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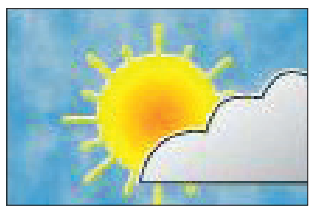


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## Young volunteers enjoy hospice experience

By **NANCY KOGER**  
Special to the Herald

At the annual luncheon for Home Hospice volunteers, the Hospice Halos — wearing their signature maroon T-shirts — were conspicuous for their youth.

Mariah Alexander, Chelsey Parker and Danielle Strickland 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, bereavement and volunteer coordinator.

Like many of the adult volunteers, the Halos first encountered the hospice employees and services when they were being provided for family members. Mariah's grandmother, Debbie Bagnall, works at Home Hospice and sparked her granddaughter's interest in the program. Chelsey,

granddaughter of Nancy Byers, was encouraged to join the Halos when Hodnett delivered the symbolic rose, memorializing her grandfather, to their family. Danielle's "Grammy," Koila Strickland, invited her to help even before there was a junior volunteer program.

The junior volunteers are required to have three hours training to be accepted into the program, but these three have completed the 20-hour training that adult volunteers undergo. Some of it, such as watching videos or filling out forms, can be done at home.

Because of their family's involvement, the girls understand the hospice service is dedicated to improving the quality of life for those with terminal illness. They find enjoyment in visiting people in nursing homes

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Courtesy photo/Nancy Koger

Hospice Halos Mariah Alexander, Chelsey Parker and Danielle Strickland were conspicuous during Home Hospice's annual volunteer luncheon.



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Odessa Shriners entertained a large crowd in downtown Stanton during the Martin County Old Settlers Reunion Parade Saturday morning.

## Council

### Second round on clubhouse set for meeting

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

The city of Big Spring is expected to ring the bell on round two of its efforts to design and build a new clubhouse for the Comanche Trail Golf Course during Tuesday's meeting of the city council, as city staff recommends the municipality advertise for new bids on the project.

According to Assistant City Manager Todd Darden, the city has been attempting to use a construction manager at risk — the same process Howard College used for renovations to its campus and Howard County used to build a new jail — but the results haven't developed as hoped.

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## Border Web camera program misses goals

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry's border Web camera program is out of money after a first year that fell far short of the goals for arrests and reports of illegal crossings.

An internal report showed that just 17 of 200 cameras — one for every 70 miles of the 1,200-mile Texas-Mexico border — were installed with a \$2 million federal grant received last year.

Reports obtained by the El Paso Times indicate that nearly 125,000 people registered as "virtual Texas deputies," but those extra eyes led to just eight drug busts and 11 arrests. The cameras were expected to generate 1,200 arrests.

About 300 illegal immigrants were reported to the U.S. Border Patrol, far short of the 4,500 expected.

Texas Border Sheriffs Coalition chief Don Reay says the goals were unrealistic.

Perry wants another \$2 million for the project, and his office revised a report to make it look like the program had come

closer to achieving its goals.

Instead of 200 cameras, the new report said the sheriffs coalition was expected to install only 15, making it appear the group exceeded its goal. The target number of arrests was revised to 25, much closer to the 11 actually made.

The original objectives, Perry spokeswoman Katherine Cesinger said, should have been revised after a six-month progress report earlier this year showed the program was far from meeting targets. She said there was some sort of "glitch" in the reporting process.

Cesinger said Perry remains convinced the program will work.

"The bad guys know there are an extra pair eyes on the border," she said.

According to a year-end report submitted by the sheriffs coalition, nearly 40 million people logged on worldwide, including in Switzerland, Australia and even Mexico.

Although viewers didn't report much illegal activity, they were active on the

site. They sent about 3,900 reports and comments from Feb. 2 to Feb. 8. Dozens said they were confused about whether images were humans or animals.

One report simply read, "armadillo by the water," while another offered some advice.

"Just a word of warning: A moment ago I saw a spider crawl across the top of the camera," the report read. "You might want to try and prevent any webs from being spun across the lens area by treating with repellent or take other measures."

Reay said reports from camera watchers were directed to local law enforcement. Chris Acosta, an El Paso County Sheriff's Office spokeswoman, said the department never responded to alerts from the cameras.

Reay's group says the cameras will go dark without more funding, and support may be hard to find.

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## Obituaries

### Margarita Juarez Rosas

Margarita Juarez Rosas, 63, of Big Spring died Friday, July 10, 2009, at Midland Memorial Hospital. Prayer service will be at 7 p.m. Monday, July 13, 2009, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 14, 2009, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Reynaldo Bennett, pastor of Light House Restoration Center, officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Olive

Memorial Park.

She was born June 4, 1946, to Beatrice and Cipriano Juarez. Margarita Juarez married Juan Rosas June 22, 1997. She was a homemaker, but previously worked at Medical Arts Hospital and Classic Laundry. She was a member of Light House Restoration Center.

She is survived by her husband, Juan Rosas of Big Spring; one son, Almus "Tony" Hill and his wife, Linda, of Stanton; two daughters, Dianna Leome Hill and her life partner, Aleshia Smith, of Austin, and Anna Marie Hoffpauir and her husband, Cory, of Big Spring; two sisters, Cruz Uribe and Carmen Rameriz, both of Big Spring; and six grandchildren, including A.J. Hill and Yvonne Villa, both of Stanton, and four granddaughters that Margarita was raising, Jaime, Beyonce, Nicole and Cora, all of Big Spring; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one son, Jermaine "Cubba" Moore, and one sister, Victoria J. Marquez.

Pallbearers will be Roberto D. Perez, Carlos Munoz, Joe Martin, Tommy Juarez, Tony Ramirez and Ray Uribe. Honorary pallbearer will be Ralph Lopez.

The family suggests memorials to the American Diabetes Association, 10 Desta Drive, Suite 220E, Midland 79705.

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

*Paid obituary*

### Neomia McGee Rice

Neomia McGee Rice died Friday, July 10, 2009, at an Abilene area medical center.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 15, 2009, at the First Baptist Church in Hamlin with pastor, the Rev. Eddie Jordan; senior pastor, the Rev. Dr. Leo F. Scott; and the Rev. Jesse Hooper officiating. Burial will follow in Hamlin Cemetery, directed by Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 14, 2009, at the funeral home.

Mrs. Rice was born in Hamlin May 12, 1950, to Armstead (A.M.) and Arthelia (Cookie) McGee. She attended school at Oscar DePriest in Hamlin. Neomia loved to travel, living in many different cities throughout Texas until she moved to Bakersfield, Calif., where she lived until 2008 when she became ill and moved back to Texas. She was a CNA until retiring. She was a co-founder and Mother of the Church at Mountain Top of Praise Full Gospel Church in Bakersfield, Calif.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Armstead and Arthelia McGee; a brother, Thomas Fry; and a sister, Pearl Hunter.

Survivors include her five children, Billy McGee (Phyllis) and Bobby McGee (Renee), all of Big Spring, Coy McGee of Bakersfield, Calif., Waylon McGee of San Francisco, Calif., and Renea Ervine (James) of Abilene; three sisters, Gloria Cork (James) of Midland, and Martha McGee-Hamlin and Kathy McGee, both of Big Spring; one brother, Ray McGee Sr. of Big Spring; a brother-in-law, Willie Hunter of Hamlin; 11 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; her husband, Thomas Rice of South Carolina; and a host of other nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Memorials may be sent to the American Cancer Society, 209 South Danville, Suite B-107, Abilene 79605 or Hendrick Hospice Care, 1682 Hickory Street, Abilene 79601.

You may sign the guestbook at [www.mem.com](http://www.mem.com)

### Rosie Hernandez

Rosie Hernandez, 27, of Midland, formerly of Big Spring, died Sunday in Midland. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Support Groups

#### MONDAY

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

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

#### TUESDAY

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

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

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

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 9 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today:

- ANGEL NORMAN MIZELL JR., 47, transient, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- ALBERTO RIVAS, 50, of 1009.5 E. 15<sup>th</sup> St., was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- JEREMY CERDA, 23, of 421 Edwards, was arrested Sunday on a charge of possession of marijuana and possession of a controlled substance.
- LAQUITA GRAY, 30, of 111 W. 19<sup>th</sup> St., was arrested Sunday on a warrant.
- SHERRY CHANDLER, 25, of Georgia, was arrested Sunday on a charge of theft.
- THEFT was reported:
  - in the 1200 block of 11<sup>th</sup> Place.
  - in the 400 block of Birdwell Lane.
  - in the 900 block of Willia.
  - in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.
  - in the 200 block of FM 700.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported:
  - in the 2600 block of Wasson.
  - in the 600 block of George.
- POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - TWO OUNCES OR LESS was reported in the 1900 block of Monticello Road.
- POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE was reported in the 1900 block of Monticello Road.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported:
  - in the 100 block of Whipkey Drive.
  - in the 500 block of Westover Road.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 600 block of Elgin.
- AGGRAVATED ASSAULT was reported:
  - in the 1200 block of Stanford.
  - in the 600 block of Eighth Street.
- ABANDON/ENDANGERING A CHILD was reported in the 1300 block of Robin.

## Sheriff

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 65 inmates at the time of this report.
- JEREMY CERDA, 23, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less and possession of a controlled substance.
  - SHERRY CHANDLER, 26, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of theft of property.
  - RUSSELL WAYNE CLAY, 48, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated - third or more offense.
  - ROXANNE EVANS, 27, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of parent contributing to non-attendance.
  - LAQUITA LASHAY GRAY, 30, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on two motions to revoke probation.
  - ROBERT HALLFORD, 50, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a local warrant.
  - ANDRES AGUILAR LOPEZ, 34, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of accident involving injury/death.
  - JERRY MARTINEZ, 38, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
  - NORMAN MIZELL, 47, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
  - GUSTABO ALFREDO RIOS, 28, was arrested Monday on a probation revocation for theft.
  - ALBERTO RIVAS, 50, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
  - DANTE RODRIGUEZ, 43, was arrested Friday on a charge of driving while intoxicated - third or more offense.
  - DAVID MATTHEW RODRIGUEZ, 21, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
  - DAVID ARTHUR WITTEIN, 29, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension and charges of open container and violation of a promise to appear.

## Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of Lexington. Service refused.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 900 block of Creighton. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of N.W. Seventh Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1300 block of Highway 80. One person was transported to SMMC.

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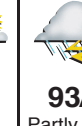
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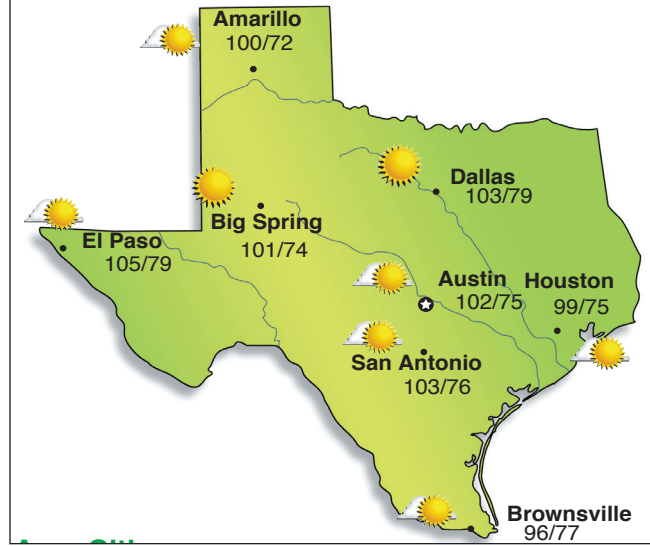
### Local 5-Day Forecast

Tue 7/14	Wed 7/15	Thu 7/16	Fri 7/17	Sat 7/18
 <b>101/74</b> Sunny skies. Hot. High 101F. Winds S at 10 to 20 mph.	 <b>100/75</b> More sun than clouds. Highs 98 to 102F and lows in the mid 70s.	 <b>98/74</b> Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the mid 70s.	 <b>96/72</b> Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.	 <b>93/70</b> Partly cloudy, chance of a thunderstorm.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:50 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:54 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:50 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:53 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:51 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:53 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:51 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:53 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:52 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:52 PM



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## Texas At A Glance



## Bulletin Board

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#### TODAY

- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad, in the dining hall on the east side of the building. Weigh-in starts at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 6 p.m.
- Big Spring Band Boosters meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Spring High School band hall.
- Coahoma Lions Club meets at 6 p.m. in the Coahoma Community Center at 306 North Ave.
- The Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library. For more information, call 264-6116.
- Archeology Society for Howard and Borden counties meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library Community Room in the basement. Call 270-2615 for more information.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.
- Big Spring Society of the Order of Beacieants meets at 6:30 p.m. for a meal with meeting that begins at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.
- Big Spring Commandry meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

## Lottery

The winning numbers drawn in the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:  
25-24-41-21-18-46.

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Saturday by the Texas Lottery:  
33-37-23-18-17.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Saturday night, in order:  
3-6-5-8. Sum It Up: 22.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night, in order:  
3-8-6. Sum It Up: 17.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Saturday afternoon, in order:  
8-0-4-0. Sum It Up: 12.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday afternoon, in order:  
5-9-3. Sum It Up: 17.

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# Texas News Briefs

## Stanford exec to appear in court

HOUSTON (AP) — The former top finance officer of indicted Texas financier R. Allen Stanford's business empire is set to make his first court appearance after being charged with helping to swindle investors out of \$7 billion.

James M. Davis, 60, Stanford Financial Group's ex-chief financial officer, was expected Monday to plead not guilty to three charges he is facing. But his attorney says his client will plead guilty at a later date as part of an agreement with prosecutors.

Davis was charged with conspiracy to commit mail, wire and securities fraud; mail fraud; and conspiracy to obstruct a Securities and Exchange Commission investigation.

## White lions find refuge in Wylie

WYLIE (AP) — Three white lions malnourished to the point that they have difficulty eating have been brought to a big cat sanctuary in Wylie.

Veterinarians are trying to determine how ill the lions are. They were brought to In-Sync Exotics in Wylie on Friday after being seized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture from a Texas wildlife exhibitor.

Vicky Keahey, who runs the sanctuary, tells The Dallas Morning News, "I'd call this probably the worst I've gotten."

The lions — Jazz, Shazam and Sheila — have pressure sores from lying in one place.

The white lions have unusually light fur but are not albinos. Their color results from a rare genetic mutation.

The lions join 42 other exotic cats at the sanctuary.

## Probe of gay sailor's death sought

HOUSTON (AP) — U.S. Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee is calling for an investigation into the shooting death of a gay Houston sailor while he was on duty in California last month.

Lee said Sunday the killing of 29-year-old Navy Seaman August Provost III was "bizarre" and more facts need to be uncovered.

Navy officials have said Provost's body was burned after he was shot to death June 30 while standing guard at Camp Pendleton north of San Diego.

Jackson Lee spoke alongside family members who say they believe the shooting was a hate crime because Provost had complained about being harassed because he was gay.

Investigators called Provost's death a random act.

Navy officials say another sailor was implicated

through physical evidence and his statement.

## GM workers going back online

ARLINGTON (AP) — Workers are returning to the General Motors Assembly Plant in Arlington for the first time in nearly two months.

The factory's 2,400 employees are set to be back on the assembly line Monday morning, welding and bolting together Chevrolet Tahoe, GMC Yukon and Cadillac Escalade sport utility vehicles.

They haven't worked since May 18 after General Motors Corp. closed 13 North American factories for two months to slash inventory. The company filed for bankruptcy during the shutdown.

Starting probably in September, a new labor contract will shift the work week to four 10-hour days. For now, regular eight-hour days will be in place.

The Arlington plant is GM's only full-size SUV factory.

## 3 killed in Arlington shootings

ARLINGTON (AP) — Authorities say three men were killed in separate shootings two hours apart in the Dallas-Fort Worth suburb of Arlington.

Arlington police Lt. Blake Miller says the first shooting Saturday night happened at a McDonald's in the southern part of the city. Witnesses told police the shooting took place in a black luxury vehicle. Miller said it appears the unidentified victim knew the assailants.

In the second incident, Miller said two men who had been shot several times were found in the parking lot of a nightclub. He said both were transported to Arlington hospitals, where they died.

Miller said police had few details on the second shooting and were seeking a suspect and a motive.

## Cocaine seized from 18-wheeler

EL PASO (AP) — Authorities working a check point for drivers license and insurance violations seized 22.2 kilograms of cocaine from a tractor-trailer after the driver abandoned the truck.

El Paso County sheriff's deputies noticed the 18-wheeler pull on to the shoulder before the check point Friday evening and thought the driver looked suspicious.

Authorities said witnesses reported that the man fled the scene in a pickup truck before officers checked the semitrailer.

After the driver disappeared, police dogs were used to locate the drugs. Authorities say the investigation continues.

## Flight makes emergency landing

DALLAS (AP) — An American Eagle flight on its way from Dallas-Fort Worth to Dayton, Ohio, had to make an emergency landing at the Dallas-Fort

Worth Airport.

American Airlines Spokesman Charley Wilson says the flight landed safely Saturday morning. He says all 43 passengers aboard and three crew members were put on another flight to Dayton before noon.

Wilson said pilots had turned the plane back after receiving indication of a hydraulic system issue. He said they were able to get the landing gear down manually to land the plane.

American Airlines and American Eagle are subsidiaries of Fort Worth-based AMR Corp.

## Deputy's use of scent ID targeted

VICTORIA (AP) — The only dog handler in Texas who uses scent to identify suspects in crimes is named in two lawsuits amid increasing criticism of a practice that defense attorneys say can be hopelessly imprecise.

The Victoria Advocate reported Sunday that the work of Fort Bend County sheriff's Deputy Keith Pikett led to 62 days in jail for Calvin Lee Miller before the Yoakum native was cleared in the robbery of one elderly woman and sexual assault of another.

A swab of Miller and the scent from the assault victim's sheets were sent to Pikett, whose three bloodhounds indicated Miller's scent was on the sheets.

The other lawsuit involves a former Victoria County sheriff's captain who became a murder suspect based on scent evidence.

No laws or regulations govern scent lineups, but they're admissible in courts across the nation. Only tighter oversight can keep shoddy scent IDs from becoming key evidence, a growing number of critics say.

"This is junk science. This isn't even science. This is just junk," said Jeff Blackburn, chief counsel for the Innocence Project of Texas.

## COUNCIL

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"I've been told Howard College saved a lot of money on the science building by using a construction manager at risk, and the county had success with it as well," said Darden. "However, the first round of bids we received on the club house were \$250,000 over budget. And then the second bid was more than \$200,000 over budget.

"Maybe our project is too small for this method. Either way, we're asking the council to terminate the agreement between the city and Lee George Construction so we can go out for bids."

Darden said the cost of materials have gone down since the project was budgeted, leaving the city and the project architect confounded with the recent bids.

"When we originally budgeted this project, we were looking at \$120 per square foot for the clubhouse," said Darden. "However, the two bids we've gotten have been around \$170 per square foot, which really doesn't make much sense because the cost

of materials has gone down. We could build the clubhouse with the prices the CM at risk gave us, but we wouldn't be able to build a driveway, do any landscaping or add a pavilion. We're hoping that by opening this up for bids we'll be able to get the costs down."

Also during Tuesday evening's meeting, the council is expected to consider the following items:

- Committee and board minutes from the Big Spring McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark Development Board and the Conventions and Visitors Bureau Committee.

- A contract between the city and Dr. Melencio Francisco Juan for medical director of emergency medical services.

- Termination of a contract between the city and Official Payments Corp. for electronic transaction processing.

The meeting will get under way at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth Street.

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

## HALOS

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to read, do manicures and offer companionship by "just being there."

"It's so much fun talking to the older ladies and seeing how they enjoy having you paint their fingernails," Danielle said.

Some of their duties include working on the computer at the Home Hospice office, stocking supplies and routine office work. They also have a team for Relay

For Life, working during the year to raise funds. They have gotten experience as hostesses at the yearly memorial celebration ceremony honoring the deceased, and at the spring butterfly release. For the volunteer luncheon, the girls made the table decorations of paper bags holding geraniums with net butterflies attached and they registered the guests.

In addition to visiting patients, which involves some travel because Home Hospice of Big Spring serves 19 counties, and doing

clerical work, the Halos have an end-of-summer field trip to Hospice House in Odessa, where they share a meal with the occupants. Chelsey explained, "It looks like somebody's home with a beautiful garden. We named all the fish in their pond."

Each of the girls enjoys a particular aspect of the program. "My favorite thing is the butterfly release; it's so pretty and it symbolizes a lot," said Danielle.

Chelsey thinks that being a junior volunteer is important because "it looks good on your col-

lege application."

Mariah doesn't express her feeling in words, but her shining eyes and warm smile indicate that this is "her thing." Dealing with older people and those who are nearing the end of life is a learning experience for the girls.

"Y'know, after being around all these people, I'm not afraid of dying anymore," one of them commented.

The Hospice Halos indicate that having a summer fulfilled is a worthwhile alternative to just having a summer filled with activities.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 5200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of N. Johnson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of N. Main Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 4200 block of Walnut. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2500 block of Larry Drive. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of Rickabaugh. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported near the intersection of N. Monticello and Barnes. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 200 block of Algerita. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2600 block of Gregg Street. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of Rickabaugh. One person was transported to SMMC.

## EMS

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- MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of Rickabaugh. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the area of the TA Truck Stop. Service refused.
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Experts on both sides of the immigration issue said the program has been unsuccessful. Some lawmakers have called it a waste.

"Instead of making Texas safer, it has made Texas the source of international ridicule," said Democratic state Sen. Eliot Shapleigh of El Paso.

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## OTHER VIEWS

# Obesity issue government must address

Prevention is widely acknowledged to be a key part of reducing the nation's astronomical health care costs. Decreasing demand for medical treatment through lifestyle choices is included in any serious discussion of managing health care spending.

But as a debate over health care rages across the country, a new report on obesity shows America is moving in the wrong direction on one of the most basic reasons for health problems — excessive weight.

The study by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the Trust for America's Health found that "two-thirds of adults are overweight or obese, and nearly one-third of children and adolescents are overweight or obese."

And alarmingly, the report said, the nation's economic woes mean many families will be less able to afford healthy foods.

Adult obesity increased in almost half of the states in the nation last year. Although Texas' obesity rate did not increase, it did not drop.

The Lone Star State was ranked as the 14th highest for adult obesity.

Today, 49 states have obesity rates topping 20 percent, compared to none in 1991, the researchers noted.

No state showed improvement last year.

In large part, weight is a problem caused by individual lifestyle decisions, although Americans on the lowest rungs of the economic ladder have less ability to improve their diets.

Policymakers have no choice but to take actions that address the problem.

The report called for federal and state obesity plans.

Recommendations offered in the study include establishing a trust fund to increase school and child-care programs that encourage nutritious diets and physical activity.

Additionally, the researchers called for programs that improve diet and physical fitness for Medicare users.

While local governments understandably dislike strings attached to federal funds, it makes sense that nutrition and fitness efforts be a required part of health programs that use federal dollars. Fitness is crucial to reducing costs.

But the bottom line is that Americans have to take responsibility for controlling their own weight. The medical costs of continuing in the current direction are untenable.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

We are blessed by You, Lord.

Amen

# GOP candidates melting away

We're beginning to see a pattern developing. Democrats cheat on their taxes; Republicans cheat on their wives.

You remember back when President Obama was trying to put together a cabinet earlier this year. He had to keep shuffling through candidates like a deck of cards before he could find a few who seemed to know the address of H&R Block.

On the other hand some of our most prominent Republicans, while in good standing with the IRS, are adopting a lifestyle well to the left of whoopee. The latest to fall victim to the deadly sin that's the most fun is Gov. Mark Sanford of South Carolina, of all places.

The governor disappeared from office a couple of weeks ago, leaving behind stories that he was out on the Appalachian Trail, writing a book. Apparently this is what passes for a credible excuse for going AWOL in South Carolina.

As it turns out, Sanford was in Argentina. With a woman. Not his wife. Caught out, he did what politicians do in situations like that; he held a press conference and issued an apology: to his wife, his children, the people of South Carolina, the press corps, strangers passing through the state and the birds in the trees.

This followed closely on the heels of Republican Sen. John

Ensign, a religious rightist, confessing that he'd had an affair with a former aide and the revelations that Sen. David Vitter of Louisiana, another card-carrying moralist, had prostitution services on his speed-dial.

The only shocking thing about these stories is that those first two men were identified as "Republican presidential hopefuls."

Who knew? Being a Republican presidential hopeful these days is the political equivalent of being in the witness protection program.

But really, isn't this whole thing a case of role reversal? Aren't Democrats supposed to be the guys who fool round, in the not-so-proud tradition of Kennedy, Kennedy, Hart and Clinton?

Republicans are supposed to be the party of stuffed shirts, whose idea of a satisfying sexual experience is a good round of golf.

And taxes... Democrats are the people willing to pay taxes to provide for crucial public services — health care, public transportation, national parks. (I suppose Republicans would say it's easy to be for taxes when you don't pay them.)

Republicans are against taxes in all their forms, for any reason. They would be happy to run the Post Office with volunteers. You might think they'd cheat on their taxes as a form of protest if nothing else.

But that's not the way it is.

I'm getting a little worried about the Republicans, though. If their stealth presidential hopefuls keep dropping by the wayside, they're going to be stuck with the presidential hopefuls in plain sight — Sarah Palin and

Newt Gingrich.

Having Palin as a vice-presidential candidate was fine, a good joke well done, but contemplating her as an actual president is more than our fragile public psyche, still reeling from the loss of Michael Jackson, should have to endure.

And Newt Gingrich, while an experienced politician, has his own hanky panky history, enlivened by his rumored liaison with a secretary on an office desk.

I am not one to give political parties advice but it's pretty clear the GOP needs help. If Republicans expect to have any hope at all in the next presidential election they're going to have to do more than simply oppose every move President Obama makes. They're going to have to find a candidate.

To cut to the chase, I think they should choose the person who is the very heart and soul of the party as well as its brains — Rush Limbaugh.

He's smarter than Palin, not as smarmy as Gingrich (or, at the very least, no smarmier) and better known than either of them.

It's an old political adage that you can't beat somebody with nobody.

Barack Obama is somebody.

Rush Limbaugh is about as close to being somebody as the Republicans can muster right now.

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# Cap-and-tax: Government vs. America

There is still time to stop the legislative monstrosity known as the Waxman-Markey cap-and-trade bill before the Senate approves it. But for that to happen, Americans must learn how bad it is.

Let's briefly review the basics: The bill is ostensibly designed to curb man-caused carbon emissions (presumably without outlawing breathing) to retard global warming.

Even if we accept, for purposes of argument, the assumptions of radical, hysterical leftist environmentalists that man-caused global warming will destroy the planet if evil, rich capitalists don't radically curtail their own contributions to the catastrophe, Waxman-Markey would not prevent this Armageddon.

Climate scientist Chip Knappenberger, of New Hope Environmental Services, calculates that the bill would only reduce Earth's temperature by 0.1 to 0.2 degree Celsius by 2100. The Heritage Foundation's Ben Lieberman says he's found no "decent refutation of the assertion that the temperature impact would be inconsequential."

Unfortunately, the bill's negative impact on the economy would not be inconsequential. Lieberman says the bill would cause estimated job losses averaging about 1.15 million from 2012-2030, and the cumulative projected loss in gross domestic product would be almost \$10 trillion by 2035. The national debt from this bill alone, disregarding the multiple bailouts, stimulus packages and health care "reform," would increase by 2035 for a family of four by 26 percent, or \$115,000.

Heritage is not alone in making these claims. The far more liberal Brookings Institution

estimates the bill would cost 1.8 percent of GDP in 2035 and 2.5 percent by 2050. Heritage's "Foundry" blog concludes, "Economists from liberal think tanks, conservative think tanks, and industry associations agree that Waxman-Markey will reduce income by hundreds of billions of dollars per year."

These facts are enough to make you question why people aren't threatening a sit-in in the Senate until this recklessness stops. But there are other things about the bill you should know — just in case you have an unusually high outrage tolerance:

- As noted, the bill contains a hidden provision establishing unemployment benefits for up to three full years for workers displaced as a result of this "job creations" bill, as well as health insurance premium subsidies and \$1,500 each for job search and relocation expenses — all at taxpayers' expense.

- The American Issues Project has exposed Section 204 of the bill, called the "Building Energy Performance Labeling Program," which gives the federal government unprecedented authority over your home.

AIP says the section mandates that new homes be 30 percent more energy-efficient than the current building code on the very day the law is signed. The requirement increases to 50 percent by 2014 and continues to increase until 2030.

- The program would also affect existing properties you already own. It requires states to label residential and non-residential buildings based on their efficiency ratings and to publicize this information. This will lead to "a number of circumstances under which the states could inspect a building," such as if you want to renovate your house in a way that requires a building permit, sell your house, or change the name of the person responsible for paying its utilities. The federal commissars, in their infinite compassion with other people's money, have also

set aside a fund to help homeowners retrofit their properties. Of course, there's a formula, to be administered by the bureaucracy. The more radically you purify your property the more "awards" you receive — up to \$12,200. Be aware, though, that further fine print requires the property owner to pay at least half of these retrofitting costs, no matter how much their "awards" from the government. I suppose this is the Marxists' nod to self-reliance and fiscal responsibility.

- The bill is so egregiously obscene that even the strong Democratic majority in the House couldn't have passed it without bribing some recalcitrant representatives — also with our money. To buy, er, secure Ohio Rep. Marcy Kaptur's vote, they offered a new federal power authority, which, according to The Washington Times, is "stocked with up to \$3.5 billion in taxpayer money available for lending to renewable energy and economic development projects in Ohio and other Midwestern states." Just swell.

- In addition to all the economic destruction the bill would cause, in the end, it is not so much about global warming as Obaman wealth redistribution. "The Foundry" says Obama's own budget "promises to raise \$650 billion in revenues by selling carbon permits (which are the exact same thing as an energy tax)," only \$150 billion of which will go to alternative energy production. The rest will be redistributed to people who "don't pay income taxes."

The Founding Fathers and our fathers are rolling over in their graves as this great country voluntarily abandons its dreams of equal opportunity, achievement and prosperity and sows the seeds of its own destruction. This just cannot stand.

*David Limbaugh is a writer, author and attorney.*

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# Armstrong puts pressure on rival teammate Contador

By SAMUEL PETREQUIN

AP Sports Writer

TARBES, France (AP) — Lance Armstrong carried on playing mind games with his younger rival and teammate Alberto Contador on Sunday, hinting that he might be the strongest rider this year on the Tour and admitting for the first time that some tension exists on the Astana team.

With the race's toughest tests still to come, the 36-year-old Texan has decided to put the pressure on the Spaniard's shoulders and to show he is still in control despite trailing Contador by a fistful of seconds overall.

After Sunday's ninth stage out of the Pyrenees mountains, the Texan is third — a solid result for a man

coming back to competition after nearly four years in retirement. But the seven-time Tour champion wants more and has settled an appointment with second-placed Contador in the Alps.

"There's not going to be a lot of change until Verbier," Armstrong said, referring to stage 15, a grueling 128.9-mile trek between Pontarlier and Verbier, Switzerland. "We'll have more moments there when we'll see who's truly the strongest."

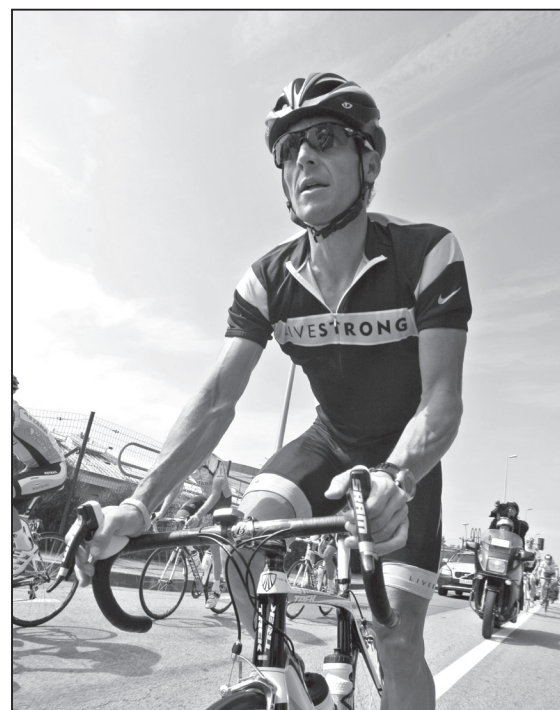
Despite losing 21 seconds to Contador at the first hilltop finish Friday in the Andorran resort of Arcalis, Armstrong seems convinced he can beat his Astana teammate in his quest for an 8th Tour de France triumph. Armstrong, who

has meticulously previewed all the Alpine stages, even stated that he decided to let Contador go to favor his team interests when the Spaniard made his dazzling move in Arcalis.

"I wouldn't say that I could have easily followed, because it was an impressive attack," Armstrong said. "I probably could have gone, but I didn't see it coming and it wouldn't be correct for me to go across. So, I waited for the other guys. I expected them to be able to pull it back and they didn't, but that's life, that's cycling, and I had to do the right thing."

According to Armstrong and Astana manager Johan Bruyneel

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AP photo/Bas Czerwinski

**U.S. seven-time Tour de France winner Lance Armstrong rides with his teammates during training on the rest day of the Tour de France cycling race in Limoges, France, Monday.**

# M's dump Texas, 5-3

SEATTLE (AP) — Chris Shelton made a nice impression on his new team and hurt his former club with one swing Sunday.

Shelton and Rob Johnson hit consecutive RBI singles with two out in the seventh inning, leading the Seattle Mariners to a 5-3 win over the Texas Rangers.

Shelton hit .216 in 41 games with the Rangers last season and agreed to a minor league deal with the Mariners in December. He batted .319 with 12 homers and 64 RBIs for Triple-A Tacoma before he was promoted Wednesday.

He grounded out in Friday's 6-4 loss to Texas in his only at-bat before coming up big Sunday in another pinch-hit appearance.

"I don't want to say you get used to it but just as long as you are prepared when you get called, that's the biggest thing," Shelton said of pinch hitting. "I was ready ... and I

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AP photo/Josh Froshauer

**Texas Rangers first baseman Hank Blalock hits a two-run homer off Seattle Mariners pitcher Erik Bedard during the sixth inning of an AL baseball game in Seattle Sunday. Blalock's blast tied the game at 3, but Seattle was able to push two runs across in the seventh to secure a 5-3 victory, leaving the Rangers in second place in the AL West heading into the All-Star break.**

# Paint, words exchanged by K. Busch, J. Johnson

DAN GELSTON

AP Sports Writer

JOLIET, Ill. — Kurt Busch and Jimmie Johnson traded paint. It might be awhile until they exchange pleasantries.

Busch was fuming with Johnson after two of NASCAR's top stars got into some late-race bumping Saturday night at Chicagoland Speedway that left each of them wondering if one has a problem with the other.

Johnson, though, seemed more ready to move on and let the incident slide.

Busch might still be upset when the Sprint Cup series picks up July 26 at Indianapolis.

Johnson had lost his lead to Denny Hamlin late in the race and fell back into three-wide racing with Busch and Jeff Gordon. Gordon appeared to get under Johnson, and the three-time defending Cup champion's No. 48 Chevrolet got loose and made contact with Busch.

Angry at the contact, former champion Busch appeared to deliberately turn into Johnson. Their cars connected, causing a spark of excitement in a 400-mile race that Mark Martin won in mostly dominating fashion.

"The No. 2 (Busch) and I touched and he bodyslammed me that," Johnson said.

Busch and Johnson also spun together and tangled at Sonoma, perhaps one reason for Busch's ill feelings. Johnson slid into Busch and later apologized.

Another reason could be while Johnson salvaged an eighth

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# Astros finish first half with shutout victory

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — As Kaz Matsui hit ball after ball into the stands during a recent batting practice, Astros manager Cecil Cooper teased him about being a home run hitter.

Matsui protested, insisting that he was no home run hitter.

He showed that he can be on Sunday, knocking a three-run shot to lead the Houston Astros to a 5-0 win over the Washington Nationals.

"It was a good thing that it hap-

pened," he said through a translator. "I'm not a home a run hitter. I just try to get on base. I've only hit three home runs, but the home run (today) was big."

Matsui's shot into the first row of the stands in right field near the bullpen came in the seventh inning and gave Houston a 4-0 lead. The win gave the Astros a 3-1 series victory over the last-place Nationals and leaves Houston at .500 heading into the All-Star break.

The Astros got another solid start from Brian Moehler (6-5), who allowed

seven hits in 6 1-3 innings to win for the fourth time in five decisions. Closer Jose Valverde got the last four outs for his eighth save of the season and the 150th of his career.

"Terrific, terrific job by Mr. Brian Moehler today," Cooper said. "We definitely needed it today, and he stepped up in a big way. We were a little short-handed. We only had two or three guys out there in the bullpen and Brian stepped up really huge for us."

Houston added a run in the eighth

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# Sports in brief

## Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association weekly results

In Monday's Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association's Playday, two teams tied with a 4-over par, forcing a scorecard playoff. Dee Jenkins, Joann Hillger and Daury Cockrell were the beneficiaries on the tiebreaker, taking first place, with second going to Shirley Long, Benella Stewart and Linda DeWaters.

In Thursday's couples play, Howard and Trish Gabbard teamed with Nick and Linda DeWaters for first place, shooting 6-under.

That was one stroke better than the 5-under par posted by the team of Sherrill and Betty Lou Farmer and John and Gus Leonardi.

Sherrill Farmer was closest to the pin on Hole 6.

## Howard College hosting three baseball camps

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The sun and Mercury meet for some quality time, encouraging us to spill what's on our minds and hearts. The Cancer sun inspires the tendency to joke about what bugs us or deflect the attention away from the real problem in hopes that the issue will wither from neglect. Mercury makes sure that doesn't happen today. Speak up and be direct.



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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). A checklist

could change your life. Make your list early in the day and carry it around with you everywhere you go. Otherwise, it's too easy to get off track and you won't even recognize when you're drifting.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You are transforming a part of your life. The other people involved in that slice of your experience may not change along with you. Give it time. Eventually, your growth will inspire them.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). The conversations that need to take place in order to have your work go smoothly may not seem at all difficult or daunting to you, but

play them out in your head first anyway. Real life will closely mirror your projections.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Too much structure and life gets boring. Too much spontaneity and it becomes unproductive and confusing. Motivate yourself by mixing up your regular schedule with bits of novelty.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). It would be overstating things to call you a "neat freak." Still, if your environment isn't well organized, you will feel distracted if not distraught. Make it a priority to get things in order. A Virgo or Capricorn can help.

**T O D A Y ' S BIRTHDAY (JULY 13).** You challenge yourself this year. You're willing to be temporarily uncomfortable because the bigger picture is so compelling. Because you keep asking yourself to go beyond what is

expected of you, your next birthday shows you twice as powerful as you are now. August and October are your windfall months. Capricorn and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 25, 49, 13 and 18.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You start off your day relaxed and it only gets better. Because you're so centered, today is perfect for taking on the thing you've been avoiding. You will derive great sweetness in a relatively difficult process.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You can always count on your survival instinct to kick in when it matters. Turn it on at work, even though everything is going well. When you walk into the room, read it. Figure out what kind of mood everyone is in before you act.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Anything

you could ever want to do starts with information gathering. You'll only have a few minutes to devote to a new endeavor, but that's enough time to call a friend or find a book on the topic.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There's someone you want to know — perhaps this is a person with a disposition or job title that would benefit you. You're closer than you think to this person. Ask your friends and acquaintances to match you up.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll journey to a place you've seen a thousand times. Details that you never noticed before will jump out to you now. You might not know what to make of it at first, but in the wee hours of the night, you'll come to a decision.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your favorite happening is not the unexpected windfall that lands on your lap but the expected one you work hard to achieve. That is the sweet kind of reward you will get this afternoon.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Your skills are impressive to those who've been in a similar position. As for those who don't seem to get how remarkable you are, blame it on their lack of experience and look for kindred spirits.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "I've always been attracted to extremely talented men. It doesn't really matter to me what they do -- it could be sports, music or health care — but I always enjoy it if they are highly considered by their peers and playing at a professional level. My current boyfriend is a Libra, an accomplished architect, super talented and super

selfish. It seems like selfishness has been a common thread among the men I've dated. Can I make my boyfriend more thoughtful? I'm a Pisces."

Libras are generally quite loving and will focus their attention generously on what they adore — in your man's case, it's his architecture. I think you need to look at your own unexpressed ambitions. The reason you are so attracted to these high powered and selfish men is because there are talents in you that you need to develop. If you would spend hours practicing, learning and honing your talent, you would achieve success as well. I think you would be more fulfilled on your own thing than spending it trying to make your Libra more thoughtful.

**C E L E B R I T Y PROFILES:** He may play tough guys, but Harrison Ford's natal chart shows a different character. With four major luminaries in sensitive, caring Cancer, Ford has tremendous heart and is extremely in tune to those around him. According to his chart, he would prefer staying in for a cozy meal to adventuring the wild jungles in search of mystical treasure. Mars in Leo indicates megawatt charisma.

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♠ A 7  
♥ A K 10 7 6 5 4  
♦ K 5  
♣ 10 6

**WEST**  
♠ 6 4 2  
♥ 2  
♦ J 9 7 6 4 3  
♣ 5 3 2

**EAST**  
♠ 9 8  
♥ Q 9 8 3  
♦ 10  
♣ K Q 9 8 7 4

**SOUTH**  
♠ K Q J 10 5 3  
♥ J  
♦ A Q 8 2  
♣ A J

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Pass 5♣ Dble 5♦  
Pass 5♥ Pass 5NT  
Pass 6♦ Pass 7♣

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At the table where Ross was declarer, a couple of unusual bids by the opponents provided him some useful clues. The Austrian East's "comic" notrump overcall showed a weak hand with an escape suit (later

identified as clubs), while West indicated length in diamonds. This warned Ross against the normal approach of attempting to ruff his diamond loser in dummy, and at the same time suggested an alternative method of play that was virtually certain to succeed.

After winning the club lead, Ross cashed all his trumps and the K-A of diamonds to produce this position:

**North**  
♥ A K 10 7

**West**  
♥ 2  
♦ J 9  
♣ 5

**East**  
♥ Q 9 8  
♦ K

**South**  
♥ J  
♦ Q 8  
♣ J

When Ross cashed the diamond queen, East was squeezed. In practice, he discarded his club, so the club jack and A-K of hearts took the last three tricks.

Note that if West had held the heart length, he would have been similarly squeezed, unable to guard both hearts and diamonds.

At the two tables where the slam failed, both declarers won the opening club lead and, having heard no opposing bidding, decided to try for their 13th trick by ruffing a diamond with the ace of spades. This plan was certainly reasonable, but failed when East ruffed the second diamond and cashed a club for down two.

Tomorrow: First things first.  
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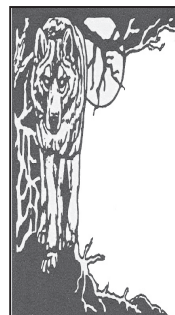
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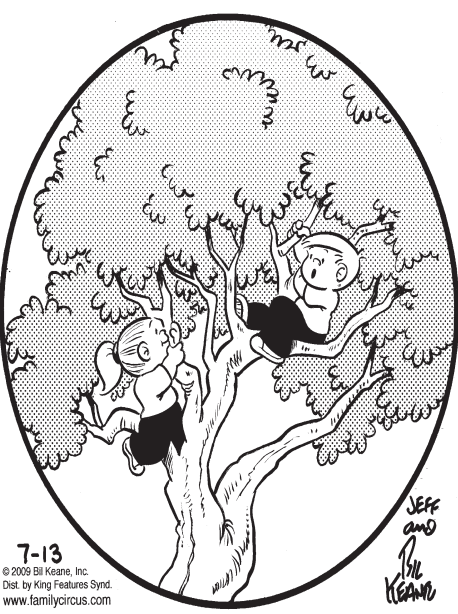
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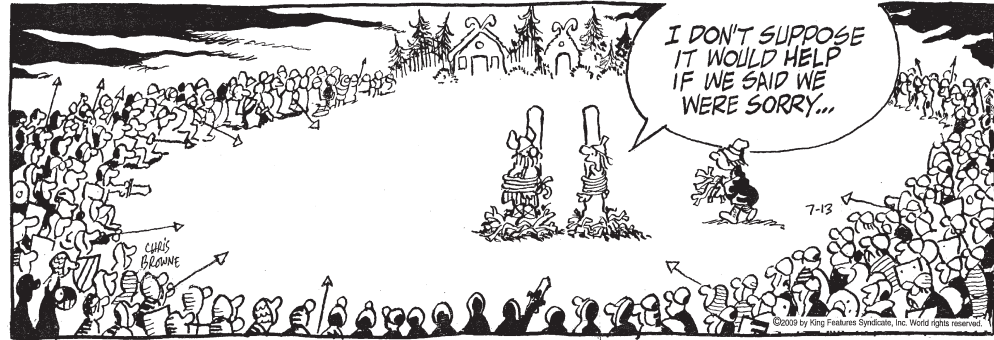
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## THE FAMILY CIRCUS



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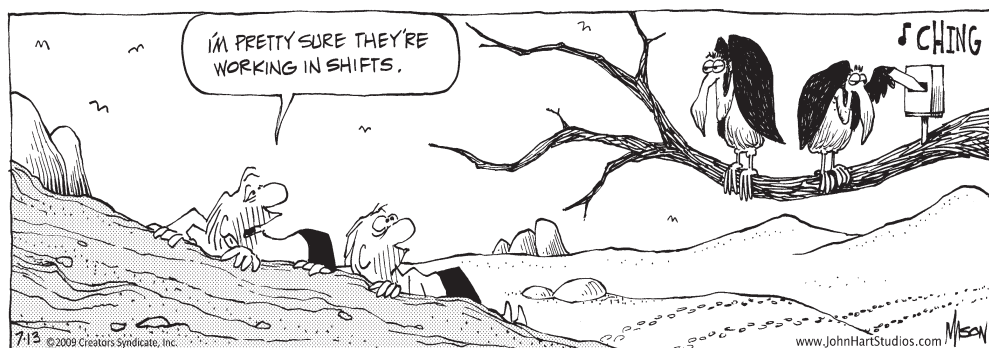
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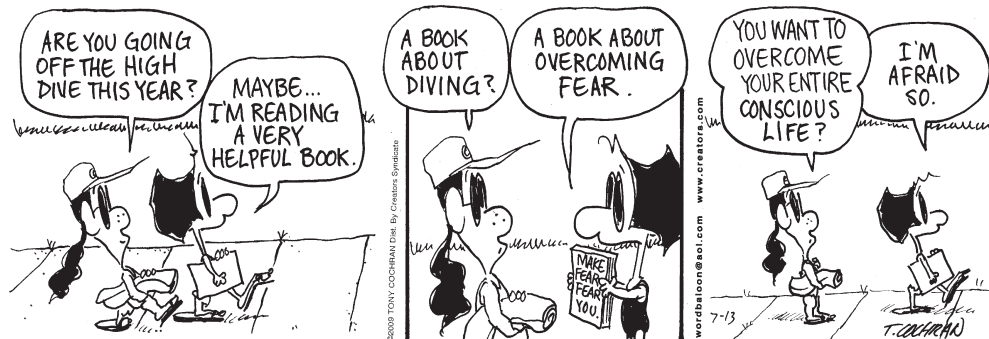
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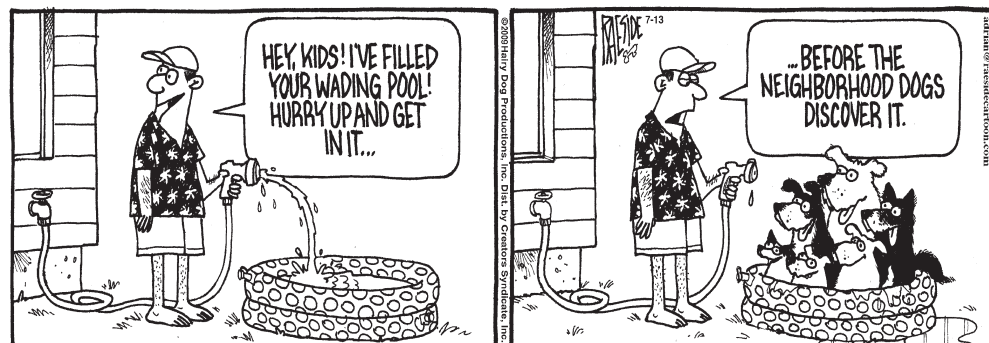
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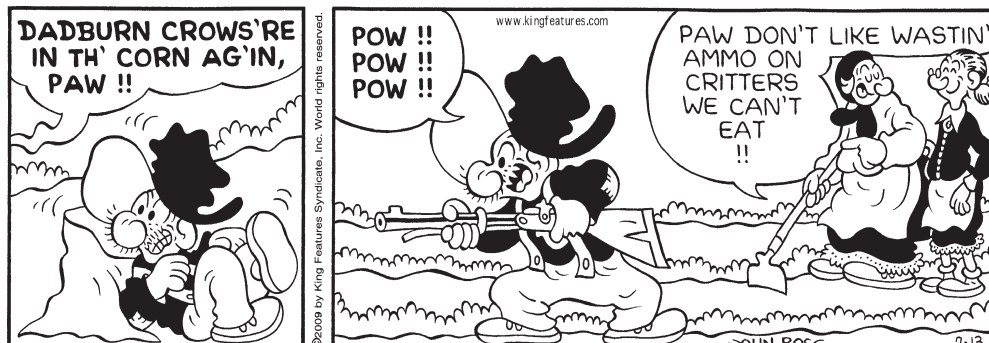
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## This Date In History

Today is Monday, July 13, the 194th day of 2009. There are 171 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 13, 1793, French revolutionary writer Jean-Paul Marat was stabbed to death in his bath by Charlotte Corday, who was executed four days later.

On this date: In 1787, Congress enacted an ordinance governing the Northwest Territory.

In 1863, deadly rioting against the Civil War military draft erupted in New York City. (The insurrection was put down three days later.)

In 1878, the Treaty of Berlin amended the terms of the Treaty of San Stefano, which had ended the Russo-Turkish War of 1877-78.

In 1886, Father Edward Joseph Flanagan, the founder of Boys Town, was born in County Roscommon, Ireland.

In 1960, John F. Kennedy

won the Democratic presidential nomination at his party's convention in Los Angeles.

In 1972, George McGovern claimed the Democratic presidential nomination at the party's convention in Miami Beach, Fla.

In 1977, a blackout lasting 25 hours hit the New York City area.

In 1978, Lee Iacocca was fired as president of Ford Motor Co. by chairman Henry Ford II.

In 1979, four Palestinian guerrillas stormed the Egyptian Embassy in Ankara, Turkey, killing two guards and taking some 20 hostages. (The guerrillas surrendered 45 hours later.)

In 1985, "Live Aid," an international rock concert in London, Philadelphia, Moscow and Sydney, took place to raise money for Africa's starving people.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Patrick Stewart is 69. Actor Robert Forster is 68. Actor Harrison Ford is 67. Singer-guitarist Roger McGuinn (The Byrds) is 67. Actor-comedian Cheech Marin is 63. Actress Daphne Maxwell Reid is 61. Actress Didi Conn is 58. Singer Louise Mandrell is 55. Writer-

director Cameron Crowe is 52. Tennis player Anders Jarryd is 48. Rock musician Gonzalo Martinez De La Cotera (Marcy Playground) is 47. Country singer-songwriter Victoria Shaw is 47. Bluegrass singer Rhonda Vincent is 47. Actor Kenny Johnson is 46. Actor Michael Jace is 44. Country singer Neil Thrasher is 44. Singer Deborah Cox is 36. Edmonton Oilers defenseman Sheldon Souray is 33. Rock musician Will Champion (Coldplay) is 31.

Thought for Today: "Individuality is freedom lived." — John Dos Passos, American author (1896-1970).

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### Answer to previous puzzle

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| 1 Competed in a sprint           | 1 Highway exit        | 58 List entry                    | 1 Outer boundaries          |
| 6 "Alaska King" seafood          | 2 China's continent   | 59 "I heard you the first time!" | 10 Remove obstructions      |
| 10 Pork serving                  | 3 Chilly              | 60 Proofreader's find            | 11 Day fraction             |
| 14 In unison                     | 4 Bring to a halt     | 61 Brief letter                  | 12 Fairy-tale monster       |
| 15 Decorate anew                 | 5 Take the air out of | 62 Six o'clock broadcast         | 13 Low-quality material     |
| 16 Company emblem                | 6 Shipping container  | 63 Weight-loss plans             | 18 Unaccompanied            |
| 17 Lightly-seasoned taste        | 7 Races, as an engine |                                  | 23 Extra-wide, on a shoebox |
| 19 Money in Italy                | 8 Commotion           |                                  | 24 Hearty greeting          |
| 20 Seat cushion                  |                       |                                  | 25 Piece of postage         |
| 21 Outdoor parking areas         |                       |                                  | 26 Touch down on the runway |
| 22 More precious                 |                       |                                  | 27 Aromas                   |
| 24 Ebb                           |                       |                                  | 28 Marine-reef material     |
| 25 Crystal-ball user             |                       |                                  | 29 Drive too fast           |
| 26 Find, on a map                |                       |                                  | 30 Deals with ordeals       |
| 29 Lengthen, as a rubber band    |                       |                                  | 31 Cads                     |
| 32 Like very much                |                       |                                  |                             |
| 33 Health resorts                |                       |                                  |                             |
| 34 Gardener, at times            |                       |                                  |                             |
| 36 Social standard               |                       |                                  |                             |
| 37 Skirt's bottom line           |                       |                                  |                             |
| 38 Blunted sword                 |                       |                                  |                             |
| 39 Make a sketch                 |                       |                                  |                             |
| 40 Flow slowly                   |                       |                                  |                             |
| 41 Reside                        |                       |                                  |                             |
| 42 Came down in freezing pellets |                       |                                  |                             |
| 44 Like meadows                  |                       |                                  |                             |
| 45 Jump                          |                       |                                  |                             |
| 46 Hunter's quarry               |                       |                                  |                             |
| 47 Like glue or paste            |                       |                                  |                             |
| 50 Takes legal action            |                       |                                  |                             |
| 51 "A likely story!"             |                       |                                  |                             |
| 54 Boxcar rider                  |                       |                                  |                             |
| 55 Part of a happy face          |                       |                                  |                             |

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**ASTROS**

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inning when Lance Berkman scored on a balk by Tyler Clippard, who looked to have lost his balance and almost fell off the mound. "He caught his spikes on the dirt," Nationals manager Manny Acta said. "But all he had to do was release the ball and let it roll and it wouldn't have been a balk. But he's just a kid and he didn't know."

Geoff Blum was hit by a pitch in the seventh before Hunter Pence singled. Ivan Rodriguez struck out before Matsui's homer. Nationals starter Jordan Zimmermann (3-4) walked reliever Alberto Arias before he was replaced by Joe Beimel, who finally got out of the inning. A day after getting their most runs (13) and hits (21) of the season, the Nationals got 11 hits but couldn't convert, leaving 13 men on base. "We had a lot of hits, we just didn't have hits in the clutch situations,"

said Washington's Wil Nieves, who finished with a career-high four hits. "We had a couple of opportunities with runners in scoring position but we just couldn't do the job." Nieves singled in the seventh before advancing to second on a sacrifice bunt by Zimmermann. Moehler was replaced by Arias, who allowed a single by Nyjer Morgan. Nick Johnson walked to load the bases for the second straight inning, but the Nationals came away empty again after Ryan Zimmerman popped out and outfielder Adam Dunn

grounded out. Houston was helped on that play by shifting the defense to the right to deal with the left-handed Dunn. The shift left Miguel Tejada behind second base and in perfect position to grab Dunn's grounder and get it to Berkman at first for the out. Johnson doubled to open the sixth inning before Moehler allowed two straight walks with one out to load the bases. He got out of the jam by retiring Alberto Gonzalez and Anderson Hernandez to end the inning.

**NASCAR**

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place finish after seemingly having the race won until Hamlin caused him to lose control, Busch fell all the way to 17th. "It looked like it was pretty crazy up there, but it worked good for me," said Gordon, who ended strong with a runner-up finish. Busch said he was starting to lose faith in Johnson's "ability to be a three-time champion on the track."

"A couple of runs spoiled by the 48 car," Busch said. "I'm not digging it." Johnson claimed Busch was coming again to intentionally tag him for a second time. "He's one of those guys that his temper can get away from him," Johnson said. "When he first hit me it was like, all right man, this is racing. This isn't necessary. And then he backed off." The bumping was just part of racing and Johnson seemed perplexed about the steady line of questioning after the race. Johnson said he was willing to let it go unless Busch was

still really angry at him after a cooling down period. "The good thing is each week we end up running into one another again and talking at driver intros or something," Johnson said. "It never fails." Johnson did refuse to blame Busch for costing him the victory. After all, the 50-year-old Martin had the car to beat all night long and led 195 of the 267 laps. Martin and Gordon made it a 1-2 finish for Hendrick Motorsports — and made a Colorado couple \$1 million richer. It was part of a promotion run by

LifeLock, the title sponsor for the June race in Michigan and Saturday night's race at Chicagoland. Donna and Richard Musgrave correctly predicted Martin and Gordon, in any order, would finish 1-2 at Michigan, earning them the trip to Joliet, Ill. to see if they could repeat the feat. If Martin and Gordon both finished in the top two again, the Musgraves would win the life-changing payout. Martin won, Gordon was second and the Musgraves went home to New Castle, Colo., to celebrate. Certainly they went home happier than Busch and Johnson.

**RANGERS**

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put a good swing on it today." All-Star Ichiro Suzuki had two hits and drove in a run for the Mariners, raising his batting average to .362 and extending his hitting streak to 11 games. Hank Blalock and Nelson Cruz homered for the Rangers. Cruz will participate in the home run derby Monday night in St. Louis. Derek Holland and Darren O'Day (2-1) combined to retire the first two batters in the Seattle seventh, but Ken Griffey Jr. followed with the first of four straight singles for the Mariners. C.J. Wilson replaced O'Day after Franklin Gutierrez's hit put

runners on first and second. Shelton then lifted a full-count pitch just over shortstop Elvis Andrus, driving in pinch-runner Josh Wilson. Johnson hit C.J. Wilson's next pitch to the same spot to score Gutierrez. "C.J. makes a pitch on Shelton. He catches it at the end of the bat and pushes it over," Texas manager Ron Washington said. "Then Johnson gets another. It doesn't matter how you get the hits. They got them and plated two runs." Miguel Batista (6-3) pitched 1 1-3 innings to get the win and David Aardsma got three outs for his 20th save in 22 chances. Seattle won three of four against the Rangers to improve to 46-42 heading into the All-Star break. They were 37-58 at the break last season. "If we were winning one way, it

would be hard to say we are a good team," Suzuki said through an interpreter. "But with so many people contributing, it shows that we are a good team." Erik Bedard walked four in 5 2-3 innings, but limited Texas to two runs and three hits. The left-hander got two key double plays to help him get out of trouble. Rangers starter Dustin Nippert wasn't as fortunate, failing to make it out of the fourth inning. Holland entered after Ronny Cedeno's single loaded the bases with two out. Suzuki made it 2-0 with an infield hit and Russell Branyan walked with the bases loaded to force in another run. The Rangers tied it in the sixth. Blalock hit a two-run drive off Bedard for his 19th homer and Cruz hit Batista's first pitch for his 22nd of the

season. Notes: Seattle 3B Adrian Beltre, who had shoulder surgery June 30, is at least another five weeks away. "The reports are that its gone real well," manager Don Wakamatsu said. "We're almost having to slow him down." ... For the Mariners, Garrett Olson (3-2) will lead off the second-half rotation Thursday followed by Felix Hernandez (9-3), Jarrod Washburn (6-6) and Bedard (5-2). ... Rangers SS Omar Vizquel, who lives in the Seattle area in the offseason, surprised his coaches and teammates by bringing his three kangaroos into the clubhouse before the game. ... The Rangers rotation to open the second half, beginning Friday, will be: Vicente Padilla (7-4), Scott Feldman (8-2), Tommy Hunter (1-1) and Kevin Millwood 8-7.

**TOUR**

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a close friend to Armstrong — Contador went against the team's

strategy when he attacked. "The honest truth is that there is a little tension," Armstrong said Sunday on France-2 television, in the most explicit comments yet that their teamwork may be taking a back seat to their individual ambitions. "Contador is strong, and he is very ambitious." The 26-year-old Contador has won all three Grand Tours of France, Italy and Spain

— a feat accomplished by only five riders. Until now, the Spaniard has been careful not to speak to much about his ambitions, preferring to answer on the saddle. "We knew that the Pyrenees were going to

be the softest mountains on this Tour," he said. "Now I want to rest tomorrow and to stay calm during the first five days of next week before thinking about the next hilltop finish in Verbier." With the Alps, a final individual time trial and the dreaded Mont Ventoux in the penultimate stage, the last week of the Tour will be crucial. Armstrong hopes to find his top form by then.



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