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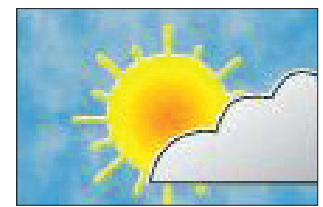


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Jones on board at Y

By **ALEX NEWSOM**
Herald Intern

The Big Spring YMCA's new director is on the job. Dallas native Dathan Jones formally assumed director responsibilities today. He succeeds Pete Thiry, who resigned earlier this year after more than a decade at the helm of the local Y. There will be a reception welcoming Jones from noon until 1 p.m. Friday. The public is invited. "The more the merrier," Jones said. "Anyone should feel free to just show up and pop in (Friday) and have some sandwiches, cake and punch. I would love to meet the public. I'd like to go door-

A welcome reception has been set from noon to 1 p.m. Friday at the YMCA, 891 Owens.

to-door and meet everyone if I could." Jones, 27, is originally from Dallas, but he comes to Big Spring after working five years at the Abilene YMCA and later McMurry University. His first day of work was Wednesday, but because of moving problems, today is his first actual day in the office. "I didn't really know too

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Dathan Jones looks over a schedule at the Big Spring YMCA, where he began duties this week as director. He received his master's degree from Hardin-Simmons University. He originally hails from Dallas.

HERALD photo/Alex Newsom

SPLASH IN! Pool open at Forsan

Herald Staff Report

Big Spring's Comanche Trail Park Municipal Swimming Pool may be closed this summer but that doesn't mean there's no place to swim. In addition to the YMCA facility, the Forsan Pool is open and welcoming residents from other communities. The pool is open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and, yes, that includes the July 4 holiday. Cost is \$1 for Forsan and Elbow Elementary children and \$2 for everyone else. Lifeguards are on duty at all times. Forsan Pool is located at Forsan High School in the Forsan Community, north of Big Spring off U.S. Highway 87. For more information or directions, call 457-9123.



HERALD file photo Steven Saldivar, shown with administrative secretary Terri Martin earlier this year, officially assumed superintendent duties for Big Spring Independent School District Wednesday.

Saldivar officially takes over top post at Big Spring ISD

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Take the "designate" off his title — Steven Saldivar is officially the new superintendent for Big Spring Independent School District. Saldivar, who was hired by BSISD trustees to fill the district's top administrative post in January, officially took the reins Wednesday. He succeeds Michael Downes, who resigned in June 2008. Dr. Michael Stevens, who has served the district as interim superintendent since shortly after Downes' resignation, will remain with the district in an advisory capacity until December, officials announced.

"I can't say I was scared or intimidated at the thought of becoming superintendent. I was more excited by the opportunity than anything else."

— Steven Saldivar, BSISD superintendent

Saldivar came to BSISD as assistant superintendent in May 2008. Prior to that, he was assistant superintendent at Lamesa Independent School District for four years. The Eldorado native has

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Veterans to lead Freedom Parade

Eddie Vela, Homer Jay Miller and J.R. Bennett to serve as marshals

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

As it has for years, Coahoma will get a red, white and blue jump on the July 4 holiday as it prepares to host the annual Freedom Parade Saturday morning. Howard County Justice of the Peace Quail Dobbs said the parade, which is set

to begin at 10 a.m., will get started near the west side of the parking lot at Coahoma High School's Bulldog Stadium, moving south on N. First Street. Dobbs said the parade will make its way through Coahoma before heading north again, ending up back at the same football stadium.

"The parade will be very similar to what we had last year," said Dobbs. This year's parade will feature three marshals, according to Dobbs, and each one of them knows full well the true price of our nation's independence, then and now. "Our first parade marshal, Eddie Vela, was born and

raised in Texas, and joined the U.S. Army in 1952," said Dobbs. "He served in Korea for eight months, and during that time was awarded numerous medals." Among those medals, according to Dobbs, were the National Defense Service

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Obituaries

Bennie Jean Barber

Bennie Jean Barber, 78, of Big Spring died Wednesday, July 1, 2009, at her residence. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, July 3, 2009, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Ray Davis, pastor of Grace Fellowship Church of God, officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

She was born Feb. 10, 1931, in Callahan County and married Billy Gene Barber Aug. 24, 1947, in Stanton.

Bennie was a lifelong resident of Big Spring and a homemaker. Her family was everything to her and she was a caring and loving wife, mother and grandmother. She enjoyed shopping and gardening.

She was a devoted member of Grace Fellowship Church of God.

Survivors include her husband, Billy Barber of Big Spring; two sons and daughters-in-law, Bobby and Cheryl Barber of Big Spring, and Wayne and Brenda Barber of Midland; two daughters and sons-in-law, Louise and Ronnie Huitt, and Sylvia and Hector Rodriguez, all of Big Spring; one brother, Dean Holland of Big Spring; nine grandchildren, Terry Huitt and wife, Lori, Jerry Huitt, Teresa Caldwell, Preston Huitt and wife, Amy, Donnie Barber, Jill Moss, Sheryl Harbour, Rodrick Rodriguez and Eric Barber; 21 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Thomas and Lavert Holland; five sisters and one brother.

Pallbearers will be Terry Huitt, Jerry Huitt, Preston Huitt, Donnie Barber, Timothy Huitt, Casey Huitt and Stanley Pendelton.

The family suggests memorials to Grace Fellowship Church of God, 603 Tulane, Big Spring 79720; or to Best Home Care, 1900 Gregg St., Big Spring 79720.

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

Paid obituary

Take Note

The city of Big Spring will close all offices, including the landfill and compost facilities, Friday in observance of the July 4 holiday. There will be no sanitation pickup Friday.

Angel Food ordering days for the July 4 holiday weekend will continue today until 6 p.m. Orders will be taken only at North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church, 2702 N. Birdwell Lane today. 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.

A Howard County Patriots Independence Day "Tea Party" will be held at noon Saturday on the county courthouse east lawn. Everyone is invited.

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.

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.

Police blotter

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

- JIMMY GARRARD, 35, of 1509 Stadium, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.

- RONNIE GENE BUSSEY, 65, of El Paso, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.

- VINCENT PARRAMORE, 43, of 702 S. Lancaster, was arrested Wednesday on three local warrants and a Midland County warrant.

- BOBBY DAVIS, 34, of 1205 Douglas, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of marijuana.

- ANTHONY TREVINO, 23, of 1607 Bluebird, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.

- BRYON PAYNE, 23, of 1319 Sycamore, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of injury to a child - assault/family violence.

- UNATTENDED DEATH was reported in the 1900 block of Monticello.

- THEFT was reported: in the 2500 block of Cindy. in the 1700 block of FM 700. in the 3300 block of FM 700.

- POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - TWO OUNCES OR LESS was reported in the 2900 block of W. Highway 80.

- INJURY TO A CHILD WITH INTENT TO CAUSE BODILY INJURY was reported in the 1300 block of Sycamore.

- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 1300 block of Sycamore.

- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 1900 block of Highway 87.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 77 inmates at the time of this report.

- EDWARD BATEMAN, 19, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a local warrant.

- WAYNE BATEMAN, 17, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on four local warrants.

- RONNIE GENE BUSSEY, 65, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- FRANKLIN CASEY, 48, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on two local warrants.

- MICHAEL COURTNEY, 53, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on two local warrants.

- BOBBY DAVIS, 34, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

- JIMMY GARRARD, 35, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- DELORES GOODBLANKET, 31, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.

- WILLIAM HAYES, 52, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of contempt of court.

- SHERRY JOHNSON, 43, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication and possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

- VINCENT PARRAMORE, 43, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on three local warrants for contempt of court.

- BRYON PATRICK PAYNE, 23, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of injury to a child with intent to cause bodily injury and assault Class C.

- ANTHONY TREVINO, 23, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

Fire/EMS

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

- TRAUMA was reported in the 300 block of W. Third Street in Forsan. Service refused.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 3300 block of S. Moss Lake Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 400 block of S. Gregg Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 200 block of Lockhart. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of S. Monticello. Service refused.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 800 block of W. Marcy. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 400 block of Tubb Loop Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

- TRAUMA was reported in the area of FM 821, seven miles east of Big Spring. Service refused.




- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of S. Nolan. One person was transported to SMMC.

- TRAUMA was reported in the 8400 block of the Interstate 20 N. Service Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1100 block of W. Third Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

Today's Weather

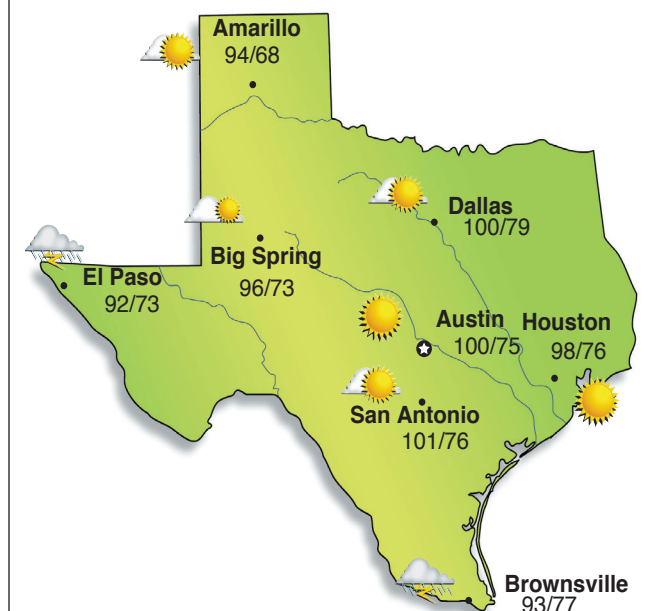
Local 3-Day Forecast

Fri 7/3	Sat 7/4	Sun 7/5
		
96/73 Intervals of clouds and sunshine. High 96F. Winds S at 10 to 20 mph.	96/75 More sun than clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the mid 70s.	97/75 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the mid 70s.
Sunrise: 6:44 AM Sunset: 8:56 PM	Sunrise: 6:44 AM Sunset: 8:56 PM	Sunrise: 6:45 AM Sunset: 8:56 PM



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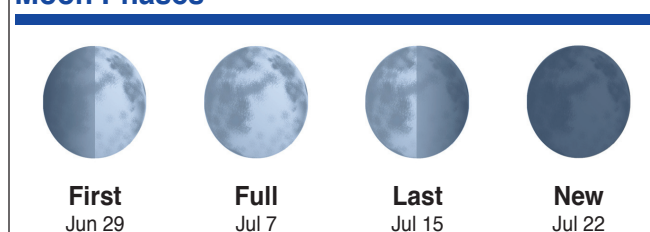
Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	98	75	mst sunny	Kingsville	99	76	t-storm
Amarillo	94	68	mst sunny	Livingston	99	74	sunny
Austin	100	75	sunny	Longview	99	76	mst sunny
Beaumont	97	77	sunny	Lubbock	95	70	pt sunny
Brownsville	93	77	t-storm	Lufkin	100	75	sunny
Brownwood	99	75	sunny	Midland	97	75	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	96	79	sunny	Raymondville	96	77	t-storm
Corsicana	99	77	sunny	Rosenberg	98	76	sunny
Dallas	100	79	mst sunny	San Antonio	101	76	mst sunny
Del Rio	100	79	sunny	San Marcos	100	75	sunny
El Paso	92	73	t-storm	Sulphur Springs	100	78	mst sunny
Fort Stockton	95	71	mst sunny	Sweetwater	98	74	mst sunny
Gainesville	100	78	mst sunny	Tyler	99	75	mst sunny
Greenville	99	77	mst sunny	Weatherford	100	77	sunny
Houston	98	76	sunny	Wichita Falls	102	75	mst sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	89	66	sunny	Minneapolis	82	61	pt sunny
Boston	79	62	t-storm	New York	81	64	t-storm
Chicago	82	64	mst sunny	Phoenix	99	81	t-storm
Dallas	100	79	mst sunny	San Francisco	81	57	mst sunny
Denver	78	59	t-storm	Seattle	86	59	sunny
Houston	98	76	sunny	St. Louis	85	69	mst sunny
Los Angeles	80	63	sunny	Washington, DC	83	66	mst sunny
Miami	90	78	t-storm				

Moon Phases



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Fri 7/3	Sat 7/4	Sun 7/5
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Extreme	Extreme	Extreme

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 2 - 15 - 16 - 18 - 26 - 29.

Number matching six of six: 0.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 8 - 16 - 21 - 30 - 33.

Number matching five of five: 0.

of five: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order:

0 - 5 - 0 - 8. Sum It Up: 13.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday afternoon by the Texas Lottery, in order:

0-1-8. Sum It Up: 9

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SALDIVAR

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almost 20 years educational experience, mainly as a teacher, coach and administrator.

After graduating from Eldorado High School in 1986, he enrolled at Sul Ross State University in Alpine to pursue his first love — playing football.

"I went to college to play football," he said earlier this year. "When I was out there, I started thinking, 'What am I going to do with the rest of my life?' I had a lot of teachers who were a big influence on me, so I decided to become a teacher and a coach."

He ultimately obtained his bachelor's degree from Sul Ross, then a master's degree in education from the University of Houston at Victoria before pursuing his career in the classroom and athletic field. Making the switch to

administration, he said, almost came about by accident.

"It's funny," he said. "I was teaching and coaching at Granado and was about to move to Crane to do the same thing there ... We had already sold our home and it was about two days before the moving vans arrived to haul our stuff to Crane when the (Granado ISD) superintendent came by the house and offered me the high school principal position.

"That's how my life as an administrator began," he added. "Is it destiny? Is it providence? Who knows? All I do know is that's what happened."

He stayed at Granado until 2005, when he accepted the assistant superintendent position at Lamesa ISD, and held that post until coming to Big Spring in 2008.

When the superintendent's post became vacant shortly after he ar-

rived, Saldivar decided to try for the position.

"By already being here, I felt I had an advantage in that I knew the people and the system," he said. "Being on the inside definitely helped. I can't say I was scared or intimidated at the thought of becoming superintendent. I was more excited by the opportunity than anything else."

Not much changed during Saldivar's first official day on the job, he said.

"It honestly didn't feel any different — and I think that's a good thing," Saldivar said. "Dr. Stevens is still here helping us out ... and we're dealing with the same issues, so, on my part, it really didn't feel any different."

The major issue facing the district will be formulating a new budget. That task has been slightly hampered by the uncertainty of how much state revenue BSISD will receive.

"The templates we receive (from the state)

keep changing," he said. "But that's just part of what working through the budget is about."

Another major issue is making sure the district has a full complement of teachers and administrators for the coming school year.

"We've hired almost all of the administrators we'll need for the new school year and we've hired a majority of the new teachers we'll need," he said. "We're fortunate that we didn't have a large amount of turnover this year."

With Saldivar's promotion, along with the recent hiring of Assistant Superintendent Danny Farrell and Executive Director for Instruction and Personnel Anne McClarty, the BSISD administration team is back at full strength.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

Local man charged with injury to child

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

A Big Spring man was arrested Wednesday night following a physical confrontation that injured a 13-year-old child, according to law enforcement officials.

Bryon Payne, 23, of 1319 Sycamore, was arrested Wednesday by officers with the Big Spring Police Department on a charge of injury to a child — assault/family violence, according to PD records.

According to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the BSPD, the altercation took place at Payne's residence on Sycamore, where he is believed to have been living with the victim and the victim's mother.

"Officers were called to the scene at 9:24 p.m.," said Everett. "There had been a domestic dispute between Payne and the victim's mother, and the juvenile had

jumped into it. The child suffered minor wounds and was not transported to the hospital at the time of the arrest."

Everett said Payne was arrested without incident and booked into the Howard County Jail, where he was awaiting arraignment this morning.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com



Payne

sudoku

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JONES

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much about Big Spring before I saw an opening here on the National YMCA vacancies online. I knew it was a small town and I was kind of curious about it. So I applied for the position here feeling that because it was a small town I might could make some kind of a difference," said Jones.

"One of the big things we'll be working on to start with here at the YMCA is meeting and greeting people — basically helping people to feel comfortable when they come here. Things like orientation on the machines, letting people know what pro-

grams we have here and getting with the paper and other major sources of communication to let people know what the YMCA has to offer. We want to go directly to the people and directly impact them with the YMCA."

Jones completed his undergraduate degree at Hardin-Simmons University in communications and sociology. He also got his masters degree in sports recreation management there.

"I'm really looking forward to being here. I'm glad to be here already. It's a lot of work to do, but I'm willing to do all of it," he said.

For more information about the reception, the YMCA or its programs, call 267-8234.

Va. burglar photographs self with victim's phone

SUFFOLK, Va. (AP) — Suffolk police say they now have a suspect to go with an image of a person who snapped a photo of himself with a cell phone belonging to the owner of the home he burglarized.

Police say a 17-year-old Suffolk resident faces charges of burglary and larceny. They're not identifying him because he's underage.

The burglary happened in early June. Detectives think the person unsuccessfully tried to make a phone call using the phone, then used the camera function to photograph himself. People who saw the photo in news stories helped detectives identify the suspect.

VETERANS

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Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, United Nations Service Medal, the Korean Service Medal with one Bronze Star and the Korean Presidential Unit Citation.

"After the conflict ended in Korea, Eddie was shipped to Japan, where he spent one year," said Dobbs. "After he returned to the U.S. from Japan, he re-enlisted and was sent to Germany, where he stayed until November 1957. In 1959 Eddie became a barber, moving to Big Spring in 1961, later opening his own barbershop in Coahoma called the Hi Way Barber Shop."

Dobbs said the second marshal for Saturday's parade will be Homer Jay Miller, a native of Paris, Texas, who

served in the Army from 1953 until 1955.

"During his time in the Army, Jay was stationed at Desert Rock, Nev., right outside of Las Vegas," said Dobbs. "They did atomic testing at Desert Rock, and Jay remembers vividly the ground looking like glass after they would blast. He's really an amazing guy that has done some wonderful things in his life."

The third marshal set to be honored during the parade is J.R. Bennett, a Coahoma resident who served his country during World War II in the 146th Engineer Combat Battalion.

"J.R. has been awarded a Bronze Star, Silver Star, the Good Conduct Badge, five Bronze Battle Stars, a Bronze Arrowhead and the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Campaign Medal," said Dobbs. "He's a native West Texan and

was 18 years old when he was drafted into the Army. He was assigned to work with the U.S. Navy on one of the demolition teams that hit the beaches of Normandy June 6, 1944, at H-hour, which was 6:30 a.m."

Despite his impressive collection of military citations, Bennett said fancy ribbons and medals were the last thing on his mind during his time in combat.

"I wasn't really thinking of medals when I did what I did," said Bennett. "All I was thinking of were my buddies. It was more than just a brotherhood between us. It was like you were married, and there was nothing we would not have done for each other."

For more information on the parade, contact Dobbs at 394-4000.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Like Taking Candy From a Baby

West dealer.
 Both sides vulnerable.

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

The bidding:
 West North East South
 1♥ Pass 2♥ 2♠
 Opening 3♣ Pass 4♠

Let's say you reach four spades on the bidding shown and West leads the heart jack. You hopefully play the queen, but East produces the king, which you take with the ace.

There are many different ways of proceeding, and, in fact, if you could see the East-West cards, you would easily make the contract. However, since you don't see them, you must try to select the line of play most likely to succeed.

There are very valuable clues that should point you in the right

direction. To begin with, after East shows up with the king of hearts, it's not particularly difficult to work out how the rest of the missing high cards are divided.

This is because you and dummy together have 22 high-card points, which leaves West with at most 15 points for his opening bid after East turns up with the heart king. Furthermore, it's unlikely that West has the A-K of diamonds, because he would almost surely have led the king of diamonds originally.

This leads you to credit East with the king or ace of diamonds. Once you do this, the play becomes cut and dried. West's remaining 11 or 12 high-card points must include the queen of clubs, so the pathway to success is now clear.

Accordingly, you lead a low club to the ten at trick two and cash the ace of clubs before leading a spade to your ace. You then cash the king of clubs, discarding a heart from dummy, and end up losing only a spade and two diamonds to make your contract.

While it is true that declarer is not often able to diagnose at trick one precisely how the unseen high cards are divided, the fact remains that when the appropriate situation arises, a little thought can make an enormous difference. That's what makes bridge such a fascinating game.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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AN ENCOURAGING WORD

By Eddy Pitchford

In response to the common thought, "I only need the Biblical words written in red - the words spoken by Jesus," please consider:

If I honor the red letter words, I must also honor the words of the Father because Jesus said to the Father, "Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth." (John 17:17).

If I honor the red letter words, I must also honor the words of the apostles because Jesus said to them, "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth..." (John 16:12-13).

Trying to separate the words of Jesus from the rest of scripture inconsistently seeks to make Jesus a good teacher and not the Son of God. It claims allegiance to His words while denying His work.

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OTHER VIEWS

Congress still needs to keep a close eye on rights in South

A famous question posed to prospective African American voters in the segregated South was this beauty: "How many bubbles in a bar of soap?"

Officially sanctioned bigotry like voter literacy tests aimed at discouraging African Americans and other minorities from participating in elections in the South and Southwest only seems like ancient history. There are still plenty of people around who experienced it.

Their children — now well past voting age — literally grew up with those experiences, making for two generations of voters zealously protective of the voting rights guaranteed by civil rights-era legislation that scrapped literacy tests and poll taxes.

It's a safe bet that none of them were celebrating what appeared to be the U.S. Supreme Court's refusal to strike down the historic voting rights protections.

Ruling on a case rising from a tiny Travis County voting district, the court voted to exempt the Northwest Austin Municipal Utility District No. 1 from seeking permission to move its one polling place from a garage to a school. The ruling made sense, but in it lies a clear message that the 1965 Voting Rights Act is teetering on the verge of judicial extinction.

The Voting Rights Act requires that state and local government units in eight states apply for U.S. Justice Department preclearance of changes in election law and procedure. Also covered are parts of Virginia, California, Florida, New York, North Carolina, South Dakota, Michigan and New Hampshire.

"The preclearance requirement applies broadly to every political subdivision in a covered state no matter how small," U.S. Supreme Court Justice Roberts wrote in the majority opinion.

"Some of the conditions that we relied upon in upholding this statutory scheme unquestionably improved. Things are changed in the South. Voter turnout and registration rates now approach parity. Blatantly discriminatory evasions of federal decrees are rare. And minority candidates hold office at unprecedented levels."

All that is true enough, but experience in Texas with the unprecedented makeover of congressional districts in 2003 — done by a compliant Texas Legislature at the behest of then-Majority Leader Tom DeLay — shows that the willingness of majority parties to engage in partisan hanky-panky hasn't died, nor is that willingness showing signs of even the faintest of illness.

Some argue that a proposal to require voter identification in Texas is a revival of the poll tax. While that might be a bit of hyperbole, the viewpoint is understandable given the state's history of stepping on minority voter rights.

With due respect to the chief justice, things are better but not so good that the need for federal oversight of Texas elections is — like voter literacy questions — a thing of the past.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Our walk with You, Lord, makes every moment count.

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Forget guns, I'll take a cell phone

The Internet is a lot like the dreaded kudzu vine. Once introduced into a venue it doesn't merely grow, it explodes. It goes anywhere it wants, does anything it wants and generally takes over.

There are some bad things about this — it eats up newspapers like rabbits eat up vegetable gardens, for example — but there are good things too.

For one, it has made the police state, that staple of 20th century governance, obsolescent. Not obsolete, mind you — there are still a lot of them around — but their job is much harder now and, in the long run, impossible.

We see it working its magic in Iran right now.

Ten years ago the government would have stolen the election and immediately put a lockdown on information coming out of country. Some people would have protested and gotten beaten up, hardly anyone would have noticed and the world would have yawned. A three-day story, tops.

Instead we now have great numbers of people spilling into the streets to protest the fraudulent election of Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, energized by the information fed to them through the Internet. And the world has noticed.

The police and the government's paramilitary thugs beat the protestors, shoot them,

arrest them, but still they come. The government has banned foreign journalists from the streets. People with cameras are arrested and abused. Still the photos and stories of the government's brutality keep streaming out to the rest of the world.

It's enough to make a ruling despot long for the days when the Soviet Union could silence critics by confiscating all the mimeograph machines in Moscow.

The government has tried to stem the Internet tide but to little avail. Hundreds of photos of the protests have appeared on YouTube and thousands of messages from protesters have made their way to the outside world through text messaging, Twitter and all the other technologies I know nothing about.

Will it be enough to topple the government or at least to win new elections? Probably not. A police state still has formidable weapons at its command and the Iranian government seems quite willing to use them.

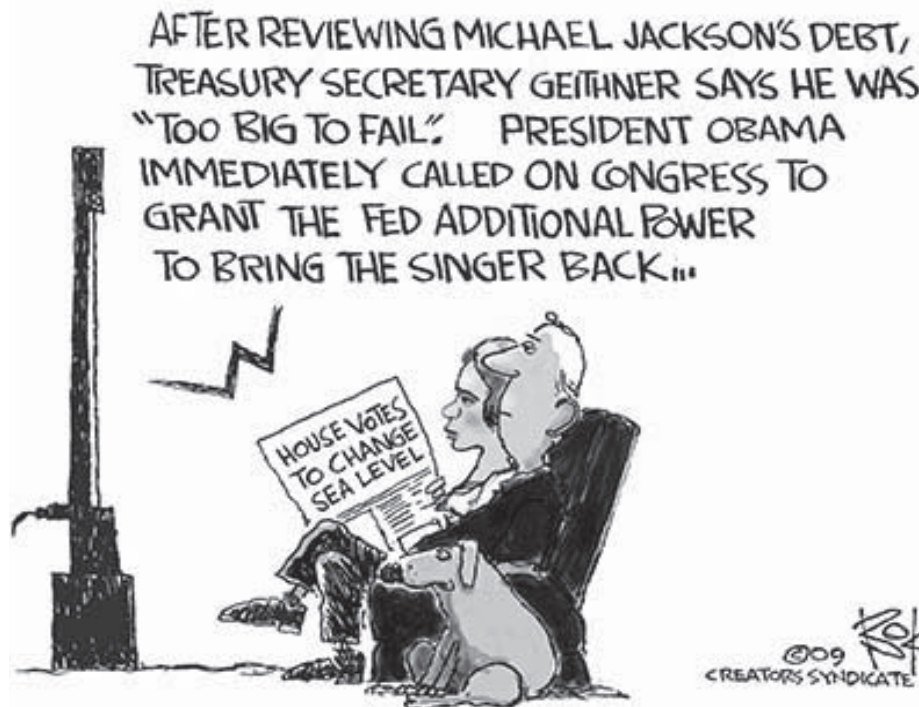
But its aura of invincibility has been breached, its moral authority fractured. It's become obvious that it's just another corrupt gang of thugs willing to do whatever it takes to hang on to power and damn the consequences.

The situation gives lie to the claim of the National Rifle Association and its fellow-travelers that the first thing "the Communists" do when they take over a country is to confiscate the guns.

Not true. The first thing insurgents do when they gain control is take over the radio and television stations. Then they close the newspapers. Guns are



DONALD KAUL



Time for Congress to investigate

Plans are already being made for the 2010 elections for the U.S. Congress, and the Democrats would appear to have some advantages. They have a popular president, a 6-percentage-point lead in party identification and 9 points for a generic Congressional ballot. Majorities of the electorate see both Obama and the Democratic Party as pushing for a change from the failed policies of the past. The Republicans seem divided and confused over a recovery strategy, plagued by high-level defections (such as Sen. Arlen Specter) and spokespeople (such as Rush Limbaugh and Dick Cheney) that seem too extreme to win over the necessary swing voters.

But the president's party almost always loses Congressional seats in non-presidential-year elections. And if next year's elections reduce the Democrats' margin, it would be even more difficult to make progress on important reform legislation, such as health care.

At the end of the day, the ability to deliver reforms that actually improve the lives of the majority of Americans will most likely determine their long-term success as a political party.

The 2010 elections will very likely be about who gets blamed for the current economic disaster.

Even if the economy is recovering in the latter half of next year — and that is a big "if" — it will not feel much like an economic

recovery for most Americans. The labor market will still be very weak, with unemployment projected to pass ten percent and rising in the second half of next year. Millions will have lost their homes and their jobs, and many millions more will have lost most of the equity that they had accumulated in their homes — the main source of retirement savings for most households. The party that gets blamed for the mess will be most likely to lose seats in Congress.

The Democrats have a chance to defy electoral history and increase their Congressional lead next year, and perhaps even push the GOP toward the status of a permanent minority party. Celinda Lake, one of the Democratic Party's leading pollsters and strategists, has recently found that 71 percent of voters want Congress to hold investigations into the "events leading up to the Wall Street financial crisis." More importantly, the proportion is just as high among swing voters.

A Congressional investigation, if done right, would probe the errors, excesses, fraud, corruption and other abuses that led to the country's worst recession since the Great Depression. There is plenty of blame to go around, but much of it would probably land on Wall Street and the country's bloated financial sector. The vastly overpaid executives, who made ever-increasing bets on the proposition that obviously over-valued house prices would continue to rise indefinitely, would come under fire.

Some of them were rewarded for their failures with high positions in government: for example, President Bush's Treasury Secretary Hank Paulson,

dangerous yes, but not nearly as dangerous as ideas.

Republicans are upset with President Obama for not making a more forceful protest against what's going on in Iran, but I'm not sure what they want him to do. Make faces at Iran's leaders? Call them names? (We've already used up our quota for wars this decade.)

Maybe the president could show them a picture of Dick Cheney smiling. That's pretty terrifying.

Beyond that, interposing the United States in what is, after all, an internal matter would do nothing but make the protesters look like pawns of the United States and weaken their position.

He's playing it just about right, turning up the heat gradually.

The Republicans have gotten a lot of mileage out of talking tough to our adversaries, when they talk at all. Where has it gotten us? Pariah status in the very part of the world that we now seek to influence.

What's happening in Iran now is important largely because Iran is a hostile country that is attempting to arm itself with nuclear weapons. Ideally, we'd like to get the rest of the world — countries like China, India, Japan — on our side in trying to prevent it from doing so.

For that you need not bluster but persuasion.

And the Internet.

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who made \$164 million in 2006 at Goldman Sachs during the peak of the housing bubble, helped steer the economy into an iceberg, and then came to Congress to ask for a blank check of \$700 billion to bail out his Wall Street friends.

The most important policy makers, such as Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan — who has to some degree fallen from grace — but also current Chairman Ben Bernanke, might also be asked to explain how they failed to notice the biggest asset bubble in the history of the world as it swelled over a period of several years to obviously threatening proportions.

The obvious analogy to such an investigation would be the famed Pecora commission during the 1930's, as some have pointed out. It was named for its intrepid chief counsel Ferdinand Pecora, who went after the Wall Street titans of that era and helped pave the way for the nation's most important financial regulatory reforms, such as the Glass-Steagall Act of 1933.

The Democratic Congressional leadership thus has a chance to do something that could promote badly needed reforms, is desired by an overwhelming majority of voters, and could give them a big political boost.

But do they have the guts to do it?

We will soon find out.

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As budget deficit grows, California set to issue IOUs

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — California's controller will start paying many of the state's bills with IOUs as soon as Thursday after lawmakers failed to close the state's worsening budget deficit, adding a new measure of indignity to a state sinking deeper into dysfunction.

Lawmakers' failure to act on Tuesday, the end of the fiscal year, also widened California's deficit from what already had been a whopping \$24.3 billion — more than a quarter of its general fund.

The failure to balance the state's main checkbook and the looming IOUs prompted Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger on Wednesday to declare a fiscal state of emergency.

Under the declaration, state offices will be closed three days a month to conserve cash. If the Legislature fails to solve the deficit within 45 days, it cannot adjourn or act on other bills until the crisis is resolved.

The partial government shutdown also will lead to a third furlough day for 235,000 state employees, bringing their total pay cut this year to about 14 percent.

"California needed the Legislature to act boldly and with conviction. Their response was not a solution to California's budget problem but an invitation to actually a bigger financial crisis," Schwarzenegger said.

On Tuesday, as the

previous fiscal year was drawing to a close, the Senate rejected three bills designed to save \$5 billion, including \$3.3 billion in education funding cuts that had to be enacted. Passing those bills would have given the Legislature time to work out a broader solution to the deficit and delayed the need for IOUs.

Instead, the budget shortfall is set to grow even wider because of California's complicated school funding formula, meaning the state will not have enough money to pay all its bills.

State Controller John Chiang said his office is prepared to issue IOUs totaling \$3.3 billion in July.

Senate Minority Leader Dennis Hollingsworth said neither he nor his Republican colleagues wanted to see California resort to IOUs to pay its bills, but he said Democrats had refused to make sufficient spending cuts to solve the shortfall.

It will be the first time since 1992 that California will have issued IOUs. The move is almost certain to further damage the state's credit rating, already the lowest of any state, saddling taxpayers with billions of dollars in higher interest payments on bonds that have yet to be sold.

Issuing IOUs — formally referred to as individual registered warrants — also will have real-world consequences for those on the

receiving end. Small businesses that rely on state contracts will be most affected.

"It really doesn't affect the million-dollar companies. It's the smaller ones that will get hit," said Paul Nguyen, director of Care Now Staffing, a Southern California company that employs a dozen medical professionals.

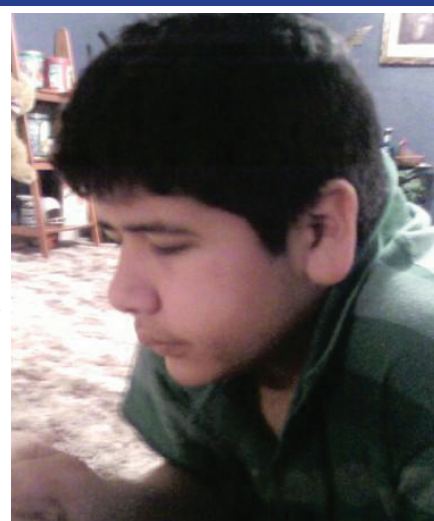
The IOUs also will be sent to California counties, which now must find other ways to fund a wide array of social programs, ranging from alcohol abuse and mental health treatment to services for the elderly and disabled. California's universities were evaluating ways to assist students whose grants will not be funded to pay education expenses.

It was unclear whether some of California's largest banks will accept the state's IOUs as payment. They would be paid back, with interest, but the state's precarious financial condition and legislative gridlock might be making some bankers nervous.

Bank of America announced Wednesday it would cash the IOUs for its customers through July 10, bank spokeswoman Colleen Haggerty said. Schwarzenegger and state officials asked other banks to do the same, noting that California has never defaulted.

"We will make those payments," he said. "We are responsible."

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Actor Malden, famous for 'Streetcar Named Desire,' dead at 97

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Karl Malden, the Academy Award-winning actor whose intelligent characterizations on stage, screen and television made him a star despite his plain looks, died Wednesday, his family said. He was 97.

Malden died of natural causes surrounded by his family at his Brentwood home, they told the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences. He served as the academy's president from 1989-92.

"Karl lived a rich, full life," Academy president Sid Ganis said. "He has the greatest and most loving family; a career that has spanned the spectrum of the arts from theater to film and television, to some very famous commercial work."

While he tackled a variety of characters over the years, he was often seen in working-class garb or military uniform.

His authenticity in grittier roles came naturally: He was the son of a Czech mother and a Serbian father, and worked for a time in the steel mills of Gary, Ind.,

after dropping out of college.

Malden said he got his celebrated bulbous nose when he broke it a couple of times playing basketball or football, joking that he was "the only actor in Hollywood whose nose qualifies him for handicapped parking." He liked to say he had "an open-hearth face."

Malden won a supporting actor Oscar in 1951 for his role as Blanche DuBois' naive suitor Mitch in "A Streetcar Named Desire" — a role he also played on Broadway.

He was nominated again as best supporting actor in 1954 for his performance as Father Corrigan, a fearless, friend-of-the-working-man priest in "On the Waterfront." In both movies, he costarred with Marlon Brando.

"When you worked with him, he was the character," said Eva Marie Saint, who garnered a supporting actress Oscar for her role in "Waterfront." "He was the consummate actor and he loved acting. He was dear and smart. Whatever he did he enjoyed life."

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News in brief

Thousands of Marines launch huge anti-Taliban drive in Afghanistan

NAWA, Afghanistan (AP) — Thousands of U.S. Marines poured from helicopters and armored vehicles into Taliban-controlled villages in southern Afghanistan on Thursday in the first major operation under President Barack Obama's strategy to stabilize the country.

The offensive was launched shortly after 1 a.m. Thursday local time (4:30 p.m. EDT Wednesday, 2030 GMT Wednesday) in Helmand province, a Taliban stronghold and the world's largest opium poppy producing area. The goal is to clear insurgents from the hotly contested region before the nation's Aug. 20 presidential election.

Officials described the operation — dubbed Khanjar, or "Strike of the Sword" — as the largest and fastest-moving of the war's new phase and the biggest Marine offensive since the one in Fallujah, Iraq, in 2004. It involves nearly 4,000 newly arrived Marines plus 650 Afghan forces. British forces last week led similar, but smaller, missions to clear out insurgents in Helmand and neighboring Kandahar province.

"Where we go we will stay, and where we stay, we will hold, build and work toward transition of all security responsibilities to Afghan forces," Marine Corps Brig. Gen. Larry Nicholson said in a statement.

North Korea test-fires two short-range missiles amid heightened nuclear tensions

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea test-fired two short-range missiles Thursday, South Korea's Defense Ministry said, a move that aggravates the already high tensions following Pyongyang's recent nuclear test and U.N. sanctions imposed as punishment.

The missiles were fired from the eastern coastal city of Wonsan on Thursday afternoon, a ministry official said on condition of anonymity citing department policy. He did not say what types of

missiles were launched, but Yonhap news agency said they were ground-to-ship missiles.

North Korea had earlier issued a no-sail zone in waters off its east coast through July 10 for military drills. That designation has been viewed as a prelude to such missile tests.

The new launches are expected to exacerbate the tensions running high since Pyongyang's May 25 underground nuclear test and a series of missile firings. The U.N. Security Council adopted a tough sanctions resolution last month to punish the communist regime.

DEA joins Michael Jackson death probe; memorial plans still mystery

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The circumstances surrounding Michael Jackson's death have become a federal issue, with the Drug Enforcement Administration asked to help police take a look at the pop star's doctors and possible drug use.

Following Jackson's death, allegations emerged that the 50-year-old King of Pop had been consuming painkillers, sedatives and antidepressants.

The DEA was asked to help the probe by the Los Angeles Police Department, a law enforcement official in Washington told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the investigation.

The federal agency can provide resources and experience in investigating drug abuse, illicit drug manufacturers known as "pill mills" and substances local police may not be familiar with, the official said Wednesday.

June jobless rate seen rising to 9.6 percent

WASHINGTON (AP) — Out-of-work with no place to land, the legions of America's unemployed are growing.

The Labor Department is scheduled to release a report Thursday expected to show the nation's unemployment rate edging closer to double digits.

Wall Street economists predict the jobless rate will rise to 9.6 percent in June from 9.4 percent in May. That would mark a 26-year high.

The rising rate comes as recession-weary companies continue to cut workers. Economists expect a loss of 363,000 jobs in June, up from 345,000 job cuts in May. Economists believe a chunk of those cuts will be tied to shutdowns at General Motors Corp. and fallout from the troubled auto industry.

Still, if economists' forecasts are correct, it would be consistent with the belief that the worst of employers' payrolls cuts have occurred. Companies are expected to keep shedding jobs through the rest of this year, but economists hope the pace will continue to taper off.

Senate Democrats call for public option health plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Determined to advance President Barack Obama's health care agenda, key Senate Democrats are calling for a government-run insurance option to compete with private plans, as well as a \$750-per-worker annual fee on larger companies that do not offer coverage to employees.

In a letter outlining the details, Sens. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., and Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., said their revised plan would cost dramatically less than an earlier, incomplete proposal, and help show the way toward coverage for 97 percent of all Americans.

The two senators said the Congressional Budget Office put the cost of the proposal at \$611.4 billion over 10 years, down from \$1 trillion two weeks ago. The revising also "virtually eliminates" an earlier forecast that the proposal would cause many companies to drop coverage for their workers, they said.

Kennedy and Dodd wrote members of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee on Wednesday. A copy was obtained by The Associated Press. They disclosed their plans as Congress neared the end of a July 4 vacation.

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Blalock's blast gives Rangers 9-7 victory



Texas Rangers' Hank Blalock, center, is mobbed by his team after hitting a two-run home run to win the game against the Los Angeles Angels in the ninth inning of their baseball game in Arlington Wednesday. The Rangers won 9-7.

DAVID JIMENEZ

Associated Press Writer

ARLINGTON — With their offense hitting the skids in June, the Texas Rangers were dropping fast in the division standings.

Texas broke out of its monthlong slumber in time to keep things interesting in the American League West.

Hank Blalock's second homer of the game, a two-run shot with two outs in the ninth inning, gave Texas a 9-7 victory Wednesday night and moved the Rangers within a half game of the first-place Los Angeles Angels in the division.

Texas was hitting .221 in June before breaking out with five home runs in a 9-5 victory Tuesday over Los Angeles.

The Rangers played small ball early to Blalock's blast to hold off the

Angels.

"There will be times when that won't go right, and that was one of those times," Texas manager Ron Washington said. "Those guys never dropped their heads. We try to play the game the way it's presented to us."

Michael Young singled off Justin Speier (3-2) leading off the Texas ninth. David Murphy dropped down a sacrifice bunt to move Young to second and Marlon Byrd struck out.

Blalock, who homered in the fourth, hit the first pitch into the grassy area beyond the fence in center field.

"I tried to throw a backdoor slider," Speier said. "That was not the right pitch."

Texas, who took two of three from the Angels,

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Astros pound Padres

BERNIE WILSON

AP Sports Writer

SAN DIEGO — Brian Moehler tried to remember the last time he was at the plate and three runs scored.

"Not very often, I guess," the Houston Astros right-hander said.

Moehler pitched six strong innings and hit the Astros completing a six-run inning in a 7-1 win over the San Diego Padres on Wednesday night.

Moehler and two relievers held San Diego to five hits. San Diego has lost 11 of its last 16 home games, and seven of eight against the Astros dating to last season.

Moehler (5-4) struck out eight and held San Diego to four hits in winning his third straight decision. His only mistake was allowing Eliezer Alfonzo's homer with two outs in the second.

Walter Silva retired the first 10 Astros batters before the game got out of hand in the fourth. Houston scored three runs on five singles and a walk before three more scored on third baseman Chase Headley's two-base throwing error on Moehler's grounder with two outs.

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Andy monium: Murray to face Roddick in Wimbledon semis



Andy Roddick, left, shakes hands with Lleyton Hewitt of Australia after defeating him in their men's singles quarterfinal match at Wimbledon Wednesday.

STEPHEN WILSON

AP Sports Writer

WIMBLEDON, England — Most of the talk at Wimbledon has been about the likelihood of a final between Roger Federer and Andy Murray. It turns out another Andy is also making a strong title run.

Andy Roddick overcame former champion Lleyton Hewitt 6-3, 6-7 (10), 7-6 (1), 4-6, 6-4 Wednesday to set up a semifinal matchup against Murray. Five-time champion Federer will meet German veteran Tommy Haas in the other semifinal on Friday.

This is Roddick's best showing at Wimbledon since 2005, when he lost in the final to Federer for the second year in a row. He lost the third round in 2006, the quarterfinals in 2007 and second round last year.

Roddick served 43 aces against Hewitt in a 3-hour, 50-minute match that swung back and forth until the American got the decisive break for a 5-4 lead in the fifth set, converting his second chance with an easy forehand into the open court.

"It certainly wasn't short on drama," Roddick said. "It was tough from a mental standpoint because Lleyton wasn't going away and there were a lot of ebbs and flows to the match. I'm just happy to be on the good side of it."

When it was all over, Roddick let out a sigh and raised a fist, then threw his racket down, sat in his changeover chair and covered his face with his hands.

"It's a mixture of happiness, of relief," Roddick said. "In your mind, you're kind of trying to stay the course for four hours, constantly figuring out what you're going to do. Your mind is just racing for four hours. So then it's relief, happiness and almost kind of an instant shutdown mode."

Roddick and the other men get a day's rest Thursday, which is set aside for the

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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 Friday through Sunday 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.

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.

Local women fare well at Snyder golf tourney

Two local ladies' golf teams did well in the Pumpjack Tournament Tuesday at the Scurry County Golf Club in Snyder.

Debra Lusk, Glenodene Williams, Susie Hernandez and Linda DeWaters had the best gross score in first flight competition, while Tammy DePauw, Pat Underwood, Patsy Sharpnack and

SuAnn Seay won second low gross honors in the first flight.

Country club site for 2-person tourney

Big Spring Country Club will host a two-person low-ball golf tournament July 25-26, officials announced.

Entry fee is \$60 per player plus golf cart. Private carts a welcome. Entry includes a barbecue meal on the course July 25.

Practice rounds will be available the day prior to the tournament's start.

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storm of astrological
aspects and today is like
calm after the storm
passes. Figuratively
speaking, you might
venture out and see if
any tiles came off the
roof and where all of the
tree limbs fell. If you're
like most

people,
you'll be
quietly
processing
all that has
occurred,
perhaps
making a
list of logical
next steps.

ARIES
(March 21-
April 19). If
you dare to sneak in
where you're not invited,
you will be rewarded. It's
possible that you'll make
a new friend, receive a
stellar goody bag or have
a terrifically terrible
story to tell when you get
back home. You really
can't lose!

TAURUS (April 20-May
20). Make the extra effort
to be your own best
friend. The loving
attention you give
yourself will serve as a
cue for those around you
who may have
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treated.
GEMINI (May 21-June
21). The comforting
evenness of a
relationship is about to
be interrupted by an
unexpected twist in the
plot. You'll have the
sense that life is an
adventure and the two of
you are in it together.

CANCER (June 22-July
22). If you're going to
procrastinate, do it big.
Enlist others in your
avoidance plan. Get
everyone off track with
delicious distractions.
And try not to be too
disappointed if, in spite
of your efforts, you
accidentally make

progress.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).
You are curious as to
why a certain person
behaves as he does. You
may never know this
person's motives. It
benefits you to give up
the study. Accept that he
is the way he is and
refocus on what you
want.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY
(JULY 2). Chance favors
you this year because
you are prepared for good
fortune to happen. You
get lessons in leadership
this month. You become
part of the group so that
you can understand the
dynamic and then you
take control of the
situation. You'll be paid
especially well in
September and January.
Gemini and Scorpio
adore you. Your lucky
numbers are: 9, 30, 24, 38
and 14.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept.
22). You get a premium
opportunity — the chance
to demonstrate your
talent in a nonchalant
way. No one will get
jealous or think that you
are showing off. Instead,
people understand and
respect your competence.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct.
23). There's uncanny
simpatico between you
and a Capricorn. You
don't have to explain
yourself around this
person and you're
perfectly understood. Let
this person know you
appreciate the
connection.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov.
21). You'll receive
constructive criticism,
which may sting like a
punishment, but is
actually a reward. Take a
moment to gather
yourself and mature
enough to apply the
criticism.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov.
22-Dec. 21). You'll be
around an extremely
hospitable individual.
Your satisfaction is a
source of pride for this
person. Your truthful
observations will help
this person hone his or
her talent.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-
Jan. 19). There's
excitement involving
your relatives. Each
person in your clan has a
different awareness of the
family dynamic. Be
sensitive to someone
whose experience is
vastly different from
yours.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-

Feb. 18). Work may be
the worst stress-fest
you've seen in a while,
but that doesn't mean
there's no room for
humor. Be the hero.
Break the tension. Years
from now, what people
will remember about this
day is your joke.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March
20). What started as a
friendly exchange could
turn into more of a
competition if you're not
careful. It's better to
withdraw from the
"competition" than to
take on your pal,
especially if you feel
you'll win.

"CHILAXING," AN

ASTROLOGICAL
GUIDE: Don't you hate it
when someone else tells
you to relax? And it's
also irritating when
someone is preventing
you from relaxing. Under
the current busy stars,
it's vitally important that
you carve out your chill
time and do it your own
way. So which way is
that? **ARIES:** In a salted,
scented bath, preferably
with whirlwind jets
going. **TAURUS:** With a
hot-oil aromatic massage
by a bona fide expert.

GEMINI: Chatting on the
phone with a friend who
has an excellent sense of
humor. **CANCER:** In your
quiet, peaceful room with
the doors locked and no
possibility of distraction.
LEO: While being
entertained. **VIRGO:** With
your favorite beverage,
across the table from a
true friend. **LIBRA:**

Holding hands and
strolling with your
partner down a pretty
road. **SCORPIO:** Cuddling
up with a warm drink
and a great book. **SAGITTARIUS:** Out of
the country, or at least
out of your usual
environment.

CAPRICORN: With
people waiting on you
hand and foot. **AQUARIUS:** Feeding off
of the fun energy of a
group of friends. **PISCES:**
In a hammock, or
anywhere you can put
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Did the fry die when trans fats got the boot?

J.M. HIRSCH
AP Food Editor

If you want fries with that, the drive-thru won't be a disappointment even without the trans fats.

Now that nearly every major fast food chain has purged trans fats from their menus, Consumer Reports magazine tested the french fries at the three biggies — Wendy's, McDonald's and Burger King — and found they taste about the same as they used to.

The magazine had taste testers sample medium orders of fries from three outlets of each chain. The same testers previously had sampled the fries when trans fats were

used.

The fries at Wendy's came out on top with a rating of "very good"; they were



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McDonald's, also rated very good, came second and were praised as flavorful and crisp, but needed to taste "more potato-y." Burger King's fries came last with a "good" rating. The magazine said they were decent, but tough and tasted more of oil than potato.

Trans fat raises the level of bad cholesterol in the body and can increase the risk of coronary heart disease. Law makers nationwide are considering — and some have passed — laws regulating or banning trans fats in restaurant food.

described as having a big potato flavor with a light crispy surface and a soft inside.

The fries at

Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: How do I talk to my adult children about divorcing their mother? I've been a good father and tried hard to be a good husband, but I knew early on that the rushed decision to marry was a mistake.

I considered divorce 17 years ago and went to counseling, but my wife said I was the one with the problem, and things didn't change. I have had a number of indiscretions seeking companionship and intimacy.

When my wife said she would turn my children against me, I became depressed and had thoughts of suicide. She has said she will make my life hell if I leave her. But, Annie, we have no life as a couple, and I often wish God would take me.

My children are tremendously important, but I feel manipulated by them with their threats of keeping the grandchildren from seeing me if I divorce their

mother.

I plan to stay in the marriage a little longer for the sake of my youngest child, who will graduate next year, but I don't know how much more I can take.

My wife and I are both at fault for this broken marriage. I am guilty of many things and have apologized.

My children know their mother is difficult to live with. I want them to understand that the marriage is beyond repair and divorce could be a way to heal.

I am angry that my wife isn't thinking of the children when she bad-mouths me to them. What can I do? — *Fearful in the Dakotas*

Dear Fearful: Most children, no matter the age, are upset when their parents divorce. And it is unfortunate that many spouses try to alienate the other parent from the children.

When you decide to file, get your children together for a discussion. Explain that you

love them all deeply and have no intention of enumerating their mother's faults or your own and assessing blame.

Things just haven't worked out, and you are both unhappy. No matter how difficult the situation becomes, it is important that you don't give up communicating with your children.

We also recommend the National Center for Fathering (fathers.com), which is loaded with information and support.

Dear Annie: A dear friend of mine has become quite the gum chewer and is terribly noisy with it — popping and cracking, etc. When I quit smoking some years back, I took up gum chewing and understand that chomping away can bring pleasure, but I don't do it in public.

"John," however, seems oblivious to his noise, no matter when or where. I've seen friends give him nasty

He's single ... and stridently so

Dear Margo: I'm a single man, 41, and have successfully operated my business since I was 18.

I have a lot of friends, ride a motorcycle, and own a classic car and my own home. There are not enough hours in the day for me to do all of the things and see all of the people I would like.



MARGO HOWARD

Between running my business, taking care of my home and possessions, traveling occasionally, and just seeing to the things we all must do in life, my life is full to the brim. I'm perfectly happy in every way. I knew even in child-

hood that I was not husband or father material. I've dated here and there, but find the whole serious relationship idea repulsive, and every time I've tried it, this feeling is confirmed.

Most women my age are either after a father for their kids or a well-packed wallet. I've also seen many close friends end up with vicious, expensive divorces, child custody battles, endless child support and alimony payments, deep wounds and hurt feelings.

For me, I come and go as I please and see whom I want, whenever I want. Why do people think being single is some horrible existence?

I believe having many good friends and being happy with oneself is the key to a happy life, and thankfully, I have that.

People who don't know me think I am gay or have some kind of problem. Why do they think everyone has to be married and miserable? — *Single and Loving It!*

Dear Sing: You can stay single as far as I'm concerned, hon. Marriage is not for everyone.

And given that you link "marriage" with "miserable," and "relationship" with "repulsive,"

I feel certain you are doing some lucky woman a big favor. What I do find regrettable is that your exposures have been such that you see women as huntresses for sperm donors with ATM cards, and men as poor schnooks saddled with support payments and emotional scars.

Believe it or not, both good marriages and comfortable divorces are possible. — *Margo, reflectively*

A Lot of Us Have Wondered the Same Thing

Dear Margo: I went through the school system during the '50s and '60s; my children, in the '70s, '80s and early '90s. Never once did we hear

about children suffering from emotional or social disorders as in ADHD, OCD, autism or Asperger's syndrome.

Now, in my grandchildren's time, it seems that about 40 percent of their classmates are on some form of medication for behavioral/social/emotional problems or learning disorders. Can it be that "recreational drugs" or "junk food" eating on the part of the parents has produced this mutation?

When I was a child and did something unacceptable, I was generally punished with a spanking or "grounding" that, although not life-threatening, made me think twice before I did the same thing again.

Nowadays, when a "timeout" doesn't do the trick, it seems the next step is putting the child on some sort of drug regimen or a psychiatrist's couch.

I really would like your opinion. Did the old saying "spare the rod and spoil the child" become an actuality? — *Inquiring Minds Want To Know*

Dear Inq: I, too, have wondered about the prevalence of the things you mention. They weren't routine at all a few generations ago. I don't believe an answer has been determined. My guess is that there are many elements mixed up in a possible explanation.

The disorders, causes and "cures" most likely have to do with a stew of environment, chemicals and reliance on pharmaceutical fixes, as well as some illnesses and behaviors that never had a name before. You are not the first person to wonder about the differences between childhood then and now. As for your conjecture about "spare the rod," my instinct tells me that permissiveness is not the major factor at work here. — *Margo, speculatively*

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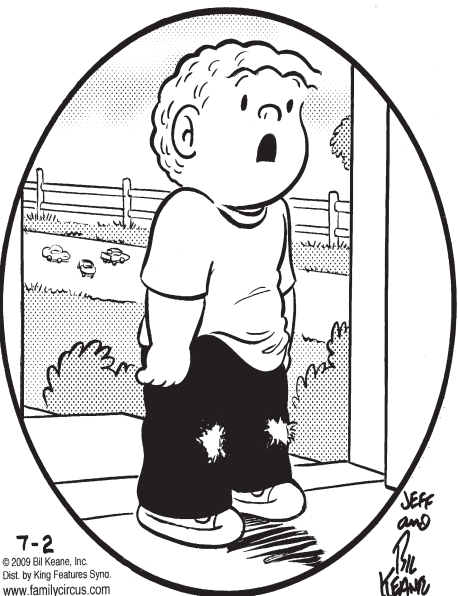
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"I'll bet the mama kangaroo gets really irritated when her kid can't go outside an' play."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

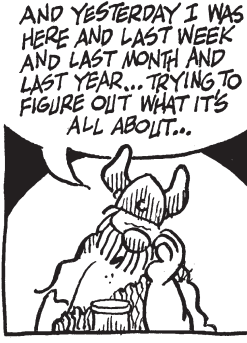


"The good thing is at least the knees of my pants match."

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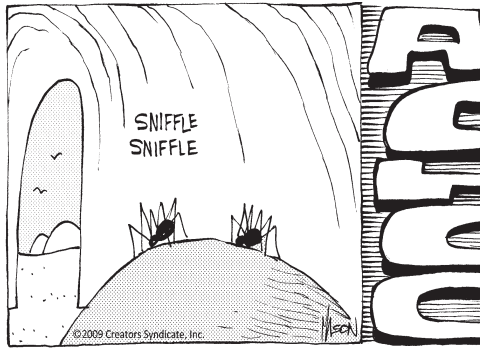
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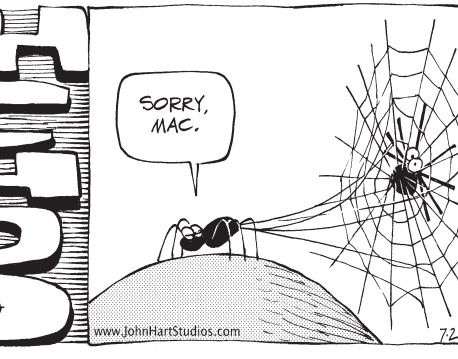
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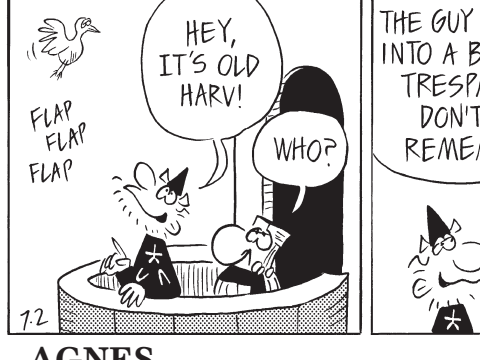
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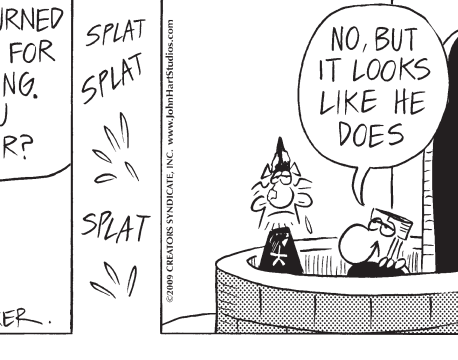
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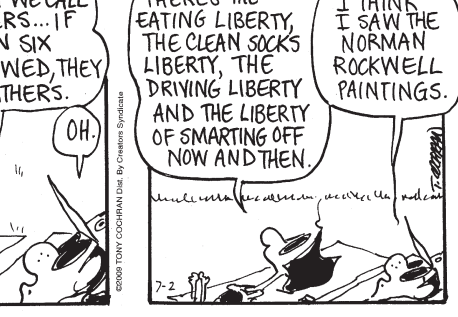
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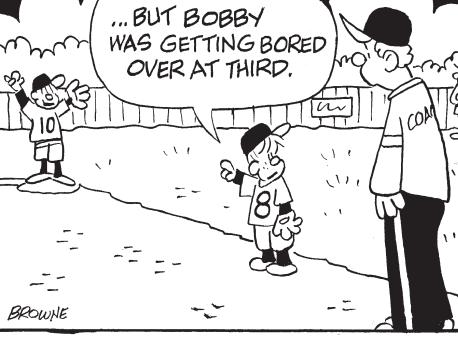
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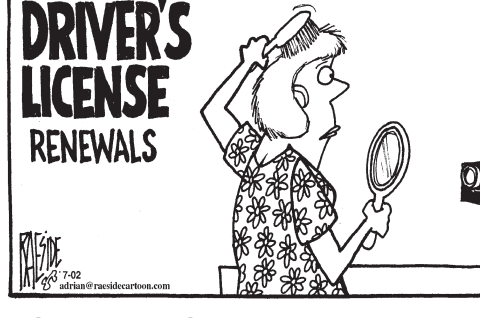
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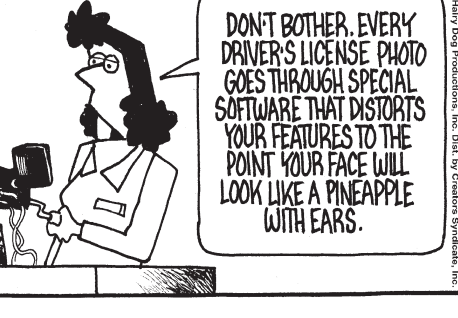
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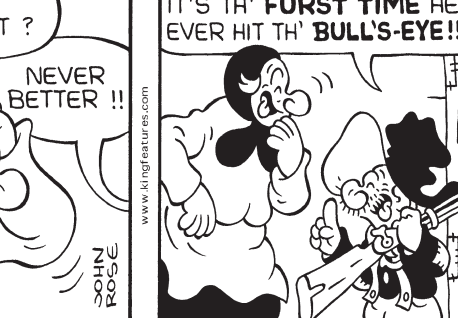
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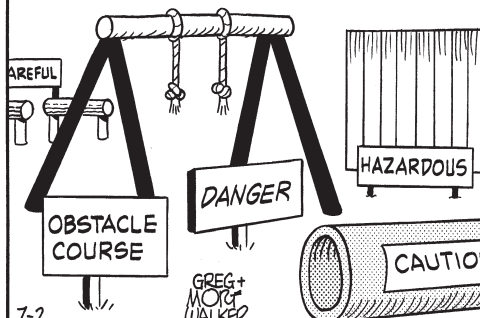
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, July 2, the 183rd day of 2009. There are 182 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 2, 1776, the Continental Congress passed a resolution saying that "these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States."

In 1809, Shawnee leader Tecumseh began organizing an Indian Confederacy to resist the growing spread of white American settlers.

In 1881, President James A. Garfield was shot by Charles J. Guiteau at the Washington railroad station; Garfield died the following September. (Guiteau was hanged in June 1882.)

In 1926, the United States Army Air Corps was created.

In 1937, aviator Amelia Earhart and navigator Fred Noonan disappeared over the Pacific Ocean while attempting

to make the first round-the-world flight along the equator.

In 1961, author Ernest Hemingway shot himself to death at his home in Ketchum, Idaho.

In 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed into law a sweeping civil rights bill passed by Congress.

In 1979, the Susan B. Anthony dollar coin was released to the public.

In 1989, former Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko died in Moscow at age 79.

In 1994, a USAir DC-9 crashed in poor weather at Charlotte-Douglas International Airport in North Carolina, killing 37 of the 57 people aboard.

In 1996, electricity and phone service were knocked out for millions of customers from Canada to the Southwest after power lines throughout the West failed on a record-hot day.

Today's Birthdays: Country singer Marvin Rainwater is 84. Former Philippine first lady Imelda Marcos is 80. Jazz musician Ahmad Jamal is 79. Actor Robert Ito is 78. Actress Polly Holliday is 72. Former White House chief of staff John H. Sununu is 70. Writer-director

comedian Larry David is 62. Luci Baines Johnson, daughter of President Lyndon B. Johnson, is 62. Actor Saul Rubinek is 61. Rock musician Roy Bittan (Bruce Springsteen & the E Street Band) is 60. Rock musician Gene Taylor is 57. Actress-model Jerry Hall is 53. Actor Jimmy McNichol is 48. Rock musician Dave Parsons (Bush) is 44. Actress Yancy Butler is 39. Baseball player Sean Casey is 35. Contemporary Christian musician Melodee DeVevo (Casting Crowns) is 33. Race car driver Sam Hornish Jr. is 30. Singer Michelle Branch is 26. Actress Vanessa Lee Chester is 25. Figure skater Johnny Weir is 25. Actress-singer Ashley Tisdale is 24. Actress Lindsay Lohan is 23.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Night flier
 - 4 Malodorous
 - 9 Treasure site
 - 14 Fuss
 - 15 Acid type
 - 16 Drive back
 - 17 Go bad
 - 18 State-run game
 - 19 Cries from congregants
 - 20 Earn a Guinness listing
 - 23 I-80 hauler
 - 24 Sushi serving
 - 25 VFW member
 - 26 June honorees
 - 28 Single or double
 - 32 Fossilized resin
 - 35 Feeling blue
 - 36 Afore
 - 37 Be overfull
 - 42 Put to work
 - 43 Has permission to
 - 44 Islam's Almighty
 - 45 Topography
 - 48 Highway part
 - 50 Rm. coolers
 - 51 Made a lap
 - 52 Rum partner
 - 56 Present a proposal
 - 60 Lacked an alternative
 - 61 Far from the big city
 - 62 Nephew to Abraham
 - 63 Garnish in a Gibson
 - 64 Poker ploy
 - 65 Linguistic suffix

- DOWN
- 1 Zingers
 - 2 Dote on
 - 3 Tribal marker
 - 4 Columbo
 - 5 Hammed it up
 - 6 Church offerings
 - 7 Recon-party objective
 - 8 Entryway
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 - 13 Golfer Ernie
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 - 22 Duck and dodge
 - 27 Museum display
 - 28 Curmudgeon's comment
 - 29 Become well
 - 30 Film role for Shirley
 - 31 New Age pianist
 - 32 Be next to rabbit's title
 - 35 Abode for a 60 Down
 - 38 Pennsylvania sect
 - 39 Sunbather's goal
 - 40 Japanese honorific
 - 41 Choose
 - 46 Toronto hoopster
 - 47 Play opener
 - 48 Hugh of House
 - 49 Military command
 - 51 Crouch down
 - 53 Crude vessel
 - 54 Not tied up
 - 55 Started a pot
 - 56 Glazier's sheet
 - 57 Norse god
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 - 60 Farm dweller

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RANGERS

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improved to 5-1 against Los Angeles this season. The teams meet again for a three-game set next week in California.

"I don't know if it's a statement," said Rangers starter Kevin Millwood, who allowed four runs in 6 1-3 innings. "I think the statement is that our offense looks like it's back to where it's been in the past."

The Angels rallied from their six-run deficit by scoring three runs in both the seventh and ninth. Juan Rivera's three-run homer with two outs in the top of the ninth off Frank Francisco (2-1) tied the game at 7.

Los Angeles squandered other chances by having four runners thrown out on the bases, including Chone Figgins getting thrown out trying to leg out a triple leading off the ninth.

Yankees 4,
Mariners 2

Alex Rodriguez hit a tie-breaking homer and Andy Pettitte pitched seven strong innings in New York's seventh straight victory.

Johnny Damon and Melky Cabrera also went deep for the Yankees, who overcame Ken Griffey Jr.'s 621st home run to win their 10th straight home game against Seattle since Sept. 4, 2007.

Mariano Rivera saved his third consecutive game, increasing his career total to 502 and getting his 20th in 21 chances this season.

Pettitte (8-3) outpitched fellow lefty Jarrod Washburn (4-6) in a game that took just 2 hours, 17 minutes.

White Sox 6,
Indians 2

At Cleveland, Jose Contreras got a rare road win, pitching eight superb innings as Chicago won its fifth straight.

Contreras (3-7) improved to 3-2 with a 2.17 ERA since

being recalled from Triple-A Charlotte after a monthlong demotion. The right-hander, who was 1-6 in his previous 10 road starts, allowed two runs and five hits with eight strikeouts.

Cleveland has dropped five straight and 13 of 15.

Red Sox 6,
Orioles 5

Boston used a four-run ninth inning to pull even, Julio Lugo singled in the tie-breaking run in the 11th and Jonathan Papelbon became the franchise's career saves leader.

Papelbon got three outs in the 11th for his 20th save this season and 133rd with the Red Sox, breaking the team record held by Bob Stanley. Less than 24 hours earlier, Papelbon yielded the key hit in the eighth inning of a game in which Boston blew a 10-1 lead before losing 11-10.

Ramon Ramirez (5-2) worked the 10th for the visiting Red Sox, who took two of three from Baltimore for

their seventh straight series win.

Blue Jays 5,
Rays 0

Ricky Romero pitched four-hit ball over eight innings, Rod Barajas, Adam Lind and Scott Rolen each homered and the Blue Jays ended Tampa Bay's seven-game winning streak.

Romero (6-3) matched the longest outing of his career in winning his third straight start. He walked four, struck out seven and lowered his ERA to 2.85. Romero allowed just two hits through the first six innings.

Toronto snapped a four-game losing streak.

Twins 5,
Royals 1

Joe Mauer went 3 for 3, raising his average to .392 and backing pitcher Glen Perkins in Minnesota's victory.

After walking in the first inning, Mauer stroked three consecutive singles, driving in one run and scoring an-

other as the Twins completed a 6-3 trip that began in Milwaukee and St. Louis. He was walked intentionally in the eighth.

Perkins (4-4) allowed one run for the second straight start, allowing 10 hits in seven innings. Joe Nathan got the final out for his 21st save in 23 opportunities.

Gil Meche (4-8), whose "dead arm" the previous two starts had created concern among the Royals, gave up three runs — two earned — six hits and five walks in six innings.

Athletics 5,

Tigers 1

Jason Giambi and Jack Cust broke out of funks with two-run homers, and Oakland's Dallas Braden ended a four-start winless stretch.

Giambi's drive in the sixth off Detroit's Justin Verlander (8-4) was career homer No. 407, tying him with Duke Snider for 43rd place.

Braden (6-7) pitched seven strong innings to win.

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Silva retired Michael Bourn on a soft liner to first to open the fourth, then allowed singles to Miguel Tejada, Lance Berkman, Carlos Lee and Geoff Blum that gave the Astros a 2-1 lead.

After Ivan Rodriguez flied out, Darin Erstad walked to load the bases and Kaz Matsui singled in a run. Moehler hit a grounder to Headley, who hesitated and stutter-stepped. His throw to first skipped past Adrian Gonzalez, clearing the bases and allowing Moehler to take second.

WIMBLEDON

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women's semifinals featuring the Williams sisters against two Russian opponents.

Scheduled first up on Centre Court was second-seeded Serena vs. No. 4 Elena Dementieva. Five-time champion and third-seeded Venus was paired in the second match against top-ranked Dinara Safina. The sisters have met in three previous Wimbledon finals, with Serena winning the first two and Venus coming out on top last year.

Roddick knows he will be battling more than just Murray in his next match. Murray, who

"When I first fielded the ball, my first instinct was stop and go to the bag," Headley said. "I turned around and looked and I didn't think I had enough time. I rushed the throw over there trying to finish the play and made a bad throw."

"The right play would have been to just keep coming through and make the throw to first."

It was Headley's third start at third this year. He's made 58 in left field.

"I saw him field the ball, it was in between hops, and I saw him like take a step to third, and at that point I kind of took off running," Moehler said.

swept Juan Carlos Ferrero 7-5, 6-3, 6-2 to reach his first Wimbledon semifinal, is bidding to become the first British player to win the men's title since Fred Perry in 1936.

"I'm looking forward to it," Roddick said. "We might be able to count the people for me on this (one) hand. But I think it will be something to remember. I think the crowd's going to be electric. I think it's going to be a great atmosphere, one that I can certainly appreciate, even if it's not for me."

"I'm just going to pretend when they say, 'Come on, Andy' that they mean me."

Murray holds a 6-2 edge against Roddick, including a straight-set win at Wimbledon in 2006.

"Andy has been playing great," Roddick said. "He's certainly come into his own as a player. He's certainly capable of hitting all the shots. He doesn't really have a lot of weaknesses."

Murray, meanwhile, said he is trying to ignore the media hoopla and just focus on his tennis.

"I realize that if I don't bring my best game then I'm going to lose to guys like Hewitt or Roddick," he said. "I feel confident because I've won a lot of matches on the grass. But every day when I get up to play the matches, I know that I'm going to have to perform very well, and that gets the nerves and the adrenaline going and makes me better."

Federer reached his 21st consecutive Grand Slam semifinal by taming 6-foot-10 Croatian Ivo Karlovic 6-3, 7-5, 7-6 (3).

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