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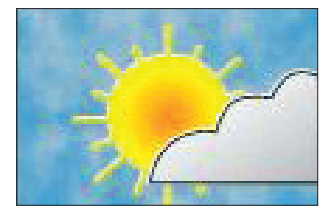


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HERALD file photo
 Children enjoy the duck pond during last year's St. Thomas Festival. The 2009 festival will be held this weekend. The kitchen will open at 11 a.m. Friday and booths and activities will begin at 6 p.m. both days.

Back to school? Not yet, but Salvation Army is ready to help

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

As fall quickly approaches, many area parents are faced with a dilemma: How to purchase much-needed school supplies on an already depleted budget.

Luckily, the Big Spring Salvation Army is starting its annual back-to-school supply drive in an effort to make sure area children have the materials — notebook paper, pencils and pens — to start the school year.

Paula Lafler, a social worker with the Salvation Army, said the program has been such a success over the years because of community support, and there are two ways for area residents to help.

"If they would rather make a monetary donation instead of going out and buying the supplies, it actually saves a little bit of money," said Lafler. "The Salvation Army is tax exempt, so we don't have to pay the taxes on them. But if they prefer to purchase the supplies and bring them to us, it's fine as well. If they make a monetary donation, they also need to earmark it for

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Stargazing Party earns a raincheck

COMING UP
What: Big Spring State Park Stargazing Party.
Where: No. 1 Scenic Drive off FM 700, on Scenic Mountain.
When: 8:30 p.m. Saturday, July 25.

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer
 If at first you don't succeed, try, try again.
 And try again is exactly what officials with the Big Spring State Park will do later this month, as they take a second stab at their annual Stargazing Party which was rained out.
 "Cloudy skies and rain isn't

exactly a common problem out here, but that's exactly what we had that Saturday night," said Park Manager Ron Alton. "However, it's not something we're unprepared for, as we always keep a back-up date for the party in mind, just in case this kind of situation arises."
 Alton said the party has been rescheduled for Satur-

day, July 25, from 8:30 p.m. until 11 p.m.
 "Sunset is approximately 9 p.m., and Gene Hardy will present a program as soon as it gets dark enough to see the projection, which is usually between 9:20 and 9:30 p.m.," Alton said. "I'm going to ask the astronomy club members to bone up on their constellations so we can point some of

them out."
 Alton said the party will be held in its usual spot, located near the park's main office near the top of Scenic Mountain.
 "It's one of the bigger events of the year for us," said Alton. "It's a fun and educational way to spend a Saturday."
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Food safety standards get new look

By **MARY CLARE JALONICK**
 Associated Press Writer
 WASHINGTON — New safety standards aimed at reducing salmonella and E. coli outbreaks are part of a government effort to try to make food safer to eat.
 A food safety panel established by President Barack Obama developed the new rules for eggs, poultry, beef, leafy greens, melons and tomatoes as well as for better coordination and communication among the agencies

overseeing the nation's food supply.
 The panel was to announce Tuesday that the Food and Drug Administration and the Agriculture Department would adopt the standards, which follow a string of breakdowns in food safety.
 Earlier this year a massive salmonella outbreak in peanut products sickened hundreds, was suspected of causing nine deaths and led to one of the largest product recalls in U.S. history. In the past month, Nestle Toll House

cookie dough and 380,000 pounds of beef produced by the JBS Swift Beef Co. of Greeley, Colo., have been recalled due to connections with outbreaks of E. coli.
 In March, Obama said he would create a special advisory group to coordinate antiquated food safety laws and recommend ways to update them. The FDA does not have enough money or workers to conduct annual inspections at more than a fraction of the 150,000 food processing plants and warehouses in the coun-

try, Obama said.
 Under the new rules:
 —The FDA will help the food industry establish better tracing systems to track the origins of a bacterial outbreak.
 —A new network will be established to help the many agencies that regulate food safety to communicate better.
 —Egg and poultry producers will have to follow new standards designed to reduce
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BSLL All-Stars represent well at district tournament

Herald Staff Report

ODESSA — While many don't even realize it, baseball season isn't over yet for some local athletes.

The Big Spring Little League Association started its All-Star district tournament in Midland and Odessa over the weekend with four

teams representing the organization in four different divisions.

Unfortunately, two teams — the 9-10-year-olds and 11-year-olds — have already bowed out.

The 9-10-year-olds lost their first two games, bringing a quick end to their yearly visit to the tournament.

However, the 11-year-olds brought some fight with them.

After losing their opening game to Northern, the squad rally to win its next two contests. Unfortunately, their championship hopes ended Monday with a loss to Odessa Floyd Gwin, 11-8. The defeat came despite Big Spring outhitting Floyd Gwin, 12-11.

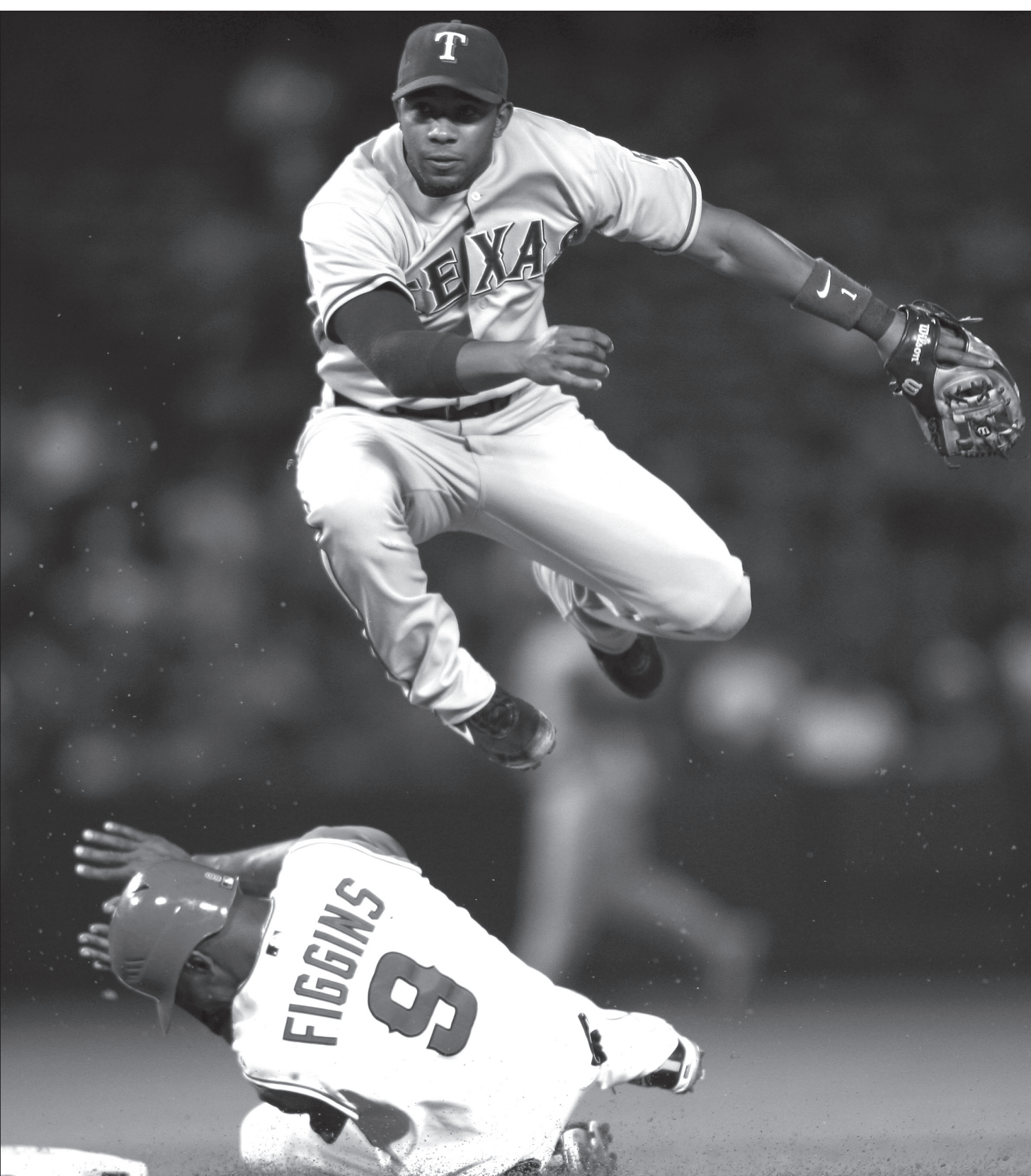
However, the 11-year-olds also committed three fielding errors compared

to just one by Floyd Gwin.

Standing out at the plate for Big Spring was Gary Watkins, who went 3-for-4 with a homer and two RBI, and Dylan Ross, who was also 3-for-4 with a homer, a double and two RBI.

Big Spring finished fifth in the 10-team tournament.

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AP photo/Jeff Lewis

Texas Rangers shortstop Elvis Andrus throws the ball to first base for a double play as Los Angeles Angels third baseman Chone Figgins slides under during the sixth inning of an AL baseball game Monday in Anaheim, Calif. The Angels routed the Rangers, 9-4, taking sole possession of first place in the AL West.

Battle for 1st

Angels take top spot in AL West with 9-4 win over Rangers

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Playing with first place in the AL West on the line, the Los Angeles Angels showed why they have won three division titles in the last four years.

Jeff Mathis hit a go-ahead three-run homer, Torii Hunter and Juan Rivera each added a pair of RBI singles, and the Angels beat Texas 9-4 on Monday night to spoil the return of Josh Hamilton to the Rangers' lineup.

The victory gave the Angels a one-game lead over the Rangers, who led Los Angeles by 4½ games when Hamilton went on the DL for the second time this season on June 2.

"You have to play well against whatever team you play on the schedule," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said. "If we were playing any other team but Texas, it doesn't mean we don't have to bring the focus and intensity. When we're playing well as a team, we can do this against anyone. But it's still July, there's still a lot of baseball left, and we're still trying to evolve as a team."

Jered Weaver (9-3), who had hoped to be selected to the All-Star game, allowed four runs and seven innings after the Angels staked him to a 9-2 lead.

"Obviously, it's one of those things that could have gone either way," Weaver said of the snub. "Either way, it's a win-win situation. You're either going to St. Louis, or you get some days off. But I'm

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Report: Kidd ready to re-sign with the Mavericks

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — Jason Kidd isn't going anywhere.

The free agent point guard has agreed to sign a three-year contract for more than \$25 million to remain with Dirk Nowitzki and the rest of the Mavericks. The New York Knicks were among Kidd's suitors.

"We are excited that JKidd and the Mavs have reached an agreement to have Jason return to the Mavs,"

Mavericks owner Mark Cuban said via e-mail Monday. "We look forward to him continuing to take a major role with the team."

With the contract, the 37-year-old Kidd could end his career in Dallas, which is where he started in 1994. The Oakland, Calif., native was the No. 2 overall pick out of California, and he has also played for Phoenix and New Jersey.

Kidd's return helps the Mavericks as they pursue a supporting cast around Nowitzki, from not having to

find a replacement to recruiting players. Kidd, who is third on the career assist list, also will continue to mentor J.J. Barea, who emerged as a solid backup last season, and raw rookie Rodrigue Beaubois, who is coming over from France.

The deal — which can't be signed until Wednesday — was first reported by ESPN.com.

The Mavericks also plan to send an offer sheet Wednesday to Marcin Gortat, a 25-year-old center who backed up Dwight Howard in Orlando

last season, according to a person with knowledge of negotiations. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because of NBA rules against commenting on deals before the signing period opens.

Gortat is expected to receive the full midlevel exception of about \$5.6 million, which means any more big moves Dallas makes this offseason will come through trades.

The Mavs can dangle the expiring

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Sports in brief

Locals hit hole-in-ones at Comanche Trail golf course

Four hole-in-ones have been hit at the municipal golf course at Comanche Trail Park in the past two months.

The first occurred April 23 on the 11th hole with Charlie Mendoza doing the honors. Mendoza used a 7-iron to ace the 145-yard hole.

Johnny Mendoza, Amandor Gonzales and Sammy Rodriguez were witnesses to Mendoza's second ace in his lifetime.

Three days later, Johnny Yanez used a 6-iron to ace the same hole.

It was his first ever hole-in-one and was witnessed by Ben Garcia, Lewis Porras and Don Cook.

On June 4, Max Nichols also aced the 11th hole, using an 8-iron. Witnesses were Bernard McMahan, T.C. Stockwell and Wayne Roberts.

The 11th hole continued to be forgiving June 14, when Bryan Gordan also aced it.

Gordan used an approach wedge for his hole-in-one with Ricky Grimsley, Tony Everett and Leslie Hooper serving as witnesses.

Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association weekly report

In last Monday's Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association Playday, the team of Debra Lusk, Dee Jenkins and Laura Hughes won first place, shooting 2-under par.

Second day went to Gus Leonardi, Anny Ward, Betty Murphy and Linda DeWaters.

In Thursday's couples play, there were two teams who tied atop the leaderboard with a 4-under.

On a scorecard playoff, the team of Donnie and Shirley Long and Chick and Carol Madry took first place, while Sherrill and Betty Lou Farmer and Joe and Patsy Sharpnack settled for second.

Jerry Forsythe won closest to the pin on Hole 6.

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. Thursday.

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

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 are welcome. Entry includes a barbecue meal on the course July 25.

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

Obituaries

Velma Lucille Mohling Romine

Velma Lucille Mohling Romine, 75, of Big Spring died Monday, July 6, 2009, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 9, 2009, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Ralph Anderson, minister of Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, and Larry Marshall, minister of Knott Church of Christ, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Lucille was born April 5, 1934, near Leedy, Okla. She graduated from Dumas High School in 1951 and met her husband, Tom Romine, at Porters Grocery in Dalhart. They were married 54 1/2 years.

Survivors include her husband, Tom Romine of Big Spring; one son, Larry Romine and wife, Vietia, of Big Spring; one grandson; two granddaughters; two sisters, Doris McCutcheon and husband, Jerry, of Dumas, and Gladys Weatherford and husband, Roy, of Dalhart.

Lucille was preceded in death by her parents, Harman and Velma Mohling; a son, Lynn Romine; and a sister and brother-in-law, Lorene and Robert Ballard.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials be made to the Sherwood and Myrtle Foster Home For Children, P.O. Box 978, Stephenville 76401.

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

Delwyn Dee Phillips

Delwyn Dee Phillips passed away Sunday, July 5, 2009, at Hospice House in Odessa.

He was born September 17, 1936, in Dawson County to Thurmond Dee Phillips and Mabel Lisenbee Phillips. He attended school in Lamesa and graduated from Howard College. He worked for ASC in Garden City from 1956 until 1958. He married Beverly Russell Phillips in October 1957 in Ackerly. He was an active member of Highland Methodist church.

Mr. Phillips was preceded in death by his parents, Thurmand Dee Phillips and Mabel Lisenbee Phillips.

Survivors include his wife, Beverly Phillips of Odessa; daughters, Jeanna Lambert and husband, Jack, of Odessa, and Sharla Johnson and husband, Charlie, of Earth, Texas; sons, Travis Phillips of Odessa, Bo Phillips and wife, Bonnie, of Odessa; nine grandchildren, and three great grandchildren.

Visitation will be 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 7, 2009, at Sunset Memorial Funeral Home.

Services are scheduled for 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 8, 2009, in Highland Methodist Church with the Rev. Donita Lea officiating. Interment will follow in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Hospice House, 903 Sam Houston, Odessa.

Arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Memorial Funeral Home. To sign the guestbook, go to our website at www.sunsetodessa.com.

Mack Murry Key

Mack Murry Key, age 86, died Monday, July 06, 2009, in Colorado City. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Thursday, July 9, 2009, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Funeral services will be held Friday, July 10, 2009, at First Baptist Church with the Rev. Danny Williams officiating, and burial to follow in the Colorado City Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Key was born Dec. 20, 1922, in Mitchell County to Wylie and Ivy Key. He was a longtime resident of both Colorado City and Big Spring. Mr. Key married Nell Oliver March 5, 1948, in Mitchell County. Mr. Key retired from Cosden Oil Refinery, where he worked as a lab tech.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Nell Key of Colorado City; a son, Steve Key and wife, Marsha, of Lubbock; two grandsons; two granddaughters and two great granddaughters

Mr. Key was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Robert Key; and sisters, Frances Cain and Marie Young.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of 18th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 200 block of W. Marcy. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 2000 block of Gregg Street. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2300 block of S. Gregg Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 800 block of E. 18th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of Apron Drive. Service refused.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 600 block of E. 24th Street. Service refused.

Police blotter

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

- VITO GARCIA, 29, of 1605 Cardinal, was arrested Monday on a Lynn County warrant.
- MARCUS JOE ANDERSON, 28, of 1605 E. Sixth St., was arrested Monday on six local warrants.
- HOLSTON BANKS III, 17, of 1609 Canary, was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of marijuana.
- CHRISTOPHER GUTIERREZ, 22, of 1600 E. Fifth St., was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of marijuana.
- RANDY JAY YBARRA, 22, of 1504 E. Fifth St., was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of marijuana.
- MATTHEW YBARRA, 18, of 1600 E. Fifth St., was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of marijuana.
- ROBERT RUBEN SANCHEZ, 45, of 423 Westover Rd., was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.
- ALEXANDER BURCIAGA, 19, of 1309 Bell, was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- JAMES BURLIN WILLIAMS, 23, of 800 S. Nolan, was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- RICARDO CASTILLO, 30, of 801 E. 14th St., was arrested Monday on a Tom Green County warrant.
- JESSIE REYES, 22, of 107 N.E. Ninth St., was arrested Monday on a Howard County Justice of the Peace warrant.
- THEFT was reported in the 900 block of Willia.
- POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA – TWO OUNCES OR LESS was reported:
 - in the 2000 block of FM 700.
 - in the 1600 block of Fourth Street.
- FRAUDULENT USE/POSSESSION OF IDENTIFYING INFORMATION was reported in the 1700 block of Scurry.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 600 block of 23rd Street.
- ASSAULT BY THREATS was reported in the 800 block of 14th Street.
- 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.
- MARCUS ANDERSON, 28, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of littering, driving while license invalid and no driver's license.
- ANTONIO CORREA ARISPE, 66, was arrested Monday by TABC on a charge of selling alcoholic beverages during prohibited hours.
- HOLSTON BANKS, 17, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- ALEXANDER BURCIAGA, 19, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- RONNIE GENE BUSSEY, 65, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- FRANK SOTO CASTILLO, 46, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of assault Class C (intimidation).
- RICARDO CASTILLO, 30, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a local warrant.
- VITO GARCIA, 29, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation.
- EDITA GREEN, 55, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation.
- CHRISTOPHER GUTIERREZ, 22, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana.
- JAVIER PAYEN, 39, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of violation of a protective order.
- JESSE TONY REYES JR., 22, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of open container, speeding and a local warrant.
- ROBERT SANCHEZ, 45, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- JAMES BURLIN WILLIAMS, 23, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- JOSHUA YBARRA, 19, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.
- MATTHEW YBARRA, 18, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana.
- RANDY YBARRA, 22, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana.

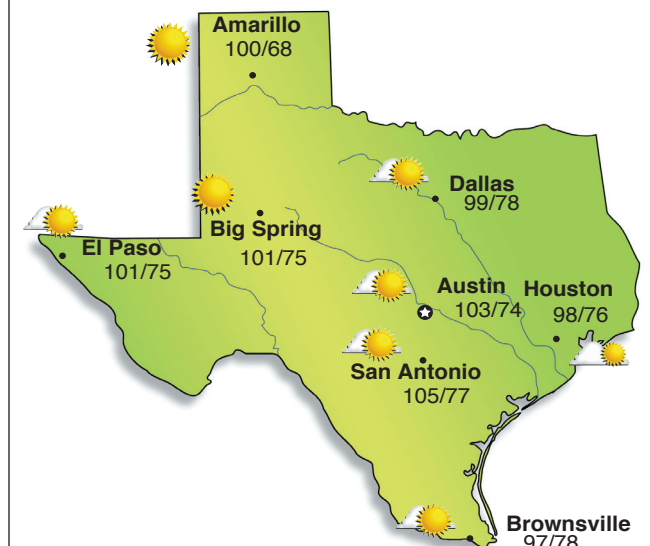
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Austin	103	74	mst sunny	Longview	95	74	mst sunny
Beaumont	95	76	t-storm	Lubbock	102	71	sunny
Brownsville	97	78	mst sunny	Lufkin	97	74	pt sunny
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Fort Stockton	101	75	sunny	Sweetwater	100	75	sunny
Gainesville	97	77	mst sunny	Tyler	95	73	mst sunny
Greenville	96	74	mst sunny	Weatherford	100	76	mst sunny
Houston	98	76	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	100	74	sunny

Bulletin Board

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

TODAY

- Alzheimer's Association, the Greater West Texas Chapter meets at 2 p.m. in the Howard County Library conference room, 500 S. Main.
- VFW Post 2013 meets at 7 p.m. in the VFW Hall, 500 Driver Road.
- Gospel Singing in the Kentwood Activity Center at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.
- The Howard County Sheriff's Posse meets at 7 p.m. at the Sheriff's Posse building on the Andrews Highway. For more information, call Bert Sheppard at 263-4483 or Rose Armstead at 263-2769.
- Order of the Eastern Star No. 67 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 5-8-31-32. Bonus Ball: 7. Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 2-20-27-30-35.

Number matching five of five: none.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Monday afternoon by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-6-7-9. Sum It Up: 27.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-0-4. Sum It Up: 5.

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Police confirm McNair's girlfriend recently purchased gun

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Investigators were waiting for ballistics tests on a gun recently bought by the girlfriend of slain former NFL star Steve McNair to determine whether the firearm found at the scene killed the two.

Police said Monday that 20-year-old Sahel Kazemi bought the handgun found under her body less than two days before the shooting. They were found dead on the Fourth of July — McNair from two gunshots each to the head and chest, Kazemi from a single shot.

More details of their relationship and the days before their deaths came to light Monday as the coach of the Tennessee Titans remembered McNair as the man who put the relocated Houston Oilers franchise on the map.

Kazemi appeared confident the pair would last and had introduced her family to McNair, her

nephew said. Abdi quoted her as saying McNair was divorcing his wife and that it would be finalized soon.

"I think she had already put her stuff up for sale on Craigslist," Abdi said.

The first sign of trouble was early Thursday morning. Police stopped Kazemi on Broadway, not far from the honky-tonks where country singers belt out tales of unfaithful spouses. She was driving the Escalade sport utility vehicle that McNair gave her for her birthday in May.

According to an arrest affidavit, Kazemi had bloodshot eyes and alcohol on her breath. She refused a breath test and told an officer "she was not drunk, she was high." She was charged with DUI. McNair was with her but not charged. He later made her bail.

The two then apparently spent some time apart. According to police spokesman Don Aaron, McNair wasn't with Kazemi when she bought the semiautomatic pistol that was found at the scene. Police have declined to release the caliber or the name of the person who sold it to her.

The next night, McNair was out late with friends,

but he and Kazemi got together soon after at a downtown condo within sight of the Titans stadium, a pad McNair shared with a friend. A witness told police the quarterback arrived between 1:30 and 2 a.m. Her car was already there.

When McNair's roommate, Wayne Neeley, got to the condo at midday, what he thought he saw was his friend sitting on the couch and Kazemi lying on the floor. So he went into the kitchen. Then he saw the blood, police said.

There were no signs of forced entry into the condo.

Police labeled McNair's death a homicide Sunday but said they were reviewing every possibility before labeling Kazemi's.

Mechelle McNair, his wife of 12 years and mother of two of his four sons born between 1991 and 2004, has been described by police as very distraught about his death and has not commented.

No court records of divorce proceedings have surfaced. The strongest public evidence that the McNairs might have been estranged is that their 14,000-square-foot Nashville home has been up for sale recently, listed at \$3 million.

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ALL-STARS

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Big Spring defeated Odessa Sherwood Friday, 15-7, staying alive in the double-elimination tournament. The 11-year-olds scored 15 runs on 12 hits and seven Sherwood errors.

Watkins was 4-for-4 with three doubles and four RBI. Ross was 2-for-4 with two doubles. Jesse Cervantes went 3-for-4 with two doubles two RBI. Mani Villa was

the winning pitcher.

Sunday, the 11-year-olds edged Jim Parker, 6-5, in seven innings. Watkins again shined, going 1-for-2 with three runs scored. He also pitched the first 5.2 innings with seven strikeouts.

Alex Franco was the winning pitcher. Ross went 2-for-4, Cervantes was 1-for-3 and Jacob Scott went 2-for-2 with a RBI.

The 12-year-old All Stars played Friday, defeating Sherwood, 3-2. Adam Franco picked up the win, recording 10 strikeouts in the process, while Ty Sealy recorded

the save.

Big Spring had just one hit — picked up by Rian Pearson — but scored on three passed balls. Matthew Yanez, Tobyn Tannehill and Sealy each scored a run.

The 12-year-olds struggled at the plate Sunday, managing just three hits. They also left the bases loaded twice in a 14-2 loss to Northern, which hit four home runs in the game.

The 12-year-olds had an elimination game set Monday night, but results were not available as of press time.

RANGERS

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not going to let it bother me. It's been a fun season so far, and I've got to keep it rolling."

Weaver gave up a two-run homer in the seventh to Ian Kinsler, which snapped a career-worst 0-for-24 drought by the Rangers' second baseman.

"It's hard to take Kins out for the teams we've

been playing," manager Ron Washington said. "I mean, how can you tell Kins: 'I'm going to sit you against Anaheim?' or 'I'm going to sit you against Tampa Bay?' I wasn't going to do that. He's got seven days left, and he's going to learn how to grind."

Hamilton, who was 2 for 4 with a double and two strikeouts, missed 30 games after undergoing abdominal surgery and the Rangers went 15-15 in his absence.

"I would have stayed down longer if I didn't feel like I was ready," said Hamilton, who will play in his second straight All-Star game. "It's good to be back up here and be around the guys again and actually feel like part of the team, instead of just a guy hanging out."

Kevin Millwood (8-6) gave up nine runs and nine hits over five innings in the shortest of his 18 starts this season. He has given up 13 runs and 17 hits over 11 1-3 innings in his last two starts — both against the Angels — after giving up just seven runs in 40 2-3 innings over his previous six outings.

"I didn't hit my spots. When I tried to go away, it would drift over the middle of the plate. And when I didn't hit my spots, they hit those mistakes," Millwood said.

Mathis gave Los Angeles a 3-2 lead, hit-

ting his third homer of the season to left-center with two outs in the second.

The Angels made it 5-2 in the third with RBIs singles by Hunter and Rivera. They tacked on four more in the fifth when Hunter singled home a run, Vladimir Guerrero followed with an RBI double, Rivera an RBI single and Kendry Morales capped the rally with a sacrifice fly.

"We've seen him a few times. And when you see somebody that many times, you tend to have a plan and you try to stick with it," Mathis said. "The guys were having good at-bats tonight, finding some holes and producing runs."

The Rangers, coming off a three-game sweep of Tampa Bay and looking to improve on their 5-1 record against the Angels, took a 2-0 lead in the first.

Notes: The Rangers led the Angels by as many as 5½ games on May 30. The Angels have never overcome a deficit of more than six games to win any of their six division titles. ... Weaver allowed 16 earned runs and four homers in 16 2-3 innings over his previous three starts — a skid that began with a 6-4 loss to the Dodgers in which he and brother Jeff started against each other for the first time. ... Both teams reached the midway point of their respective schedules.

The Angels (46-35) were 48-33 at this stage last season and the Rangers (45-36) were 41-40.

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Salvation of a Queen

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ K 10 9 4
♥ 6 5 2
♦ Q 7 5 3
♣ J 7

WEST
♠ 3
♥ A J 8
♦ J 10 9 4 2
♣ Q 6 5 3

EAST
♠ 7 6
♥ 10 9 4 3
♦ A K 8
♣ K 10 9 2

SOUTH
♠ A Q J 8 5 2
♥ K Q 7
♦ 6
♣ A 8 4

The bidding:
South 1♣ Pass
West Pass
North 2♠
East Pass

Opening lead — jack of diamonds.

Many errors made by declarer are due more to poor habits than poor judgment. Mistakes of this sort are often repeated over and over again without the player realizing he has done anything wrong.

For example, take this deal where West led the jack of diamonds against four spades. Declarer covered the jack with the queen, losing to the king. When East continued with the ace, South ruffed and drew two rounds of trumps, ending in dummy.

A heart was next led to the king

Tomorrow: The scissors coup.

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and West's ace, and declarer ruffed the diamond continuation. Since another heart and a club still had to be lost, South eventually finished down one.

As happens so often, declarer lost the contract on the very first trick. Because the queen of diamonds could not conceivably have won the opening trick, there was no reason whatever to cover West's lead of the jack with the queen. Instead, South should have played low from dummy, hoping East had started with either the doubleton A-K or the A-K-x of diamonds.

Let's say West shifts to a trump after the jack holds the first trick. Declarer wins in dummy, ruffs a diamond, crosses to dummy with a second trump and ruffs another diamond.

As it happens, the A-K of diamonds fall on the second and third rounds of the suit, establishing dummy's queen as a trick on which South can park his low heart. All he loses later on is one heart trick and one club, thus making the contract.

If it turns out that the queen of diamonds cannot be converted into a trick — which is likely to be the case far more often than not — declarer loses nothing at all by having made the effort. He can still fall back on leading hearts twice from dummy toward his hand and hope to find East with the ace.

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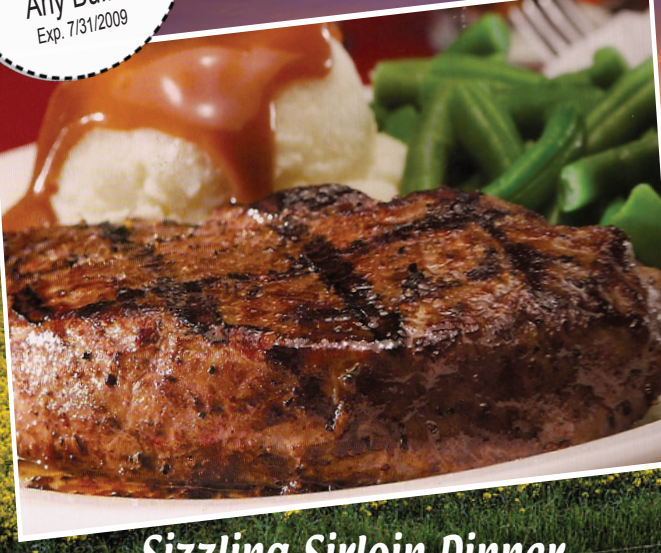


A tie that binds

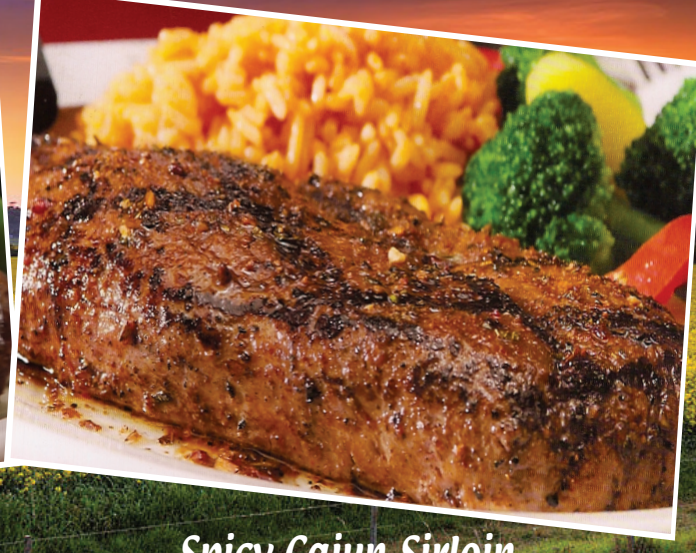
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contract of Erick Dampier and the trade-friendly contract of Jerry Stackhouse in front of other teams. Pretty much everyone but Nowitzki could be dealt, too, as the Mavericks explore ways to keep up with the changes made by top rivals in the Western Conference, especially the defending champion Lakers and division foe San Antonio.

News at a glance

Honduras protesters vow to escalate fight as Zelaya goes to Washington for talks with Clinton

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (AP) — Diplomatic efforts to restore Manuel Zelaya to Honduras' presidency shifted back to Washington on Tuesday, as supporters of the ousted leader threatened to escalate protests and disrupt business across the poor Central American nation.

A day after failing to land in Honduras to confront the interim government that ousted him in a coup, Zelaya boarded a plane bound for Washington, where U.S. officials said he would meet with Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

Zelaya told a news conference Monday night that he hopes to ensure U.S. support for diplomatic efforts to see him restored to power.

"Tomorrow we hope to get support for these pronouncements," Zelaya said before heading to the airport in Managua.

The talks come as the Obama administration weighs how to respond to the military coup that sent Zelaya into exile June 28. The U.S. government is looking for a peaceful resolution, and senior officials said Washington tried to dissuade Zelaya from Sunday's attempt to fly into the Tegucigalpa airport, which led to clashes between the army and his supporters.

Grenade attack in eastern Afghanistan kills a civilian

KABUL (AP) — A hand grenade thrown at a police vehicle in eastern Afghanistan exploded in a crowd Tuesday, killing one civilian and wounding 28 others, officials said, a day after 10 foreign troops died amid escalating violence across the country.

The grenade attack in Khost province targeted policemen passing through the provincial capital, but the victims were mostly civilians, said Tahir Khan Sabari, the provincial deputy governor.

Four police and five children were among those wounded, said Abdul Majid Mangal, the deputy

hospital director.

It was not clear who threw the grenade.

Britain unveiling Hyde Park memorial to mark 4th anniversary of London transit system bombings

LONDON (AP) — In a London park stands a new forest of steel pillars — each representing a victim of the July 7, 2005, attacks on the British capital's transit system.

Britain is unveiling the new memorial Tuesday, the fourth anniversary of the morning attacks when four suicide bombers killed 52 others and injured hundreds more by blowing up three subway trains and a bus.

The monument is made up of 52 unique stainless steel columns standing 3.5 meters (11.5 feet) tall in Hyde Park.

Prime Minister Gordon Brown, London Mayor Boris Johnson and the Prince of Wales and his wife the Duchess of Cornwall are to attend the memorial service along with families of the victims.

Gay marriage bill takes effect in nation's capital

WASHINGTON (AP) — A law recognizing same-sex marriages performed elsewhere has gone into effect in the District of Columbia.

The bill was approved in a 12-1 vote by the D.C. Council in May, with council member Marion Barry casting the lone no vote.

Congress, which has the final say over the city's laws, had 30 days to review the bill. A push by black church leaders who oppose gay marriage failed to get a referendum on the matter.

And Congress took no action, allowing the bill to become law Tuesday.

Council member David Catania has said that recognizing gay marriages performed elsewhere is a first step toward performing same-sex weddings in the city.

Six states — Connecticut, Iowa, Maine, Massa-

chusetts, Vermont and New Hampshire — allow same-sex marriage.

Maine teacher sorry for mock wedding to 4th grader

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — A fourth-grade teacher in Falmouth, Maine, has apologized for playing the groom in a mock wedding to a student.

The Portland Press Herald reports that Paul Rosenblum agreed to participate after the girl proposed and his class at the Plummer-Motz School cajoled him.

At the brief playground ceremony, Rosenblum wore a black graduation gown and a clown tie. The girl had a sheet draped around her clothes for a gown. There was no kiss.

The school later received several phone calls about it.

Rosenblum says he was only intending to indulge "a little girl's game of dress-up and make-believe." He called it a lapse in judgment and says he is remorseful and "sick with regret."

Superintendent Barbara Powers wouldn't say whether any disciplinary action was taken.

California bookkeeper who embezzled \$10M gets 18 years

VISTA, Calif. (AP) — A former bookkeeper accused of embezzling nearly \$10 million from her company and spending some of the money on 400 pairs of shoes has been sentenced to 18 years in prison.

San Diego Superior Court Judge Robert Kearney also ordered Annette Yeomans to repay her former employer on Monday. He admonished the 51-year-old woman for her "selfish indulgence."

Yeomans was accused of stealing money from Quality Woodworks, a cabinetry business in San Marcos, and blowing the money on gambling, shopping trips and luxury items. She pleaded guilty to 10 of 108 felony charges as part of a plea deal.

SCHOOL

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the back-to-school supplies."

According to Lafler, the application process and distribution of the school supplies will be handled similar to past efforts.

"The last few years we've done the applications and distributions at the same time," said Lafler. "The parents

come in and fill out the paperwork, and if they are eligible, they can pick up the supplies right then. It makes it easier to keep up with our supply, and it makes it easier on them because they don't have to make a second trip to the office.

"This year we were able to find a company that would provide basically everything the kids need — paper, pencils, you name it — along with a backpack, all for

one price. We've ordered them and they should be here in time for the first day of applications. It's really helped to simplify the process for us."

Lafler said the annual effort makes a big difference in the lives of children who might not otherwise have school supplies to start the year.

"It's hard enough to get back into the books," said Lafler. "When you don't have the things you need — notebooks,

paper, pencils — it just makes it that much harder."

Applications for supplies will be taken from 9 a.m. until noon and 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. July 13-17, according to Lafler.

"We need people who are coming in to apply to bring a birth certificate or Medicaid card for each child," said Lafler. "We also need to know what school the child is going to and what grade they will be in. Also, bring proof of

income and expenses, and a picture ID for the person applying for the program. We'll let you know right then and there whether you qualify for the program, and if you do, you'll be able to take the supplies home right then."

For more information on the program, contact the Salvation Army at 267-8239.

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STARS

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day night outdoors with your family. You can take a tour of the night sky with area amateur astronomy clubs.

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

Alton said the West Texas Amateur Astronomy Club from Midland

will provide several high-powered telescopes for those attending to get a better look at the heavens.

"They've been really great in helping us put the stargazing event on each year," said Alton. "They really love doing this. Most people who are into astronomy love to teach others about it, so there will be plenty of knowledgeable people to answer questions during the presentation."

Alton said the Stargazing Party is a great chance for area residents to learn about astronomy, but it also

serves a very important purpose when the state of Texas begins looking at the park's budget.

"We invite everyone to come out," said Alton. "These events keep the state park finances going, especially in these times when budgets are being even more closely examined than in previous times. The state looks at attendance at these types of events when they decide how much to allocate, so participating is very important."

"There's no admission charge to attend the Stargazing Party, so

it's the perfect chance to take the family out for some fun without breaking the bank, something that's becoming more and more important with the economy the way it is. However, we will be accepting donations, and that money goes a long ways to helping the park."

The facility is located at No. 1 Scenic Drive, just off FM 700 near Wasson Road. For more information about the stargazing event, contact Alton at 263-4931.

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FOOD

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salmonella contamination.

—The Food Safety Inspection Service, the Agriculture Department agency that inspects meat, will increase sampling of ground beef in-

gredients in an effort to better find E. coli contamination.

—The FDA will recommend ways that producers of leafy greens, melons and tomatoes can reduce disease strains, and require stricter standards in those industries within two years.

—The FDA and the

Agriculture Department also will create new positions to better oversee food safety.

The Agriculture Department inspects meat and poultry, and shares

inspections of eggs with the FDA. The FDA inspects most other foods, but at least 15 government agencies are a part of the food safety system.

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OUR VIEW

Salvation Army needs our help with fan drive

The call has gone out and it's time to answer, Big Spring! It's early July, and don't let those couple of wet, and somewhat cooler days fool you — these are definitely the "dog days of summer," the time in July and August when it gets so hot in West Texas you feel as though you could fry an egg on your forehead.

And we're sad to say, there are many residents of our community that have a hard time dealing with that heat.

Don't be fooled by these past couple of days of below-normal temperatures. It's summer and it's going to get hotter for quite some time.

The immediate inclination for most of us during the summer is to find a cool, shady spot and be as inactive as possible. Better yet, to retreat indoors and into the comfort of air conditioning.

Unfortunately, there are those in our community that have to resort to simply seeking a spot out of the sun in order to deal with oppressive triple-digit temperatures.

As a matter of fact, too many people in the Crossroads area suffer due to a lack of air conditioning during the summer.

But the Salvation Army wants to help. To do so, however, it needs our help.

The Salvation Army's annual fan drive — an effort to get some heat relief to as many people as possible, particularly the elderly and newly born — is now under way.

As of right now, the Salvation Army has less than a handful of fans on hand. That means they'll go quickly when the temperatures soar past the century mark later this week. And that means the Army needs donations of fans and/or money now.

We here at the Herald believe we, as a community, must respond to the call.

If you have a fan you won't be using this summer, or if you'd like to help someone less fortunate, please consider helping out. New fans or fans in good condition are needed.

Or, if you'd rather send a monetary donation, that's fine. The Salvation Army will be more than glad to take that money and purchase fans for those in need.

Please, please consider assisting with this effort. We all complain about the summer heat, and it's difficult to imagine a young child or an elderly shut-in struggling to endure it without at least some relief.

The Salvation Army is located at 811 W. Fifth St. and offices are open from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day with an hour lunch break at noon. For more information or to make a donation, call 267-8239.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Nothing on this earth is impossible when we trust You, Lord.

Amen

Not so much of a 'Thriller'

Is there still a revolution about to happen in Iran? Is my state going to run out of money tomorrow and start printing IOUs? Can the crazy North Koreans really attack Hawaii? Was there a coup in Honduras? Do we care?

The short answer to all the above questions is — who knows?

What I can tell you is that the traffic on Sunset near Michael Jackson's house is backed up. Again.

Living in Los Angeles, Ground Zero of the Michael Jackson story, I am extremely interested in its implications for traffic, which — believe me — have been substantial. The best news is that the family is planning to hold the viewing in Santa Barbara. I just hope he goes by helicopter. Otherwise, forget the freeway.

I don't mean to make light of Mr. Jackson's passing. Of course my sympathies go out to his family. Michael Jackson was a father, a son, a brother and a friend. I have no doubt those who loved him are suffering, and I can only hope that having the world, and the world media, treat this as the only story worth covering feels to them like the respect that their "King" was due.

What I don't entirely understand, though, is why the rest of us are so endlessly and com-

pletely interested in the sad and sorry details of a talented man's demise. Does anyone really doubt the story here? I met Michael Jackson some years ago at an event, and he was frail then. I wouldn't have asked the man I saw to perform one stadium concert, let alone 50, and this was before the trial and its humiliations. When, a few years later, my son called me in New Hampshire, where I was trekking around with the candidates in 2004, to tell me that he was playing at a school friend's house and Michael Jackson and his kids had come over to play with them, I got my son's father on the phone faster than you could say "John Kerry" to get him out of there.

Not rocket science. The guy was acquitted, and rightly so based on my following of the evidence at his trial, but that doesn't mean you let your 11-year-old son play with him. From a parent's perspective, this guy was the definition of "bad news." A parent who wants to be a child is not a parent.

As for the poor doctor, his failings (CPR on the bed? could it really be?) only prove that my friend Maureen (a doctor herself) is so right when she says the celebrities here tend to get the worst medical treatment, even when their doctors are much fancier than Michael Jackson's, because their doctors treat them like celebrities and not patients. Would any doctor who was treating Michael Jackson like a patient (and not an ATM) go along with the plan to prop up

a guy who was having trouble talking and walking so he could sing and dance his way through 50 concerts?

The other day's big news was that the children were supposedly "cocktail" babies, conceived with donated sperm and eggs. Now, there's a big surprise. Have you seen pictures of these children? They certainly don't look like they have any biological connection to the Michael Jackson of the Jackson 5. I don't know the details of the agreements surrounding the birth of the youngest child, but as to the older two, California law couldn't be clearer: Debbie Rowe, who gave birth to the children, is the mother and her husband at the time, Michael Jackson, is the father. Relationships control, not genetics. As they should.

It's not because we don't understand how this could have happened that we're all riveted by the story. We know. This is not a thriller. It is because the ending was a foregone conclusion that Michael Jackson's death makes us normal folks who don't live (and die) like rock stars feel like we just might have the better lives — for which we should be grateful.

But enough is enough. I'm here not to praise Michael Jackson, or to damn him, but to let him rest in peace, so that we can let the traffic, real and psychic, clear and turn our attention back to what really matters.

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Health-care: Welcome to Walmart

Americans agree on health care. Ask them, "Who should pay for it," and they all answer, "Not me." But follow up with, "Who, then?" and you have a fight on your hands.

Wal-Mart has greatly improved the quality of the conversation with its newfound support for requiring employers to help pay for their workers' health coverage. Its bombshell statement astounded the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and National Retail Federation.

Five years ago, Wal-Mart led the "not-me coalition." The name of the game was ensuring that most of its employees' health-care costs landed on other shoulders.

Georgia complained that Wal-Mart had sent 10,000 of its workers' children into the state health program. In California and Washington state, Wal-Mart battled proposals to create a health tax for companies that did not insure their workers.

Local companies that covered workers were all for the "tax." The Brown & Cole supermarket chain in Washington (now The Markets) protested that spouses of employees joined its health plan because their own companies wouldn't cover them.

An internal Wal-Mart report found that 22 percent of its workers received coverage under a husband's or wife's policy. Five

percent were on Medicare, and 3 percent on Medicaid or other state-run plans. And 4 percent were insured through their parents or school.

Since then, Wal-Mart has spruced up and expanded its employee health benefits. In 2004, only 45 percent of its workers had coverage. Now, 52 percent do. Wal-Mart has cut the waiting time for getting such benefits and offers more insurance options.

Wal-Mart clearly does not want to become the one on whom others dump their uninsured workers. But as a provider of coverage with 1.4 million U.S. workers, Wal-Mart wants the exploding costs of medical care brought under control. That can't be done without universal coverage.

In a letter to President Obama, Wal-Mart said: "We are for shared responsibility.

Not every business can make the same contribution, but everyone must make some contribution." The liberal Center for American Progress and the Service Employees International Union — not your usual Wal-Mart cheerleaders — co-signed. Some accuse Wal-Mart of simply seeking to quash a proposal in the Senate Finance Committee that would place health-coverage mandates on companies with low-wage workers. Whatever, the retailing giant is on the right side this time.

Frankly, all the talk about which employers will pick up how much of the health-care tab is unfortunate. There is no rational reason why companies should be paying these bills in

the first place. (It's a fluke of wage-and-price controls during World War II.)

One virtue of the bipartisan Wyden-Bennett health proposal is that it would take managing medical coverage out of the workplace. So would a single-payer, which would move that burden over to the government (and taxpayers).

Although single-payer plans are often characterized as Socialism on the March, it's instructive to note a new poll by the Committee for Economic Development. Among 300 leaders of companies that cover workers, 36 percent supported a "single-payer" system. (Over 60 percent said they want the government, rather than themselves, organizing American health care.)

A single-payer system makes the most sense — especially if it's really a multi-payer system. In a true single-payer plan, such as Canada's, the government picks up all the bills.

In a multi-payer model, such as France's, the government pays for certain basics, and people buy private insurance for everything else.

The French system gets top grades for quality of care, and it would give Americans more freedom to obtain fancier health services.

Ask Frenchmen, "Who pays for health care?" and only the destitute could honestly answer, "Not me." That's the way it should be here, too.

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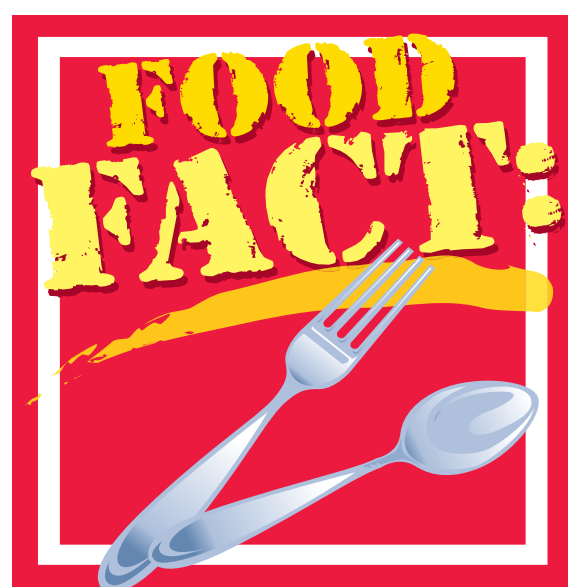
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3. Grilling enables you to entertain in the **R Y D A**.
4. Cook foods to the right **M E P T E T U E R A R**.

Answers: 1. charcoal 2. barbecue 3. yard 4. temperature



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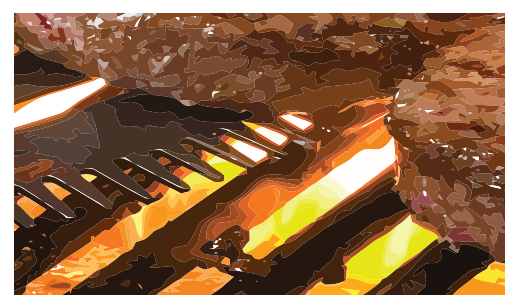
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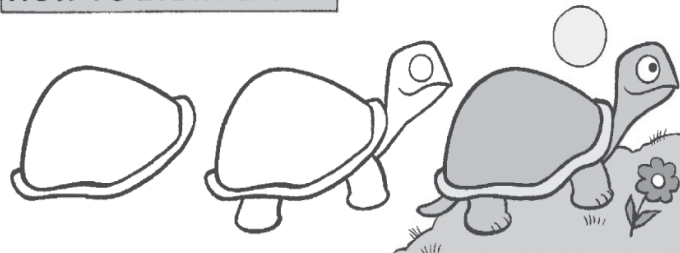
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- 2) NUME
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- 4) HCFE

Answer -- 1) Table 2) Menu 3) Water 4) Chef

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Answer -- Remote, bone, casket handle, spider, tooth and flame.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

The full Capricorn moon celebrates your power to create your own world. If you have doubted your ability or been ineffectual in some way, the full moon can be a symbol of restoration to you. Let the lunar eclipse represent a temporary lack of confidence. When out of the shadows, you can see yourself for the shining talent you really are.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're out in the world giving it your very best. You wouldn't mind getting a more emotive reaction from others. Pat your own back over the next three days, then suddenly people will start responding the way you want them to.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). To expect yourself to ace a test you didn't study for is just silly. And why would you think that your soufflé would rise the very first time you tried? Right now, it's more important to do something than to do it well.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Just because you've been in a personal or business relationship with someone for a long time doesn't mean you can predict his or her behavior on this very atypical day. Stay on your toes.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll get both external and internal validation. It's wonderful to hear compli-

ments and adulation, and even more wonderful when you don't need to hear it because your source of self-esteem is inside yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Avoid giving into envy. Instead, when you see something you desire that someone else has, let this be a validation that your want is possible and then say to yourself "and for me, too."

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (JULY 7). Though your relationships this year will be on the whole more care-free and fun, bursts of passion make one rela-

tionship particularly intensely special. In August, you'll get the feeling that you are meant to do a certain job, though you may be unquali-



HOLIDAY MATHIS

fied. Follow this inkling to happiness and financial success. Capricorn and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 16, 40, 22, 17 and 45.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You are an expert at restraint and planning and you also know when

to let loose for some spontaneous fun. A few ideas: Take a dance break, give a funny gift to the boss or drive to the next town for lunch.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). In some way, you'll be the life of the party even when there is no party. Celebration is a state of mind. You'll flirt and mingle freely. You'll enjoy how others react to your charms.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Most unpleasant things, if ignored, will simply go away. However, there are those instances when you must face the problem and stamp it out. Do it quickly and all is back to normal this evening.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your sensitivity to other people's emotions will make you influential. Also, you will be using your amazing ability to emote what others are feeling when they are unable to do it themselves.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your walk on the bright side will be tempered by a practical if not slightly pessimistic friend. Hearing the things that might go wrong is not all bad. When you learn of possible mishaps, you can then prevent them from occurring.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Does that you give the world make you feel good? Or is it causing you tension? There's probably a slight change that will improve your mood. Make a shift into a position that feels better to you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You are in the flow. You've an effervescent sense of felicity. Synchronistic events boggle your mind and you're awed by the way pieces of life's puzzle fit together.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "My ex-husband, an Aquarius,

was good as gold with his child support in the first six months of our divorce.

We have two boys, 10 and 4. Well, as soon as he caught wind that I was dating, he changed. The checks stopped coming. I'm a Capricorn. I don't want to interfere with his visitation, but it's just not fair. He has the same job and is making the same money as before, so I know that he can pay; he just doesn't want to.

How can I make him pay his child support? I'm working part time now and it's not enough to cover all of my expenses."

Capricorn, you are resourceful, strong and have skills. Do what you can to be financially independent of him. Figure out how you can bring in more income and/or cut back your expenses so that you can do it on your own or with the help of your family. It's not because it's fair or because you condone his irresponsible behavior. It's because your focus on getting him to pay will become desperate otherwise and the energy will cut you off from being happy and prosperous. When you don't need him to pay anymore, that's when the checks will start coming again.

C E L E B R I T Y PROFILES: One of the reasons Kevin Bacon was the inspiration for the popular game called "Six Degrees of Kevin Bacon" is because he has remained prolific and so often appeared in large ensemble movies. This intense Cancer actor was born when lucky Jupiter was stationed in Libra, the sign of relationships. Mercury in Leo, the sign of show business, indicates attention-getting style.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: Five years ago, my husband and I lost our business. In an effort to keep it going, he did some illegal things and spent six months in prison. After he was released, we moved to a modest home in a modest neighborhood, and I went back to work.

We drive inexpensive cars, clip coupons and shop at discount stores. We found a wonderful church, and our lives are happier now. The problem is our so-called "best friends." Those country-club couples dropped us like hot potatoes when this happened. Not one person stood by us. They were friendly if I ran into them, but that's where it ended.

Since the economy has tanked, a lot of these same people are having money problems of their own. They now call to ask how I was able to downsize. One woman in particular wants to meet for lunch.

I have no desire to renew a friendship with these people and do not miss a single one of

them. But I can't keep making excuses to avoid them. How do I tell this woman I'm not interested without being too blunt? Any ideas? — *Happy Living on the Wrong Side of Town*

Dear Happy: Sometimes the shoe has to be on the other foot before a person can appreciate your problems.

Your ex-friends would probably welcome your support, the same way you would have. If, however, you cannot manage quite that much compassion, the nice way to end a friendship is to let it drift away.

Keep making excuses. You'll be consistently polite while sounding sincere, and they'll eventually stop asking.

Dear Annie: For the past year, every time I swallow, my throat clicks. I am a nervous wreck about this. My ENT said he'd never heard of such a symptom.

I saw two other ENTs who treat more complicated throat problems, but they could not help me, either.

I was wondering if any of your readers have suggestions. In the beginning it was painful, but now it is tolerable. Still, I'd like to fix it because I am — *Desperate in Pennsylvania*

Dear Desperate: This is not as uncommon as you might think, but the reason is sometimes difficult to assess.

We assume your doctors eliminated any serious conditions behind the clicking. One theory is that the hyoid bone in the throat presses against cartilage and causes a clicking sound. It's harmless, but truly annoying. Some people find it helps if they swallow with their head in a different position.

Meanwhile, if any of our readers have the solution, we will be happy to print it.

Dear Annie: Please print this for "Unloved and Misplaced," the 13-year-old girl who is cutting herself.

Please do not give up. Know that you have great value, and that your worth goes beyond any form of measure-

ment. Discover yourself by realizing your own place of belonging. Know that you have the power to change anything within you, and understand that you are important. Learn to create goals and write them down so they will lead you to your life design.

Do not cause harm to your body because it will not ease your pain, it will only discourage you. Become a person who is in control. Love yourself so your love will reach out to others. Honor your parents with understanding. They may be going through difficult times you do not know about. They love you, otherwise, they would not work hard to put food on the table, a roof over your head and clothes on your back. Be giving in your attitude and much will come back to you. — *Someone Who Cares in Boston*

Dear Boston: Thank you for your heartfelt words of encouragement and support. We hope she is listening.

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Obama: US, Russia are not 'destined to be antagonists'

MOSCOW (AP) — President Barack Obama, working to drastically reshape U.S. relations with a skeptical Russia, said Tuesday the two countries are not "destined to be antagonists."

"The pursuit of power is no longer a zero-sum game," Obama said, speaking in the Russian capital to graduates of the New Economic School but also hoping to reach the whole nation. "Progress must be shared."

Obama used his speech to further define his view of the United States' place in the world and, specifically, to argue that his country shares compelling interests with Russia.

"Let me be clear: America wants a strong, peaceful and prosperous Russia," he declared.

His upbeat comments at the New Economic School came on the second day of his summit in Russia, where polls show people are wary of the United States and taking a skeptical measure of Obama himself.

Earlier Tuesday, Obama held private breakfast talks with Prime Minister Vladimir Putin at Putin's country home outside Moscow.

The atmosphere seemed cordial, and both voiced hope for improved relations between Washington and Moscow.

State media: Curfew declared in restive region in western China after violence

URUMQI, China (AP) — Chinese state media say that the government in the restive western region of Xinjiang has declared a curfew following the violence of recent days that has killed at least 156 people and paralyzed the main city of Urumqi.

The official Xinhua News Agency said Tuesday that the curfew from 9 p.m. to 8 a.m. Wednesday was needed to "avoid further chaos," according to Wang Lequan, Communist Party boss for Xinjiang.

Xinhua said Wang had also called for avoiding confrontation between ethnic groups.

Urumqi was tense Tuesday, with protests happening in several parts of the city and both Han Chinese and Uighur groups facing off with armed police.

Los Angeles braces for star's final act as Jackson memorial grips downtown

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The curtain is slowly rising on Michael Jackson's last show.

As in Jackson's life, Tuesday's public memorial at the downtown Staples Center includes the spectacle surrounding the show — legal drama, screaming fans, star power, live worldwide broadcast, unsavory accusations, even a parade of elephants — all adding up to what could be the biggest celebrity send-off of all time.

On the eve of the memorial, activity was spotted late Monday at the Forest Lawn Cemetery involving the Jackson family. The cemetery is the location where relatives were expected to hold a private funeral.

La Toya Jackson, wearing sunglasses and a wide-brimmed hat, was seen being driven away from the cemetery. KCAL-TV showed helicopter footage of a hearse backing up to the Hall of Liberty — a circular building at the cemetery that contains a 1,200 seat auditorium — to deliver a casket.

A few hours later, the casket was reloaded into the hearse and delivered to another nearby building, this time covered in a blue cloth.

Suspected U.S. missile attack kills 12 Taliban militants in northwest Pakistan

ISLAMABAD (AP) — Suspected U.S. missiles slammed into a training camp ran by Pakistani Taliban leader Baitullah Mehsud on Tuesday, killing at least 12 militants in the latest in a flurry of strikes against him and his followers, intelligence officials said.

Five foreigners were among the dead in the attack in South Waziristan close to the Afghan border, the officials said, but their nationalities were not known. Top Arab leaders of the al-Qaida terror network are believed to be hiding in the region, as well as scores of militants from nearby countries, especially Afghanistan and Uzbekistan.

Two missiles hit the camp in Jangara, a village close to Makeen, the hometown of Mehsud, four officials told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to media. The missiles were believed fired by unmanned American planes.

One official said communication intercepts indicated that militants were now telling one another to move to safe places because there were more drones in the sky and there could be more attacks.

Community still looking for answers after police shoot suspected serial killer

GAFFNEY, S.C. (AP) — People terrorized by a serial killer who shot five people to death in their small community were relieved after police said they killed the man responsible. But with his death, an answer to the bloody spree could be lost.

"I still want to know why he did it," said truck driver Matt Brown, 55, of Gaffney. "Why he killed so many innocent people. I guess we'll never know."

His wife, Gina, 53, clutched her husband's arm. "Thank God it's over," she said. "We spent a lot of sleepless nights wondering who was next."

Suspected killer Patrick Burris, 41, was a career criminal paroled just two months ago, authorities said. He was shot to death by officers investigating a burglary complaint at a home in Gastonia, N.C., 30 miles from where the killing spree started June 27. Investigators did not have an address for Burris and said they had no idea why he did it.

Sarah Palin to return to public view for bill signing, but in a very remote Alaska town

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Gov. Sarah Palin is returning to the public eye four days after her bombshell resignation announcement, albeit in a place far removed from the glare of the national media: in a remote fishing village 30 miles north of the Arctic Circle.

Palin is scheduled to appear in Kotzebue to sign a bill designed to bring public safety officers to small towns. Kotzebue is a town of about 3,000 people that is 550 miles northwest of Anchorage and lies on a spit of sand at the end of a peninsula.

Despite the location, Palin will inevitably be faced with questions about what motivated her to abruptly resign just as she tries to elevate her national profile ahead of a possible 2012 presidential run. There has been speculation that she has some legal issue that is not yet known to the public.



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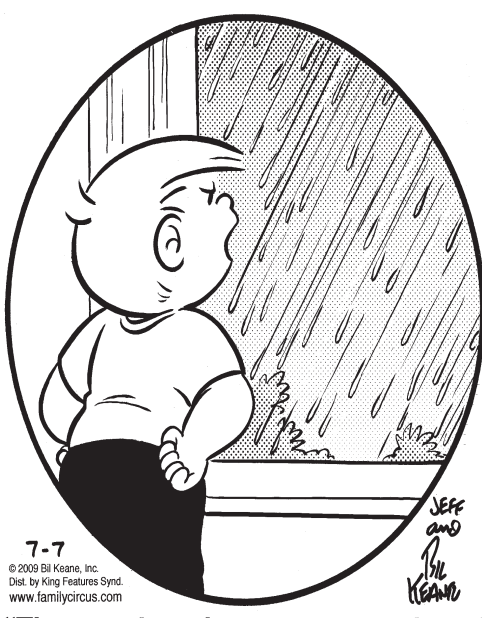
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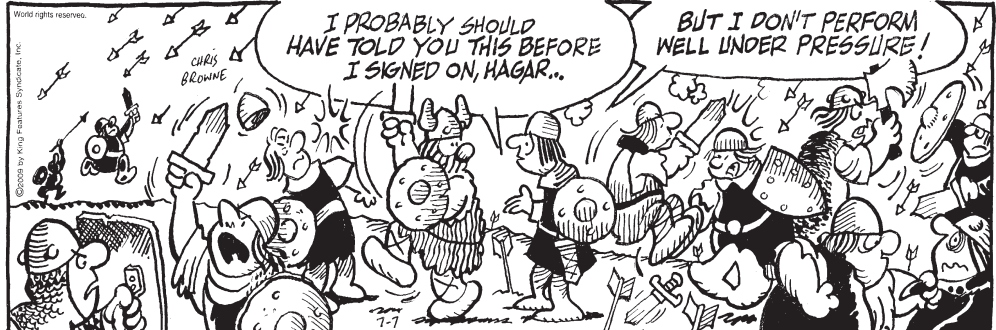
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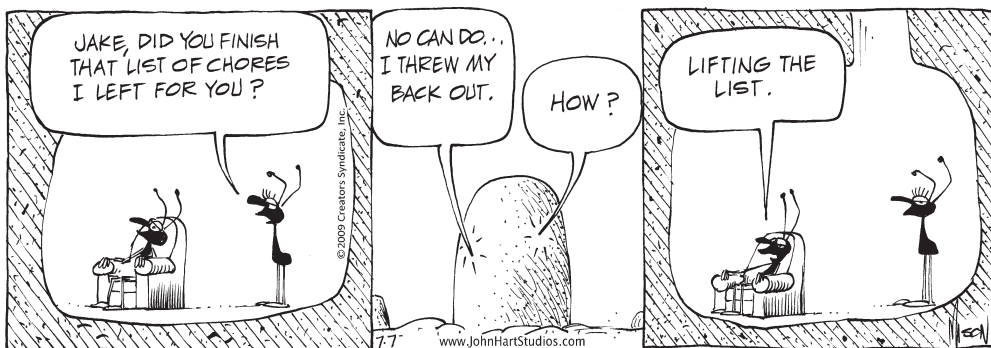
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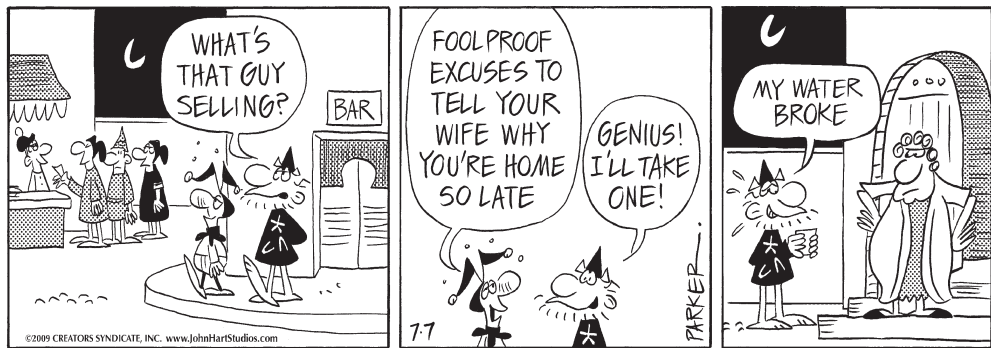
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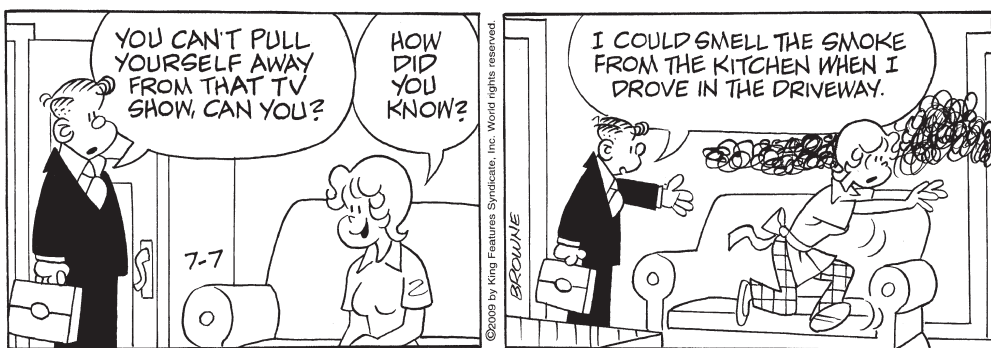
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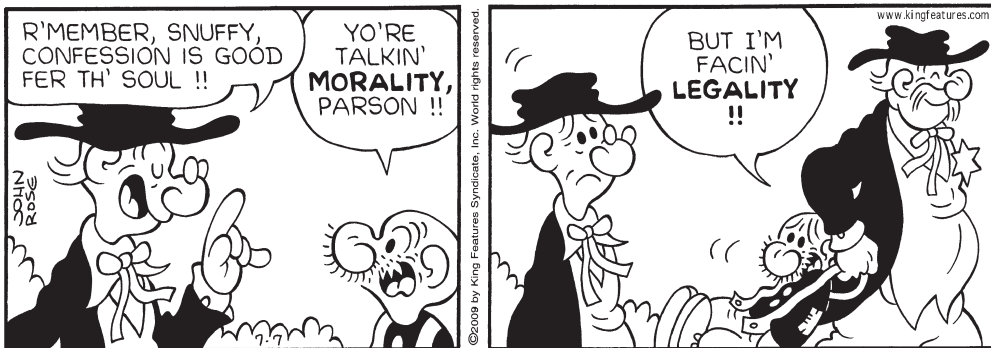
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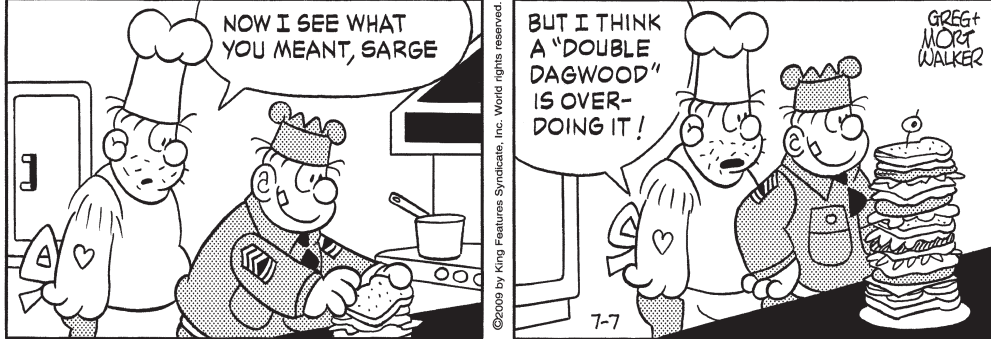
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, July 7, the 188th day of 2009. There are 177 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 7, 1865, four people were hanged in Washington, D.C., for conspiring with John Wilkes Booth to assassinate President Abraham Lincoln.

On this date:

In 1898, the United States annexed Hawaii.

In 1908, the Democratic national convention, which nominated William Jennings Bryan for president, opened in Denver.

In 1919, the first Transcontinental Motor Convoy, in which a U.S. Army

convoy of motorized vehicles crossed the United States, departed Washington, D.C. (The trip ended in San Francisco on Sept. 6, 1919.)

In 1930, construction began on Boulder Dam (later Hoover Dam).

In 1948, six female reservists became the first women to be

sworn into the regular U.S. Navy.

In 1969, Canada's House of Commons gave final approval to the Official Languages Act, making French equal to English throughout the national government.

In 1981, President Ronald Reagan announced he was nominating Arizona Judge Sandra Day O'Connor to become the first female justice on the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1983, 11-year-old Samantha Smith of Manchester, Maine, left for a visit to the Soviet Union at the personal invitation of Soviet leader Yuri V. Andropov.

In 2005, suicide terrorist bombings in three Underground stations and a double-decker bus killed 52 victims and four bombers in the worst attack on London since World War II.

Today's Birthdays: Blues musician Pinetop Perkins is 96. Musician-conductor Doc Severinsen is 82. Country singer Charlie Louvin is 82. Pulitzer Prize-winning author David McCullough is 76. Former Beatles drummer Ringo Starr is 69. Singer-musician Warren Entner (The Grass Roots) is 65. Rock musician Jim Rodford is

64. Actor Joe Spano is 63. Pop singer David Hodo (The Village People) is 62. Country singer Linda Williams is 62. Actress Shelley Duvall is 60. Actress Roz Ryan is 58. Actor Billy Campbell is 50. Rock musician Mark White (Spin Doctors) is 47. Actress Jorja Fox is 41. Actress Cree Summer is 40. Actress Kirsten Vangsness is 37. Actor Troy Garity is 36. Actor Hamish Linklater is 33. Olympic silver and bronze medal figure skater Michelle Kwan is 29. Rapper Cassidy is 27.

Thought for Today: "Only a mediocre person is always at his best." — W. Somerset Maugham, English author and dramatist (1874-1965).

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Bird poop: Young kites get an eviction notice

After driving east of town to the woman's home, the game warden walked the property heavily shaded by old growth trees. He received the same greeting as she earlier had experienced. As they stood on the wooden deck outside the front door, he cautioned the woman to wait and let someone licensed by the state take care of the problem.



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"Need you to get some young out of the nest," was the officer's request when he called during the afternoon.

"One of 'em knocked my hat off." Aggressively defending their nest not far from her deck, the avian parents had dive-bombed the game warden repeatedly.

Since the hawks had swooped down toward the woman whenever she stepped out the front door, he felt the removal of the nestlings and nest would protect both the resident and the birds. With no hungry offspring to feed, the parents would leave.

With several ladders in the trailer because we did not know what height to expect, Art and I drove to Sand Springs.

Although the woman was not at home, the

birds were. Above her dense foliage, and that of the elms, pecan, and mulberry trees scattered throughout the neighborhood, could be heard their piercing cries, phee-phew, phee-phew.

Approximately 40 feet from the deck to the south was a stately elm.

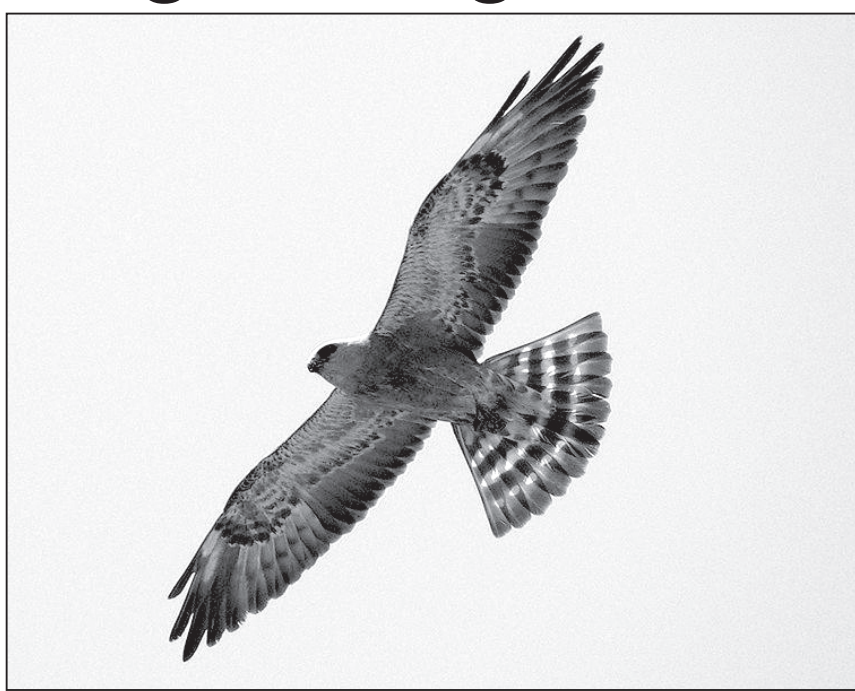
A stick nest had been built where the trunk offered a natural bowl as it grew into three large limbs.

Holding the ladder against the tree, Art watched for the parents as I climbed toward the nest.

Slowly peeking over the rim, I was relieved to see two awkward nestlings backing as far away from me as possible. Feathering out, the duo was losing their downy coats. Their parents had brought them through the first weeks of life.

My feeding and care of them would not be as intensive as I had thought.

With my face almost in the nest, I came eye to eye with a lizard. Having been torn apart by a parent feeding the young, the reptile was incapable of scooting from the nest.



Courtesy photo

Suspended in air, the Mississippi kite lolls on thermals while watching for its next meal. In addition to insects, the hawk also readily takes snakes and mice.

What caught my attention next were the fresh green leaves lining the nest.

No remains of cicadas and grasshoppers were evident; no eliminated waste soiled the bedding or the rim.

The parents' attention to their young included keeping the nursery clean.

After handing each nestling to Art, I pulled apart with some regret the layers of twigs that had been interwoven into their summer home.

Only in extreme cases

did the officer agree to the destruction of habitat and removal of the young.

Later I learned that in one attack, the woman had come close to falling from the deck as she ducked the onslaught.

In the carrier placed in the shade at the foot of the tree, the two young hawks nestled in a back corner.

Above, their parents soared over the neighborhood.

In endless circles, these members of the hawk family, better

known as Mississippi kites, used the air currents created by the 100-degree temperature to gain altitude.

As we watched the effortless avian merry-go-round, I suddenly thought of Christmas. Remembering the brass angels and other symbols that were caused to spin by the heat of a candle, I figured we had our own carousel in the sky.

Once at our home, the nestlings relished a cuisine of crickets and minced mice.

As the plumage on their chests and bellies streaked with a rusty brown, they began to develop some of the gray feathers of their parents.

Since they were now at the fledgling stage of development, it was time for a trip to South Plains Wildlife Center in Lubbock.

Placed with other young kites, our two would develop muscle tone, acquire flight

ability, and learn to find and kill all their food.

Released when ready, the Mississippi kites would continue maturing.

The twosome, and others, would acquire pale gray heads and underparts.

In contrast, their upperparts would be a darker, slate gray. Their black tails and red eyes would be distinctive.

Nine summers have passed. Fortunately, no more kites have had to be removed from nests. During early May through August, the adults grace our skies with their long, pointed wings.

Capturing and eating insects while in flight, the birds have proven the benefits of their presence.

A paradox, the high flying kite, that is a hawk, resembles a falcon.

When first noted officially, the raptor was named after the state of Mississippi.

However, now it frequents Texas, New Mexico, Kansas and Oklahoma.

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