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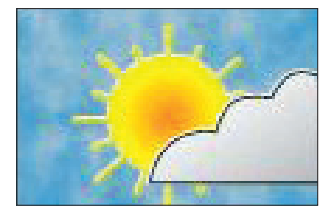

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BSISD to seek voters' help

Officials plan election to allow for 'tax swap'

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

It is the closest thing to "money for nothing" that most of us will ever find.

Big Spring school trustees have a deal for you — accept basically the same tax rate as before but realize about \$1 million more for the district this coming fiscal year.

By artificially zeroing out the Big Spring Independent School District debt service tax rate and raising the maintenance and operation tax rate at the same time, trustees can realize a net increase in revenue of up to \$1 million in 2009-2010.

It may sound too good to be true, but thanks to the vagaries of state financial aid, this "tax swap" is completely on the up and up, school officials said.

"If the rollback election passes, Big Spring's tax rate will be at \$1.12 and the district will receive about \$1.82 million more this coming year. If the rollback election fails, the tax rate will still be \$1.12 and that \$1.82 million will be sitting on a table in Austin somewhere."

—Dr. John Walch

Dr. John Walch, director of Walch Educational Consulting in San Antonio, briefed trustees on the "tax swap" plan during their regular monthly meeting Thursday evening.

Walch, a long-time educator, said the plan would allow BSISD to receive the maximum possible benefit from existing state financial aid legislation. Like other school districts in Texas, BSISD's tax rate is split into two parts — maintenance and operations (M&O) and interest and sinking (I&S). M&O

pays the day-to-day costs of the district, such as salaries and utilities, while I&S pays off district debt accrued from bond elections.

State aid to districts, however, is weighted heavily toward what the districts charge in the M&O portion of the tax rate — giving schools roughly 99 cents in aid for every \$1 they raise in local



Dr. John Walch, left, director of Walch Educational Consulting, discusses a "tax swap" plan that will earn Big Spring Independent School District about \$1 million more in the coming fiscal year during a BSISD trustees meeting Thursday evening.

HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

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Gregg resurfacing to move east

18th Street intersection reconstruction complete after rain delays, officials say

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Recent rains have thrown a kink into ongoing efforts to resurface Gregg Street, according to officials with Price Construction, the local contractor responsible for renovations being made to the Big Spring thoroughfare.

Jake Whitehead, spokesman for Price Construction, said the recent downpours

have caused some problems with construction efforts, especially those to rebuild the concrete-based intersections along the route.

"The Gregg Street project has encountered some snags with the recent weather, especially with the 18th Street intersection," said Whitehead. "The runoff of water from the rain created issues with the sub grade, and it took some

time to dry it out and reshape it so the concrete could be placed.

"We were successful Wednesday, and the intersection at 18th Street and Gregg has been finished. The contractor placing the concrete is finishing up some small details, but we expect to have the intersection re-opened some time Friday."

While motorists will cer-

tainly be happy to see the intersection re-opened, Whitehead said there are still some big changes set to take place in the construction area, which stretches from FM 700 to Fourth Street.

"Monday there will be some big changes taking place. We will eliminate the temporary striping along the road and traffic will be placed on the west side, just like it is to-

day on the east side," said Whitehead. "Tuesday we will begin the milling process, removing the pavement on the northbound lanes like we've previously done on the southbound sides... which should take the rest of the week.


"All of the businesses and residents on the east side will be affected with this process

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Eagles fundraiser set Saturday

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

For years now the Fraternal Order of Eagles Big Spring Lodge has lent a helping hand to local residents and organizations in need, but with the group's coffers running dry, its members are looking for support from the community to keep up their good work.

Gary Gillihan, president of the non-profit organization, said sky-

rocketing utility costs are pressing the Eagles Lodge into a tough fiscal corner.

"The electric bill at the lodge has been more than \$1,000 the past few months," said Gillihan. "And we have money that's earned from the H.A.R.C. Bingo, but we're only allowed to use 25 percent of it to pay for things like utility bills. So we're hoping area residents will come out Saturday and take part in this fundraiser so we can keep doing the char-

ity work we're doing in the area." The Eagles have certainly done their share of fund-raising for local groups and individuals, having recently presented a \$7,000 check to local law enforcement officials to purchase bullet-proof vests, and provided countless other funds for other local projects and programs.

Set for Saturday from 9 a.m. until 1 a.m. at the Eagles Lodge, located


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Pictured in the Big Spring Girls Softball Association's 12-and-under All-Star Team, which will be one of five representing the BSGSA at this year's West Texas ASA District 26 All-Stars Tournament in Lubbock July 17-19. Making up the team is: (front row from left to right) Shaylee Franks, Brittnee Rios, Alicia Redwine, Skydra Sanford, Andrea Garcia and Alexie Roberts, (back row from left to right) Danie Ortega, Kendra Dyer, Nadya Viasana, Teodora Arguello, Alexis Roach and Destiny Hernandez.

Rangers topped late, 3-1

SEATTLE (AP) — While the rest of Franklin Gutierrez's Seattle teammates celebrated his three-run homer in the eighth inning against Texas on Thursday night, Mariners closer David Aardsma focused and in the moment.

"It was awesome. It was amazing, but I was already kind of throwing, just in case," said Aardsma, who worked the ninth inning of the 3-1 victory over the Rangers for his 18th save. "I can't enjoy it. I can't go out and celebrate it because I have to get ready."

"It's kind of that negative point. I wish I could cheer and give high-fives like everyone else was, all my teammates. But I have to do my job. I don't get to enjoy it until after the game."

Aardsma had something else on his mind.

Just 24 hours earlier he had his second blown save of the season, allowing five runs without getting an out in a 5-3 loss to Baltimore.

"He's a competitor. He wants the ball in his hand. You can't take that away from him,"

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AP photo/Kevin P. Casey

Texas Rangers pitcher Tommy Hunter, left, wipes his head as he talks with catcher Jarrod Saltalamacchia during the third inning of an AL baseball game against the Seattle Mariners in Seattle Thursday. Hunter pitched six scoreless innings, but watched Seattle's Franklin Gutierrez hit a 3-run homer in the bottom of the eighth inning, propelling Seattle to a 3-1 win.

Dallas installs first field at new stadium

SCHUYLER DIXON

Associated Press Writer

ARLINGTON — Cowboys Stadium officials aren't wasting time trying to prove the versatility of the new \$1.15 billion facility.

After the spaceship-looking structure opened with two big-ticket concerts, crews are installing the artificial playing surface for the first sporting event: a CONCACAF Gold Cup soccer doubleheader July 19.

Up next are two football fields — one for the Cowboys, another for college and high school games. But not before real grass is trucked in for another soccer match.

Cowboys Stadium general manager Jack Hill said the natural playing surface was a contractual requirement for a Club America-Chelsea exhibition on July 26. He said crews will be ready.

"Keep in mind that we may have a rodeo, we may have a motocross dirt event, we may have monster truck," Hill said. "Always in the back of our mind, we knew there would be a lot more here than just football or soccer. We built it with the ultimate flexibility in mind."

But they don't plan to have a parade of grass fields. For instance, Hill said the 2011 Super Bowl will be played on the artificial surface, called RealGrass Matrix turf.

"Natural grass just brings in a whole lot of other issues," said Hill, adding that the stadium can accommodate a system for watering the grass. "Nothing against natural grass. It's beautiful. But, from a maintenance standpoint, there's quite a bit to it."

Hill said the initial installation of the three artificial turf fields will take about a week apiece. Once the fields are installed, though, they can be changed out in about a day, he said.

The Cowboys make their debut Aug. 21 in a preseason game against the Tennessee Titans — two days after Paul McCartney plans the venue's third concert. So their field will be built before the concert, Hill said.

After initial installation, machines can roll up the turf in segments about 5 yards wide, and those not in use will be stored under the stadium, said Bruce Layman, vice president of Sportfield LLC, the Austin-based company providing the turf.

The turf will be slightly

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Coaches, teammates remember slain QB McNair

TERESA M. WALKER

AP Sports Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Steve McNair's pastor and close friend cautioned against judging the ex-NFL quarterback Thursday, reminding people who gathered for his memorial not to cast the first stone when talking about his life off the field.

McNair, who was married, was shot to death at his condo early Saturday by his 20-year-old girlfriend, Sahel Kazemi, who then turned the gun on herself.

"Drop your stone the next time you write about Steve McNair. Drop your stone the next time you text somebody. Drop your stone the next time you twitter. Drop your stone, those of you in the barbershops, the beauty shops. Those of you walking the streets on the corner, drop your stone," Bishop Joseph W. Walker III told thousands of people, among them family members, fans and more than 50 former teammates, gathered at Mount Zion Baptist Church.

"What I do know about this man was that he

loved God though he was just like us: imperfect," Walker said. "But he knew God."

Among those in the audience was McNair's wife, Mechelle, who later left wearing sunglasses. Walker called her an amazing woman.

"You have inspired us all to endure hardship as a good soldier," he said.

It was her first public appearance since her husband died, and press photographers were asked

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Sports in brief

Howard College hosting three baseball camps

The coaching staff of the 2009 National Champion Howard College baseball team is lending its services to baseball camps for three different age groups beginning July 20 and lasting through July 23 at Jack Barber Field, located on the Howard College campus.

The first is called the Rookie League Camp and is for players ages 6-8 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. each day. Cost is \$100 if it is paid by Tuesday and goes up to \$125 after that date.

The Texas League Camp is for ages 9-12 and is from 10 a.m. to noon each day. Cost is \$125 by Tuesday and \$150 thereafter.

The Big League Camp is for ages 13-18 and lasts from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Cost is \$150 by Tuesday and \$175 if paid after that date.

Howard College baseball camps are skill intensive teaching camps. They are designed to create a

fun environment to improve skills and develop a love for the game. Group and individual instruction will be provided by the Howard College coaching staff and players. Emphasis is placed on fielding and hitting techniques.

For more information, call the Howard College athletic office at 264-5040.

Coahoma Bulldogs Football Camp set for July 28-30

Bulldog Stadium is the site for the Coahoma Bulldogs Football Camp set for July 28-30 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. each day.

The camp is for ages 8-years-old through incoming eighth graders. Cost is \$20 if paid by July 15 and \$25 after that date.

The camp will be coordinated by the Coahoma football coaching staff. Campers will be divided into age, skill and position groups and will work with the fundamentals of football specific to their

offensive and defensive positions.

For more information, contact Head Coach Stacey Martin at 394-4535.

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.

The tournament will feature a shotgun start at 1 p.m. both days. The field will be flighted by first round scores.

For more information, contact the BSCC pro shop at 267-5354.

Obituaries

Letty "Ruth" Cook

Ruth Cook, 97, of Garden City passed away Wednesday, July 8, 2009, in Midland. Family visitation will be from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Friday, July 10, 2009, at the funeral home. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 11, 2009, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring with the Rev. Jan Reed officiating. Interment will follow at Garden City Cemetery. There will also be a luncheon in Garden City following the service.

Ruth was born Aug. 11, 1911, to Cora Alice and James H.T. Johnson in Lorraine. Ruth was an artist, perpetual student, line dancer (until the age of 93), lover of life and a teacher. She began teaching in 1929 at the age of 18. She taught in various small schools and moved to Garden City in 1937.

She married rancher Jack Cook in 1943, with whom she built a home and family, including daughter, Margaret Jo Saunders, and son, Billy J. Cook. Ruth taught for 38 years and the auditorium in Garden City was dedicated in her name upon her retirement.

At this point in time, her oldest former pupil would be 88 and her youngest 39. Her teaching and gracious manner of living touched the lives of many generations of Garden City residents, family and friends.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Garden City. She was a member of the Texas Retired Teacher's Association and Senior Citizen's Center of Garden City.

Survivors include a son, Dr. Billy J. Cook of Midland; a daughter, Margaret Jo Saunders and Bud Saunders of Midland; granddaughters, Jacque Saunders Stone and Becca Saunders of Midland; honorary family member, Jacob Carrington of Midland; nieces, Mary Pat Elledge and Dwayne of Murphy, Margie Braswell and Jim of Cartwright, Okla., Judy Duncan and Wesley of Whitesboro, Reta Bell and Steve of Garden City, Paula Talbot and Guy of Big Spring, Marsha Zintgraff of San Antonio, Brenda Davis and Dick of Athens, Darla Bennett of Tyler and Barbara Coates and Danny of Henderson; nephews, Mike Porter and Cheryl of Tucson, Ariz., James Cook and Charlotte of Houston, Jack Mowrey of Las Vegas, Nev., and Gary Mowrey and Jane of San Antonio; as well as treasured grand and great nieces and nephews and cherished neighbor children.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jack Cook; parents, James and Cora Johnson; her brother, Raymond Johnson; and a sister, Nell Porter.

Pallbearers will be Bud Saunders, Larry Bradford, Rusty Hollingsworth, Donny Cypert, Steve Bell and Jacob Carrington. Honorary pallbearers will be Dick Davis, James Cook, Gary Mowrey, Jack Mowrey, Mike Porter, Danny Coates, Guy Talbot, Glen Joe Riley, Dwayne Elledge, Jim Braswell and Wesley Duncan.

Perhaps you sang a lovely song, or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent beautiful flowers, if so we saw them there.

Perhaps you sent or spoke kind words, as any friend would say. Perhaps you prepared some tasty food, or maybe furnished a car. Perhaps you rendered a service unseen, near at hand or from afar.

Whatever you did to console the heart, we thank you so much, whatever the part. — The Family of Ruth Cook

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Glasscock County Library, Glasscock Co. ISD, Box 9, Garden City 79739; or the Senior Citizen's Center, Box 324, Garden City 79739.

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

Paid obituary

Pauline Marie Clark

Pauline Marie Clark, 84, of San Angelo died Wednesday, July 8, 2009, at an area nursing home. Family visitation will be held from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. today at the Robert Massie Funeral home. Funeral services will be held at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, July 11, 2009, at the Harvest Baptist Church on Austin Street, with Ron Patterson, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Abilene Municipal Cemetery in the Cedar Hill Section. Arrangements are by Robert Massie Funeral Home.

Pauline was born Oct. 17, 1924, in Abilene to William Arthur and Lula Ida Shreve Turnidge. She married Marvin Howard (M.H.) Clark June 1, 1941, in Abilene.

She is survived by her husband, M.H. Clark, of San Angelo; three daughters, Martha Simpson and husband, George, of Raynham, Mass., Mary Hartman of San Angelo and Sharon Watson and husband, Reece, of Bigalow, Ark.; a son, Marvin Clark Jr. and wife, Rada, of Wasilla, Ark.; one sister, Jean Turnidge of Ft. Worth; four sisters-in-law, Pauline Maul of Payson, Ariz., Joyce Dane, June Burt and Shirley Pylant, all of Abilene; brother in law, Raymond Clark of Cherry Hill, N.J.; 16 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Pauline's obituary and memorial guestbook may be viewed online at www.robertmassie.com

Tennie Hays

Tennie Hays, 103, of Coahoma died Thursday, July 9, 2009, at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation. Funeral Services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Donita Lea and Captain Donnie Hays officiating. Private burial will be at Coahoma Cemetery.

She was born Dec. 2, 1905, at Hodges, located in Jones County, to George W. and Tildon Franklin Sweatt. She was the fifth of 10 children. The family moved to Mitchell County when she was about three months old.

She married Denver Hays July 26, 1925, at Westbrook and they had four sons. He preceded her in death March 27, 1981. She lived all of her life in Mitchell and Howard counties, except for short periods in Kermit, Graham and Jacksboro.

She was a member of the Coahoma United Methodist Church and The Order of Eastern Star. She loved to work in her flower and vegetable gardens, sewing, cooking and spoiling her grandchildren.

She is survived by three sons, Marion Hays and wife, Charline, of Westbrook, Clarence Hays and wife, Mackie, of Big Spring, and William "Billy" Hays and wife, Judy, of White Oak; nine grandchildren; 19 great grandchildren; and 21 great great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by one son and daughter-in-law, Dois and Jane Hays; three grandsons; one great granddaughter; and all of her brothers and sisters.

The family suggests memorials to a favorite charity.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com

Paid obituary

Virginia Murphy Newsom

Ginger Newsom, 77, formerly of Big Spring died Wednesday, July 8, 2009, in Fort Worth following a long, courageous battle. Graveside funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, July 11, 2009, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring with Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

She was born July 24, 1931, in Arkansas and married Jimmie D. Newsom in 1966 in Fort Worth. He preceded her in death July 1, 2003.

Ginger was a longtime resident of Howard County. She was a loving, caring and giving wife, mother and grandmother.

Survivors include one daughter, Jana Upchurch of Fort Worth; two sons, Jimmy Newsom of Big Spring and Shane Newsom of Fort Worth; five grandchildren, Kevin and Ashley Upchurch, Michael and Taylor Newsom and Ritchie Merritt; 10 brothers and sisters; and a multitude of loving family members.

She will be greatly missed. 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

Remigio 'Raymond' Gonzales

Remigio "Raymond" Gonzales, 81, of Big Spring died Thursday, July 9, 2009, at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Margarita Juarez Rosas

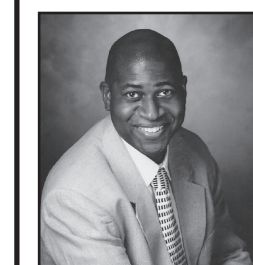
Margarita Juarez Rosas, 63, of Big Spring died Friday, July 10, 2009, at Midland Memorial Hospital. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of Johnson. One person was transported to SMMC.
• TRAUMA was reported in the 2600 block of Larry Drive. One person was transported to SMMC.
• MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of Tucson. One person was transported to SMMC.
• MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

It is my pleasure to announce that on Tuesday, July 21, 2009 at 7:00 PM there will be a sacred concert at New Creation First Church of God. Edward (Eddie) Cumberbatch, a celebrated and award-winning Tenor soloist from the Caribbean Island of Trinidad, will be appearing here for one night only.



Mr. Cumberbatch (see picture to left) attended Anderson (In) University where he studied voice privately, and also participated in the school's Male Chorus and University Chorale. He has traveled extensively in concert work throughout the Caribbean area, England, South Africa, Hong Kong, and the United States. While in South Africa, he was awarded first place in an international vocal competition. Currently he is a faculty member of the University of Trinidad and Tobago, and is active professionally in solo and ensemble engagements.

Traveling with Mr. Cumberbatch will be Rev. Paul and Rita Jo Yerdens of Phoenix AR. The Yerdens are internationally known keyboard artists, and will provide accompaniment for the concert, as well as pre-concert organ and piano selections.

We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to come and be a part of this celebration of singing and praise. I am sure you would enjoy this rich voice and the music that accompanies this gifted singer.

Rev. Tony Leonard, host Pastor, would like to welcome all to attend this free concert. A free-will love offering will be received.

Pastor Tony M. Leonard

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Table with 5 columns: Day (Sat 7/11, Sun 7/12, Mon 7/13, Tue 7/14, Wed 7/15), Temperature, and Description. Includes sunrise and sunset times for each day.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 63 inmates at the time of this report.

• PAMELA HADORN, 48, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on charges of burglary of a building and issuance of a bad check.

• OSCAR MANUEL MADRID, 27, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• JEREMIAH CLAYTON PETERS, 25, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana — two ounces or less.

• ANTHONY RAMIREZ, 32, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on charges of terroristic threat and a local warrant.

Police blotter

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

• ANTHONY RAMIREZ, 31, of 4209 Birch, was arrested Thursday on charges of terroristic threat and discharge of a firearm within the city limits.

• JEREMIAH PETERS, 25, of 603 Elgin, was arrested Thursday on a charge of possession of marijuana.

• OSCAR MADRID, 27, of 1511 Princeton, was arrested Thursday on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• THEFT was reported: in the 2000 block of Gregg Street. in the 900 block of Willia. in the 1200 block of 11th Place.

• TERRORISTIC THREAT was reported in the 4600 block of Rickabaugh.

• POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA — TWO OUNCES OR LESS was reported in the 100 block of Whipkey.

• DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM WITHIN CITY LIMITS was reported in the 4200 block of Birch.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 2500 block of Cheyenne.

• BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 800 block of Owens.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 3700 block of Hamilton.

• ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 2400 block of Marshall.

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 21-25-29-33.

Bonus Ball: 7.

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 1. Prize: \$500,000.

Winning ticket purchased in: Houston.

drawn: 13-15-21-25-27. Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-5-3-4. Sum It Up: 18.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-5-0. Sum It Up: 10.

Take Note

• Angel Food order days for July will be today until 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.

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RANGERS

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Seattle's Ken Griffey Jr. said. "Yesterday was yesterday. He's like anyone in the bullpen, half nuts, half crazy. He forgot about it. He had a job to do and he got it done today."

Ichiro Suzuki, who had three hits to raise his major league-leading average to .361, opened the eighth with a single off C.J. Wilson (4-4). After two outs, Griffey walked and Gutierrez launched a 1-0 fastball into the bleachers in center field.

"I wasn't sure if it was out, but I felt like I hit it good," said Gutierrez, who was given a curtain call. "You never know when you hit it to center field here. When I first hit it and saw it go out I was pretty excited. This was a great victory. We have had some tough losses the last two games."

Felix Hernandez (9-3), heading to his first All-Star game, went eight

innings, allowing one run and three hits, striking out seven and walking two.

During the Mariners' half of the eighth inning, Hernandez sat on the bench with a towel over his head.

"I see it after the ball got out of the park," Hernandez said. "It was a great win."

Wilson, who had not given up a home run since June 4, said the pitch to Gutierrez "was supposed to be down and away and it cut back a little bit. It didn't have the action I wanted it - not in the right spot."

Rangers rookie Tommy Hunter, making his seventh major league start, went six innings, allowing four hits, walking three and striking out four.

The Mariners got a runner to second base three times against Hunter, but couldn't advance any of them. Their biggest threat was in the second when Griffey opened with a walk and Gutierrez singled, extending his hitting streak to a career-best 12

games. Ryan Langerhans lined out to right, Chris Woodward struck out and Rob Johnson bounced out.

Hernandez ran into his only trouble in the sixth. He retired the first two batters on three pitches, then Ian Kinsler walked and Michael Young singled to center. On a 2-2 pitch to Josh Hamilton, they pulled off a double steal. On the next pitch, Hernandez's fastball skipped into the dirt and off catcher Rob Johnson's glove for a wild pitch, allowing Kinsler to score.

"I thought we were set up perfectly with who we had in the game but we didn't get it done," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "They won the game tonight. We didn't give it to them."

Mariners manager Don Wakamatsu said, given the chance, he wanted Aardsma in another save situation as soon as possible.

"He gave up (five) runs last night, but we put him right back on the horse and he gave us a 1-2-3 inning,"

he said. "It was great for him mentally and great for the team. This shows that he's for real."

The Rangers had been 39-1 when leading after seven innings. This was the sixth time the Mariners have come back to win when trailing after seven innings.

Notes: The Mariners sent LHP Jason Vargas to Triple-A Tacoma to control his innings and refine his delivery. He was 3-3 with a 3.82 ERA in 11 starts. The club does not need a fifth starter until July 25. ... INF Chris Shelton was called up to replace Vargas on the roster. He played third in Tacoma out of necessity. Wakamatsu will use him the DH against left-handers and occasionally at first base. ... SS Yuniesky Betancourt, on a rehab assignment in Tacoma (hamstring), is expected to play one more game Friday and could be activated by the weekend. ... Texas 3B Hank Blalock had his third consecutive multihit game. ... Young is hitting .464 (13 of 28) against Seattle.

MCNAIR

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not to take pictures of her or other family members.

Fans had lined up starting Thursday morning to view McNair's closed silver-gray casket at a funeral home and later outside the church. A helicopter provided live TV footage as McNair's body was moved by hearse, and three of four local TV stations showed the memorial service live.

McNair's casket was on display at Mount Zion Baptist Church, where he had attended services since moving to Nashville in 1997. It was flanked by a large photo of him posing with his 2003 NFL MVP award on the right and another of him holding a football on the left.

The program included a statement from the McNair family.

"Today in our loss, our hurt, and

our pain we recognize our gains in you our friends and loved ones ... They have all been a source of strength and comfort at this time to our family," it read.

Titans owner Bud Adams, Tennessee Gov. Phil Bredesen, Nashville Mayor Karl Dean all attended.

Among those speaking was Titans coach Jeff Fisher, who recalled a hit McNair took to his chest in September 2000 that had the NFL quarterback ready to quit the game. He was in so much pain that he spent a bye weekend with the team's former chaplain in Houston.

Then McNair, who struggled to breathe, watched his backup knocked out of the Titans' next game. Fisher said McNair looked at him, winked, tossed two passes and then drove them down the field to a game-winning touchdown. Fisher said he caught up to McNair walking off the field that day in Pittsburgh and started to talk when the quarterback inter-

rupted and pointed to the sky.

"No more turf toe, no more sacks. No more shoulder problems, and no more interceptions, only touchdown passes. I'm going to miss you No. 9," Fisher said.

Eddie George, who helped McNair take the Titans to their lone Super Bowl in 2000, was among the pallbearers, along with four of the quarterback's former offensive linemen who escorted his casket out as the service ended. George read a poem describing McNair as a warrior during the service.

"You fought a good battle. Your life has just begun," George read.

Approximately 4,500 filled the church sanctuary for the service, and church officials had overflow areas with a handful of people there.

The Titans estimated approximately 9,000 people had visited LP Field, where fans were invited to reminisce about his career, between Wednesday and midday Thursday. Radio stations

were broadcasting from the stadium, where the shop had sold out all of its McNair merchandise except for a few children's shirts.

Derrick Lewis said McNair "put the Titans on the map."

Lewis, wearing a Titans jersey, said he and his family were devastated when they learned of McNair's death.

"Myself and my family were completely shocked and some of us were crying because you almost feel like you are related," Lewis said.

But Lewis said the details of the killing haven't changed his opinion of McNair.

"I will always remember him for the good things that he did for the community and the Tennessee Titans," Lewis said. "Nobody's perfect."

Associated Press Writers Kristin M. Hall and Lucas L. Johnson II contributed to this report.

STADIUM

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thicker for football, Layman said, and will be separated from the stadium's concrete floor by a half-inch pad designed to allow water to drain through it.

Hill said the potentially high volume of college games drove the decision to have three turfs, offering more flexibility for issues such as sponsorships.

In the stadium's first year, there will be five college games, including the Big 12 championship and the Cotton Bowl. The bowl game moved from the Dallas stadium that bears its name.

The Cowboys' first regular season in their new home will also be interrupted by a U2 concert in October and a Texas-North Carolina basketball game in December. The stadium will host next year's NBA All-Star game and the 2014 Final Four.

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Leaving wonks behind, Obama ready for high-profile meeting with pope, visit to Ghana

L'AQUILA, Italy (AP) — President Barack Obama is ending three days of often-wonkish policy discussions with fellow world leaders to embark on two of the most photogenic and emotional events of his young presidency: meeting the pope at the Vatican and becoming the first black American president to visit a mostly black African country.

He was throwing in a televised news conference from Italy for good measure.

Obama, his wife and daughters were to meet Pope Benedict XVI shortly before leaving Italy late Friday for Ghana. The two men have spoken by phone but not met before, aides say.

In Ghana, officials expect a tumultuous reception for Obama, whose father was from Kenya. Because the first family arrives rather late Friday night,

the main ceremony in Accra will occur Saturday, before he departs for Washington after a weeklong trip that started in Russia.

It will involve drumming groups and Ghanians "putting their best foot forward in terms of the cultural richness of an incredibly diverse country," White House adviser Michelle Gavin told reporters Thursday. To help accommodate the many who cannot attend, U.S. and Ghanaian officials have scheduled "watch parties," radio broadcasts and video coverage in theaters, parks and other places. And the nature of the Senate is important."

Conservative House Democrats demand cost cuts, other changes, in health care overhaul

WASHINGTON (AP) — Conservative House Democrats are demanding significant changes before they can support a sweeping health care overhaul, forcing the House to join the Senate in delaying action on President Barack Obama's top domestic priority.

The Blue Dog Democrats' list of demands came on the eve of House Democratic leaders' planned unveiling of their final bill Friday. The bill release was pushed back to Monday at the earliest and Democratic leaders agreed to devote Friday to meetings with the fiscally conservative Blue Dogs

to work through their concerns.

These include the need for more cost containment measures, protections for small businesses and a focus on rural health care.

"We cannot support a final product that fails to address these issues, members of the group wrote to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Majority Leader Steny Hoyer. Opposition from the 52-member group could imperil House passage of a bill.

David Arquette to live in box above Madison Square Garden for 2 days to raise hunger awareness

NEW YORK (AP) — David Arquette is going to live in a box in New York City to raise money for the hungry.

The 37-year-old actor plans to stay in a Plexiglas box above the Madison Square Garden marquee on Tuesday and Wednesday to raise \$250,000 for Feeding America, the nation's largest domestic hunger relief charity. He'll stay in the box each day for about eight hours.

Donations can come on site or through text messages or a Facebook page set up by Mars Inc., the company that makes Snickers candy bars.

A Mars spokesman says Arquette will eat during his two-day stay in the plastic enclosure. Arquette starred in the "Scream" movie franchise.

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BSISD

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however — it must receive voter approval.

Because the plan would result in BSISD increasing its M&O tax rate — however artificially — trustees would be required to hold a rollback election. Since the school financing system was overhauled in 2006, 252 districts have held rollback elections, with 71 percent of those elections passing voter muster.

Despite the inherent uncertainty of an election, officials believed

they had to go forward with the plan.

"I think this shows people we're being financially responsible by trying to maximize revenue for our school district," Superintendent Steven Saldivar said. "If we don't do this and people learn that we could have done it, they'll think we were dumb."

This issue is even more clear-cut to Walch.

"If the rollback election passes, Big Spring's tax rate will be at \$1.12 and the district will receive about \$1.82 million more this coming year," he said. "If the rollback election fails, the tax

rate will still be \$1.12 and that \$1.82 million will be sitting on a table in Austin somewhere."

Trustees will hold a public meeting Aug. 4 to discuss the district's proposed 2009-2010 tax rate and publicly call for a rollback election. The likely date for the election is Oct. 3.

In other business, trustees approved:

- An agreement that will allow the city of Big Spring to provide campus law enforcement services this coming school year.
- The Howard County Tax Appraisal District budget.
- Changes to the dis-

trict's discretionary leave and secondary sick pool policies.

• The hiring of Oscar Aguero as the new principal at Washington Elementary.

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GREGG

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just as the businesses and residents were on the west side. It does, in fact, open the west side folks up. We will make every effort to keep all businesses and residents accessible while this process is taking place."

Whitehead said the delays have had an impact

on the project's overall completion date, but he's hopeful work crews can will be able to make up for the loss.

"We have had some setbacks due to the weather and that impacted the schedule somewhat," he said. "Hopefully we can get back on track now with the hot, dry days ahead. We are still looking for a late-August to mid-September completion of all the headaches,

with a final completion of the entire project in either late-September or early October."

One way local residents can help speed up the project, however, is by simply keeping an eye out for water system problems, according to Whitehead.

"One thing we do ask is for businesses and residents on the east side of the street to please pay close attention to their

watering systems," he added. "If water runs off from these systems into the work area, it will take us longer to get them open again. We have to have solid and dry foundations to place the new asphalt and roadway materials."

The project, which is estimated at \$5.2 million, will resurface Gregg Street from the FM 700 intersection to the Fourth Street in-

tersection, according to TxDOT plans.

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EAGLES

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at 703 W. Third St., Gillihan said the event promises to be a good time for everyone, and should help keep the local group afloat through these tough economic times.

"We'll have hamburger plates for \$7 each," said Gillihan. "Those will be available from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. We'll also have to-go plates and call-in orders available by calling 263-6862. There will be an auction at 3 p.m., along with

plant and cake walks, 50/50 drawings, fun tosses and other activities."

And for area boot-scooters, the fundraiser will offer an opportunity to kick up their heels.

"The Pure Gold Band will perform from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m.," said Gillihan. "Tickets for the dance are just \$7 each. It's really a lot of fun, and the music is really something to enjoy."

"We're hoping everyone will come out and enjoy it with us. It's a chance to not only show your support for the local Eagle's Lodge, but to show your support

for all the local organizations we help each year."

For more information on Saturday's events, call 263-6862.

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## OUR VIEW

# We salute:

*Each week, the Herald salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.*

*We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play*

*This week we salute:*

- Steven Saldivar, who has officially taken off the term "designate" from his title and is now the new superintendent of the Big Spring Independent School District.

- Clayton Smith, who was recently honored as Veteran of the Month for June by the Hangar 25 Air Museum.

- Dathan Jones, the Big Spring YMCA's new executive director.

- All those who planned for and worked to pull off Pops in the Park, the Funtastic Fourth celebration, the Highland Fourth of July Parade and Coahoma's Fourth of July Freedom Parade.

- Home Hospice Halos Mariah Alexander, Chelsey Parker and Danielle Strickland, who during the recent annual luncheon for Home Hospice volunteers were conspicuous for their youth, as well as their signature maroon T-shirts. The Halos have been volunteering for four years. Instead of spending their summer loafing and lounging, they spend many hours a week visiting nursing homes and individual patients, under the supervision of Sherry Hodnett, the Hospice's bereavement/volunteer coordinator.

*Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.*

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

We experience the good things in life, Lord, when we look at everything through Your word.

Amen

# Knowing what mothers know

**Y**ou don't need a briefing book on being a mother to answer this one: What do you do when your daughter comes home complaining that she wants to drop off the swim team or quit the play or, with the little ones, never go to school again because the other kids are being so mean, calling her names and saying unbelievably terrible things about her family and especially her mother?



SUSAN  
ESTRICH

Easy, right? Sure, the first few times, you want to beat up the bullies with your own bare hands, and call their mothers and tell them what terrible children they've raised. But you don't. These are life lessons. You tell her about "sticks and stones," you tell her to swim even faster, sing louder, laugh in their faces when they say mean things and prove by her success that she's better than they are. Listen to your mother, you say, mothers know about this.

Sarah Palin didn't just take a political risk when she quit the governorship of Alaska without completing her first term. She took herself out of electoral

politics for good. Alaskans will never again elect her, at least as long as the people who are around right now are still voting. And half a term as governor of Alaska will never be seen as enough to qualify for the presidency.

Especially for a quitter and a sore sport.

Was Palin treated unfairly by the media? Sure. So were Geraldine Ferraro, Hillary Clinton and Katie Couric. Most "first" women are. They also get much more attention, fame and celebrity, and better seats at Yankee Stadium. I have the utmost respect for women who decide that the fame isn't worth the candle and put it aside to raise and protect their children.

Your children only have one mother.

Problem is, I don't think for a minute that Palin's goal is to give up the limelight. You don't wear a television red suit jacket if that's what you're doing. Quite the contrary. I think she thinks she's heading for places where the lights shine much brighter than they do in Siberia-adjacent.

We don't know exactly what the issues will be in 2012 or 2016, but in every presidential election, character and judgment are critical. Palin, as a candidate, will forever be the quitter. In tough times, she walked. Faced

with harsh critics, major budget problems and investigations into her own ethics, she skedaddled right out of there. If she can't stand the heat in Alaska...

And judgment? I had to laugh when I saw my old buddy Dick Morris quoted as saying he wouldn't have advised Palin to resign. Talk about an understatement. Dick would have barred the door and made the bullies sound nice. It's easy to feel like a little girl when it's your ethics and your kids being attacked. That's why kids need mothers (and fathers), and why politicians need advisers. I have no doubt there were many people around Palin who told her (or would have, had they been asked) not to quit. Judgment is about listening.

The question Palin answered incorrectly this weekend didn't require her to study up on Supreme Court decisions, or even to remember names of newspapers. It wasn't a liberal trick or an unfair ambush by the mainstream media. It should have been a softball for a woman who sold herself as bringing the wisdom of motherhood to high office. And getting it wrong is not a mistake voters are likely to forgive anytime soon.

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# Now there's a REAL fan!

**F**ans of the Dallas Mavericks basketball team sport T-shirts with "MFFL" lettering. Attempts to pronounce it wad the tongue; remember, "MFFL" is a long putt from an acronym. (Owner Mark Cuban came up with the designation: Mavericks Fans For Life.)

In Burseson, a rabid sports fan says his shirt letters mean: "Mickelson Fan For Life."

The fan is Greg Ryan, a Chick-fil-A franchisee. Actually, he and his golfing hero have much in common. They're both 39 this year, both left-handed and both have wicked swings. Ryan's talked-about swing — the buzz of Burseson — was not on the links. Friends there say his swings are like barroom doors; if his golf game were a prize fight, they'd stop it.

Other comparisons drop off considerably.

In 2007, for example, Mickelson earned about \$50 million in tournaments and endorsements, not far behind Tiger Woods, who set the pace for income among the world's athletes. Ryan that year sold tons of chicken, but earned zilch for endorsements.

For years on the PGA Tour, Mickelson was labeled "the best golfer never to win a major tournament." On one of several "near misses," he called himself "an idiot." This is one of the kinder things said of Ryan after his vicious swing referenced above.

OK, so back-tracking is a "must." Rain delayed the U.S. Open final round until Monday. Mickelson, runner-up in four earlier Opens, was in the chase. With four holes to play, though, his chances faded quickly. He had a chance to tie or win until

he bogeyed 17 and the winner birdied 16.

Ryan, at work prepping for the noon rush of chicken-eaters, claims that he "kept his shoulder to the wheel during the onslaught of patrons. Still, he cast frequent glances to the TV screen on his I-phone. His hero was "in the hunt!"

Customers placing orders from Ryan while Mickelson was on TV did so at their peril.

I feel particularly sorry for the diner at his station when Mickelson's tee shot faded into the rough on 14. Then he smashed a 201-yard approach shot to the back of the green. A 20-foot putt meant a birdie; three putts bore the blight of a bogey.

Alas, Mickelson missed his birdie attempt. He took a deep breath, figuring the par putt a scant yardstick from the pin was a tap-in. But, he missed!

He handled the misfortune like a pro. Ryan, a golfing hacker at best, didn't. He swung his left arm violently, his hand crashing into a steel key box.

The blow smarted. Trouper that he is, Ryan stayed the course through the mealtime rush. Near shift's end, his hand continued to throb, so he went to an emergency clinic.

Sure enough, X-rays revealed a fracture.

Slowly, he drove home, awkwardly steering with his right hand. He had time to concoct a story, but to his credit, he decided to tell wife Lori, and daughters Kylie, 12, and Riley, 4, the unvarnished truth.

He explained that he faced surgery four days later and that two pins would be inserted for a time. Later, there'd be a hard cast. With any luck, as the surgeon put it, he'll be "good as new" for the fall football kickoff.

Lori "heard him out," then spoke. "You handle the surgery thing, and I'll schedule the therapy," she dictated, "and I'm not talking about the physical kind." Greg is actually enjoying

his misery. Pain pills are but memories. He is luxuriating in the pampering provided by the women in his life. They fluff his pillows, bring him sustenance and give him sales reports from the store. The youngsters have made two signs, one for the store and one to slap on their dad's forehead. They read: "Chill Out on Using Phones at Work."

Dedicated to fostering absolute quiet for Greg's convalescence, they are quick to "shush" the dogs if they bark during his naptime. "Those mutts are driving me crazy," he moaned.

"That's not a drive, it's a putt," Lori purred.

He has notified Chick-fil-A honchos in Georgia that for the next few days, he can be reached on the home phone.

Greg is determined to return to work ASAP, with genuine efforts to — as old farmers used to say — "make a hand," albeit a tough assignment to serve up chicken with a right hand rarely used for such. Nowadays, with lots of time to think, he's vowed never again to take a game so seriously, unless, of course, he is a participant.

Maybe he can go to school on the Mickelson family's new perspectives gleaned from the recent diagnosis of his wife's cancer. Maybe you noticed pink accents on his attire at the Open. He was acknowledging the fight against cancer.

Amy Mickelson's surgery was performed on July 1. Her husband, on leave from the PGA Tour indefinitely, as well as other family members and close friends, stood vigil at the hospital. On the same day, Lori made Greg a pink sling, with enough material left over for matching boxers.

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# Church News

## Eddie Cumberbatch to perform at New Creation

The Rev. Tony Leonard has announced that at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 21, there will be a sacred concert at New Creation First Church of God.

Edward (Eddie) Cumberbatch, a celebrated and award-winning tenor soloist from the Caribbean Island of Trinidad, will be appearing for one night only.

Mr. Cumberbatch attended Anderson (Indiana) University where he studied voice privately, and participated in the school's Male Chorus and University Chorale. He has traveled extensively in concert work throughout the Caribbean area, England, South Africa, Hong Kong and the United States. While in South Africa, he was awarded first place in an international vocal competition. Currently he is a faculty member of the University of Trinidad and Tobago, and is active professionally in solo and ensemble engagements.

Traveling with Mr. Cumberbatch will be the Rev. Paul and Rita Jo Yerden of Phoenix, Ariz. The Yerdens are internationally known keyboard artists and will provide accompaniment for the concert, as well as pre-concert organ and piano selections.

We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to come and be a part of this celebration of singing and praise. We are sure you would enjoy this rich voice and the music that accompanies this gifted singer.

The Rev. Leonard, host pastor, would like to welcome all to attend this free concert at 2009 S. Main. A free-will love offering will be received.



Cumberbatch

for Sunday services, call the church office at 263-4211. You may also see what's happening at the church by visiting our Web site: [www.fpcbs.org](http://www.fpcbs.org)

## First Presbyterian, Coahoma

The friendly folks at First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma invite anyone to come and worship with us. We meet at 11 a.m. Sunday to share the Scriptures, sing, pray and worship, led by Commissioned Lay Pastor Tom Koger.

The next Frolic will take place in the church social hall at 7 p.m. Saturday. Please bring your talent, whether it's a joke, a song, an instrumental solo or group and your friends. We'll provide a light supper to go along with the entertainment.

The lectionary for the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time is II Samuel 6:1-19; Psalm 24; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29.

## First United Methodist

Sunday our pastor, the Rev. Sharon Wiese, will begin a three part sermon series entitled "When My House Burned Down; God's Vision for My Life." Worship services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. with Sunday school classes for all ages in between at 9:45 a.m.

Sunday at 6 p.m., there will be a book study in the parlor; this is a re-do of Maxie Dunnam's book "Irresistible Invitation." This study is for people who missed it the first time and for those who want to do it again for more depth and understanding. It will continue for six weeks.

Youth activities continue this summer, often at a different venue. College Coffee House for all college age youth is currently meeting at the Chris Wingert home at 2806 Coronado, 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Junior and senior high students meet for WAY Wednesdays at 7 p.m. In the Partee Building.

Vacation Bible School is just around the corner; pre-registration forms are currently available in the church office. This year's program will encompass fun, arts and crafts and a deeper understanding of the early Christian church as the youngsters study "Paul and the Underground Church" July 27-31 at First Methodist. We always need more volunteers. If you are interested and available, give Joyce Willis a call at 267-6394.

Another date to remember is Aug. 15. We will be having a giant back to school garage sale in the youth hall, sponsored by the Pathmaker Sunday School class to benefit the church's teams for Relay For Life 2010.

Annual Roundup for Methodist Churches in this area will be held Aug. 15 in Lubbock. Be sure to check with the church office for further information regarding class and transportation availability.

We want to thank the Rev. Jim Wright and his Seventh Army Soldier's Choir for performing for us Sunday morning as well as participating in Pops in the Park. What a thrill it was and what a privilege to have those retired service men and their wives in Big Spring for the holiday week.

We're back on schedule and there's lots going on here at Fourth and Scurry streets. We're First Methodist, where families grow in Christ.

## Chapel of Faith

You are invited to attend worship services each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. at the Chapel of Faith Church located at 14th and Goliad streets. This week Pastor Scott Willis will bring a message titled "Audacious Prayers/Perfect Response." The scripture is 2 Samuel 6:1-5; 12-19. Come early and enjoy a time of fellowship before services start.

The congregation honored its retiring pastor, the Rev. Joel Miller, with a party at the home of Gary and Judy Simer. In addition to wonderful refreshments, this was a time of sharing memories from those who have

# Waiting, but not patiently

I'm waiting, but not patiently. My hands are tied. I've done everything I know to do. Having tried for six months to sell one small house in one little town, there is nothing left for me to do except wait.

The whole real estate fiasco started when I enlisted a part-time realtor to help me sell a house that my sister, who lives in Colorado, and I own jointly. Because of illness, realtor No. 1 was unable to prepare a contract when a prospective buyer showed some interest in the property. Realtor No. 2 passed the ball to realtor No. 3, who seemed to live in her car and do business with a cell phone. She was kind enough to e-mail me some forms to fill out and said, "Call me if you need anything."

In the hubbub that has followed, I've talked with the cell-phone realtor in Jones County, written letters to an unseen attorney in Kent County and been placed on hold indefinitely by a title company in Dickens County. The realtor said,



BONNIE WHEAT

"Good Luck." The attorney asked me to send documentation about the births and deaths of my parents and their heirs. For a fee, he added some legalese to my information and signed his name. The lady at the title company doesn't seem concerned about my questions or deadlines. She always says, "I'll get back to you."

As of today, my sister and I have e-mailed, faxed, and overnight expressed papers from state to state. Our signatures have been witnessed and notarized, and we are still joint owners of a little house in Jayton, Texas. The first closing date has come and gone. The second closing date has been postponed because the lending institution needs more paper work from the buyer. The third closing date has not been set, and my vacation trip to North Carolina is on hold.

The Scripture has much to say about waiting for the Lord. The prophet Isaiah said, "Yet those who wait for the Lord Will gain new strength; They will mount up with wings like eagles. They will run and not get tired, They will walk and not become weary" (Isaiah 40:31 NASB).

I have to confess that I have become pretty weary of trying to sell a house, but God's timing is perfect. He always has a purpose for delays, and He always has our best interest in mind.

been together for many years and a time of testimonials of those who have recently joined the fellowship. The Millers expressed thanks for the friendship and dedication shown throughout this ministry.

A new treasurer and assistant treasurer were elected to office in a recent business meeting. The Rev. Willis was named as the new senior pastor effective July 1. A keyboard was purchased for the church and has added a new dimension to the music program.

This is a great time for you to become involved as the church goes through changes in leadership. Please attend church this Sunday. If you do not have a church home, Chapel of Faith would be pleased to welcome you.

## St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Everyone is invited to attend worship services at St. Mary's this Sunday. Holy Communion will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. Sunday school is over for the summer and will resume in September.

St. Mary's noon Holy Eucharist Service is every Wednesday in the chapel. There will be a women's lunch and prayer group meeting after the noon service in the library. Please bring your lunch and join us.

The Episcopal Church Women have a meeting in the library Sunday, following the 9:30 morning service. All women of the parish are encouraged to join us.

The Vestry of St. Mary's will meet on Monday, July 13, at 6 p.m. in the library.

For more information about St. Mary's, call 267-8201 or visit our Web site at [www.stmarysbst.org](http://www.stmarysbst.org). St. Mary's is located at 1001 S. Goliad.

## East Fourth Street Baptist Church

Wow! What a great three evenings we had in VBS. An average of 70 were there each evening and enjoying digging for God's Treasures, which were the Ten Commandments. Thanks to all the children and workers to help make our VBS a success.

Between 25 and 30 adults and youth

will be leaving July 17 for the Mission Trip to Mancos, Colo. Be in much prayer for this group as they go to witness and teach VBS. They will return July 25.

Our RA boys and leaders will be leaving July 27 for camp at Circle 6 Ranch. Keep this group in prayer as they make preparations.

Opportunities to join us in Worship are Sunday mornings with Sunday school for all ages starting at 9:45 a.m.; worship service at 11 a.m.; evening service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening starting at 7 p.m. we have Adult Bible Study and prayer meeting, Youth Bible Study and music; and Children's Backdoor Bible Study and music and Saturday mornings at 7, a Men's Bible Study.

Come join us on Sunday morning and enjoy our Praise Group as they lead out in our worship service, and this Sunday, our Ladies Ensemble will offer our special music, followed with the message from our pastor, Keith Weaver.

Our church is located at 401 E. Fourth St. Our phone number is 267-2291.

## Alive in Christ Lutheran LCMS

Our credo is "Celebrating and sharing God's love and grace in our lives."

We are located at 2805 Lynn St. in the Kentwood Subdivision in Big Spring. Our church phone number is (432) 264-7818.

Pastor Bob Boyce will be delivering the message Sunday. Angela Newton is the organist; acolyte is Abby Saucedo. Our elders this week are Darren Byrd and Richard von Hassell.

We appreciate Kent Ivey and Bobby Roever stepping in and covering for Pastor Boyce while he was at the convention last weekend. Thank you.

This week, the liturgy will be read by Bobby Roever. The readings for this week, the sixth Sunday after Pentecost, are Amos 7:7-16, Psalm 85: (1-7)-13, Ephesians 1:3-14, and Mark 6:14-29.

A night of Stargazing has been scheduled for July 25 at 9 p.m. at the

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). This is no time to skip events, especially parties or visits. Though you imagine you know how a scene will play out, you can't script what people will say and do. You won't know until you're there. Get out and experience life.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Bring people into your project. Don't be feel bad if you're not able to pull the whole deal off by yourself — you're not supposed to. No one succeeds alone. No one. And if you did, it wouldn't be any fun.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll be maneuvering a situation where the rules are not written down or spoken. The only way to find out what they are is to break them. Exercise your options and you'll learn quickly.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll have to say "no" to someone. You might turn down a request for a loan, decline an invitation or decide against a purchase. Think through your response and be as delicate as possible.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your passing informal observations have made little impact on a situation. It's time to communicate more directly. This afternoon is perfect for talking honestly about your

Tomorrow's Horoscope

feelings and then making a request.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (JULY 10). This year, you are a magnet for quality relationships. Your tolerance and patience increases and you find great peace within. You have something to teach in August. December shows you working hard for your earnings, but by April, you've found an easier, smarter way. Loved ones make you proud in November. Leo and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 17, 50, 2 and 11.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll discover a new way to connect with someone. A relationship that was lackluster will turn around. Or a special relationship will become an even greater source of excitement and joy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Under your persistent attention, problems unravel. Picture a world in which this problem does not exist. What would it look like? Hopefully you like the image because you're rapidly approaching it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You know what people like about you because they've told you. Knowing how good it made you feel, you just have to pay it forward. Find something to like about those you encounter today and let them know.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You don't see your own progress because it's happening in small increments, but you can be sure that your trials have strengthened you. You'll return to an old source of comfort and find that you don't need it anymore.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You may feel like you're not doing something well because those around you involved in the same activity are getting different results. Keep at it. You have a unique talent and only need a little more practice to

succeed.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You are so sensitive and will take on the emotional tone of those around you. Be careful not to expose yourself to contagions like fear, anxiety and stress. Go where the happy people are.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Being around a certain person inspires a chemical reaction in you. As a result, a fresh combination of feelings effervesce in your spirit. Explore these emotions and be ready to step up to a higher kind of experience.

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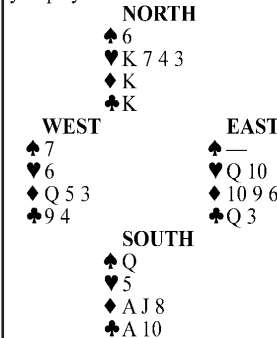
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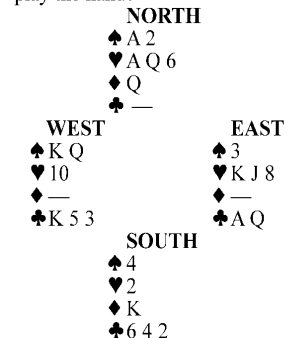


1. Cash the diamond ace and lead the jack. If West covers with the queen, ruff in dummy, overtake the king of clubs with the ace and play the queen of spades, placing East under severe pressure.

He cannot spare a heart, which would make dummy's hearts all tricks; he cannot spare the diamond ten because you'd then cash your eight, squeezing him again; nor can he spare the club queen because you'd cash your ten, continuing the squeeze.

If West ducks the jack of diamonds, you discard a heart from dummy, ruff the diamond eight, overtake the king of clubs and play the queen of spades, once again placing East in the same hopeless predicament.

2. You are on lead with the South hand and, with diamonds trump, must make five of the last six tricks against best defense. How would you play the hand?



2. Play a spade to the ace and ruff a spade. East is forced to discard a club on this trick and, furthermore, must discard the ace! (If he discards the queen instead, you lead the deuce of clubs next and discard a heart from dummy, forcing East to win and return a heart into dummy's A-Q.)

Now lead the deuce of clubs. If West follows low, you discard a heart, compelling East to win with the queen and return a heart. If West instead goes up with the king of clubs to prevent East from being end-played, you ruff in dummy and lead the six of hearts. If East wins, he must yield two heart tricks to dummy; if West wins, he must yield two club tricks to your 6-4!

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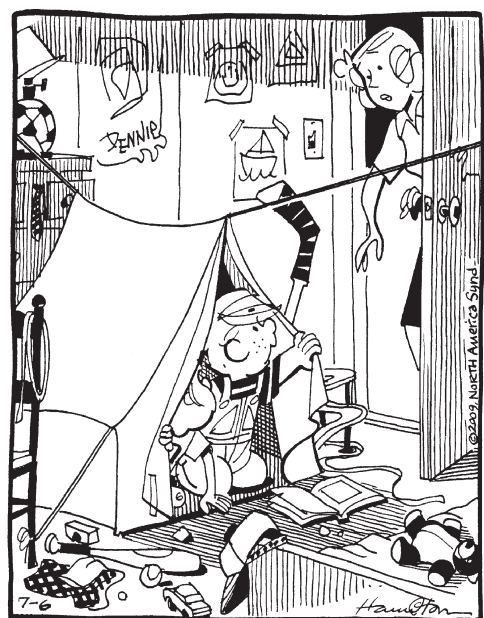
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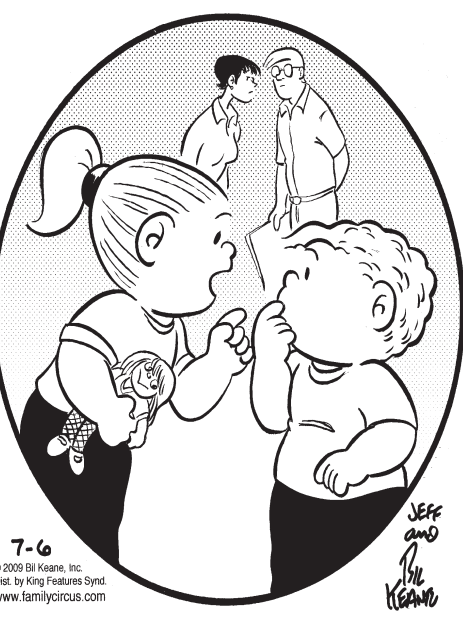
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| 7:PM  | The Bach-elorette  | The Bach-elorette   | Cuidado-Ángel      | House              | How I Met Rules    | Más Sabe el Diabolo   | Law & Order: CI     | Fam. Guy                          | Israel                 | Fam. Guy            | Antiques Roadshow      | Dirty Jobs                     | Movie: The Amityville Horror, Rod Steiger | UFC's Ultimate 100  | The Closer                    | BET Awards '09      | Movie: Beethoven's 2nd | Series of Poker        | Braves at Chicago Cubs. |
| 8:PM  | Newlyweds          | Newlyweds           | Cristina           | Lie to Me          | Two Men Big Bang   | El Rostro de Analia   | Law Order: CI       | Fam. Guy                          | Light of the Southwest | History Detectives  | Swamp Log-gers         | Swamp Log-gers                 | UFC's Ultimate 100                        | The Closer          |                               | Wizards             | Series of Poker        |                        |                         |
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| 10:PM | Nightline          | Nightline           | Noticiero          | King-Hill          | Late Show          | Decisiones de         | Tonight Show        | Sex &                             | Uri Harel              | Smiley              | Swamp Log-gers         | Swamp Log-gers                 | UFC's Ultimate 100                        | The Closer          |                               | Life De             | NASCAR                 | Baseball               |                         |
| 11:PM | Insider            | Jimmy Kim-mel Live  | La Casa de la Risa | Law Order: CI      | Late Late Show     | Decisiones de         | Late Night-Jim      | Movie: Ella Enchanted, Cary Elwes | Mark                   | Mark                | (Off Air)              | Swamp Log-gers                 | Movie: The Amityville Horror, Rod Steiger | Amazing Video       | Cold Case                     | Replace             | Series of Poker        | SportsCenter           |                         |
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"WE'RE PRACTICIN'. TOMORROW NIGHT WE'RE CAMPIN' OUT FOR REAL IN THE BACK YARD."

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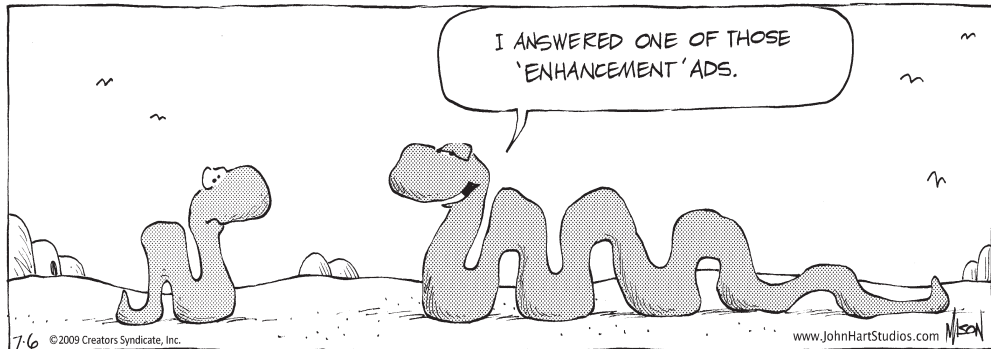


"The best way to get a grown-up to listen to you is to whisper in their ear."

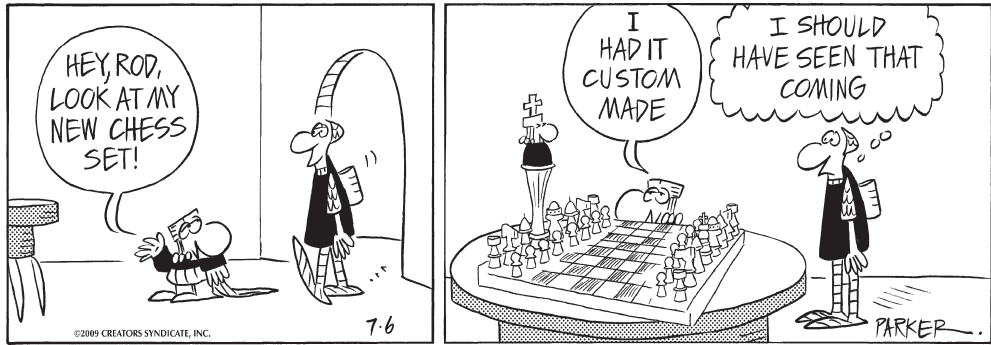
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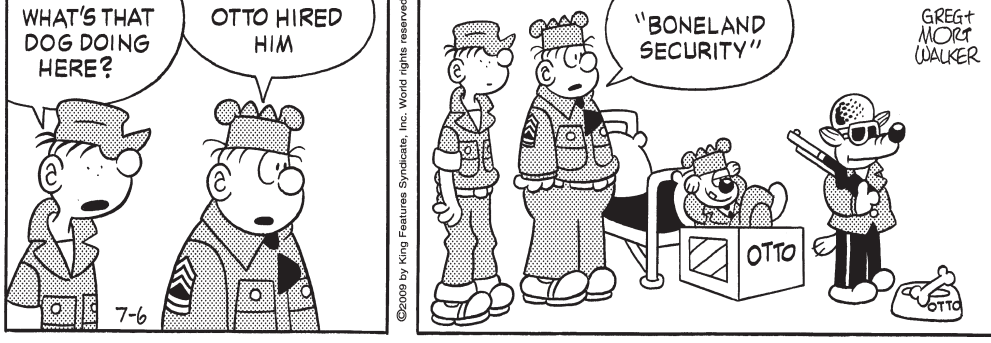
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This Date In History

Today is Monday, July 6, the 187th day of 2009. There are 178 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On July 6, 1944, an estimated 168 people died in a fire that broke out during a performance in the main tent of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus in Hartford, Conn. (Among the survivors was future actor Charles Nelson Reilly, then age 13.)

On this date: In 1535, St. Thomas More was executed in England for high treason. In 1777, during the American Revolution, British forces captured Fort Mifflin in Pennsylvania.

In 1809, French troops arrested Pope Pius VII, who had excommunicated Emperor Napoleon I. In 1885, French scientist Louis Pasteur successfully tested an anti-rabies vaccine on a boy who had been bitten by an

infected dog. In 1917, during World War I, Arab forces led by T.E. Lawrence and Auda Abu Tayi captured the port of Aqaba from the Turks. In 1928, the first all-talking feature, "Lights of New York," had its gala premiere in New York. In 1945, President Harry S. Truman signed an executive order establishing the Medal of Freedom. In 1957, Althea Gibson became the first black tennis player to win a Wimbledon singles title, defeating fellow American Darlene Hard 6-3, 6-2. In 1988, 167 North Sea oil workers were killed when a series of explosions and fires destroyed a drilling platform.

In 1989, the U.S. Army destroyed its last Pershing IA missiles at an ammunition plant in Karnack, Texas, under terms of the 1987 Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces Treaty. Today's Birthdays: Former first lady Nancy Reagan is 88. Actor William Schallert is 87. Actor Donal Donnelly is 78. Singer-actress Della Reese is 78. Actor Ned Beatty is 72. Singer Gene Chandler is 69.

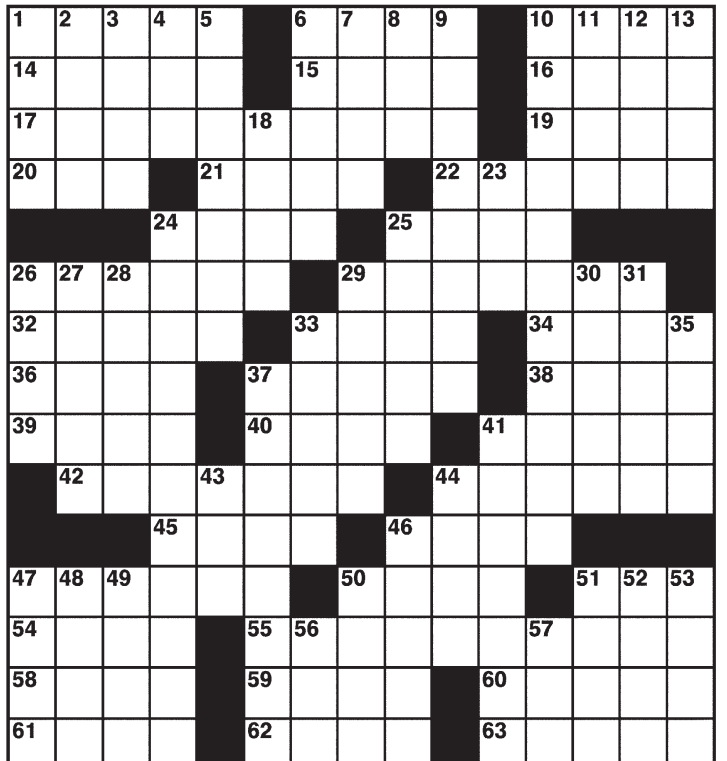
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Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS
- 1 Book of maps
- 6 Listen to
- 10 Fully attentive
- 14 Avoid, as work
- 15 Make eyes at
- 16 Competent
- 17 High-priced fuel
- 19 Tehran's land
- 20 Solar-system center
- 21 Barack Obama's title: Abbr.
- 22 High-school compositions
- 24 Heavy weights
- 25 Happiness
- 26 Pampers too much
- 29 Where kings and queens live
- 32 Two-door car
- 33 Identical
- 34 Picnic pests
- 36 Regarding
- 37 Indy 500 driver
- 38 Difficult journey
- 39 Person not quite 20
- 40 Rams' mates
- 41 Make amends
- 42 Imagined
- 44 Sleeper's headrest
- 45 Winter coaster
- 46 Kingly address
- 47 National song
- 50 Storage building
- 51 Tip of a sock
- 54 *Gone With the Wind* estate
- 55 End of some game shows
- 58 Prayer ending
- 59 Leave the building
- 60 Fraction of a pound
- 61 Property owner's document
- 62 Goes bad
- 63 Fuss in front of a mirror
- DOWN
- 1 Poisonous snakes
- 2 Drive- window
- 3 Property claim
- 4 Shirt-sleeve filler
- 5 Piece of slalom gear
- 6 Residences
- 7 Omelet ingredients
- 8 Chicken king
- 9 Secondhand-shop owner
- 10 Do ranching work
- 11 Magic-spell opener
- 12 Broadway offering
- 13 Change for a \$20 bill
- 18 Large coffee vessels
- 23 Salty body of water
- 24 Reveal something accidentally
- 25 Monopolly and Scrabble
- 26 "Shoo!"
- 27 Did modeling work
- 28 External
- 29 Walked back and forth
- 30 Sign up for a class
- 31 Dictation-taking pro
- 33 Did a logger's job
- 35 Veer off course
- 37 Keep in mind
- 41 Delivery via parachute
- 43 Pub beverage
- 44 Desserts with crusts
- 46 Closes tightly
- 47 Just slightly
- 48 Birth-certificate entry
- 49 Yew or eucalyptus
- 50 Fit of temper
- 51 Melody
- 52 A single time
- 53 Biblical paradise
- 56 Tic-tac-toe nonwinner
- 57 Your and my



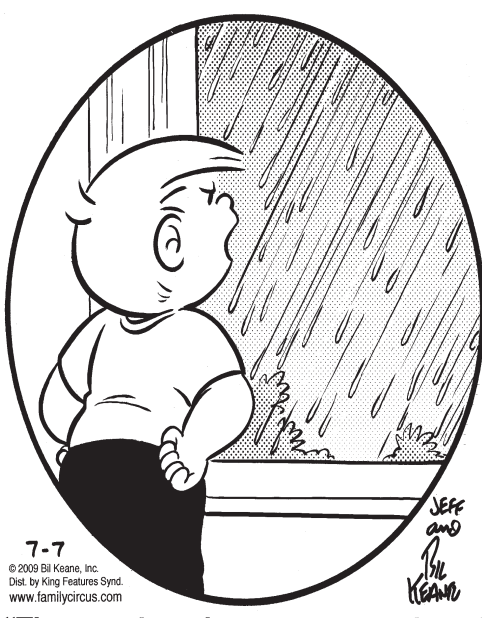
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| 6:PM<br>:30  | News ABC                  | Jeopardy!           | Gancho             | Two Men                               | News CBS           | 12 Cora-zones         | News NBC            | Seinfeld               | Dr. Young           | News-Lehrer         | Deadliest Catch        |                                   | CSI: Crime Scn         | CSI: NY             |                               | Wizards                 | Football                      |                     |
| 7:PM<br>:30  | The Superstars            | The Superstars      | Nombre Amor        | Legally Blonde 2: Red, White & Blonde | NCIS               | Más Sabe el Diabolo   | Am. Road Trip       | Fam. Guy               | Israel              | Nova (DVS)          | Deadliest Catch        | Movie: Chisum, Christopher George | UFC's Ultimate 100     | Bones               | Movie: Nora's Hair Salon      | Movie: Inspector Gadget | Billiards: Trick Shots        | NFL Live            |
| 8:PM<br>:30  | Better Off Scrubs         | Better Off Scrubs   | Mañana es          | The Mentalist                         | 48 Hours Mystery   | Victorinos            | Law & Order: SVU    | Office                 | Israel              | Charlie Rose        | Deadliest Catch        | Movie: Joe Kidd, John Saxton      | UFC 100 Countdown      | Saving Grace        | Tiny Toya Dream               | Wizards                 | FIVB Volleyball: World League | Baseball Tonight    |
| 9:PM<br>:30  | News Nightline            | News Nightline      | Impacto Noticiero  | King-Hill                             | News CBS           | Noticias Pobres       | News NBC            | Seinfeld               | Israel              | Charlie Rose        | Deadliest Catch        | Movie: Joe Kidd, John Saxton      | 4th and Long           | HawthoRNe           | Movie: Nora's Hair Salon      | Suite Life              | Strongest                     | SportsCenter        |
| 10:PM<br>:30 | Insider Jimmy Kimmel Live | Jimmy Kimmel Live   | La Casa de la Risa | Law Order: CI                         | Late Late Show     | Decisiones de         | Late Night-Jim      | Sex & Sex              | Ministerio-Vida     | Smiley Smiley       | Deadliest Catch        | Movie: Hellfighters, Jim Hutton   | CSI: Crime Scn         | Saving Grace        | Life De                       | NASCAR                  | Baseball                      |                     |
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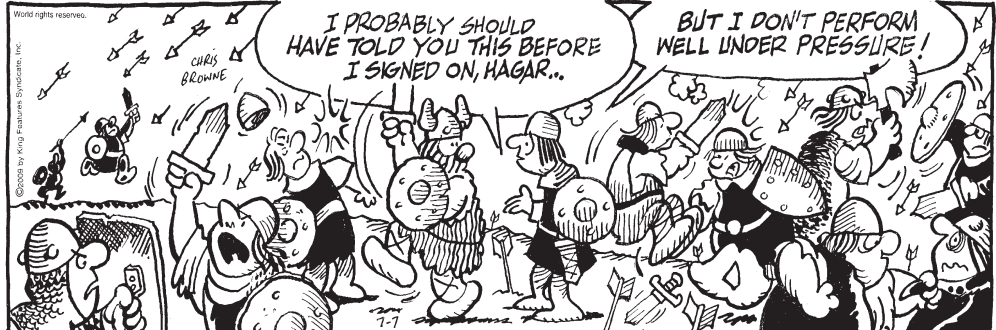
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"They oughta give us an extra day of vacation for every day it rains."

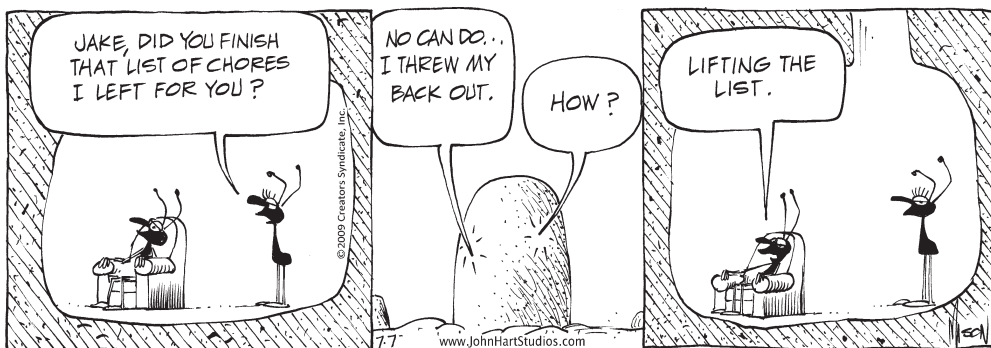
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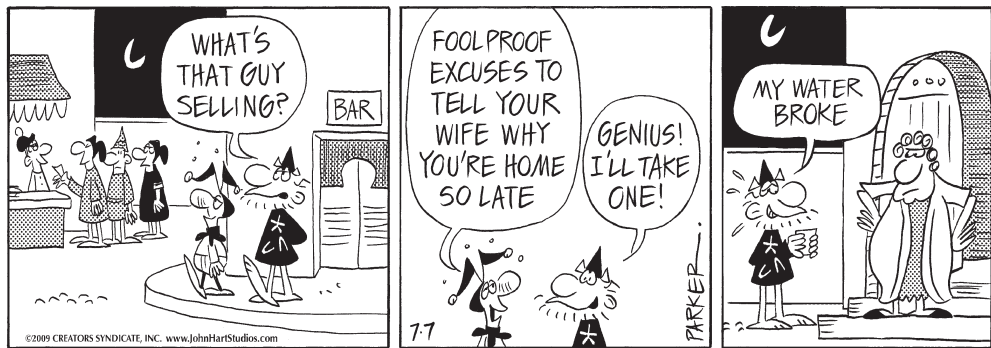
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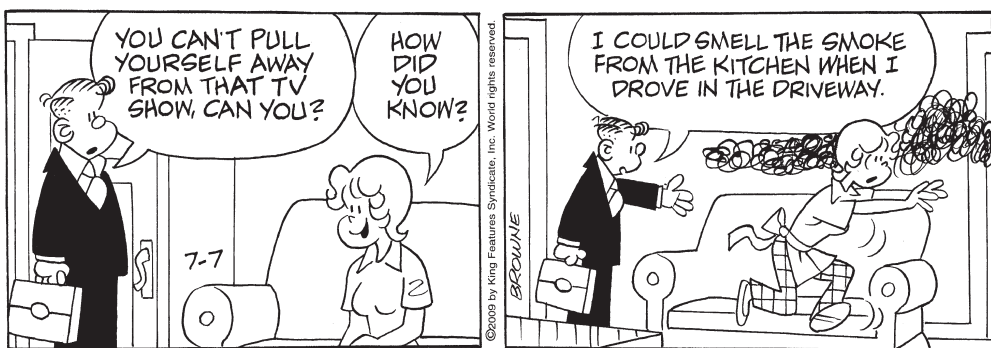
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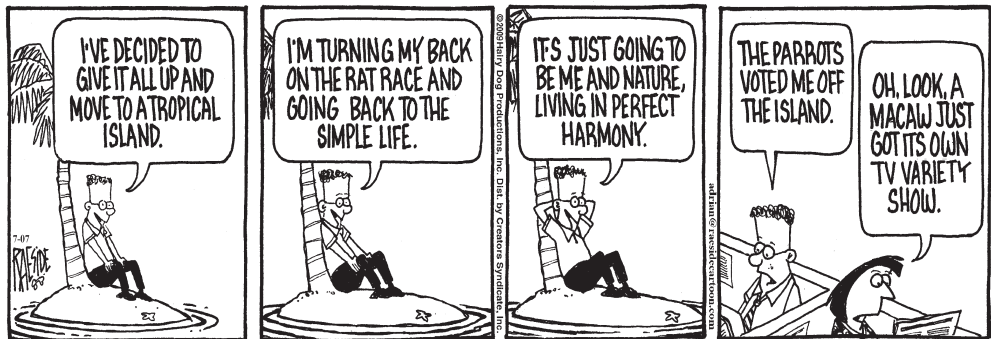
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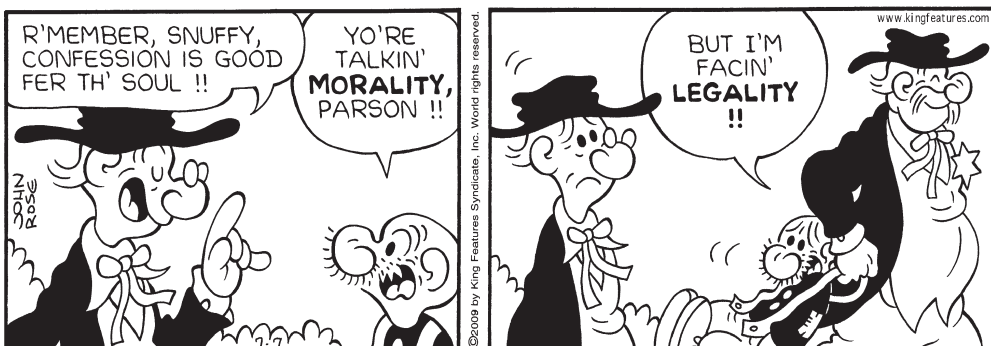
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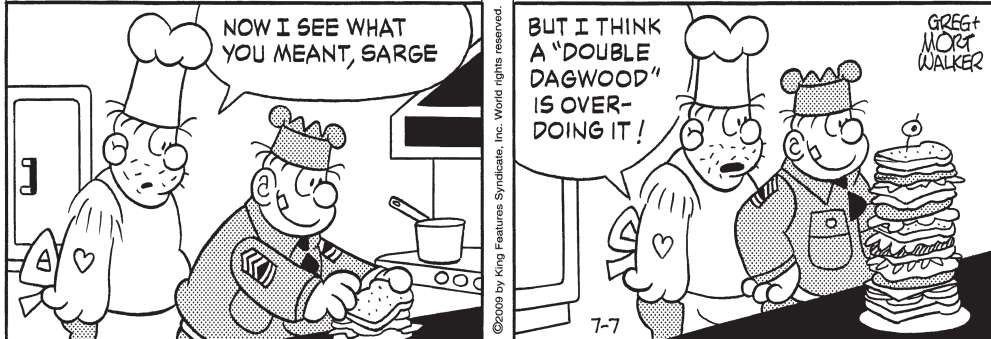
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This Date In History

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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Answer to previous puzzle

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| ATLAS   | HEAR    | RAPT   |
| SHIRK   | OGLE    | ABLE   |
| PREMIUM | GAS     | IRAN   |
| SUN     | PRES    | ESSAYS |
| TONS    | GLEE    |        |
| SPOILS  | PALACES |        |
| COUPE   | SAME    | ANTS   |
| ASTO    | RACER   | TREK   |
| TEEN    | EWES    | ATONE  |
| DREAMED | PILLOW  |        |
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| ANTHEM  | SHED    | TOE    |
| TARA    | BONUS   | ROUND  |
| AMEN    | EXIT    | OUNCE  |
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| <b>ACROSS</b>                 | <b>DOWN</b>                |
| 1 Kindergarten basics         | 1 Performs in a play       |
| 5 Statuesque                  | 2 Cozy diner seating       |
| 9 Asparagus unit              | 3 Adorable one             |
| 14 Stunning success           | 4 Compete in a bee         |
| 15 __ mater                   | 5 Bit of body art          |
| 16 One-cent coin              | 6 Touched the ground       |
| 17 Beach bag                  | 7 K-P connectors           |
| 18 Add a little color to      | 8 Wood-turning tool        |
| 19 Undue speed                | 9 Globe                    |
| 20 Women's shoe style         | 10 Church-bell sound       |
| 23 Word of greeting           | 11 Naval Acad. grad        |
| 24 Corn serving               | 12 Snack for an aardvark   |
| 25 Baseball fan's hat         | 13 Deli bread              |
| 28 Dire fate                  | 21 Church official         |
| 31 Place back in the folder   | 22 Our planet              |
| 33 Up and about               | 25 Approximately, in dates |
| 37 Canoe or dinghy            | 26 Place to say "I do"     |
| 39 __ and crafts              | 27 Annoying ones           |
| 40 Ice Age mammal             | 29 Woodwind instrument     |
| 43 Wide-eyed                  | 30 Ties to the dock        |
| 44 Roll-call response         | 32 Lose color              |
| 45 What candles may represent | 33 "Me, too"               |
| 46 Hairstylist's goo          | 34 Pioneer's vehicle       |
| 48 18-wheeler                 |                            |
| 50 Bank-statement abbr.       |                            |
| 51 School support org.        |                            |
| 53 Dad's brother              |                            |
| 57 Bit of lawn growth         |                            |
| 61 Princess' crown            |                            |
| 64 __ and puff                |                            |
| 65 Approximately              |                            |
| 67 Face-to-face exam          |                            |

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| 7:PM  | Entertain          | Fortune             |                    | Two Men                    | Entertain          | 12 Cora-zones         | Millionaire         | Seinfeld               | Mark                   | News-Lehrer         | Made                   | CSI: Crime Scn                               | CSI: NY                |                                | Wizards                        | Football            | NFL Live             | Baseball: Teams to Be Announced. |
| 8:PM  | Wipeout            | Wipeout             | Nombre Amor        | So You Think You Can Dance | Christine Gary     | Más Sabe el Diablo    | America-Talent      | Payne                  | Israel                 | Time Team America   | MythBusters            | Movie: Clear and Present Danger, Anne Archer | UFC's Ultimate 100     | CSI: NY                        | Movie: Juice, Jermaine Hopkins | Wizards             | Bowling              |                                  |
| 9:PM  | Survived-Game      | Survived-Game       | Mañana es          |                            | Criminal Minds     | Rostro Pobres         | America-Talent      | Browns                 | Light of the Southwest | Ascend of Money     | Wide Angle             | UFC Fight Night                              | Leverage               | Game                           | Wizards                        | Bowling             |                      |                                  |
| 10:PM | Primetime: Crime   | Primetime: Crime    | Don Francisco      | TMZ                        | CSI: NY            | Victorinos            | The Philanthropist  | Payne                  | Payne                  | Wide Angle          | 1 Way                  | UFC Fight Night                              | Leverage               | Game                           | Wizards                        | Boxing              | Baseball Tonight     |                                  |
| 11:PM | News               | News                | Impacto            | Raymond                    | News               | Noticiero             | News                | Payne                  | Israel                 | Charlie Rose        | MythBusters            | Movie: Three Kings, Ice Cube                 | Law & Order            | Movie: Juice, Jermaine Hopkins | Suite Life                     | Boxing              | SportsCenter         |                                  |
| 12:AM | Nightline          | Nightline           | Noticiero          | King-Hill                  | Late Show          | Pobres                | Tonight Show        | Payne                  | Dr. Young              |                     |                        |                                              |                        |                                | So Raven                       |                     |                      |                                  |
| 1:AM  | Insider            | Insider             | La Casa de la Risa | Law Order: CI              | Late Late Show     | Decisiones de         | Late Night-Jim      | Sex & Israel           | Israel                 | Smiley              | 1 Way                  | Amazing Video                                | Cold Case              | Game                           | Replace                        | NASCAR              | Baseball             |                                  |
|       | Jimmy Kimmel Live  | Extra               | Contra Viento      | Consumer                   | Insider            | Pagado                | News                | Israel                 | Sanchez                | Smiley              | 1 Way                  | Disorderly Con.                              | Cold Case              | Game                           | Emperor                        | Series of Poker     | NFL Live             |                                  |
|       | News               | Paid                | Mujer...           | Friends                    | Entertain          | Pagado                | Poker After Dark    | Light of the Southwest |                        | Smiley              | 1 Way                  | Disorderly Con.                              | Cold Case              | Game                           | Emperor                        | Series of Poker     | SportsCenter         |                                  |
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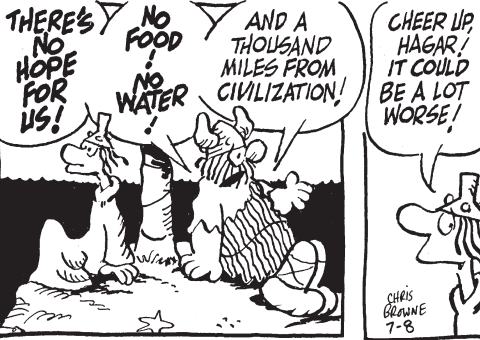
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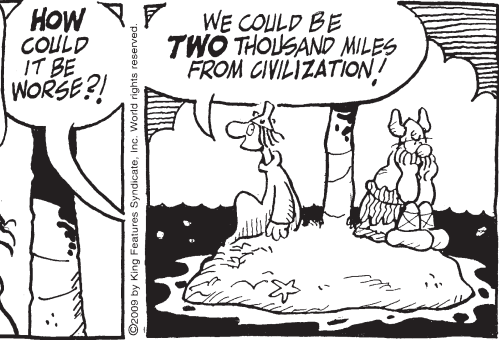


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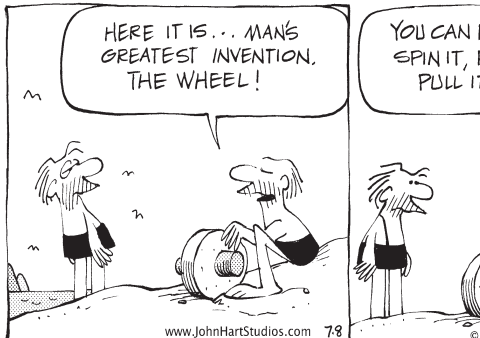
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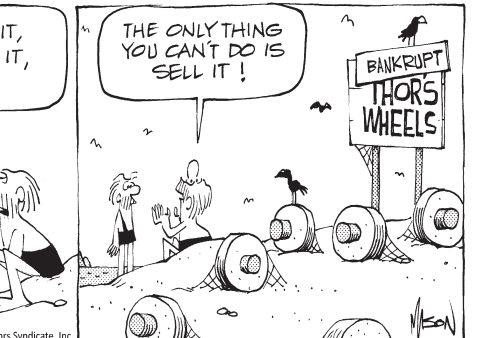
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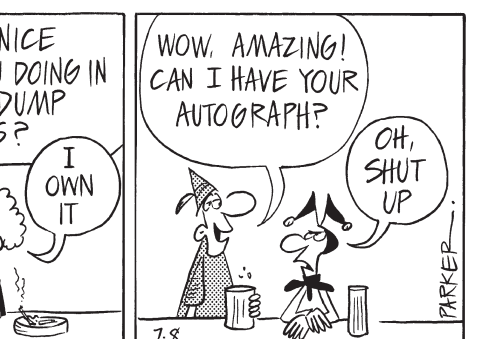
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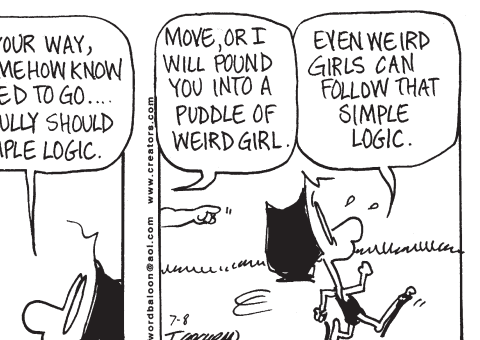
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, July 8, the 189th day of 2009. There are 176 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 8, 1919, President Woodrow Wilson received a tumultuous welcome in New York City after his return from the Versailles Peace Conference in France; Wilson then headed back to Washington, arriving around midnight.

On this date:

In 1663, King Charles II of England granted a Royal Charter to Rhode Island.

In 1776, Col. John Nixon gave the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence, in Philadelphia.

In 1853, an expedition led by Commodore Matthew Perry arrived in Yedo Bay, Japan, on a mission to seek diplomatic and trade relations with the Japanese.

In 1889, The Wall Street Journal was first published.

In 1907, Florenz Ziegfeld

Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Book of maps
  - 6 Listen to
  - 10 Fully attentive
  - 14 Avoid, as work
  - 15 Make eyes at
  - 16 Competent
  - 17 High-priced fuel
  - 19 Tehran's land
  - 20 Solar-system center
  - 21 Barack Obama's title: Abbr.
  - 22 High-school compositions
  - 24 Heavy weights
  - 25 Happiness
  - 26 Pampers too much
  - 29 Where kings and queens live
  - 32 Two-door car
  - 33 Identical
  - 34 Picnic pests
  - 36 Regarding
  - 37 Indy 500 driver
  - 38 Difficult journey
  - 39 Person not quite 20
  - 40 Rams' mates
  - 41 Make amends
  - 42 Imagined
  - 44 Sleeper's headrest
  - 45 Winter coaster
  - 46 Kingly address
  - 47 National song
  - 50 Storage building
  - 51 Tip of a sock
  - 54 *Gone With the Wind* estate
  - 55 End of some game shows
  - 58 Prayer ending
  - 59 Leave the building
  - 60 Fraction of a pound
  - 61 Property owner's document
- DOWN**
- 1 Poisonous snakes
  - 2 Drive- window
  - 3 Property claim
  - 4 Shirt-sleeve filler
  - 5 Piece of slalom gear
  - 6 Residences
  - 7 Omelet ingredients
  - 8 Chicken king
  - 9 Secondhand-shop owner
  - 10 Do ranching work
  - 11 Magic-spell opener
  - 12 Broadway offering
  - 13 Change for a \$20 bill
  - 18 Large coffee vessels
  - 23 Salty body of water
  - 24 Reveal something accidentally
  - 25 Monopoly and Scrabble
  - 26 "Shoo!"
  - 27 Did modeling work
  - 28 External
  - 29 Walked back and forth
  - 30 Sign up for a class
  - 31 Dictation-taking pro
  - 33 Did a logger's job
  - 35 Veer off course
  - 37 Keep in mind
  - 41 Delivery via parachute
  - 43 Pub beverage
  - 44 Desserts with crusts
  - 46 Closes tightly
  - 47 Just slightly
  - 48 Birth-certificate entry
  - 49 Yew or eucalyptus
  - 50 Fit of temper
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  - 52 A single time
  - 53 Biblical paradise
  - 56 Tic-tac-toe nonwinner
  - 57 Your and my

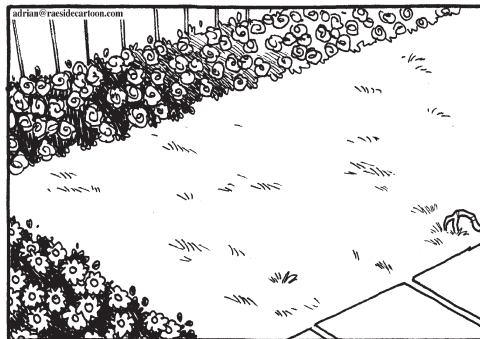
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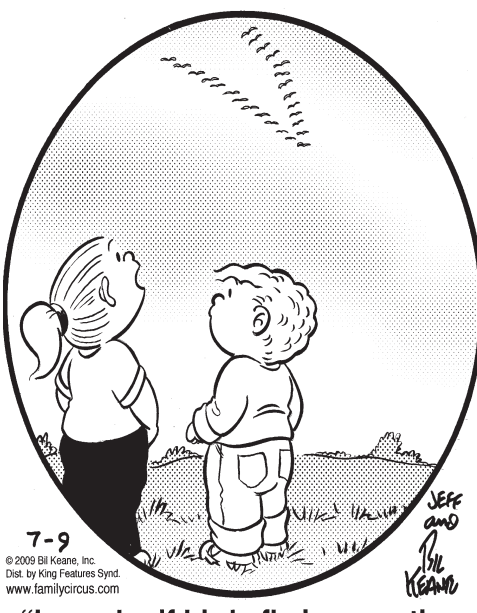
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| 5 :PM  | News ABC              | News ABC              | Locura Noticiero          | Lopez Lopez        | News CBS           | Noticias Noticiero    | News NBC            | Raymond Friends                    | Granger                | BBC Business                     | Cash Cab               | Danger, Anne Archer              | CSI: Crime Scn         | Bones                        | 106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live | Phineas                  | Horn                 | SportsCenter        |
| 6 :PM  | News ABC              | Jeopardy!             | Gancho                    | Two Men            | News CBS           | 12 Cora-zones         | News NBC            | Seinfeld                           | Sanchez                | News-Lehrer                      | Survivorman            | CSI: Crime Scn                   | CSI: NY                | CSI: NY                      | Wizards                       | NASCAR                   | Homecoming           |                     |
| 7 :PM  | Entertain             | Fortune               | Nombre Amor               | Bones              | Entertain          | Más Sabe el Diabolo   | Millionaire         | Seinfeld                           | Israel                 | Texas                            | Survivorman            | Movie: Blazing Saddles           | UFC's Ultimate 100     | Wedding Day                  | Steve Harvey: Still Trippin'  | The Lizzie McGuire Movie | NFL Live             |                     |
| 8 :PM  | Grey's Anatomy        | Grey's Anatomy        | Mañana es                 | You Can Dance      | CSI: Crime Scn     | Rostro Pobres         | Office Friends      | Friends                            | Light of the Southwest | Antiques Roadshow                | Moments of Impact      | Movie: Blazing Saddles           | TNA iMPACT!            | CSI: NY                      | Phineas                       | WNBA                     | Series of Poker      |                     |
| 9 :PM  | (02) Private Practice | (02) Private Practice | Fútbol: México vs. Panamá | TMZ                | (01) The Mentalist | Victorinos            | (01) The Listener   | Movie: The Wedding Date, Amy Adams | Israel                 | Soundstage                       | Deadliest Catch        | Movie: Cad-dysshack, Bill Murray | 4th and Long           | Movie: Contact, James Woods  | Tiny Toya                     | Montana                  | Baseball Tonight     |                     |
| 10 :PM | News                  | News                  | Raymond                   | King-Hill          | Late Show          | Titulares             | Tonight Show        | Van Impe                           | Bill Cloud             | Smiley                           | Moments of Impact      | MAN Game                         | MAN                    | Steve Harvey: Still Trippin' | Life De                       | Series of Poker          | Baseball             |                     |
| 11 :PM | Nightline             | Nightline             | Impacto                   | Law Order: CI      | Late Late Show     | Decisiones de         | Late Night-Jim      | (11:55) The Wedding Date           | Israel                 | LightWrd                         | Alaska Exper.          | Movie: It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad | Ways Die               | Movie: Contact, James Woods  | Replace                       | Series of Poker          | SportsCenter         |                     |
| 12 :AM | News                  | Paid                  | Mujer...                  | Friends            | Entertain          | Pagado                | News                | Poker After Dark                   | Alaska Exper.          | Movie: It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad | Ways Die               | Ways Die                         | Tiny Toya              | The Deal                     | Emperor                       | Series of Poker          | SportsCenter         |                     |
| 1 :AM  | Paid                  | Paid                  | Güereja                   | Consumer           | Paid               | Empresa               | Business            | Debatón                            |                        |                                  |                        |                                  |                        |                              |                               |                          |                      |                     |

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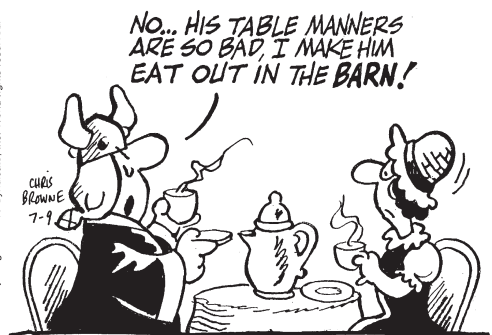
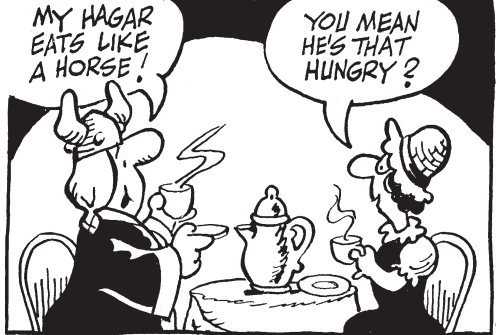
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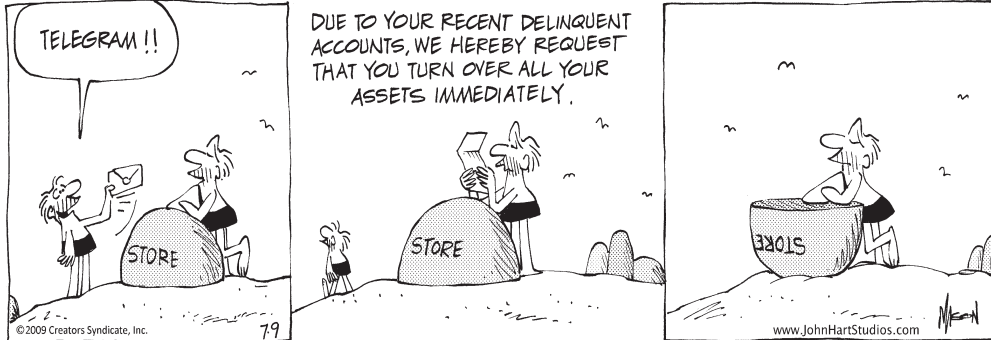


"I wonder if birds fly in any other letters than a 'V'?"

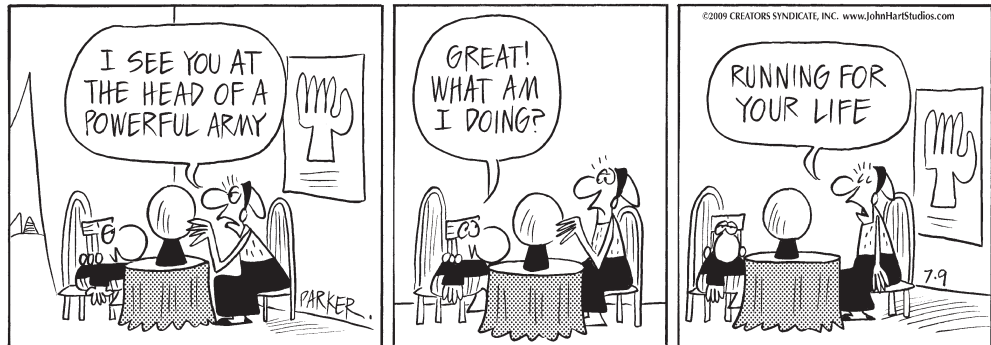
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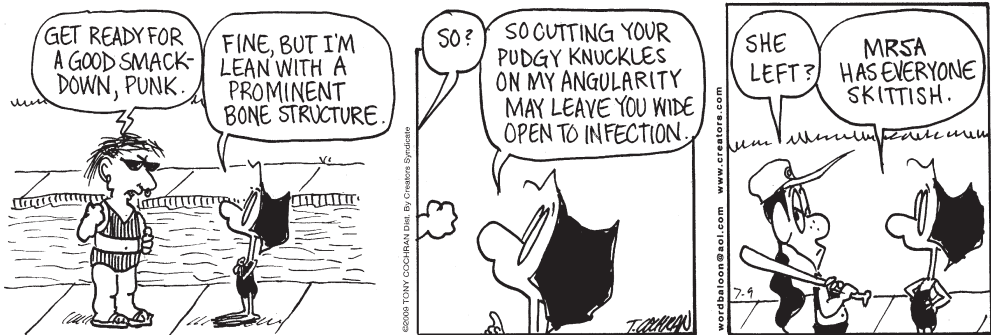
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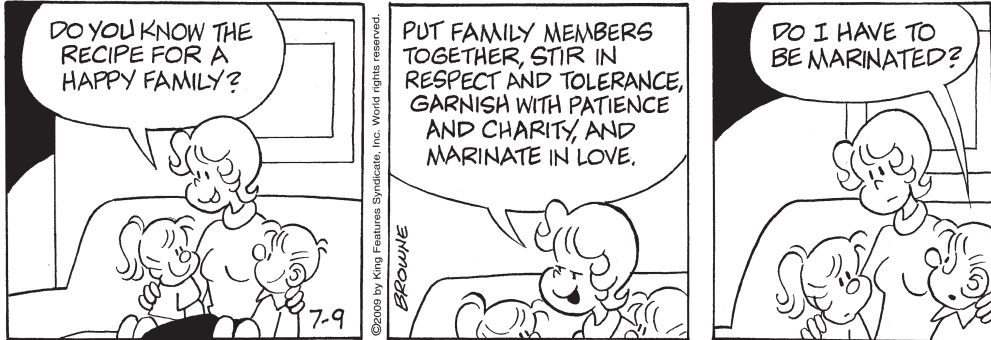
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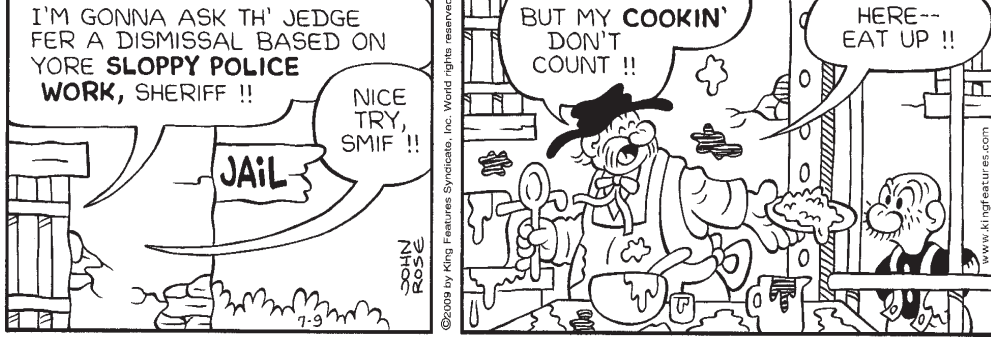
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, July 9, the 190th day of 2009. There are 175 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On July 9, 1776, the Declaration of Independence was read aloud to Gen. George Washington's troops in New York.

On this date: In 1540, England's King Henry VIII had his 6-month-old marriage to his fourth wife, Anne of Cleves, annulled. In 1816, Argentina declared independence from Spain. In 1850, the 12th president of the United States, Zachary Taylor, died after serving only 16 months of his term. (He was succeeded by Millard Fillmore.) In 1896, William Jennings Bryan delivered his famous "cross of gold" speech at the Democratic national convention in Chicago. In 1918, 101 people were killed in a train collision in Nashville, Tenn. The Distinguished

Service Cross was established by an Act of Congress. In 1938, Supreme Court Justice Benjamin Cardozo died in Port Chester, N.Y., at age 68. In 1947, the engagement of Britain's Princess Elizabeth to Lt. Philip Mountbatten was announced. In 1951, President Harry S. Truman asked Congress to formally end the state of war between the United States and Germany. In 1974, former U.S. Chief Justice Earl Warren died in Washington at age 83. In 1982, a Pan Am Boeing 727 crashed in Kenner, La., killing all 145 people aboard and eight people on the ground.

Today's Birthdays: Actor-singer Ed Ames is 82. Actor James Hampton is 73. Actor Brian Dennehy is 71. Actor Richard Roundtree is 67. Author Dean Koontz is 64. NFL Hall of Famer and convicted felon O.J. Simpson is 62. Actor Chris Cooper is 58. TV personality John Tesh is 57. Country singer David Ball is 56. Actor Jimmy Smits is 54. Actress Lisa Banes is 54. Actor Tom Hanks is 53. Singer Marc Almond is 52. Actress Kelly McGillis is 52. Rock singer Jim

Kerr (Simple Minds) is 50. Actress-rock singer Courtney Love is 45. Actor David O'Hara is 44. Rock musician Xavier Muriel (Buckcherry) is 41. Actor Scott Grimes is 38. Actor Enrique Murciano is 36. Rock musician Dan Estrin (Hoobastank) is 33. Actor-director Fred Savage is 33. Country musician Pat Allingham is 31. Actress Megan Parlen is 29. R&B singer Kiely Williams (3lw) is 23. Actor Mitchel Musso is 18. Actress Georgie Henley ("The Chronicles of Narnia" films) is 14.

Thought for Today: "Invest in the human soul. Who knows, it might be a diamond in the rough." - Mary McLeod Bethune, American educator and reformer (1875-1955).

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

- Splotch
- Spill the beans
- Centenarian artist
- Horne of music
- Biography opener
- Way to go
- General Bradley
- Hideaway
- Native American dwelling
- Wouk work, with The
- Computer key
- Sundae stuff
- White House meal of April '09
- Long-distance athlete
- Manatee
- Words of praise
- Intellectual talk-show host
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- Cop's collar
- Smooth transition
- Agitated state
- Ivy League team
- Sticks
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- Noisy insect
- Sweeping stories
- Bikini, for one
- Approaches
- Start of a JFK quote
- Biblical siblings
- Like a new diary
- Virtuoso's showcase
- Unspecified ones
- Camp craft
- Utah national park
- The Art of Love poet
- Out of energy
- Corner
- Fishing equipment
- Fictional alter ego
- Reset pedometer reading
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- IRA, say
- Diner sign
- Milan music venue
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- Political alliances
- Wallace's '68 running mate
- Studio sign
- Showman extraordinaire
- Something that soothes
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- Bullwinkle adversary
- Sundae stuff
- White House meal of April '09
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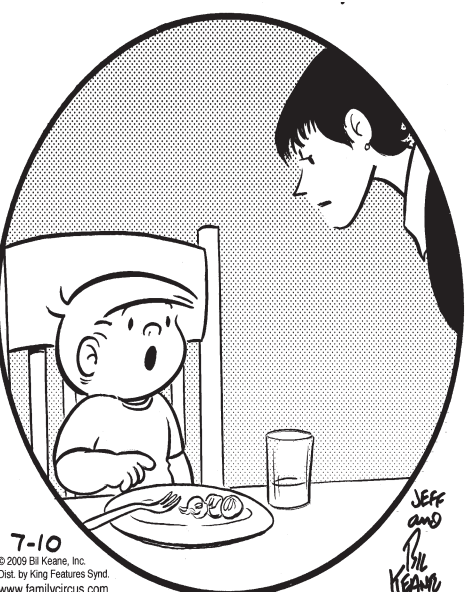
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| 5:PM<br>:30  | News ABC           | News ABC            | Locura             | Lopez              | News CBS           | Noticias              | News NBC            | Raymond                               | In Touch-Dr         | BBC Business        | Cash Cab                         | Movie: Blazing Saddles            | CSI: Crime Son                  | Bones                         | 106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live | Sonny                         | National Champ.                                   | SportsCenter        |
| 6:PM<br>:30  | News ABC           | Jeopardy!           | Gancho             | Two Men            | News CBS           | 12 Cora-zones         | News NBC            | Friends                               | House Call          | News-Lehrer         | Treasure Quest                   | CSI: Crime Son                    | CSI: NY                         |                               | Sonny                         | NFL Live                      | Countdn                                           |                     |
| 7:PM<br>:30  | Surviving Goode    | Surviving Goode     | Nombre Amor        | You Smarter?       | Ghost Whis-perer   | Más Sabe el Diabolo   | The Chop-ping Block | Movie: Music and Lyrics, Brad Garrett | Update Morris       | Wash Wk NOW         | Treasure Quest                   | Movie: The Whole Nine Yards       | UFC Un-leashed                  | CSI: NY                       | BET Awards '09                | Wizards                       | NASCAR                                            |                     |
| 8:PM<br>:30  | Jim                | Jim                 | Mañana es          | Mental             | Flashpoint         | Rostro Pobres         | Dateline NBC        | Light of the Southwest                | Bill Moyers Journal | Treasure Quest      | Movie: Jagged Edge, Peter Coyote | Movie: Le-thal Weapon, Gary Busey | Movie: The Rock, Ed Harris      |                               | Suite Life                    | Boxing: Bowe vs. Holyfield II | Racing: Nationwide Series -- Dol-lar General 300. |                     |
| 9:PM<br>:30  | 20/20              | 20/20               | Rosa               | TMZ                | NUMB3RS            | Victorinos            |                     | Movie: Music and Lyrics, Brad Garrett | Church Cortes       | Treasure Quest      | Movie: Piñata: Sur-vival Island  | Ways Die                          | Movie: The Last Boy Scout       | Movie: Half Baked, Jim Breuer | Suite Life                    | Boxing: Friday Night Fights.  | SportsCenter                                      |                     |
| 10:PM<br>:30 | News               | News                | Impacto            | Raymond            | News               | Noticias              | News                | Sex & Sanchez                         | BBC Smiley          | Treasure Quest      | Movie: Piñata: Sur-vival Island  | Ways Die                          | Movie: Deep Impact, Elijah Wood | Game                          | Replace                       | Boxing: 1975 Ali vs. Wepner   | SportsCenter                                      |                     |
| 11:PM<br>:30 | Insider            | Jimmy Kim-mel Live  | Desmadru-gados     | Law Order: CI      | Late Late Show     | Decisiones de         | Late Night-Jim      | Movie: Must Love Dogs                 | Alaska Exper.       | Treasure Quest      | (-15) Movie: Puppet              | Ways Die                          |                                 | Game                          | Kim                           |                               |                                                   |                     |
| 12:AM<br>:30 | News               | Paid                | Madre              | Faith              | Insider            | Pagado                | News                |                                       |                     |                     |                                  |                                   |                                 |                               |                               |                               |                                                   |                     |
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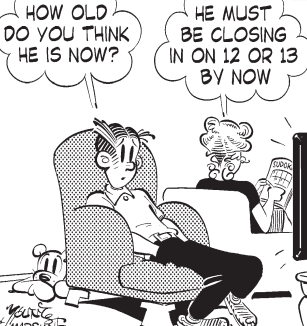
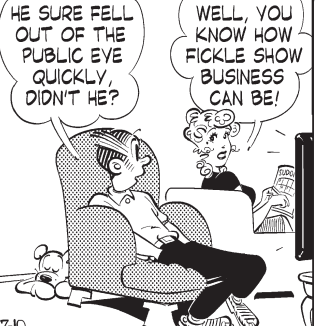
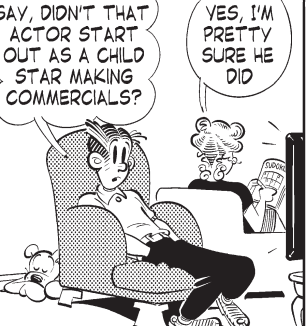


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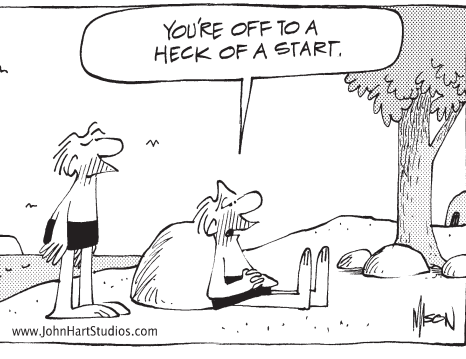
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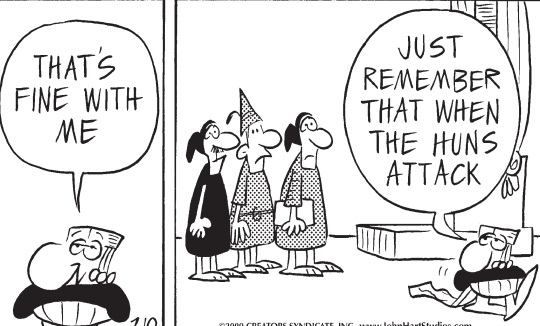
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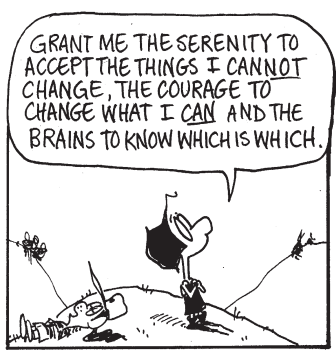
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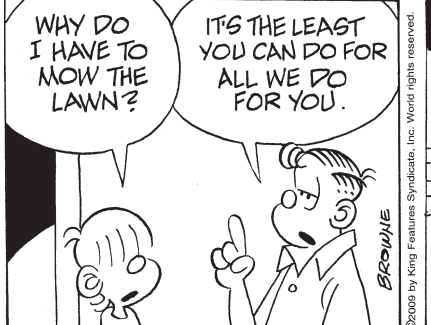
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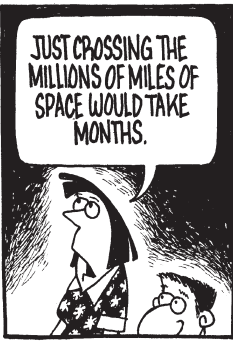
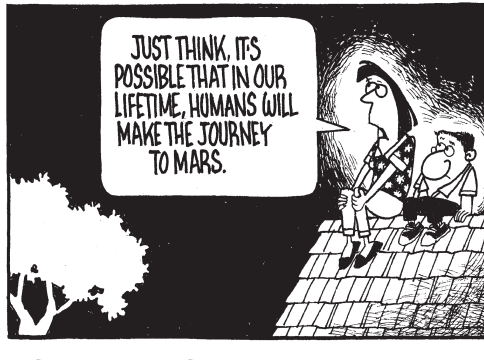
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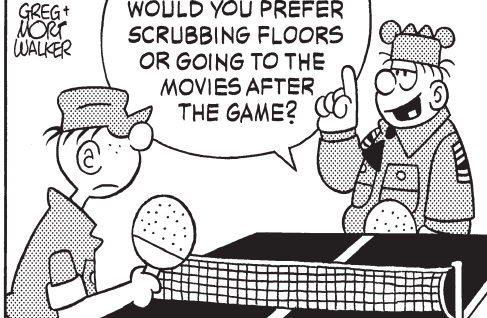
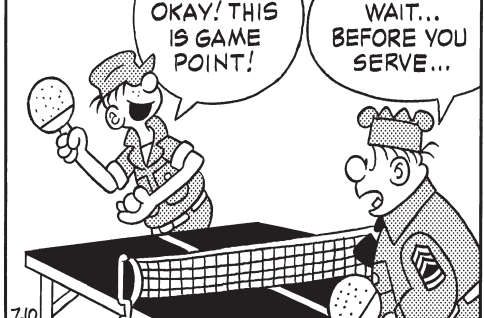
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, July 10, the 191st day of 2009. There are 174 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:  
Five hundred years ago, on July 10, 1509, French theologian John Calvin, a key figure of the Protestant Reformation, was born Jean Calvin in Noyon, Picardy, France.  
On this date:  
In 1890, Wyoming became the 44th state.  
In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson personally delivered the Treaty of Versailles to the Senate, and urged its ratification. (However, the Senate rejected it.)  
In 1929, American paper currency was reduced in size as the government began issuing bills that were approximately 25 percent smaller.  
In 1940, during World War II, the Battle of Britain began as Nazi forces began attacking southern England by air. (The Royal Air Force was ultimately

victorious.)  
In 1951, armistice talks aimed at ending the Korean War began at Kaesong.  
In 1962, the Telstar 1 communications satellite was launched from Cape Canaveral, Fla.  
In 1973, the Bahamas became fully independent after three centuries of British colonial rule.  
In 1979, conductor Arthur Fiedler, who had led the Boston Pops orchestra for a half-century, died in Brookline, Mass., at age 84.  
In 1989, Mel Blanc, the "man of a thousand voices," including such cartoon characters as Bugs Bunny, Daffy Duck and Porky Pig, died in Los Angeles at age 81.  
In 1991, Boris N. Yeltsin took the oath of office as the first elected president of the Russian republic.  
Today's Birthdays: Eunice Kennedy Shriver is 88. Former boxer Jake LaMotta is 88. Writer-producer Earl Hamner Jr. is 86. Former New York City Mayor David N. Dinkins is 82. Actor William Smithers is 82. Broadway composer Jerry Herman is 78. Director Ivan Passer is 76. Actor Lawrence Pressman is 70. Singer Mavis

Staples is 70. Actor Mills Watson is 69. Actor Robert Pine is 68. Rock musician Jerry Miller (Moby Grape) is 66. Tennis player Virginia Wade is 64. Actor Ron Glass is 64. Actress Sue Lyon is 63. Folk singer Arlo Guthrie is 62. Rock musician Dave Smalley is 60. Country-folk singer-songwriter Cheryl Wheeler is 58. Rock singer Neil Tennant (Pet Shop Boys) is 55. Banjo player Bela Fleck is 51. Country musician Shaw Wilson (BR549) is 49. Country singer-songwriter Ken Mellons is 44. Rock musician Peter DiStefano (Porno for Pyros) is 44. Country singer Gary LeVox (Rascal Flatts) is 39. Actress Sofia Vergara is 37. Actor Adrian Grenier is 33.

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1 Latin dance  
6 Hoo-hah  
10 Sailor's patron saint  
14 Filipina, for example  
15 Stockings  
16 Invalidated  
17 Rigoletto composer  
18 Sigmund's daughter  
19 Coin debut of 2002  
20 Solemn promise  
21 Impressionist as loan officer?  
24 Silly  
26 "\_\_\_ time!"  
27 Take down a peg  
29 Make good as new  
33 Clear  
34 Flat finish  
35 Regatta trophy  
37 Wistful sound  
38 19 Across fractions  
39 Advantage  
40 Alternative in a Frost poem  
41 Frankie Yankovic music  
42 Show satisfaction  
43 Speaks up  
45 Spoke up  
46 Slip  
47 Role for Clark  
48 Cubist president?  
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**DOWN**

8 "Love \_\_\_ Easy" (Abba tune)  
9 Practical ones  
10 "And yet . . ."  
11 Boisterous  
12 Swamp  
13 It may hang around  
22 A Chorus Line number  
23 Relative of -ule  
25 Bite  
27 Lucy ex  
28 Grey's Anatomy role  
29 Puts in order  
30 James of jazz  
31 Sculptor's running place?  
32 Keen-eyed one  
34 Sort of sandwich  
36 Clarinetist's purchase  
38 Rights  
39 Give out  
41 OAS member  
42 Harpooned  
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# Ask yourself, is it faith or is it fear?

No matter how difficult a situation you may be facing today, God can turn it around, and He will if you put your trust and faith in His unfailing word. You will never face a problem that God does not have the answer to because nothing intimidates Him.



JERRIE STOCKS

Hebrews 11:1 says, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." The scripture provides not only a definition, but a description of how faith works. Steadfast faith never gives up; it remains steady regardless of the circumstances or the length of time one waits. Faith is an established conviction concerning things unseen and a settled expectation of a future reward.

The word substance used in the technical sense here

means "the title deed." Thus faith is the title deed of the things you hope for and want to see changed. Throughout the chapter, the writer emphasizes that assurance rests on God's unfailing promises. Faith is attained, not because of our achievements, personal holiness, or passive acceptance of divine promises, but by an active certainty expressed in obedience, persistence, sacrifice, and trust.

Even in difficult times as we are facing today, when the whole world seems to be in trouble, while we are seeing radical change in our government — change that this country has never seen in its history, God can still bring you through in triumph. He can do for you what He did for the Israelites when darkness covered the nation of Egypt where they lived. Exodus 10 says that the darkness was so thick the Egyptians couldn't see each other or even move for three days, but "all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings." Why? Because

they kept their faith strong in God and trusted Him.

In a dark and often frightening world, you can have God's protection and provision, even when there may be danger and lack all around you. God honors those who put their trust and faith in Him. It is the thing that creates miracles. However, you cannot do it by living in an attitude of defeat. You must develop faith and persevere even when times are tough.

We must remember that God is still alive, He is still in control, and He still has all of us in His focus.

The good news is that none of us can escape the all-seeing eye of God. He always knows what we are facing and where we are.

The Apostle Paul gives us some powerful insight into how to cultivate a spirit of faith. 2 Corinthians 4:18 says, "We, having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak. While we look not at

the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal."

This passage is telling us to not be overcome with what we see, hear and read concerning the economy because they are temporal and are subject to change. Our faith in God looks to the things that are eternal and have an infinite duration.

Strong faith will focus on the answer, not on the problem. It looks not at the difficulty our nation may be facing, but at the things that are not seen, the things we want to see changed by faith and confidence in God. This is not to say we ignore the problems or close our eyes as if they aren't real, because they are real. But according to God's Word they are temporal, which means subject to change.

A good example is the life of Abraham. Romans 4:18-21 says that he "against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of

many nations, according to that which was spoken, so shall thy seed be. And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about a hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb; He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strong in faith, and being fully persuaded that, what God had promised, he would perform."

Fear is the opposite of faith and is designed to bring you worry, confusion, and torment. Since like attracts like, see yourself as a magnet. If you think on the worry and confusion, that's probably what you will have, but if you focus on God's promises of peace and provision, that's what you are more likely to receive.

Dr. John Demartini said, "Whatever you think about and keep on thinking about, will come about." God bless.

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## CHURCH NEWS

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Big Spring State Park. Mark your calendars and join us for this wonderful time of sharing God's creations.

Also, mark on your calendars for the next "Movie on the Mountain." August 29, "E.T." will be shown at Scenic Mountain.

Particulars from the 64th LCMS District Convention held in Addison can be obtained by logging on [www.lcms.org](http://www.lcms.org) and scrolling down to "convention." View the election results as well as agendas, resolutions, and memorials. Another Web site that may be beneficial: [www.txdistrictlcms.org/convention.html](http://www.txdistrictlcms.org/convention.html). Bobby and Judy Roever, Angela Newton, and Pastor Carroll and Leighrene Kohl attended and are also good sources of information.

The Board of Evangelism is asking for help with recording short messages for the upcoming radio spots. If you are interested, please contact Kent Ivey.

The Board of Evangelism is also beginning "visitation calls" on members, prospective members, etc. Names, addresses and phone numbers of those wanting/needing a visit from this group should be given to Richard Knocke.

Members of our AIC Youth Group are selling "Alive in Christ" window stickers for \$7 for the smaller size or \$10 for the larger size. Please contact any member of the youth group.

Members of the AIC Youth Group will be going to San Antonio Aug. 2 for three to four days. They plan on going to the River Walk, Fiesta Texas, and possibly a water park, as well as other attractions.

The information class is still meeting Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. Christian doctrine, as well as Martin Luther, the history of our church, baptism, sacraments, and other topics will be discussed. Feel free to join at this time.

Tentative schedule for VBS is the first part of August.

Scheduled meetings for July include: the Board of Education meets July 14 and the Elders meet July 16, both at 7 p.m. at the church. Also July 14 the LWML will serve refreshments at the VA.

The LWML will not meet until Sept. 17.

### Birdwell Lane Baptist

Sunday services are at 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday school is at 10 a.m. for all ages. For a ride, call 264-9924 or 267-7157. A nursery is provided for your little ones. Midweek services are at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Vacation Bible School starts Sunday and will be held from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. for ages 3 through 12. It runs through Wednesday. The theme is "A Kingdom of the Son," a Lord's Prayer Safari. For a ride, call 267-7157 or 267-8214.

### North Birdwell Lane United Methodist

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church invites you to come out and worship with us this Sunday. Sunday school begins at 9:30 a.m. with our lesson being led by Sheila Welch. Our lessons this

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# National Guard units strained by chaplain shortage

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — When patriotism inspired the Rev. Jerry Fehn a decade ago to serve soldiers in combat zones abroad, the 45-year-old was afraid he had waited too long. He needn't have worried. The National Guard, wrestling with a chronic shortage of priests, cleared the

roadblocks that might have kept Fehn out. "They didn't really want to take someone over 40," Fehn said. "But because there's such a shortage of Catholic priests in the military, they said they would grant me a waiver if I could pass the physical." Fehn went on to serve

in Bosnia, Kosovo and Iraq. Meanwhile, the guard has made significant strides in adding chaplains to its ranks, though many units still struggle to recruit for a position seen as crucial to morale. About 200 positions are open in the Army National Guard and 45 in the Air National Guard.

"It makes it harder to provide religious support," said Chaplain Samuel J.T. Boone, commandant of the U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. "There are some people who we can't provide their religious rites and sacraments as we can back

here in the States." Chaplains serve as more than ministers for guardsmen in harm's way. They are confidants, counselors and arbitrators. In Iraq and Afghanistan, unit commanders have used chaplains to communicate with local leaders and clergy. Many chaplains are embedded with units and travel through war zones, putting them within arm's reach of soldiers.

time military branches remain full. The guard's shortfall stems primarily from a lack of Roman Catholic priests willing to volunteer. Catholic dioceses that face a national shortage of priests may find it difficult to replace chaplains — even for one weekend a month. "The priest has those responsibilities on weekends, and two weeks of training," Fehn said. "That impacts the priest's ability to be with the congregation on weekends for weddings and funerals."

The chaplain shortage contrasts with general Guard recruiting, which is at capacity. And clergy ranks in full-

## Club news

Keep Big Spring Beautiful met July 6 on the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf campus.

Walter Ward opened the meeting with Jan Hansen giving the invocation. Pat Simmons announced that all pavilions at Comanche Trail Park have been adopted by local groups and will be maintained and improved by these groups. They are the Old Settlers Pavilion, East Fourth

Street Baptist Church's GAs and RAs; Belaski Pavilion, Masonic Bodies of Howard County; Buffalo Pavilion, Boy Scout Troop 187; Alice Haynes Pavilion, Boy Scout Troop 45; and Cactus Pavilion, the Hilario family.

Plans for the completion of the court house plantings were discussed by Stacey Barr. Judge Barr promised some workers in this project.

Our main thrust this year will

be upgrading Comanche Trail Park. July 25 will be the clean-up day at the Belaski Pavilion.

KBSB members will meet with the park board to plan work in the park. The KAB training will be July 30 at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce offices from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Dan Finkenbinder and Verna Davis were thanked for their recent donation of crepe myrtles for our town.

## PARSON TO PERSON

### What's needed is a little mercy

Greetings fellow humans, I am writing to you this week from a strange place filled with strange humanoid beings called junior highers. There are high schoolers here too, but at least they have souls.

All kidding aside, I actually heard that from someone. They just feel just the way I did about fifth and sixth graders. If you don't know what I mean go back and read last week's column.

I love my junior high kids and, yes, I checked and they do have souls — some of them (mostly the girls) just have a thick layer of protective meanness around them — or makeup.

Church camp has changed since my last go around years ago. Oh, some things are the same — the "crazy" church staff always wants you to do hand motions with the songs. This time around it's full dance routines involving getting bananas off the tree — I really can't describe it in writing.

In this reality television conscious society and generation, I think someone here paid too much attention to the show "Fear Factor." Going wild and crazy in the activities like mudding and such is one thing, but eating a can of spam and washing it down with some baby formula is a bit much on this old stomach. It is pretty cool to watch though — you can talk some people into anything.

I did participate in playing a form of football/keepaway with the team — throwing around a banana and watermelon until they broke, split or burst. Gives a whole new meaning to having a fruitful good time.

I am taking advantage of the free-time on Monday afternoon to write this column so I will have to tell you how the paintball war went some other time. While the younger kids have speed and agility on their side — I have patience, sneakiness and ruthlessness on my side. I'll probably get slaughtered — who am I kidding — the kids today have no mercy.

Fortunately, Jesus Christ has mercy enough for all of us. Through the fun and the games, all roads lead to the evening worship service where worn out bodies lead to receptive minds. The plan is that when God calls, the students will be too tired to resist.

Hey, maybe that is what we should do for the adults on Sunday mornings. Run them around the church parking lot a few times until they puke — then load them with sugar and preach them the gospel. It's just an idea from a man on the inside of a way different culture.

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quarter are about the Israelites' flight out of Egypt and the receiving of the Ten Commandments and their reception of them.

Worship service begins at 10:30 a.m. with Jacques Mauch filling the pulpit for Pastor Billy Bates. Evening service begins at 5 p.m. with Pastor Bates preaching. The Scripture lesson for Sunday worship is Philippians 4:13. "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

This is the last weekend in July to order Angel Food. Order will be taken from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. today and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the church, 2702 N. Birdwell Lane. Orders will also be taken from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Big Spring Mall. Delivery of July orders will be from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. July 25 at the church.

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