at all four hands) are welcome to take a crack at this one. Obviously, if South decides to stake the outcome on a club finesse, which seems a reasonable thing to do, he goes down. But if declarer decides to play East for both black kings, he can make the grand slam.

The jack of spades is taken by South's ace, and five rounds of trumps are played, declarer taking care to discard dummy's queen of clubs on the fifth trump. He next cashes the A-K-Q of diamonds, producing this position:

North		East	
♠	Q 8	♠	K 6
♥	J	♥	K 10
♦	A		
West		South	
♠	10 9	♠	2
♥	J 8	♥	6
		♦	3 2

South now leads the six of diamonds. West cannot afford to discard the nine of spades because, if he does, the queen of spades will then be led from dummy, trapping East's king and West's ten at the same time and promoting dummy's eight into a trick. West therefore discards a club.

As dummy wins the jack of diamonds, East in turn feels the pinch. He cannot discard the six of spades because South can then lead dummy's eight and ruff out East's king to establish the queen. So East discards the club ten.

Declarer thereupon cashes the ace of clubs and scores the last two tricks with the deuce of hearts and deuce of clubs.



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# National/world news in brief

## Person close to Jacksons: Status of Michael's will, AEG role still unclear

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Most of Michael Jackson's family members have gathered in their Encino compound, where they are contemplating funeral arrangements and caring for his three children. They are feeling confused, upset and angry by the lack of information about those who were around the pop superstar in his final days, a person close to the family told The Associated Press.

Jackson's family wants to know more specifics about what role AEG, the concert promoter that was staging his 50-date concert series at London's O2 Arena, was playing in his life, said the person, who requested anonymity because of the delicate nature of the situation. They also want to know more about the role of his advisers and representatives, who they believe were put in place by the promoter.

Jackson never communicated to his family who he had in place to handle his business affairs, the person said, adding that they were told by the singer's phalanx of advisers that the singer likely had a will, but it may be many years old. The family is distrustful of what they are being told — but they are determined to find out more, the person said.

"There are decisions going down without the family being in the loop; it's becoming an issue," the person said.

Randy Phillips, AEG Live president and chief executive, said earlier Friday that it was Jackson who insisted that Dr. Conrad Murray, a financially troubled cardiologist who was with the entertainer when he collapsed Thursday, be put on the tour payroll.

## Madoff stripped of everything in \$171 billion forfeiture order

NEW YORK (AP) — Bernard Madoff would be stripped of all his possessions under a \$171 billion forfeiture order handed down only days before prosecutors seek to put the disgraced financier away in prison for the rest of his life.

U.S. District Judge Denny Chin entered the preliminary order Friday,

ruling that Madoff must give up his interests in all property, including real estate, investments, cars and boats.

The forfeiture represents the total amount that could be connected to Madoff's fraud, not the amount stolen or lost, and the order made clear that nothing prevents other departments or entities from seeking to recover additional funds.

A call to Madoff's lawyer, Ira Sorkin, after hours Friday was not immediately returned. In a court filing in March, Sorkin said the government's forfeiture demand of \$177 billion was "grossly overstated — and misleading — even for a case of this magnitude."

The 71-year-old Madoff pleaded guilty in March to charges that his exclusive investment advisory business was actually a massive Ponzi scheme. Federal prosecutors say Madoff orchestrated perhaps the largest financial swindle in history.

## Obama considers holding Gitmo detainees indefinitely to speed prison closing

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House is considering whether to issue an executive order to indefinitely imprison a small number of Guantanamo Bay detainees, concerned that Congress might otherwise stymie its plans to quickly close the naval prison in Cuba.

Under the proposal, detainees considered too dangerous to prosecute or release would be kept in confinement in the U.S. or possibly overseas, two administration officials said Friday. Otherwise, the White House could get bogged down for months seeking agreement with Congress on a new legal detention system.

No final decisions have been made about the order, which would be the fourth major mandate by President Barack Obama to deal with how the United States treats and prosecutes terror suspects and foreign fighters.

One of the officials said the order, if issued, would not take effect until after the Oct. 1 start of the 2010 fiscal year. Already, Congress has blocked the administration from spending any money this year to imprison the detainees in the United States —

which in turn could slow or even halt Obama's pledge to close the prison by Jan. 21.

The administration also is considering asking Congress to pass new laws that would allow the indefinite detentions, the official said.

## Critics question whether governor's Argentina trips to visit mistress broke the law

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — The details of South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford's secretive trips to visit his lover in South America aren't just headline fodder or political kryptonite.

They're also being scrutinized by law enforcement officials at the request of some lawmakers and watchdog groups who fear taxpayer money could have been misused on his affair. So far, no criminal investigation has been opened.

On Thursday, Sanford agreed to reimburse the state for part of a more than \$8,000 tab that enabled him to see his mistress on an official economic development trip to Argentina's capital city. At a Cabinet meeting Friday, he told the head of the state Commerce Department he was sorry about the trip.

The department had initially included only Brazil on the official itinerary but added meetings in Buenos Aires at the governor's behest, said Kara Borie, a spokeswoman for the state Commerce Department.

Sanford did conduct business in Buenos Aires, although Borie said there were no specific economic development projects that have come from them.

## Iranian opposition enters third week of campaign in tightening strategic bind

(AP) — Iran's opposition supporters, faced with a senior cleric's demand that protest leaders be severely punished or even executed, enter the third week of their campaign against

the disputed presidential election in increasingly tight straits.

Opposition leader Mir Hossein Mousavi, who claims hard-liner Mahmoud Ahmadinejad stole the election, says he will seek official permission for any future rallies, effectively ending his role in street protests.

The opposition may have little opportunity to keep momentum going within the limits of the law, and the international attention that appeared to bolster their morale could be waning.

Also, Mousavi's Web site, his primary means for communicating with supporters, remained down on Saturday; an aide told the Associated Press Friday that the site had been hacked.

In one of the harshest statements from authorities since protests broke out after the June 12 election, Ayatollah Ahmed Khatami, a ranking cleric, said "Anyone who takes up arms to fight with the people, they are worthy of execution."

## Friends say Jackson was energetic, upbeat as he prepared for comeback tour

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The King of Pop seemed driven and upbeat in the weeks, even hours, before his death as he rehearsed rigorously for a series of 50 concerts in London that were to begin a late-career comeback.

Friends and colleagues said Friday that Michael Jackson appeared in recent months to be rejuvenated by the prospect of performing again.

After years of seclusion following a child sex scandal, the pop icon was heavily involved in all aspects of the concert rehearsals. He had hired a personal trainer and was practicing with backup dancers and choreographers several hours a day, they said.

"He was working hard, setting the example, overseeing the choreography, kicking butt and taking names," said Johnny Caswell, president of CenterStaging Musical Productions.



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# Texas news in brief

## Homicide ruled in death of 12-year-old

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The death of a 12-year-old boy thrown to the ground by an older teenage friend while wrestling has been ruled a homicide, officials said Friday.

Juan Lara died on May 16, after 18-year-old Elijo Esquedo body-slammed the boy to the floor of a friend's apartment, police said.

The Bexar County Medical Examiner's Office ruled Friday that the cause of death was the combined effects of a physical altercation and severe myocarditis, the San Antonio Express-News reported on its Web site. The manner of death was a homicide.

Myocarditis is inflammation of the heart muscle, often caused by an infection.

Esquedo, a convicted sex offender diagnosed with mental retardation at a young age, has not been charged in Lara's death. Esquedo's father said it was an accident.

Lara's mother, Maria Salazar, said she did not know her son had a heart condition.

The San Antonio newspaper reported May 25 that Elijo Esquedo was in violation of the sex offender registry at the time of Lara's death because he had not updated his address with the Texas Department of Public Safety. On Friday, a month later, police still had not arrested him for that violation, a felony.

## Authorities kill woman suspected in Texas shooting

SULPHUR SPRINGS (AP) — A woman authorities were seeking following the fatal shooting of her ex-husband was killed Friday by authorities in North Texas.

Trooper Jean Dark, a spokeswoman for the Texas Department of Public Safety, said authorities located 47-year-old Kimberly McLarry at her home near the town of Yantis. McLarry approached officers in the home's driveway with a revolver and was shot.

It was unclear whether McLarry fired at troopers, Dark said in a story in the Tyler Morning Telegraph.

"She had just shot someone in the head and then pointed her weapon at troopers," Dark told the newspaper. "They felt threatened."

McLarry's ex-husband, 55-year-old Robert McLarry, was shot once in the face, said Hopkins County Sheriff's Department investigator Lewis Tatum. He said Robert McLarry was taken to East Texas Medical Center in Tyler, where he later died.

## Bell workers, management to return to table

HURST (AP) — Striking manufacturing workers at Fort Worth-area Bell Helicopter Textron Inc. plants and management will return to the bargaining table on July 1.

A statement by company officials said Bell accepted a suggestion from a federal media-

tor for both parties to return to talks.

The United Auto Workers Local 218 confirmed in a statement on its Web site that it would also return to negotiations.

Picketing began on June 15 outside eight facilities where they produce parts, components and assemblies for all Bell aircraft, including the V-22 Osprey and H-1 military helicopters and the company's civilian models.

The employees rejected a three-year contract because of proposed increases in medical costs and plans to outsource the work of janitors.

## Cocaine ring in small West Texas town broken up

KERMIT (AP) — West Texas authorities say they have broken up a large cocaine ring in the small town of Kermit.

Federal and local authorities say they

arrested 32 people Friday morning in Kermit, an oil patch town of about 5,700 people about 45 miles west of Odessa. Arrests were also made in Iraan and Odessa.

Authorities said other arrests are expected.

Details of the group's alleged crimes were not available Friday.

## Some border residents get new shot at passport

McALLEN (AP) — Hundreds of citizens along the U.S.-Mexico border whose applications for passports were banished to a bureaucratic black hole because their births were attended by midwives will be able to reapply.

The State Department settled a class-action lawsuit brought by the American Civil Liberties Union and immigration attorneys representing citizens whose passport applications were filed away

without further action because the government suspected Texas midwives may have fraudulently registered Mexican births in the U.S.

The settlement, announced by the ACLU on Friday, awaits court approval.

Immigration attorneys, particularly in South Texas, began seeing a steady stream of cases where residents were asked to dig up all sorts of additional proof as passport authorities questioned their citizenship. The applicants ranged from senior citizens to children and even included employees of federal agencies.

Residents along the border were rushing to get passports for the first time in their lives to comply with a June 1 deadline requiring a passport or passport card rather than a driver's license to re-enter the country.

In a region where border crossing is a part of

daily life, the lack of a passport threatened to separate families, take away jobs and end that way of life.

Since 1960, 75 Texas midwives have been convicted of fraudulently registering Mexican-born babies as American. At one point, the government assembled a list of nearly 250 "suspicious" midwives but never explained what made them suspicious.

Under the terms of the settlement, which both parties have signed, the State Department will have to come up with a legal justification for each midwife it puts on the list. Passport applicants delivered by those midwives may still be asked to present additional evidence of their citizenship, but there will be clearer guidelines.

"I think it's a very good and strong victory for a fairly small percentage of the people who are having problems,"

said South Texas immigration attorney Lisa Brodyaga, who filed the lawsuit.

## Attorney says suits against BNSF will proceed

CALDWELL (AP) — Although two juries have sided with BNSF Railway Co. in separate lawsuits claiming a plant's chemicals caused cancer, dozens of similar lawsuits will go forward, an attorney said Friday.

Jurors deliberated less than two hours Thursday before deciding against Dennis Davis, 56, who alleged the company deliberately misled workers at the railroad tie-manufacturing plant in Somerville while exposing them to carcinogenic chemicals. Davis' attorneys asked jurors for at least \$45.4 million in damages.

"I think what we have in Somerville is an environmental tragedy," said Jared Woodfill.



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Tomorrow's Horoscope

There's a feisty quality to the early day as the moon opposes Uranus. Some will be cranky or downright cantankerous in the morning. However, the afternoon Libran moon will be a consummate diplomat, smoothing everything over and restoring the harmony. Evening is sweetly sentimental and even stoic types could express mushy sentiments.



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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Stay mellow. Let nothing trigger that famous temper of yours. You'll be persuasive when you keep your voice low and your actions deliberate. Loved ones will show that they respect you.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You're comfortable socializing on your own turf; then again, comfort is overrated. Venture out. You'll pick up creative ideas and be intellectually stimulated by the new people you meet.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Though you've grown, in many ways, your role in your family has stayed the same. You're ready for it to change. You'll chose to interact differently with your people and they will eventually adjust.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You think you have a brilliant idea until you share it with others who react in a less than enthusiastic manner. Perhaps this is not your ideal audience, or they just don't understand. Simplify and try again.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Clearly, to have what you want will require great self-discipline. Tighten the reigns on yourself. Remind your inner child who is in charge. Get back to basics. Distinguish between luxury and necessity.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (JUNE 28).** This is one of your most exciting years to date. You will be open to spontaneous fun and prone to improbable pursuits. You study your business like a science and make marked improvements in your job performance this

summer. People are attracted to your originality. You'll be invited to speak or teach this fall. Capricorn and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 20, 4, 19, 42 and 15.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll be exposed to different worlds. Your imagination will develop in new directions. You needn't be quick to interpret all you observe -- it might be years before you can do so. Take it all in.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). In order to keep the peace and make someone feel better, you're willing to apologize even when you know you didn't do anything wrong. Just make sure this kind of concession doesn't become a regular habit.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You move gracefully through situations that would have hung you up just a few weeks ago. You did the work yourself to get to this place, but you also had excellent guidance. A note of thanks may be in order.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your loved ones want to help -- really they do. But for

various reasons, others won't be available to pitch in as they ought to. If you don't do it, it won't get done.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Take shortcuts on tasks like laundry, cleaning and cooking so that you'll have time for a long, ambling visit or a leisurely stroll. Make sure that relaxing, lovely experiences get the best of your attention.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The rules of a relationship change. Even if you are the one who wanted the change, the new way will probably feel uncomfortable at first. Stick with it for three days and then see how you feel.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll try harder than the others to accomplish your goal because you are striving for more than competency. You want to be great. The intellectual and physical challenge today will strengthen you.

**FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:** The seventh planet of our solar system was named for Uranus, the father of the sky.

Uranus had several children with his wife, Gaia, aka "Mother Earth," but he didn't like any of them. To be fair to Uranus, his kids were mostly monsters -- not in the misbehaving rug-rat spirit of the word either. They were actual monsters -- a Cyclops, a giant with 100 arms and the like. The point is that with Uranus, you never quite know what you're going to get. This planet goes retrograde in Pisces this week, reminding us how he got his reputation for being a rebel. As the planet responsible for irresponsibility and chaos, he'll inspire the natural world as well as the humans on it to shake things up. It's nothing to fear, for his kind of energy is a necessary agent for change. This retrograde begins July 1 and continues through Dec. 1. If there is something you'd like to change, whether it's a habit, a way of being or a job, relationship or location, the stars will align to help you do it this week. It probably won't be the beginning of a long, drawn out process either. Tap into the explosive power

deep inside you and obliterate your problem.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** When Simon Cowell called her a "naughty minx," she didn't quite know how to take the comment, but Kellie Pickler is at her most adorable when she's a little puzzled. These days, the former "American Idol" contestant joins her friend Taylor Swift on the "Fearless" tour and sings about love, life and red high heels. She may be an air sign, but this charming Gemini is no airhead. Well, not always.

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ANNIE'S MAILBOX

**Dear Annie:** Two weeks ago, on the spur of the moment, I went to Las Vegas and married my boyfriend. I can't tell you how much I regret it. I'm not sure whether it's because I've only known him a month or because the wedding ring looks like gold dice.

I am in my 30s and ready to settle down again (this was my third wedding), but even I believe this was too impulsive. My new husband is really committed, but I don't think I can do this. How can I let him

down easy and make him understand it was a mistake? -- What Happens in Vegas Should Stay in Vegas

**Dear Vegas:** You entered this union in haste, but please take the time to see if there is something worth saving. This guy is willing to stick by you and deserves that much consideration. You might discover that one secret to lasting relationships is the willingness to work through problems when things get tough. If you decide, however, that the marriage cannot possibly be successful,

you should be able to get an annulment, telling your husband that you both deserve an opportunity to get to know each other better before making this kind of commitment.

**Dear Annie:** I have a close friend who "forgets" to pay for the items in the bottom of her grocery cart and allows her infant son to play with toys in the store and then walks out as if they belong to him. I have warned "Nicole" about this practice, but so far, she has not been caught. To add to that, Nicole and her husband intend to

file for bankruptcy, so they are maxing out their credit cards on jewelry, sporting events, restaurants, etc., because they know they won't have to repay the debt.

I'm not sure why I am so upset. Am I jealous because Nicole gets these expensive items for "free" and I am going through difficult times right now? I have taken a second job to help make ends meet, while Nicole continues to steal from stores, driving up the prices for all of us. What should I do? -- Indiana

**Dear Indiana:** Nicole

is a cheat and a thief, and that is reason enough to be upset with her. We'd cross her off our friend list because she is not a person of integrity. As for the pre-bankruptcy profligacy, federal law denies the benefits of bankruptcy to anyone who is shown to have gone on a credit card spending spree during the 90 days leading up to a bankruptcy filing. Credit card companies are on the lookout for just this type of situation. Even if the credit card companies don't take legal action against her, it is likely that Nicole will still have to pay a portion of those charges from future earnings. She's not as clever as she thinks.

**Dear Annie:** I read the letter from "Total Loss," whose son dropped out of college, played video games all day and gave up on everything he loved.

My son was very successful in high school, active in the church youth group and was an Eagle Scout. When he went to college, he could not get it together. He missed classes and spent days in his dorm room. When he came home he was violent. Our doctor diagnosed him with "situational

depression." Two universities and another year later, he was diagnosed with Adult Attention Deficit Disorder through the wonderful university counseling center. He just graduated with honors and has applied for graduate school. He has grown into everything I expected he could be. Tell that family to never give up. -- Proud Mother

**Dear Proud:** Your son is lucky to have loving parents who obviously encouraged him to get the help he so desperately needed. And congratulations to him for having the courage and strength to seek assistance.

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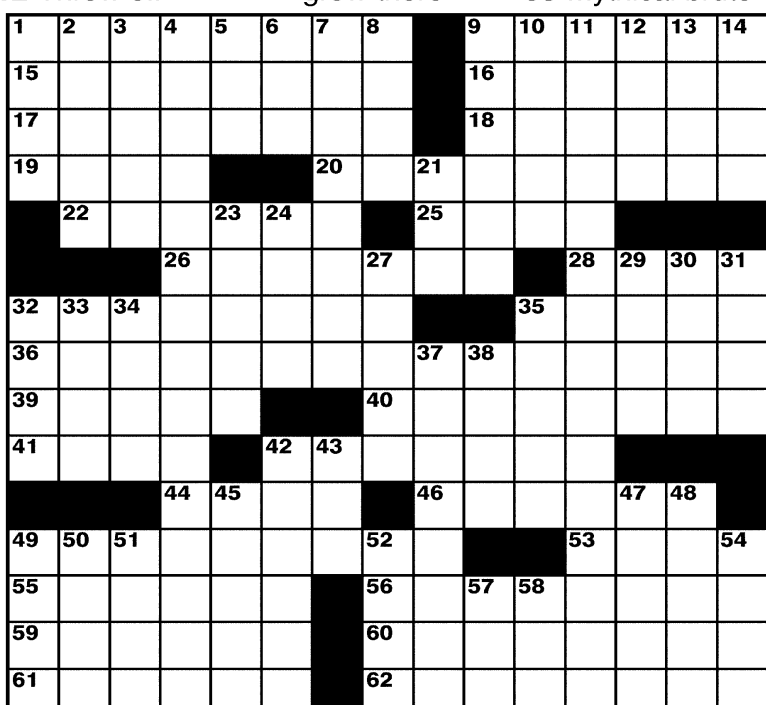
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# No heat relief in sight

## Scorching temperatures blamed for four deaths in central U.S.

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A steady heat wave across the central U.S. is blamed for four deaths and suspected to have factored in two others from Chicago to Texas, officials said Friday. Relief was unlikely in some parts where triple-digit highs are siphoning lakes and tormenting ranchers.

Authorities say more than 80 people have been treated for heat-related illnesses this month around San Antonio, where temperatures have reached 100 degrees nine times this month. State officials say the dry conditions are comparable to what fueled a devastating run of Texas wildfires a decade ago.

The Midwest is just as heat-weary. More than 40 heat-related illnesses have been reported since Sunday in St. Louis County, where the deaths of two people are being blamed on temperatures that have settled over much of the central U.S. the past 10 days.

In Chicago, the Cook County medical examiner's office reported Friday the deaths of three people this week related to temperatures that reached into the 90s. One was a 10-year-old girl with cerebral palsy and another was a 32-year-old man working outdoors, both of whom died of heat stroke.

"This is just crazy hot," said Bob Rose, a meteorologist with the Lower Colorado River Authority in Austin. "You combine the drought with this blazing hot sunshine and it's as every bit hot as it seems."

Oklahoma upped air quality alerts and Missouri grappled with road pavement across the state buckling or blowing up under searing heat following a long, wet spring.

A high pressure system stationed over the southern U.S. for the last two to three weeks has smothered the region with dry and hot air, said Steve Smart, a forecaster with the National

Weather Service near San Antonio.

San Antonio has seen less than a half-inch of rain in June, far short of the 3¼ inches the area usually gets. Near the state capital of Austin, Lake Travis has been losing about two feet of water each week.

Crops and fields continued to suffer in drought-ravaged parts of Texas. Rose, the meteorologist, said worried ranchers and farmers are calling about defenseless plants withering in the sun and rooted in dry dirt.

About 80 percent of dryland crops, such as sorghum, in Texas are not going to make it through the drought or will be so down they won't be worth harvesting, said Jose Pena, an economist with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service.

Texas officials also are worried about wildfires with the heat and dryness similar to 1998, when fires destroyed more than 200,000 acres and 147 homes. No major wildfires have so

far been reported.

"Barring a tropical storm or a hurricane, we think parts of the state has the potential for damaging wildfires through August and maybe September," said Mark Stanford, fire operations chief for the Texas Forest Service.

A 75-year-old Missouri man was found dead Thursday in his Maplewood home, where the room temperature was 96 degrees and the air condition was not working. There also was no air conditioning in the St. Louis County home of a 62-year-old woman found dead after neighbors reported not seeing her in three days.



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# American classics with a maple twist

FAMILY FEATURES

**P**ure maple syrup has been a part of North American life since before the continent was settled by Europeans. Pure maple syrup's uses go beyond morning pancakes or waffles — it adds depth of flavor and complexity to everything from beverages and main dishes to salads and desserts.

Pure maple syrup is 100 percent natural and free of any coloring or additives (make sure you buy the right stuff!). It has fewer calories than corn syrup or honey, and it does not contain any high fructose corn syrup. It also contains vitamins and antioxidants, which can delay or prevent free radical induced diseases.

These recipes liven up classic American favorites with the subtle sweetness of maple. For more recipes, visit [www.purecanadamaple.com](http://www.purecanadamaple.com).

## Sticky facts about maple syrup

- With its forests brimming with majestic red, black and sugar maples, Canada has just the right mix of cold spring nights and warm daytime temperatures to produce the clear-colored sap used to make maple syrup.
- The maple harvest season only lasts for a period of about 12 to 20 days, usually in early March to the end of April.
- Canada produces 80 percent of maple syrup sold in the world, 91 percent of which is produced in Quebec.
- There are 8,600 maple syrup producers in Canada.
- Forty liters of maple sap make one liter of maple syrup.

100 percent pure maple syrup can also be used as a healthier alternative to sugar in a variety of desserts and baked goods, such as pies and cakes. To do so, substitute sugar for an equal amount of maple syrup. For each cup of syrup, reduce the quantity of liquid ingredients in the recipe (water, milk, juice) by about a quarter of a cup. Maple syrup may also serve as a one-to-one substitution for other liquid sweeteners, such as honey, molasses and corn syrup.



### Strawberry Maple Slushee

- 1 cup orange juice
- 1/2 cup 100% pure maple syrup
- 12 strawberries
- Ice cubes

In a blender, combine orange juice and maple syrup. Add strawberries and a generous handful of ice cubes. Blend on pulse and pour into frosted glasses. Garnish with a strawberry and savor one sip at a time.

### Sweet n' Spicy Maple Lemon Drop

Recipe Courtesy of John Rothstein, Beverage Manager & Mixologist, Buddakan Restaurant NYC

- 1 3/4 ounces tequila
- 1 1/2 ounces Sauvignon Blanc
- 3/4 ounce jalapeño infused elderflower liqueur (i.e. Saint-Germain Liqueur)
- 3/4 ounce fresh lemon juice
- 3/4 ounce 100% pure light maple syrup

Add all ingredients into a cocktail shaker. Shake and strain into chilled martini glass. Garnish with a lemon spiral.



### Spice Cupcakes With Maple Cream Cheese Frosting

Makes 12 cupcakes

- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/4 teaspoon ground allspice
- 3/4 cup unsalted butter, room temperature
- 1 cup sugar
- 3 large eggs, room temperature
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 tablespoon 100% pure maple syrup
- 1/2 cup buttermilk

#### Frosting

- 1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese, room temperature
- 1/4 cup butter, room temperature
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 1/4 cup 100% pure maple syrup

Preheat oven to 325°F.

In medium bowl, sift together flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt and spices. In large bowl, cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy, for about 5 minutes. Add eggs one at a time, beating well and scraping down bowl after each addition. Add vanilla and maple syrup and mix well on high speed.

In three parts, alternately add dry ingredients and buttermilk to batter, beginning and ending with the dry. Mix until just combined.

Line a muffin pan with paper liners. Fill each cup to the top with batter. Bake for 25 to 35 minutes, until tops are golden brown and a toothpick comes out clean. Allow to cool in the pan for 15 minutes, then remove to a baking rack and cool completely. Ice with cream cheese frosting.

**To make frosting:** Cream together cream cheese and butter until light and fluffy. Beat in powdered sugar. Add maple syrup and beat until smooth. Garnish with orange spiral.

### Maple Rosemary Turkey Burgers

Yield: 4 servings

- 1 1/4 pounds ground turkey
- 1 beaten egg
- 3 tablespoons fresh rosemary, chopped
- 1/4 cup 100% pure maple syrup
- 1/2 cup bread crumbs
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 4 hamburger buns or Kaiser rolls
- Your favorite condiments

Preheat grill on medium. In bowl, combine ground turkey, egg, rosemary, maple syrup, bread crumbs and seasonings. Divide meat into 4 equal parts and form into patties. Baste with olive oil and grill on low heat for 4 minutes on each side until fully cooked through.

Serve on hamburger buns or Kaiser rolls with your favorite condiments.

**Serving suggestion:** These hamburgers will taste even better with a side of roasted peppers, a crunchy green salad mix or roasted veggies.

### Mixed Greens With Oranges, Cashews and Maple Vinaigrette

Yield: 4 servings

- 1 head lettuce (loose-leaf or romaine)
- 2 endives
- 1 apple
- 1 red onion, sliced in rings
- 1 or 2 Mandarin oranges
- 1/2 cup yellow or red pepper, chopped
- 1/4 cup cashew nuts, whole
- 3 tablespoons golden raisins
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice

#### Vinaigrette

- 4 teaspoons cider vinegar
- 3 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 2 tablespoons 100% pure maple syrup
- 1/2 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- Salt and pepper, to taste

Wash and dry lettuce. Remove endive leaves and set aside.

Halve the apple, remove the core and slice.

Mix apple slices with raisins and lemon juice.

Add segments of the peeled mandarin oranges, lettuce, endive leaves, onion rings, yellow or red pepper and cashew nuts. Sprinkle with maple vinaigrette and serve.

**Vinaigrette:** Mix salt, pepper and mustard. Add vinegar and mix well to dissolve the salt. Add oil and maple syrup. Store in the refrigerator until ready to serve.